

St. Mary's School, Altona Newsletter 2015

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Dear Parents

Next Friday 22nd May is our Mary Help of Christians, Feast Day and as has been our tradition we will join with the parish to celebrate this day in a Special Eucharistic Celebration at 9.15 am in the Church. All parents are welcome to join us at this celebration. As a special treat on this day the Parents & Friends put on a free hot dog and drink for lunch. Please complete the order form at the end of the Newsletter and return to School Office by Tuesday. **No Order No Lunch!** Children who don't like hot dogs can bring their own lunch. The Parents & Friends would appreciate some assistance at school on this day as preparing and bagging 250+ lunches cannot be completed by a couple of people. If you are able to assist please complete the form at the end of this Newsletter and return it to the School Office as soon as possible. Please also note the Tuckshop will not be open on this day.

PREP 2016:

Applications for Enrolment in Prep at St. Mary's in 2016 closed today. Parents that have applied will be receiving a letter next week inviting them to select a suitable time to attend a short interview with me on either the 27th or 28th May.

If you know of anyone who was thinking about applying to our school please advise them to contact us as soon as possible.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

The School Education Board will hold its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 26th May in the school staffroom commencing at 7.30 pm. This meeting will commence with a brief presentation from our school reviewer Mrs Janine Enright. Following this, the School Education Board, Parents & Friends and Principal Reports will be presented. All five Parent Representatives are eligible and have agreed to continue on the School Education Board. They are: Ellie Corbo, Diane Howell, Paul Kruger, Paul Moore and Janice O'Connor. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their past contributions and willingness to continue their involvement. All school parents are welcome to attend this Annual General Meeting.

FOOTY TIPPING:

Not surprisingly no one correctly selected all nine winners last round so the Jackpot this week is \$25.00. Good Luck!

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GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL ENROLMENTS:

For parents wishing to enrol their child in a Government Secondary School for 2016 application forms are available online at

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/secondary/Pages/enrol.aspx> . Parents fill in the application form and return it to St. Mary's. We then send them to the local

Regional office (government). The parents will be notified in writing on 19th August about the offer. The parents then accept this offer directly to the secondary school involved.

David Kelly.

Principal.

PRINCIPALS AWARDS:

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

PREP HM	Xavier Rietveld
PREP S	Lexi Robertson
1/2HK	Joshua Myers
1/2ST	Lachlan Moore
1/2D	Noah Ligudzinski
2/3S	Nikita H
3/4M	Dwight Fenech
3/4L	Nicolina Shute
4/5G	Lauren Wakfer
5/6VT	Isabelle Paras
5/6C	Isabella Cassar

IMPORTANT DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

MAY

Monday 18th

Tuesday 19th

Wednesday 20th

Thursday 21st

Friday 22nd

Assembly Year 5/6VT – 2.30 pm

THRASS REVISITED – 9.00 – 10.00 am

Emmanuel Production Year 3 & 4's

Parent Information Night –

Anxiety & Resilience 7.00 – 8.00 pm

Emmanuel Production Year 5 & 6's

Walk Safely to School

Mary Help of Christians, Feast Day – Mass 9.15 am

Free Lunch for all Students

TUCKSHOP IS CLOSED

REMINDERS

Tuesday 26th

AGM School Education Board – 7.30 pm

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EDUCATION IN FAITH

PARISH / SCHOOL MOTHER'S DAY MASS:

Thanks to everyone who attended and helped organise last weekend's Mother's Day Mass. Many thanks to our wonderful readers and speakers and to all staff who worked to create a beautiful celebration.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Wednesday 3rd June, 7.00 pm

Mary, Help of Christians Church, Altona.

Mary Help of Christians Feast Day

An invitation to all families to come along and celebrate our parish feast day on next Friday 22nd May with a **WHOLE SCHOOL MASS** at 9:15am. Please come, support and join your children in prayer. (This year the actual feast is celebrated on Monday 25th May, but as there is no parish morning mass on a Monday, we will celebrate our feast day on Friday).

WANTED

ANY INTERESTED

PARENTS/PARISHIONERS TO HELP CO-ORDINATE OUR SCHOOL CHOIR ON THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH-- NO MUSICAL SKILLS REQUIRED, ONLY PASSION IS ALL THAT'S NEEDED! PLEASE SEE ANGELA HAMILTON.



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

“Never see a need without doing something about it.”

Mary MacKillop 1871



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.

LITERACY NEWS



WE HAVE 20 STUDENTS WHO ARE CHAMPS BECOME ONE TOO!

Photos of our champs are on the Literacy Board outside the staff room.

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 “News, Notes & Forms.”

READ MORE IN MAY.

All classes have taken up the **CHALLENGE to READ EVERYDAY in MAY**. This means that **EVERY** child in **EVERY** class will read and record on the class chart **EVERY TIME** they read in May. We hope that **EVERY** class will meet the challenge, they know that they will have to read ‘double’ on several days to make up for the weekends. **REMEMBER:** Research shows that an **EXTRA 10 minutes** reading a day can make a **SIGNIFICANT** difference towards improving children's reading.

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

This session will be held at the school upstairs in the TRI centre.

THRASS REVISITED – For those who already have been to a THRASS Course
Tuesday 19th May 9.00 – 10.00 am

*****Evening Session has been cancelled due to lack of numbers**

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

THANK YOU to the parents who came to the **BEGINNER THRASS COURSES** held on Tuesday this week. I have had some great feedback and look forward to hearing about how you are going using your **NEW SKILLS** and **THRASS** chart to help your child/ren with their reading and spelling.

NEED 2 READ – COME ALONG and Read in the Library before school every Tuesday and Thursday. **EVERYONE** is welcome. Its starts at 8.20am.

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:

RED TEAM

TUCKSHOP HELPERS - Week beginning 18th May



Wednesday
Friday

Maria Charalambous
NO CANTEEN

Manager: Eva Coppola Tel: 9315 0799

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

Parents and Friends News

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS, FEAST DAY

Every year the Parents & Friends like to celebrate Mary Help of Christians, Feast Day with providing all of the students with a free hot dog and drink for lunch, however volunteers are required in order for the day to be successful. If you can help please complete the form at the end of this Newsletter and return it to the School Office as soon as possible.

EASTER RAFFLE

This year the Easter Raffle has raised a profit of \$1,469.00.

MOTHER'S DAY STALL

This year the Mother's Day Stall has raised a profit of \$441.75.

Thank you once again to all who have helped with these fundraising events without you this would not be possible.



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 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.

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WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY 22 MAY 2015

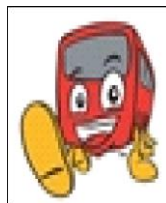
Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. Although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school.
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop.
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 22 May 2015! For more information, visit www.walk.com.au



FRIDAY 22 MAY 2015

JOIN ONE OF OUR WALKING SCHOOL BUSES.

We are encouraging St Mary's families to Walk to School together.

Two Meeting points:

- **Esplanade & Cnr Sargood St (beach side of the road) AND**
- **Cnr of Mc Intyre Drive & Civic Pde**

Meeting Time: 8.15 am

Walk Starting Time: 8.20 am

We have organised **parents** to supervise the walk so you can drop your children at the meeting point and know that they will get to school safely
Or

Join in the walk yourself. Parents, grandparents, cousins, aunts and uncles, dogs and prams...everyone welcome! (Have a coffee with some other parents on your way back to get the car!)

(We do ask that your children don't ride bikes or scooters unless you are with them – this would be much harder for other parents to supervise)



Thanks to Tennille from Altona Netball who came along to work with our Year 3 – 6's on their netball skills this week.

There is a new netball Program beginning soon at the Altona Centre.

ENQUIRIES TO SUE BRAKEY 9360.9288 or EMAIL: sue_asc@bigpond.com

INTER-SCHOOL SPORT- 8TH MAY

	St Mary's Altona	Williamstown Blue
Football	6	141
Soccer	6	0
Netball Girls	29	1
Netball Mixed	24	2
TeeBall	19	2

Today we played Altona PS.....watch out next week for results.

Next week we play against Seaholme PS. Good luck everyone!



Margaret Masseni
(Wellbeing and PE / Sport Leader)

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.



MOUNT ST. JOSEPH GIRLS' COLLEGE

MSJ OPEN MORNINGS – 9.30 – 10.30 am (Thursday)

28th May, 18th June, 13th August, 10th September, 12th November

MSJ OPEN DAY 2015

Sunday 11th October, 11.00 am – 2.00 pm

MSJ COLLEGE PRODUCTION

Beauty and the Beast is coming to MSJ. Keep the following dates free:

Friday 19th June @ 7.00 pm

Saturday 20th June @ 12.30 and 7.00 pm

MSJ 2016

Limited places are available for 2016. Further information can be found at our website www.msj.vic.edu.au or by contacting the College Registrar at registrar@msj.vic.edu.au or Ph: 8398 2007.



Musicians, singers, dancers, actors, back-stage, sound and lighting crews are well into final rehearsals for the Emmanuel College production of **The Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat** to be performed at McCoy Hall, St Paul's Campus, 7.30 pm on Thursday 21 May and Friday 22 May. For ticket purchases go to www.tickethost.com.au

INNER WEST BRANCH

PWP MEET & GREET

We welcome all potential & existing PWP members to our **first Meet & Greet function**. Please come along to find out more about our unique group & what we have to offer to you and your family.

Venue: Altona Sports Club—Seaview Lounge
Date: Thursday 14th May 2015
Time: 6.30pm onwards
Details: Come enjoy a reasonably priced meal from the bistro, while Kid's eat free (includes ice cream). We will be having a movie showing for the kid's to enjoy. If the weather is fine, the kids can enjoy the enclosed outdoor play area and jumping castle.

Welcome to PWP the largest international, non-profit organisation devoted to the welfare & interests of single parents & their children.

Parents without Partners Inner West is a new branch covering from Yarraville to Werribee. PWP has been around for 50+ years & provides friendship, support, socialisation & useful services & resources to single parent families. Outings include: the zoo, museums, fun parks, dinners out, indoor play centres, picnics & BBQs, movie nights and much more. We also aim to subsidise events making them more affordable for our members.

WALKING SCHOOL BUS - We will be there!!!!
FRIDAY 22ND MAY – WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

- Esplanade & Cnr Sargood St (beach side of the road)
- Cnr of Mc Intyre Drive & Civic Pde (North side of Civic Pde)

Family name: _____ Contact Phone No: _____

No of children: _____ No. of Adults _____

- **I CAN HELP TO SUPERVISE**

NAME.....

Do you have a working with Children Check? Yes or No

If not, please go to the Post Office to inquire. We'd love your help

PARENTS AND FRIENDS VOLUNTEER FORM
for Mary's Help of Christian Feast Day Lunch on Friday 22nd May 2015

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND RETURN IT TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

On Friday 22nd May we celebrate Mary Help of Christians Feast Day which is the feast day of the school. We like to make this a festive day for the children. As part of the ongoing tradition Parents and Friends will provide FREE hotdogs and juice for lunch. If you would like to help out please fill the forms below.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS VOLUNTEER FORM for Mary's Help of Christian Feast Day Lunch on Friday 22nd May 2015

Name: _____ Contact No. _____

Childs Name: _____ Year Level: _____

Do you have a working with Children Check? Yes or No

If not, please go to the Post Office to inquire. We'd love your help.

PLEASE RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY TUESDAY 19TH MAY
PARENTS AND FRIENDS
Sorry! Late orders will NOT be accepted

Reply Slip for Hot Dogs / Juice for Mary Help of Christians Feast Day – Friday 22nd May This slip **MUST** be returned by **Tuesday 19TH MAY**. : We can't guarantee that late orders will be filled (NOTE 5/6 students on sports day will receive their hotdogs)

NAME OF CHILD: _____ CLASS: _____

NO. OF HOT DOGS: _____ DRINK: YES OR NO

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Please note that there will NOT be a Vegetarian or Gluten Free option available and the **TUCKSHOP WILL BE CLOSED** on this day.