

St. Mary's School, Altona Newsletter 2015

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Dear Parents

As I am sure you are aware next Sunday 10th May is Mothers' Day and I invite all families to join us at our combined Parish and School Celebration Mass at 10.30 am. This has traditionally been a wonderful celebration of and for all mothers. I hope as many school families as possible can be part of this school and parish mass. A special part of this mass is after the homily when we have a couple of children share their thoughts about their mums and one or two mums share their thoughts about being a mum. This year, some students from Mount St. Joseph's College will lead us in the singing.

MOTHERS' DAY STALL:

Please read the Parents & Friends section of this newsletter and see if you can assist with the preparation on Monday 4th May and/or the actual stall on Friday 8th May.

FOOTY TIPPING:

Nobody correctly picked all nine winners last round so the Jackpot this round is \$15.00. Good Luck!

David Kelly.
Principal.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

MAY

Monday 4th Assembly 1/2HK – 2.30 pm
Preparation and pricing for
Mother's Day Stall 8.50 am
Wednesday 6th Reconciliation Workshop
Friday 8th **Mother's Day Stall**

TUCKSHOP HELPERS - Week beginning 4th May



Wednesday Caroline Cassar
Friday Rosemary Ciavarella

Manager: Eva Coppola Tel: 9315 0799

EDUCATION IN FAITH

Reconciliation

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

Prayer for Nepal

Loving God,

We pray for all those affected by the earthquake in Nepal. We offer the words of the psalmist, "*Be strong and take heart, all who hope in the Lord*" (Psalm 31:25).

May those who are paralysed by fear,
Be strong and take heart.

May those who have lost or are still searching for loved ones,
Be strong and take heart.

May those who remain trapped under rubble,
Be strong and take heart.

May those rescue workers who provide relief and recovery,
Be strong and take heart.

May those who are moved with compassion to help,
Be strong and take heart.

God, whose love knows no bounds,
fill all those who suffer with your comfort and peace. We
ask all this through Christ, our Lord.

Amen Catholic Relief Services



COIL TRAIL REMINDER

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 to be had!) 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

Year 3/4M will be attending
the Friday 8th May Parish Mass at 9:15 am.
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.

* All students who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Penance.

Olive Chodowski – REL

*“Be strong and take heart, all who hope in the Lord”
(Psalm 31:25).*



ST. MARY'S CHOIR FOR MOTHER'S DAY MASS

PLEASE NOTE: Due to a change in the parish organisation this year, St. Mary's School Choir **WILL NOT**

be required to sing at the Mother's Day Mass on Sunday 10th May.

PARISH NEWS

Fr. Shabin will be away on holidays from **1st May to 31st May, 2015.**

Fr. Edwin Agius will be celebrating the weekday Masses (including Saturday morning) in his absence and the following priests will celebrate the week-end Masses:

Fr. Brendan Lane 2nd and 3rd May;

Fr. Michael Willemsen 9th and 10th; 30th and 31st May;

Fr. Denis Stanley 16th and 17th; 23rd and 24th May.

Please make welcome our visiting priest over the next four weeks.

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:

RED TEAM



**UNIFORM SHOP OPEN
WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS
2.30 – 3.00 PM**

LITERACY NEWS

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



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.

Gwenda Burnett

Deputy Principal & Literacy Leader.



CROSS COUNTRY

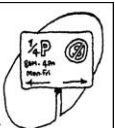
Good luck to our Cross Country runners who will compete next Tuesday 5th May at Cherry Lake reserve. Congratulations to Ryan S and Jelena H who have been named team captains.



Don't park illegally

Never park in No Stopping zones or double park around the school – **no matter how briefly.** You will **block the view** for both children and motorists and run the risk of causing an accident.

ROAD SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS BEGINS WITH YOU!



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 and 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 - \$5.00. The students really enjoy this experience of choosing gifts themselves for those they love. Please send a plastic 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 form/s attached in last week's newsletter which is also available on our website 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@campaustralia.com.au

Fax: (03) 8610 2044

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

ALTONA LITTLE ATHLETICS CENTRE

Cross Country Season

Starts: Saturday 2nd May 2015

Where: George Nevitt Athletics Track, Sugargum Drive, Altona

Cost: Existing members – no cost. New member \$65.00 upfront or \$45.00 upfront and \$5.00 per run.

Details: Weekly meets with other local clubs, plus entry to regional and state finals and relay competition.

To register and for further information: 0439 366 199,

altona@lavic.com.au or www.altonalac.com.au

SEASONS

SEASONS is a Grief and Loss program offered each year at St. Mary's.

It is a peer support program for children who have experienced grief and loss in their lives.

This loss may be as a result of death, separation or divorce. It is recommended that at least one year has passed since the loss, before they enter the program.

During each session, children will be together with a small group of peers who have also suffered a loss in their lives. This is a time for the children to be supported, to explore their thoughts and feelings and to ask their questions.

In Terms 2, 3 or 4 we would like to offer the SEASONS program to children from Years 3 to 6.

Each program operates over a number of sessions and will be led by me.

If you feel your child may benefit from being a part of the SEASONS program fill in the details below and return it to me via the school office by **MONDAY 11TH MAY**. When I receive your form I will call you for a chat about the program, your child and the issues they are facing.

Please feel welcome to discuss any queries you may have with me.

Regards

Margaret Masseni

Student Wellbeing Coordinator

SEASONS (Note for Mrs Masseni – Return by 11th May)

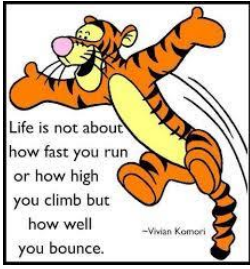
I would like my child/ren....., in Year/s....., to take part in the St. Mary's Seasons 2015 program.

Type of Loss.....

Parent/Guardian's Name.....

Contact Number:

Email Address.....



Want to find out more about how to **IDENTIFY ANXIETY IN YOUR CHILD** and learn some **CREATIVE STRATEGIES TO USE** when anxious moments occur?

Want to find out more about how to **BUILD RESILIENCE IN ALL CHILDREN**?

OUR NEW SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST BROOKE FIELKE WILL SPEAK ON THE TOPIC ON WEDNESDAY 20TH MAY FROM 7.00 – 8.00 PM UPSTAIRS IN THE TRI CENTRE.

Return the form below to the school office if you are interested in attending or email mmasseni@smaltona.catholic.edu.au.

Return form will also be available on the school website

After her 45 minute talk, Brooke will also be available to chat to individuals over a cuppa.

Child minding available

Please bring along family members and friends who might be interested. The more the merrier!!

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION – ANXIETY AND BUILDING RESILIENCE
(Return to Marg Masseni by Friday 15th May)

- ☐ I will be attending the Anxiety Session (No. of Adults _____)
- ☐ I require child minding for _____ child / children

NAME: _____

CHILD'S NAME & GRADE _____

CONTACT NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____