



# St. Mary's School, Altona Newsletter 2015

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## Dear Parents

Thank you to those parents that joined us at mass today to celebrate the feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. This Eucharistic celebration is sometimes referred to as a "Poor Man's Mass", and our act of giving is a physical sign of Jesus' unconditional love for others. We had a collection, in each classroom and staffroom of non-perishable food items which some became part of the Offertory Procession during mass and then all of these items were handed over to our local St. Vincent de Paul organisation to distribute. Thank you to all the school families that contributed to this request, the response was fantastic.

## NATIONAL BUDDY DAY:

Thank you and congratulations to all those children who came dressed with a 'Splash of Purple' to celebrate National Buddy Day. The Buddy Handshake was all the go while the photo booth before school and at recess time was very popular. We all gathered on the netball court for a Shared Playlunch where our Student Wellbeing Leaders, Emily Kakoullis and Isabella Pisani spoke to us about being Better Buddies. Hopefully we will see examples in our classrooms and on the playgrounds. Money raised from the day will be donated to the Alannah and Madeline Foundation.

## ONLINE BOOKING FOR STUDENT/PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS:

These interviews will take place on **Monday 22nd June from 1.30 – 8.00 pm.** and **Tuesday 23rd June from 3.40 – 5.00 pm.** Please go to our school website and click on the "INTERVIEWS" button and put in the code **DZEDP** and select your appointment times.

## REMINDER EARLY FINISH:

On Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June **SCHOOL FINISHES AT 1.00 pm.** Due to Parent / Student / Teacher Interviews. **There is NO TUCKSHOP at recess and no lunch orders on this day.**

## FOOTY TIPPING:

Nobody has picked all 9 winners in the last two Rounds so the Jackpot is now \$45.00.

**David Kelly.**  
Principal.

## PRINCIPALS AWARDS:

Congratulations to the following children who received Principals Awards:

PREP HM	Toby T & Ava C
PREP S	Astin K & Maddison B
1/2HK	Dawit T & Izzy D
1/2ST	Alegra G & Rachael C
1/2D	Melina M & Lucas G
2/3S	Jesse L & Michael M
3/4M	Mila F & Aiden V
3/4L	Georgia L & Luke V
4/5G	Michael P & Emma K
5/6VT	Dakota K & Ryan S
5/6C	Ella L & Jessica O

## CONGRATULATIONS:

To the Kirk family (Astin Prep S) on the safe and healthy arrival of their son Elliott.

## 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 15th June



Wednesday  
Friday

Maria Caralambous  
Alicia Galea

Manager: Eva Coppola Tel: 9315 0799

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

## EDUCATION IN FAITH

### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Congratulations to our Year 3 students who celebrated the Sacrament of Penance on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. The children came to the Sacrament as a celebration of great joy and peace. It was a special time of sincere expectation of grace to be received. Thank you to all parents and staff who helped in the preparation of this very special Sacrament.

### FIRST EUCHARIST

A reminder to all parents about our First Eucharist family workshop next Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June in the school hall at 7.00 pm. Parking is available inside the school.

### STILL 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.



### SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS

Thank you for all the food donated as part of our Most Sacred Heart Of Jesus Feast Day. These special donations will be forwarded onto our local St. Vincent de Paul society. Thanks again for your assistance. Mairead F & Marie H

By tradition, the Catholic Church dedicates each month of the year to a certain devotion. In June, it is the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Sacred Heart represents Christ's love for all mankind, and our devotion to it is an expression of our faith in His mercy. The love of God for humanity is big enough for all of our suffering, happiness, labours and failures. Human love may be finite, but God's love is endless.



**CONGRATULATIONS**  
To Lachland(3/4L) and Caitlyn(1/2D) Green, on their Christening last Sunday. May God's grace and blessings that they received at Baptism guide them throughout their lives.



### Please pray for:

- \* All members of our community who are sick or in need of our prayerful support.
- \* Lachland & Caitlin Green.
- \* All students who are preparing to receive their First Eucharist.

**Olive Chodowski – REL**

*"Be what you receive, and receive what you are."*  
(Saint Augustine)

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

### JUNE

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> Assembly Prep S – 2.30 pm  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> School Education Board Meeting  
7.30 pm  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> Walk / Ride to School Day  
Creative Music Concert  
In the Tri Centre 3.45 pm  
First Eucharist Family Workshop  
7.00 pm  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> School Reports Go Home Today



**Congratulations to our latest Premiers Reading Champs**

YEAR LEVEL	STUDENT
Prep HM	Isabelle C
1/2D	Hugo F
1/2HK	Alyssa T
1/2ST	Jeremy C Keely W Lila B
3/4M	James H
5/6VT	Ethan T
5/6C	Jessica O

**WE HAVE 61 STUDENTS WHO ARE CHAMPS, BECOME ONE TOO!**

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

There is plenty of time ....as the Challenge finishes on the 11<sup>th</sup> of September.

So **START READING TODAY!!!**

For more information about the Challenge, visit the following website: [www.education.vic.gov.au/prc/](http://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**

Every class took up the **CHALLENGE to READ EVERYDAY in MAY. CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERY CLASS FOR MEETING THE CHALLENGE.** It meant that **EVERY** child in **EVERY** class read **EVERY** day in May and recorded on their class chart that they read. Each class will receive a **BOOK** so they can keep reading, a certificate and a small surprise for each child. **REMEMBER:** Research shows that **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. **REMEMBER N2R** will also be on in TERM 3.

### **CREATIVE MUSIC CONCERT**

The end of term Creative Music Concert will take place on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June upstairs in the TRI Centre. Could everybody please make their way to the Tri Centre at 3.30 for 3.45 pm start. Everyone is welcome.

## THANK YOU TO OUR GARDEN HELPERS

A **HUGE thank you** to Liz Adani (mum of Jonathon, Anna and Sara) and Poppy John (grandfather of Millie) who answered our PLEA and have volunteered to help the Year 3/4 students every Friday afternoon with our school vegetable garden. It is looking **GREAT!** The next task is to do an 'extreme makeover' on our scarecrow. If YOU can offer sometime to help then come at 2.30 pm on Friday.

### Gwenda Burnett

Deputy Principal & Literacy Leader.



### AUSSIE OF THE MONTH – MAY

**Sienna C** for her mature approach towards her learning. Sienna works to the best of her ability and is always willing to help others in need. She is a wonderful asset to our Classroom.

**Lachland G** for treating everyone equally and getting along with everyone.

**Joshua M** for always working to the best of his ability. He actively supports our school rules and he displays the qualities of friendship. Joshua has a positive and caring attitude towards everyone in his class community. He readily steps in and supports those who need some extra guidance.

### WELLBEING ARTICLES

Look out on the school website home page for **WELLBEING NEWS THIS WEEK.**

You will find an article titled...."Helping Children Learn Positive Friendship Skills".

Worth a read in view of today's Be a Better Buddy" day

There's also a link on our Facebook page.

New articles will be available each week.

If you would like to be added to the emailing group for these articles, please email

[mmasseni@smaltona.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mmasseni@smaltona.catholic.edu.au)



Our next **Walk / Ride to School Day** will

be next **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June.**

### INTERSCHOOL SPORT– 29<sup>th</sup> MAY

	St Mary's Altona	Altona College / Bayside P-9
Football	Won	No Team
Soccer	3	2
Netball Girls	3	9
Netball Mixed	10	10
TeeBall	6	27

### INTERSCHOOL SPORT– 6<sup>th</sup> JUNE

	St Mary's Altona	Williamstown Gold
Football	0	82
Soccer	10	3
Netball Girls	5	33
Netball Mixed	0	21
TeeBall	1	33

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

This was our last game...hopefully we will get some teams into the finals!!!

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## DIVISIONAL CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to Ryan and Ben who ran at the Regional Cross Country Championships yesterday.

Ryan came 16<sup>th</sup> and Ben came 57<sup>th</sup>.

### Margaret Masseni

Wellbeing and PE / Sport Leader

## Parents and Friends News

### MOVIE NIGHT – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June

The movie night is approaching fast, more information is available on the flyer at the end of this newsletter.

The Parents and Friends need your help! If you are able to volunteer please complete the attached form. To purchase tickets please complete the form at the end of this newsletter and return the completed form and correct money to the School Office as soon as possible.



### 2015 Cocktail Party

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October At The Royal Yacht Club Williamstown**

*Make sure you read this spot in the upcoming weeks because we have a very exciting offer to announce which may just entice you to buy your tickets early this year...*

Thanks to all of the following companies for their generous donations over the past fortnight:

- 234 Fun Galore for 2 x \$50.00 passes
- Clip n Climb for 1 Free Climb Card and a 2 for 1 Card
- Gingerboy Restaurant for their cookbook signed by Teague Ezard
- Laverton Skate Centre for a Family Pass and Skate Hire
- Project 10 for 3 gorgeous bags: a beach tote, insulated shopper and Zipper wallet
- Mai Nice Nails for a manicure. Thanks to Melissa Gielnik (Noah & Stella's mum) for organising this too.

A special thanks to Vanessa Jackson (Wesley and Joshua's mum) for sourcing a number of fabulous donations. We'll be announcing them soon too!

We are also thrilled to announce that we have sourced & received yet another accommodation package for our live auction at The Cocktail Party. A HUGE thank you to the **Murray Downs Resort Swan Hill** for donating a 2 Night Golf Package for a family, including breakfast and \$12.00 bistro vouchers for each person each day. This *Swan Hill Getaway* will also include a family pass to *The Pioneer Settlement* and a 1 hour riverboat ride.

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](mailto:madeline@madelinewishart.com.au)) for our official donation letter of request or for further information.

### MOUNT ST. JOSEPH GIRLS' COLLEGE

**MSJ OPEN MORNINGS – 9.30 – 10.30 am (Thursday)**

18<sup>th</sup> June, 13<sup>th</sup> August, 10<sup>th</sup> September, 12<sup>th</sup> November

### MSJ COLLEGE PRODUCTION

Beauty and the Beast is coming to MSJ. Keep the following dates free: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June @ 7.00 pm  
Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June @ 12.30 and 7.00 pm.



# ST. MARY'S MOVIE NIGHT

26<sup>th</sup> June 2015

7.30 - 9.30 pm



Interested in some great fun for all the family to celebrate the end of term?

Then here's the event you've been waiting for.....

**Upstairs at the TRI Centre** we will be showing 'BIG HERO 6'. Children will be supervised the entire time by parent volunteers. All school children and their preschool age siblings are invited to attend. *(Unfortunately we are not able to supervise children younger than pre school age).*



**Downstairs at the TRI Centre** there will be a wine and nibbles night for parents. The ticket price includes a complimentary nibbles. Wine and beer will be on sale (\$4 glass of wine/\$4 stubby).



**This will be a great time for children to celebrate the end of term with their friends and for parents to get together and relax knowing their children are entertained and supervised upstairs.**

## Important details:

**Bookings:** Can be made on the slip over the page and returned to the office via the classroom.



**Prices:**  
\$5 child ticket  
\$10 adult ticket  
\$20 Family ticket



**Movie: BIG HERO 6**

## Guidelines:



- Siblings who are of preschool age can attend the movie. Younger children will need to join their parents downstairs.
- Children will be supervised at all times during the movie and will be accompanied to find their parent downstairs if necessary. Children will not leave the venue unless accompanied by their parent/s.

*To make it a successful night for everyone we do need some assistance. If you are able to help out please fill in the attached slip and return it to the office via the classroom.*



**We look forward to seeing you on the night to celebrate the end of Term 2.**

## ST. MARY'S MOVIE NIGHT VOLUNTEER REPLY SLIP

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Mobile phone if possible for the convenience of text messages)*

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Eldest child's name & class: \_\_\_\_\_

***I can help on the night with:***

- *Supervision at the movie*

7.30 – 8.00 pm

8.00 – 8.30 pm

8.30 – 9.00 pm

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.

***Thank you for your assistance with this great event.***

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## ST. MARY'S MOVIE NIGHT TICKET ORDER FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Mobile phone if possible for the convenience of text messages)*

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Eldest child's name & class: \_\_\_\_\_

**I wish to purchase:**

Number of tickets	Type of tickets	
	\$5 per child	
	\$10 per adult	
	\$20 Family ticket	Number of adults: Number of children:
<b><i>* Please note a ticket won't be returned to you – your booking will go on the list for the night.</i></b>		

Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

***Thank you for your support of this great event.***