



St. Mary's School, Altona

Newsletter 2015

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Dear Parents

A very sincere Thank you to Cheri Steen and Andrea Herd and their band of helpers for organising such a successful Mothers' Day Stall for all our students today. I received lots of excited requests, "to come and see what I've bought for my mum". Some were so excited I'm not sure how they are going to contain their excitement until Sunday. A reminder that our annual School & Parish Mass for Mothers' Day will be held this Sunday at 10.30 am. All school families are invited and encouraged to join us at this celebration.

PREP 2016:

The closing date for Applications for Enrolment in Prep, 2016 is next Friday 15th May. If you know of anyone who was thinking about applying to our school please advise them to contact us as soon as possible and/or download an application form from our school website.

LITERACY NEWS:

Please check the Literacy section of this newsletter for details on THRASS Information sessions being held next week.

NAPLAN:

Just a reminder to parents who have children in Year 3 & 5 that Naplan Testing will be taking place on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. A brochure was sent out with this week's Newsletter.

FOOTY TIPPING:

Again nobody correctly tipped all 9 winners last round so the jackpot this round is \$20.00. Good Luck!

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL MUMS!

David Kelly.
Principal.

HEAD LICE

There have been a number of cases of head lice reported in a range of year levels at St Mary's. Please ensure you check your children's hair regularly and treat if necessary. Children are able to return to school as soon as their hair has been treated.



PHOTOS AVAILABLE FOR 2015 LEADERS

Orders are currently being taken for photos of our Junior School Council, School Captains, Social Justice Leaders, Wellbeing Leaders and House Captains. These photos are available for viewing in the Officer Foyer. The photos are \$12.00 each and orders need to be placed into the School Office via Mrs Pedley as soon as possible.

PRINCIPALS AWARDS:

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

PREP HM	Daniel Ciavarella & Amelie Cowap
PREP S	Finian Mercer & Ruby Ramsay
1/2HK	Saxon Azzopardi & Julie Wakfer
1/2ST	Amber Steinhardt & Zai Sakdinun
1/2D	James Lac & Cooper DeBono
2/3S	Emma Hussey & Rafael Umana
3/4M	Nicolas Christodoulou & Sunita Daravong
3/4L	Millie Pilditch & Erin Cucanic
4/5G	Hannah Jesaulenko & Alannah Briffa
5/6VT	Madison Cutajar & Joaquin Munoz
5/6C	Emily Kakoullis & Olivia DeSimone

IMPORTANT DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

MAY

Sunday 10 th	Parish Mothers' Day Mass--10.30 am
Monday 11 th	Assembly 1/2ST- 2.30 pm
Tuesday 12 th	Introduction to THRASS 9.00-10.00 am
	Introduction to THRASS 6.30-7.30 pm
	Naplan Testing Year 3 & 5
Wednesday 13 th	Naplan Testing Year 3 & 5
Thursday 14 th	Naplan Testing Year 3 & 5
Friday 15 th	Applications for Prep 2016 Close

EDUCATION IN FAITH

PARISH / SCHOOL MOTHER'S DAY MASS:

Just a reminder for **ALL** families to attend and be a part of this special celebration, to pay tribute to the outstanding role our Mothers play in all our lives.
10.30 am Mass this Sunday 10th May.

A Mothers' Day Prayer

Thank you, Creator God,
for your special gift of mothers;
for the example of your unconditional love
they share with their children.
Lord, today we pray you will protect
and guide mothers everywhere;
that you will grant them your wisdom
in loving and teaching their children.
Thank you for the mothers who played with us,
taught us, nurtured us, fed us, listened to us
and tried to understand us.
Today we honour, celebrate and reflect
on the women who gave us birth,
or adopted us into their heart.
We thank you Lord, for life, and for all Mums!
Amen.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Wednesday 3rd June, 7.00 pm
Mary, Help of Christians Church, Altona.

FINAL COIN 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 3/4L will be attending
the Friday 15th 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
- * Mothers everywhere, those with us today and those who hold a special place in our hearts.

Olive Chodowski – REL

***"Let your gentleness be known to everyone.
The Lord is near." (Phil 4:5)***



IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO COME!

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 leave your name at the office or email
me with the date and time you can attend.
email: gburnett@smaltona.catholic.edu.au



**PREMIER'S READING
CHALLENGE CHAMPS**

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

We now have **20 CHAMPS**. Their photos are outside the staffroom on the Literacy Board.

YEAR LEVEL	STUDENT
1/2HK	Aiden Long & Daniel Cooper
3/4M	Mia Attana & Olivia Charalambous
4/5G	Evelyn Nguyen, Giles Mercer Alannah Briffa and Tanvi Arora
5/6VT	Joaquin Munoz, Luke Cooper Mickayla Norman, Sienna Cutajar Ben Hussey, Dakota Keenan Fikre T and Isabelle Paras
5/6C	Maria Nguyen, Emily Kakoullis Isabella Pisani and Mairead F

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 under " Note & Forms."

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 11th May

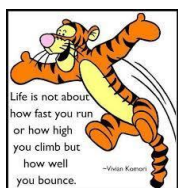


Wednesday
Thursday
Friday

Karoline Fanjek
Shirley Price
Lilia Souglaris

Manager: Eva Coppola Tel: 9315 0799

UNIFORM SHOP OPEN
WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS
2.30 – 3.00 PM



Kids Matter
Australian Primary Schools
Mental Health Initiative

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 – 8PM**
UPSTAIRS IN THE TRI CENTRE.

Return the form found on the school website **NEWS:**
Notes and Forms to the school office if you are
interested in attending or email
mmasseni@smaltona.catholic.edu.au.

St. Mary's Altona Newsletter
"Caring Catholic Community in Education"



Friday 23rd May....put it in your diary!



CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to our Cross Country team who
competed at the District CC this week. The day was
typical of Melbourne weather – rain, sun, wind all in one
day!

Overall we came 6th and we came 3rd in the Small Schools Trophy award.

A special well done to the following children who
received ribbons in their **INDIVIDUAL RACES**:

Ryan S – 3rd, Ben H – 6th, Emma H – 7th

Our ribbon winners will go on to compete in the
Divisional Carnival on the 28th May at President's Park in
Werribee.

Thanks to Natalie Z, Penny E, Melinda J and Anthea Z
who helped set up and pack up the course. Thanks also
to Anthea for supervising the children on the day.

Thanks to Kylie Pope who was our First Aid person for
the event.

Well done everyone!!!

SEASONS

Just a reminder that if you would like your child / children
to be involved in the Seasons program this year to
contact Mrs Masseni by Monday 11th May.

Email mmasseni@smaltona.catholic.edu.au or complete
the form in last week's newsletter.



AUSSIE OF THE MONTH - APRIL 2015

Thomas H for always being kind and friendly to all of his
classmates.

Samuel D for his persistent approach to all learning
tasks and his all round positive attitude.

Tanvi A for being a highly motivated student who
performs well above expectations in her work. Tanvi is
also a great friend who is always kind and
compassionate to those around her.

DOING IT RIGHT Week 3 Term 2

Thanks to everyone who has been Doing It Right around the school. They have been awarded for cleaning Mrs Hick's whiteboard, taking pride in the environment, helping others, following the school rules, sharing school values, being great learners, being brave in class, working well in PE, staying calm when talking about a problem, demonstrating great catching skills, being a team player, helping Mrs Burnett and loads of other great things!

Prep HM: Amelie

1/2HK: Joshua, Julie, Amelia, Isabella, Daniel

1/2ST: Lila, Amber, Allegra, Stella, Keely

1/2D: Eliza

2/3S: Lucas, Anna, Zaii

3/4M: Nicholas, Liam, Mackenzie

3/4L: Luke, Lachland, Jazmin

4/5G: Ava, Issabella, Maddie, Hannah J,

5/6C: Mulunesh, Tahlia

5/6VT: Dakota, Joaquin

Staff: Mrs Sims

Margaret Masseni

(Wellbeing and PE / Sport Leader)

Parents and Friends News

MOTHERS DAY STALL THANK YOU

The Mothers Day Stall would not run without the time and efforts of the parents in our school, planning begins months prior to the actual event. Therefore, special thanks to Cheri Steen & Andrea Herd for purchasing all of the gorgeous gifts & organizing every aspect of the entire event. Thank you to Patrice Cassar, MaryLinda Abate, Thu Nguyen, Dianne Howell, Liz Currie and Cheri Steen for helping to price all of the items for the stall on Monday the 4th. Also thank you to Madeline Didenkowski, Nicole Umana, Leanne Vandelight, Garry Hills and Jess & Matt De Bono for setting the stall up on Thursday after school. Finally, thanks to Madeline Didenkowski, Dianne Howell, Emma Denys, Anne Cooper, Michelle Green, Jenny Martelli, Kristen London, Marita Mercer, Melinda Engler, Rosemary Ciavarella and Marita Grech for assisting with the Mothers' Day Stall today. The students really enjoyed the experience and were very excited about selecting gifts for their loved ones. We'd like to wish all the mums, grandmothers, stepmothers, and loved ones a very happy Mother's Day.

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE AT ST. MARYS

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

Camp Australia

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For Out of School Hours Care at St. Marys

(CAMP AUSTRALIA) bookings or cancellations please contact them direct.

Letters were sent in recent weeks with regard to offers for Year 7 in 2016. Parents are reminded that acceptances of offers of a position at the College should be returned no later than Friday 5 May. As there is a waiting list for positions it is important that offers are accepted by the above date. Please contact College Registrar, Donna Grech, regarding any related queries.

ALTONA CITY SOCCER CLUB – NIGHT MARKET

Date: Friday 15th May

Time: 5.30 – 9.30 pm

Where: Kim Reserve, Millers Road, Altona

Jewellery, Clothing, Handmade gifts & Craft, Cards, Art & Home Décor, Jams & Preserves, Bags, Candles, Brooches and lots more.

Stall holder enquiries please email info@funfoodhire.com

5 DAY JULY HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Ages 6 – 14 Boys and Girls – Goalkeepers Welcome

Limited spots available.... Don't miss out! Book Now!

Monday 29th June – Friday 3 July

9.30 am to 3.30 pm

\$395.00 per child (includes Puma uniform) Lunch

available for \$7.00 per day if required.

To Register Visit ARSENALSOCCERSCHOOLS

VIC.COM.AU

Email: info@arsenalsoccerschoolsvic.com.au

Ph: 0415 766 746

ALTONA LITTLE ATHLETICS CROSS COUNTRY

Saturday 9th May at Newport Park Athletics track

Call 0497 639 750 or go to www.altonalac.com.au for further information.

Fees \$50 for new members for the season. Existing LA members – no extra cost.

Join in the fun.



8 WEEK BEGINNERS NETBALL

YEAR 2015 – BEGINNERS PROGRAM #2

ALTONA SPORTS CENTRE

QUEEN ST. ALTONA MEADOWS

MONDAY EVENING 5.30PM UNTIL 6.30PM

THIS IS A BEGINNERS PROGRAM FOR GIRLS & BOYS AGED FROM: -5 -10 YEARS.

Participants must already be 5 years old at the commencement of program and not turn 11 in 2015
THIS IS A 8 WEEK COURSE FEATURING SKILLS LEARNING AND COURT PLAY.

COST: \$70 PER CHILD (8 WEEK COURSE)

ENQUIRIES TO SUE BRAKEY 9360.9288 or EMAIL:

sue_asc@bigpond.com