Dear Parents
Our annual ARTS SPECTACULAR is fast approaching. WEDNESDAY 3rd DECEMBER. This is definitely one of the highlights of the year. It commences at 6.30 pm with a concert in the church. This year’s concert will be “Celebrating music from the 50’s, 60’s, 70’s till now. Each class will be performing. All the children are busy learning their songs and feeling excited about performing. After the concert all families are invited to join us in the school grounds for a BYO picnic. The Parents and Friends will be running a bar where beer, wine and soft drink can be purchased. During this time our Art Show will open. Don’t miss seeing the amazing art work your children have produced throughout the year. This is all displayed both upstairs and downstairs in the TRI Centre. This is a great night not to be missed. Looking forward to seeing you on the night.

CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE:
The Consultative Committee which consists of myself and five staff members (Gwenda Burnett, Lisa Vella, Carol Hicks, Nancy Scuderi and Lisa Said) has recommended the following class structure for 2015. I have agreed with and accepted this recommendation and thank the Committee for their time, effort and care.
Preps - Two classes (24, 24)
Year 1/2 - Three classes (25, 25, 26)
Year 2/3 - One class (24)
Year 3/4 - Two classes (26, 26)
Year 4/5 - One class (24)
Year 5/6 - Two classes (25, 26)

SCHOOL FEES:
Thank you to those parents that have settled their accounts however there is still $40,000 outstanding. If you have an outstanding amount please settle it in the next week. If you are having difficulty please contact me and we can make some mutually acceptable arrangements.

David Kelly
Principal.

PRINCIPALS AWARDS:
Congratulations to the following children who received Principals Awards on Monday:

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EDUCATION IN FAITH

PARISH NEWS

Visitation of the Sick & House Blessings:
If you are unwell and/or would like to have your house blessed, please contact the Parish House on 9398 2964 with your details and Fr. Shabin will visit you before Christmas or during the New Year. A special way for all our school families to meet and welcome our new Parish Priest.

Parish Nativity Play
All St Mary’s students are invited to be part of our parish Nativity Play which takes place on Christmas Eve before the 7pm Family Vigil Mass. Rehearsals will take place on Sunday 7, 14 & 21st December from 10.00 am to 11am in the Church. Parts for the play will be chosen on Sunday November 30th (Please meet in the Narthex) Children are expected to attend all 3 rehearsals, however if this is a problem please let a member of the Children’s Liturgy know or phone Lucy at the Parish House on 9398 2964. Permission Forms are available from the Narthex, School Office or Parish House. Completed forms may be left in the box provided in the Narthex, School Office or placed in the Parish House letterbox (marked Attention Lucy) by no later than Sunday 23rd November.
**Remembrance Day Prayer**

*God of Freedom,*

(on Remembrance Day)

we give thanks and honour for the lives of those who have helped make our beautiful country a place of freedom and peace.

*Your son Jesus showed us that the greatest love is in giving one’s life for the sake of others.*

May we always remember the generosity and bravery of those who have died in war as they worked for the freedom of others.

Let us strive to be people of peace in our thoughts, words and actions as Jesus has shown us.

We make our prayer in the name of Jesus, Prince of Peace. Amen.

Prep S will be attending our Parish Mass at 9:15am on Friday 21st November. Please come, celebrate, sit with and join your children in prayer.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

*All members of our community who are sick or in need of our prayerful support.*

_Oliver Chodowski - REL_

“Love one another and bear with one another, and let love guide you in all your life.”

_St. Mary of the Cross Mackillop-1909_

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**ALTAR SERVICE ROSTER**

_Saturday 15th November at 6.30 pm_

Justin Nguyen and Grace Bosnar

_Sunday 16th November at 9.00 am_

Rowan Cucanic and Faith Kissassi

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**IMPORTANT DATES FOR NEXT WEEK**

**NOVEMBER**

_Saturday 15th_

P & F Bunnings BBQ - Altona

_School Assembly – Prep S_

_Bike Education – Year 3/4S_

_Tuesday 18th_

_Walk / Ride to School Day & Walking School Bus_

_Bike Education – Year 3/4 S_

_GAGS 2.45 – 3.15 pm_

_Wednesday 19th_

_Children’s Breakfast – 7.30 am._


_9.00 – 11.00 am._

_Thursday 20th_

_GAGS 2.45 – 3.15 pm_


_9.00 – 11.00 am._

_Friday 21st_

_Year 5 Big Day Out._

_9.15 am. Prep S to attend Parish Mass._

**CHANGE FOR SPECIALIST DAYS**

**FOR YEAR 1/2 AND YEAR 3/4**

Due to our junior swimming program being held in Weeks 8, 9 and 10 the Year 3/4 children will be having their specialist subjects on Tuesday and the Year 1/2 children will be having specialists on Thursday.

**PLEASE NOTE** that children will need to wear their sports uniform on the changed day.

**SUMMER READING LIST**

To WIN your Summer Reading Wish List all you need to do is log onto [www.scholastic.com.au/competitions](http://www.scholastic.com.au/competitions) LOOK through Issue 7 Book Clubs and pick what you’d like to win for your reading summer back. Make sure you choose books to the value of $100. You can choose products from one Club or across the range. Entries **close by 14th November.**

**HELP STOP THE ‘SUMMER SLIDE’**

**DID YOU KNOW** that when students don’t read over the long summer break they are likely to fall behind when the return to school in the New Year? This is called the ‘Summer Slide.’ Make it a PRIORITY to keep your child’s mind active and sharp. Encourage them to read for at least 10 minutes **EVERY DAY** during the holidays to avoid the ‘Summer Slide.’ CHECK the website for some reading ideas.

**GAGS – GETTING A GOOD START**

_EVERY_ Tuesday and Thursday for the next two weeks we are holding our GAGS program for our 2015 Prep students and parents. It is in the TRI Centre from 2.45 – 3.15 pm.

**IT IS NOT TO BE MISSED** as there are GREAT benefits for both students and parents. Students have the chance to become more familiar with the school, meet children who will be in prep next year and learn new skills. Parents can hear about how they can help their child with their learning. This week we had 23 students with their parents / grandparents or friends at both sessions.

**SEE YOU THERE!**

Gwenda Burnett

Deputy Principal / Literacy Leader.

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**NORMIE THE GNOME**

Normie the Gnome is awarded to the House Team who keeps their part of the yard the cleanest. This week’s winner is:

**GREEN TEAM**

**TUCKSHOP HELPERS** - Week beginning 17th November

_Friday_ Elaine Stewart

_Manager: Eva Coppola Tel: 9315 0799_

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**UNIFORM SHOP OPEN**

**WEDNESDAYS AFTERNOONS ONLY 3.00 – 3.30 PM**

If you are unable to visit our shop, order forms can be collected from the School Foyer and complete with payment left at the School Office anytime. Orders will be filled on the next open day and can be left for collection at the School Office or sent to your child’s classroom.

Leah Byrne Co-ordinator
Parents and Friends News

BUNNINGS BBQ
The Parents and Friends Bunnings BBQ will be held this Saturday 15th November at the New Altona Store on Millers Road, please come along and show your support.

CALENDARS
Thank you to all the families that have already sent back the forms and money to the School Office, just a reminder that today is the last day for the Calendars and no late orders will be accepted.

WALK / RIDE TO SCHOOL
To help you come to school in an active way we are running our WALKING SCHOOL BUS on TUESDAY 28TH NOVEMBER from corner of Civic Parade and Mc Intrye Drive and also from the Esplanade and Sargood Street at 8.15 am.

HEALTHY BREAKFAST
Healthy Breakfast will be held on WEDNESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER at 7.30 pm followed by fun and fitness at 8.00 am. Last RSVP will be collected Monday morning. Please find a copy of the reply slip on the School Website under “NEWS”, “NOTES & FORMS”

DRESS UP YOUR SHOES
Dress up your shoes day is on WEDNESDAY 26TH NOVEMBER Bring in your old shoes to donate to the IN YOUR SHOES FOUNDATION who will distribute them to the needy.

Margaret Masseni
Wellbeing and P E / Sport Leader

Emmanuel College are holding a meet the Principal Talk and Tour for parents of prospective students for the College on:- Tuesday 18th November @ 6.00 pm @ the St. Pauls Campus in Altona North.
If you are unable to attend and would like to arrange a visit to the College please contact our College Registrar on 8325 5119 or email enrolments@ecmelb.catholic.edu.au

MOUNT SAINT JOSEPHS GIRLS COLLEGE 2015
Limited places are available for 2015 at some year levels. Applications for Year 7, 2015 have closed but a waiting list is available. Enrolment application forms can be obtained from the website www.msj.vic.edu.au or by contacting the College Registrar at registrar@msj.vic.edu.au.

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SAM THE TRAM
Sam the Tram animation broadcast Wednesday and Exhibition at Louis Joel Gallery, 24th – 28th November.

We want to let you know that the pilot episode of the Sam the Tram animated TV series will be broadcast on Channel 31. The dates and times are 12th and 19th November at 9.15 am. The episode is ‘Sam the Tram’s Dance Club’.

After that, we will be moving our animation studio to the Louis Joel Gallery Altona for a week, 24th – 28th November, where we will welcome you to visit and bring groups to see the episode, and put Tram costumes on and dance the Tramba.

It is an exciting contribution to the diversity of Melbourne’s cultural scene. Hard cover books are available from your favourite bookstore and ebooks are available from Amazon, Apple and your favourite internet bookstore.

Margaret Masseni
Wellbeing and P E / Sport Leader

“Beanz Meanz” … More Beans Please!
This “Beanz Meanz” vegetarian recipe is a great way to encourage kids to eat beans. It is packed full of fibre and high in protein (from kidney beans) as well loads of vegetables to ensure kids are meeting their daily nutrient requirements - for this reason beans are often called a vegetarian “meat”.

Ingredients
- 2 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 onion, peeled and chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, peeled and minced
- 1/2 cup chopped carrot
- 1/2 cup chopped celery
- 1/2 cup chopped red capsicum
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin & chilli powder
- 800g (1 can) chopped tomatoes
- 800g (2 cans) red kidney beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 cup frozen corn kernels
- 1/2 cup chopped red capsicum
- 1/2 cup shredded low fat cheese
- 1/4 cup chopped chives

Method
- Heat oil in large saucepan. Add cumin and chilli and stir until they become fragrant.
- Cook onion until translucent then add garlic.
- Add carrot, celery and red capsicum and cook until they soften slightly.
- Add tomatoes with juice and stir in with vegetables. Bring mixture to boil then reduce heat and allow to simmer for 15 to 20 minutes.
- Beans and corn can now be added to chilli mixture and stir to combine.
- Serve 1/2 cup of chilli on top of wholewheat toast, brown rice or noodles. Alternatively serve 1 cup by itself and top with shredded cheese and chopped chives.