



St. Mary's School, Altona Newsletter 2015

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Dear Parents

Mary Help of Christian's Feast Day commenced with the school community joining with the parish community at the 9.15 am Mass. Thank you to the parents that were able to join us at this celebration. Thank you to Olive Chodowski (R.E. Leader) for her preparation of the Mass and the powerpoint. Thank you also to Angela Hamilton (Performing Arts Teacher) for her preparation of the music and our school choir.

To acknowledge this Feast Day our Parents & Friends Association kindly donated a free lunch and drink to all our students. Thank you to Michelle Green and her band of helpers for their wonderful organisation of the lunch and especially catering for our Year 5 & 6 students who needed an early lunch due to their involvement in Inter-School Sport.

LIBRARY TECHNICIAN:

As mentioned last week on our Facebook page, Mrs Teresa Prissall resigned from her position as Library Technician at our school. Last Friday we thanked and farewelled Teresa with a special morning tea. We had greatly appreciated Teresa's unassuming, effective and efficient management and co-ordination of our library, she will be sadly missed.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

The School Education Board will hold its Annual General Meeting next Tuesday 26th May in the school staffroom commencing at 7.30 pm. This meeting will commence with a presentation from our school reviewer, Mrs Janine Enright, of her External Review Report. Following this, the School Education Board Report, Parents & Friends Report and Principal's Report 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:

Again nobody correctly selected all nine winners so the jackpot this round is \$ 30.00. Good Luck!

David Kelly.
Principal.

PRINCIPALS AWARDS:

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

PREP HM	Georgia R
PREP S	Xavier B
1/2HK	Samantha K
1/2ST	Thomas A
1/2D	Isabel R
2/3S	Claire J
3/4M	Layland
3/4L	Bridie
4/5G	Peter A
5/6VT	Portia F
5/6C	Mulunesh

IMPORTANT DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

MAY

Monday 25th Prayer Assembly 3/4M – 2.40pm
 Tuesday 26th Need 2 Read 8.20am
 AGM School Education Board
 7.30pm
 Wednesday 27th Prep 2016 Interviews
 Thursday 28th Prep 2016 Interviews

TUCKSHOP HELPERS - Week beginning Mon 25th May
 Wednesday Pauline Luppino
 Thursday Marylinda Abate
 Friday Anne Cooper

Manager: Eva Coppola Tel: 9315 0799

EDUCATION IN FAITH

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Wednesday 3rd June, 7pm

Mary, Help of Christians Church, Altona.



Mary Help of Christians

Mary, Help of Christians,
Watch over us with love.

Intercede for us with your Son,

To bless Australia,
So that we can be people
of peace –

People who love and respect each other,
And people who love and respect our land, Australia.
Amen.

COIN TRAIL THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our coin trail fundraiser for CatholicCare. We raised \$292.30. Well done.

Mairead F and Marie H - Social Justice Leaders

PRAYER ASSEMBLY

As part of their preparation for Reconciliation

Year 3/4M

will be celebrating their class prayer assembly on Monday,
25th May at 2.40 pm.

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

“Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.”
(Luke 1:33)

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

LITERACY NEWS

PARENT INSERVICE - THRASS REVISITED

THANK YOU to the parents who came on Tuesday to the **REVISITING THRASS** session for parents. I am sure your skills are **GREATLY** increased and you are ready to help your child with both their reading and writing. If you need help please don't hesitate to see me.

For parents who were not able to make it but are interested in doing the **BEGINNERS THRASS** or **REVISITING THRASS** course, please contact me as I am more than happy to help.



Congratulations to our
latest Premiers Reading
Champs

WE HAVE 42 STUDENTS WHO ARE CHAMPS BECOME ONE TOO!

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

YEAR LEVEL	STUDENT
PREP S	Alison and Zali H
YR 1/ 2 HK	Alana and Kiani
YR 3/ 4M	Daniel A, Dwight, Gabriel M, Grace Hannah, Sofia B, Liam C Gabrielle M Porsha G, Sunita, Taj T
YR 4/ 5G	Mark
YR 5/ 6C	Mulunesh, Dominic A, Trent M
YR 5/ 6VT	Kate, Lana, Portia F

There is plenty of timeas the Challenge finishes on the 11th of 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.. **REMEMBER:** Research shows that an **EXTRA 10 minutes** reading a day can make a **SIGNIFICANT** difference towards improving children's reading.

NEED 2 READ—COME ALONG and Read in the Library before school every Tuesday and Thursday. **EVERYONE** is welcome.....mums. dads, little brothers and sisters. It starts at 8.20 am.

GARDENERS WANTED

We are looking for helpers to work on planting and maintaining our School Vegetable Garden. If you are able to help please complete the form at the end of this Newsletter and return it to the School Office.

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:

YELLOW TEAM

DOING IT RIGHT

Week 4 & 5 Term 2

Thanks to everyone who has been Doing It Right around the school.

Prep HM: Mia, Jack, Fernando,

1/2ST: Ava D, Stella, Lila, Allegra, Rachel

1/2D: Dhriti, Isabel, Caitlyn G, Sebastian

2/3S: Claire

3/4M: Dwight, Mia, Olivia C,

4/5G: Alannah, Peter, Tanvi

5/6C: Marie, Olivia, Amelie, Tahlia, Isabella P, Dominic, Emily, Trent, Mairead, Mulunesh

5/6VT: Hannah, Madison, Sienna, Porsha, Dibanchi, Luke

For: giving up their lunchtime to help someone, having a helpful and friendly manner, looking after an injured Year 1 student, helping Mrs Hicks, helping at the office, being courteous and holding the door open, taking pride in the environment, handing in money that had been found, picking up loads of rubbish and keeping our school nice and tidy and loads of other great things!

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



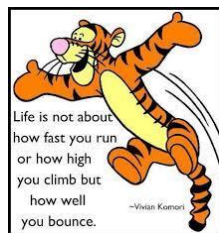
NEED SOME PARENTING ADVICE SOMETIMES? WANT TO FIND OUT ABOUT THE LATEST NEWS IN WELLBEING?

MICHAEL GROSE is a well-known Parenting Expert. Currently we have many of his articles located on our website (WELLBEING: Resources for Parents). Recently I have been emailing these articles each week to the parents whose email I have. I've also added them to the website and put them on our Face book page. I've had some great feedback from parents who have enjoyed reading the articles and using some of the strategies in them.

If you would like to be added to my mailing list please email me. (mmasseni@smaltona.catholic.edu.au) or complete the form below.

If you don't have email or access to the website or Face book and would like a hard copy of the articles sent home also complete the form at the end of this Newsletter and I will organise it.

Our Parent Information night around Anxiety and



Resilience was a great success

Thanks to everyone who came along and to Brooke for running the evening for us.

If you didn't make it to the night but would like some more information about what was presented please email Margaret Masseni -

mmasseni@smaltona.catholic.edu.au



Thanks to everyone who participated in our Walk Safely to School Day activities. We ran two walking school buses that were well attended. Many thanks to our supervisors. Other students and families got out their walking shoes, bikes and scooters and came to school in an active way and lots of people had a skip on the netball court when they arrived at school.

Congratulations to our Walk Safely to School competition winners. Look around the school to see all of the entries. Most Active Grade will be announced next week.

Good Luck to **BEN, RYAN & EMMA** who will compete at the Divisional Cross Country Carnival this coming Thursday. Enjoy your run!!!



PARENTS AND FRIENDS

2015 Cocktail Party

Saturday 10th October @ The Royal Yacht Club Williamstown

Preparations for this year's Cocktail Party are already underway. So make sure you save the date & book your babysitters, because if last years was anything to go by, it's sure to be a fabulous night.

Our Cocktail Party Organisers have already sourced and received a significant number of impressive donations from both local businesses and friends further afield. We'd like to thank Altona Fire Station, Clip n Climb Richmond, Collingwood Children's Farm, The Enchanted Adventure Garden, The Fire Services Museum of Victoria, Gingerboy Restaurant, The Gourmet Kitchen Cooking School Moonee Ponds, Lantern Ghost Tours, Laverton Skate Centre, Nestle, Paul Sadler Swimland Braybrook, The Phoenix Hotel Point Cook, Project 10 Bags, The Sun Theatre Yarraville, Strawberry Blonde Hairdressing & WynCity Bowl & Entertainment, who have all donated already. A special thanks to The Bank of Melbourne in Williamstown for their very generous donation of \$350. We are also very excited to announce two very unique donations, which we're sure will attract a lot of interest:

1. Thanks to Aussie Home Loans in Carlton & Altona for donating a guernsey signed by the entire South African Rugby Team The Springboks.
2. Huge thanks to Santorini Bar & Restaurant in Williamstown for donating not only one, but two very generous items to auction:
 - a. \$100 Gift voucher for dinner.
 - b. *Chef for Night* to cook a delectable Greek dinner for 6 people in their home, including ingredients & a bottle of wine (any night except Saturday).

ATTENTION: Do you know a TV or Sports Personality who could introduce our Cocktail Party from 8.00-8.15pm? It would be a great draw card for our little school's fundraising night.

We will be actively looking for donations until September so if you have a friend or family member who might kindly donate an item, service or gift voucher please email Madeline (madeline@madelinewishart.com.au) for more info or for our official donation letter of request.

WELLBEING MAILING LIST

RETURN TO MRS MASSENI VIA THE SCHOOL OFFICE or EMAIL THE INFORMATION DIRECTLY TO HER (mmasseni@smaltona.catholic.edu.au)

- ADD ME TO YOUR WELLBEING MAILING LIST
- I WOULD LIKE A HARD COPY OF THE ARTICLES THAT ARE SENT
-

NAME: _____

CHILD'S NAME & GRADE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ MOBILE NUMBER: _____

GARDENERS WANTED – Please complete this form and return to the School Office as soon as possible

Each Friday afternoon from 2.30 – 3.15pm a group of our Year 3/4 students work on planting and maintaining our School Vegetable Garden.

They would **LOVE the HELP** of two or three parents each week.



YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE AN EXPERT! YOU DO NOT HAVE TO COME EVERY FRIDAY.

If YOU are able to help the students please fill in the form below. **THANK YOU**

VEGETABLE GARDEN HELPER

RETURN note to School Office or email gburnett@smaltona.catholic.edu.au if you can help.

I _____ am able to help on a Friday 2.30 – 3.15 pm.
(name)

Please Circle Date /s if YOU can help. Friday 29th May Friday 5th June Friday 12th June Friday 19th June