

St. Mary's School, Altona

Newsletter 2015

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Dear Parents

Yesterday we had our Prep 2016 Information sessions and school tours at 9.05, 11.35 and 7.30 pm. We have had 42 applications so far for children commencing Prep in 2016. The closing date for Applications is Friday 15th May. So for parents who already have children enrolled at St. Mary's but have another child starting school you also need to get your applications in by the 15th May. If you know of any other parents who might be interested in putting in an application please ask them to do so as soon as possible. Parents can contact the school office to arrange an individual appointment and school tour.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our School Captains (Jessica, Madison, Dominic and Trent) and our other School Leaders (Marie, Mairead, Isabella, Emily, Jelena, Ryan, Ella, Zane, Destiny, Ben, Dibanchi and Fikre) who conducted the school tours during the day. I had a number of parents comment to me how impressed they were with the way these children spoke so eloquently and positively about their school. Well Done and Thank you.

PLAYGROUND EXPECTATIONS:

Can I remind all parents and children that there are **NO BALL GAMES** allowed on our school grounds **BEFORE** or **AFTER SCHOOL**. This includes the basketball court. We are not trying to be mean but rather it's a safety issue. There are a large number of adults and younger siblings entering and exiting the school grounds before and after school. Children are only allowed on the Senior Adventure Playground before or after school if their parent is physically present to supervise them. Children waiting for parents need to wait on the netball court or in the vicinity of the Junior Adventure Playground as these are the only areas that are supervised.

PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION AGM.

Thank you to those parents that attended the Parents & Friends AGM held last Wednesday. All Executive positions were filled. All current members have agreed to remain on the Committee which I, on behalf of all parents, would like to sincerely thank them. We also thank and welcome new members; Marilyn Fischer, Ben London and Melissa Ligudzinski.

BIKE SHED:

I've received notification that construction of our Bike Shed will take place next week.

PRAYER ASSEMBLY:

This will be a Special Tribute to ANZAC DAY lead by Year 2/3S. All parents are welcome to join us in the church.

FOOTY TIPPING:

Well done to the 10 people who correctly tipped all 9 winners last round. There were too many to share the Jackpot so the Jackpot is \$10.00 this week. Good Luck!

David Kelly.
Principal.

PRINCIPALS AWARDS:

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

PREP HM	Fernando Jimena
PREP S	Charlotte Le-Faucheur
1/2HK	Tom Enger
1/2ST	Ava Denys
1/2D	Kiani Howell
2/3S	Isla Manton
3/4M	Ciara O'Connor
3/4L	Sara Adani
4/5G	Michael Pye
5/6VT	Lana Fenech
5/6C	William Fenech

IMPORTANT DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

APRIL

Monday 27th Prayer Assembly 2/3S - 2.40pm
Tuesday 28th Need to Read – 8.20 am

MAY

Friday 1st Interschool Sport Practice
12.30 – 1.30 pm

Reminder

Friday 8th May Mother's Day Stall

EDUCATION IN FAITH

Reconciliation

A reminder to **Year 3 parents** about our **Reconciliation Family Workshop** on Wednesday **6th May** at 7.00 pm in the school hall.

A PRAYER FOR ANZAC DAY

O God, our ruler and guide,
in whose hands are the destinies of this and every nation,
we give you thanks for the freedoms
we enjoy in this land and for those who laid
down their lives to defend them:

We pray that we and all the people of
Australia, gratefully remembering their
courage and their sacrifice, may have grace
to live in a spirit of justice,
of generosity, and of peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From A Prayer Book for Australia



Ode of Remembrance

*They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them, Nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun, And in the morning,
We will remember them.*

Lest We Forget.



Year 1/2ST will be attending the Friday 1st May Parish Mass at 9:15 am. Please come, celebrate, sit with and join your children in prayer.

SOCIAL JUSTICE MESSAGE:

Thank you to all students for your contributions with our Project Compassion boxes. We raised **\$309.05** for Caritas Australia. In Term Two the focus is on World Vision Sponsor student **WIN NAING**. Each classroom will receive a money box. All funds donated are used by World Vision, as efficiently as possible to bring maximum impact to Win Naing and his community.



COIN TRAIL

As part of CatholicCare Family Week We will have a Coin trail race between the House Teams on Friday 15th May. So save some coins and bring them along to support, not only your House Team (points galore!) but the wonderful work of CatholicCare to build on the vision of 'life to the full' for families, individuals and communities in all their diversity, but in particular for those who are marginalised in society as a result of poverty, disadvantage and other barriers to social inclusion.

Mairead F & Marie H - Social Justice Leaders

Please pray for:

- * All members of our community who are sick or in need of our prayerful support.
- * Those who fought to protect our land Australia.
- * Those in our world who continue to be affected by war or conflict at this time.
- * Peace in our world.
- * All students who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Penance.

Olive Chodowski REL

"When I could not see my way God kept my heart full of trust."

Mary MacKillop 1874

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LITERACY NEWS



ARE YOU READY TO TAKE UP THE CHALLENGE.....? THE 2015 VICTORIAN PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

There is plenty of timeas challenge finishes on the 11th September.

So **START READING TODAY!!!**

For more information about the Challenge, visit the following website: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc/
Or forms are available from our School Office or School website.

IS BACK

NEED 2 READ

Every **Tuesday and Thursday** from **8.20 to 8.40 am** in the Library we have our **Need 2 Read Club**.

We have already had **55 children** in the past two weeks who have been to N2R.

PARENT THRASS COURSES – Beginners and Advanced.

Come along and learn about THRASS so that you can help your child with both their reading and spelling.

These sessions will be held at the school downstairs in the TRI centre.

INTRODUCTION TO THRASS

Tuesday 12th May 9.00 – 10.00 am Or
Tuesday 12th May 6.30 – 7.30 pm

OR

THRASS REVISITED – For those who already have been to a THRASS Course

Tuesday 19th May 9.00 – 10.00 am OR
Tuesday 19th May 6.30 – 7.30 pm

*******Forms to attend are on the school website or simply email me with the date and time you can attend. email:**
gburnett@smaltona.catholic.edu.au



raising children network
the australian parenting website

Reading books and sharing stories are great ways for grown-ups and children to spend time together. Reading and storytelling helps promote children's language, literacy and brain development. Parents can start reading books with their children from birth.

There are some great ideas for parents on this site so take the time to have a look. www.raisingchildren.net.au

Gwenda Burnett
Deputy Principal & Literacy Leader.



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 27th April



Wednesday
Thursday
Friday

Pauline Luppino
Marylinda Abate
Anne Cooper

Manager: Eva Coppola Tel: 9315 0799

UNIFORM SHOP OPEN WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS 2.30 – 3.00 PM



WALK / RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY – WEDNESDAY 22ND APRIL

Thanks to everyone who came to school in an Active Way, joined in with some skipping on the netball court or came to Fun & Fitness. Great job.

Our Most Active Grade was Year 5/6VT.

Our next Active Transport Day is Friday 23rd May which is WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

Put it in your diary. We will have our Walking School Buses on that day.

DOING IT RIGHT Week 1 Term 2

Thanks to everyone who has been Doing It Right around the school but especially to the following children who were awarded a Doing It Right card in the final weeks of Term 1.

Prep HM: Christos, Fernando,

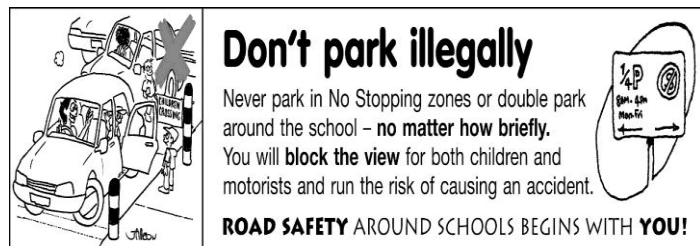
1/2D: Harrison

4/5G: Michael P, Anthony, Zach, Peter

5/6C: Tahlia,

5/6VT: Faith, Joaquin

For: taking pride in the environment, using beautiful manners, helping Mrs Burnett, completing all work well and quickly, helping with Need 2 Read and loads of other great things!



PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT – GET YOUR DIARIES OUT!

Brooke Fielke, our school psychologist from OnPsych, will run a Parent Information Night on the topic of Anxiety in Children and Building Resilience.

DATE: 20th MAY

TIME: 7.00 – 8.00 pm

WHERE: TRI Centre Upstairs

CHILDMINDING AVAILABLE.

Look out for an expression of interest form which will be in next weeks newsletter.



CROSS COUNTRY

Well done to the many children who attended training and trials for the School Cross Country team. They arrived at school on many mornings at 8am and spent the next 30 minutes warming up and running in preparation for the trials.

Congratulations to the following children who will be in the team: Ben H, Ryan S, Dominic A, DiBanchi T, Madison C, Jelena H, Mulunesh T, Kate E, James C, Luke V, Aiden V, Tam N, Emma H, Jazmin D, Chloe Z, Elizabeth T, Lachland G, Oliver J, Thomas J, Daniel A, Liam C and Ava R.

Cross Country will be held on TUESDAY 5th MAY. Good Luck everyone.

Thanks to the parents / grandparents who helped with training and trials – Warren, Michelle, Joe, Kaylene and Ray.

Margaret Masseni
(Wellbeing and PE / Sport Leader)

Parents and Friends News

MOTHERS' DAY STALL

The annual Mothers' Day Stall will be held on Friday the 8th of May. Children are taken class by class to the school hall & have the opportunity to purchase one or several gifts for their mother, stepmother, grandmother or other special person in their life. Gifts are priced between \$1.00 and \$5.00. The students really enjoy this experience of choosing gifts themselves for those they love. Please send a bag to school for them to hide their purchased gifts in. We are looking for helpers to price all of the gifts on Monday the 4th of May at 8.50am in the school hall. We are also looking for helpers for the actual Mothers' Day Stall to work as cashiers and behind the tables to assist the students with selecting their gifts. If you can assist with both or either of these, please complete the forms attached in the newsletter and return them to the School Office as soon as possible.

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE AT ST. MARYS

Access for users of OSHC is via the McBain Street gate.

Camp Australia

WE MAKE KIDS SMILE!

Phone: 1300 105 343 / (03) 9398 4065

www.campaustalia.com.au

1731 Malvern Road, Glen Iris, Victoria 3146

info@campaustalia.com.au

Fax: (03) 8610 2044

For Out of School Hours Care at St. Marys (CAMP AUSTRALIA) bookings or cancellations please contact them direct.

Meet the Principal and Tour

Another in our popular *Meet the Principal and Tour* series for parents of prospective students will be conducted on the following dates:

Tuesday 12 May - 9.30 am St Paul's Campus, Altona North
Tuesday 19 May - 9.30 am Notre Dame Campus, Point Cook

If you are unable to attend, contact our College Registrar on 8325 5119 to arrange a visit or email enrolments@ecmelb.catholic.edu.au

Seagull Family Unite!

Sunday, April 26
Williamstown
v
Sandringham

Show your support for our first home game of the season

Free Activities for Kids 12-4pm

- Jumping Castle
- Face Painting
- Handball Target
- Goal Kicking
- Balloonists

Seniors - 2pm
Development - 11am

Adults - \$10
Kids Under 12 - FREE

Memberships on Sale

Burbank Oval
1 Morris St, Williamstown



SEAGULLS FC - A Community Pass, which allows free entry to 1 Adult who is accompanied by 2 kids under 14 years of age was given to the eldest child in each family this week during their PE lesson. If you missed out on yours and would like one, please let Mrs Masseni know.

BUNNINGS - ALTONA

Join us for a great night of fun!

Thursday 7th May

6.00 – 8.00 pm

- Make a gift for mum
- D.I.Y. workshops
- Light refreshments
- Free gift wrapping

Bookings are recommended to book speak to a team member in store or go to www.bunnings.com.au



Parent Well with the Mood Meter Program – Building Emotional Intelligence

Join Michael Grose for our 4-week online parenting course

Parent Well with the Mood Meter Program

Help your kids learn to manage their emotions, improve their mental health and be happier.

Parent Well with the Mood Meter Program is the *first* in a series of online courses to teach you how to develop emotional intelligence in your kids:

- Mood Meter is a practical tool developed by the research team at *Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence*
- Gives parents and kids a common language to talk about feelings
- Empower kids to recognise and then respond to how they feel
- Teach kids self-awareness and put them in control of their emotions
- The Mood Meter is great for kids that are visual learners, particularly boys
- Suitable for all age groups

The 4-week **Parent Well with the Mood Meter Program** starts on 3 May.

Join now for \$57 to take advantage FREE access to **Parentingideas Club** before the course starts on 3 May.

Or why not join **Parentingideas Club** for \$179 annual membership and get access to

Parent Well with the Mood Meter Program plus the CLUB plus other courses planned during the next 12 months. Find out more at

<http://www.parentingideasclub.com.au/Mood-meter-course>

Or contact the Parentingideas team 03 59831798 / office@parentingideas.com.au

FREE ENTRY

44 Woods Street, Laverton

Pop Up Garage Sale

Sunday 26th April

10.00 am – 3.00 pm

Live Entertainment

Free Face Painting

For more information contact Arts and Culture at

arts@hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au

Parents and Friends

HELP NEEDED FOR THE ANNUAL MOTHERS' DAY STALL

If you can help with pricing the Mothers' Day stall gifts or on the actual stall, please return these completed forms to Parents & Friends Committee via School Office as soon as possible.

PRICING MORNING MONDAY 4TH MAY

The pricing for the Mothers' Day Stall will be held on Monday 4th of May starting at 8.50 am.

Name: _____

Mobile No. _____

Email: _____

MOTHERS' DAY STALL FRIDAY 8TH MAY

The Mothers' Day Stall will be held on Friday 9th of May starting at 9.00 am.

Name: _____

Mobile No. _____

Email: _____

9.00 – 11.00 am

9.00 – 10.00 am

10.00 – 11.00 am

(Please circle one)

Do you have a working with Children's Check? YES NO
(Please circle)

If you do not have a working with Children's Check and would like to help at the school in the future you can complete the WWCC form online or ask for a form at your local post office.