

# St. Mary's School, Altona Newsletter 2015

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Dear Parents

The Victorian Government has announced \$148 million over four years for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF), to ensure all Victorian students can take part in school excursions/incursions, camps and sporting activities.

Families who hold a valid means-tested concession card or who are temporary foster parents are eligible to apply.

\$125 per year will be paid for eligible primary students and \$225 per year will be paid for eligible secondary school students.

A CSEF Application form is attached to this newsletter or can be accessed from our website.

I strongly encourage ALL FAMILIES THAT ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS FUNDING TO COMPLETE AN APPLICATION FORM AND RETURN IT TO SCHOOL BEFORE THE END OF NEXT WEEK – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June.

Further information on the fund can be viewed at the Victorian Government Department of Education and training website:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/Pages/csef.aspx>

## PARENT/STUDENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS:

Your child's Mid-Year Report was sent home with each child today. Our Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews will take place next Monday afternoon and evening and Tuesday afternoon.

Parents are reminded to bring their child to the interview as they have been preparing what they are going to share with their parents.

There will be a bell rung every 15 minutes to indicate the start and finish of each interview. This hopefully will help to keep the interviews on time. If you require a longer time please arrange another time with your child's teacher. If you are unable to make your appointment time please notify the school office as soon as possible.

**A reminder that school finishes at 1.00 pm. on Monday.**

## CAR PARKING AT THE FRONT OF THE SCHOOL:

Reminder to all parents when parking their car to please ensure that you park inside the lines provided and not take up two spaces.

## LIVE BELOW THE LINE:

A past student of St. Mary's, currently in Year 8 at Emmanuel College – Notre Dame, Jade Said is participating in "Live Below the Line" fundraiser where she will be only spending \$2.00 a day for five days on food. All the money raised goes towards people overseas who are living in poverty. If you would like to support this worthwhile cause please access the following link:

<https://www.livebelowtheline.com.au/me/jadesaid>

## REMINDER EARLY FINISH:

On Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June **SCHOOL FINISHES AT 1.00 pm.**

Due to Parent / Student / Teacher Interview.

**There is NO TUCKSHOP at recess and no lunch orders on this day.**

David Kelly.

Principal.

## PRINCIPALS AWARDS:

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

PREP HM	Isabelle C and Jack C
PREP S	Maggie L and Jourdan L
1/2HK	Aidan L and Christian G
1/2ST	Wesley J and Ethan Le
1/2D	Hugo F and Angus H
2/3S	Caitlin K and Monae S
3/4M	Lynda A and Daniel A
3/4L	Tegan S and Jacob Y
4/5G	Ava S and Zack P
5/6VT	Fikre T and Alessia A
5/6C	Amelie W and Trent M

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

### JUNE

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>

Teacher Parent & Student Interview 1.30 – 8.00 pm

**Early Finish – 1.00 pm**

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Teacher Parent & Student Interview 3.30 – 5.00 pm

Friday 26<sup>th</sup>

**Last Day of Term Two – 2.30 pm Finish**



## 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

**TUCKSHOP HELPERS** - Week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> June



Wednesday	Pauline Luppino
Thursday	Marylinda Abate
Friday	Anne Cooper

Manager: Eva Coppola Tel: 9315 0799

## UNIFORM SHOP OPEN WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS 2.30 – 3.00 PM

## EDUCATION IN FAITH 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.

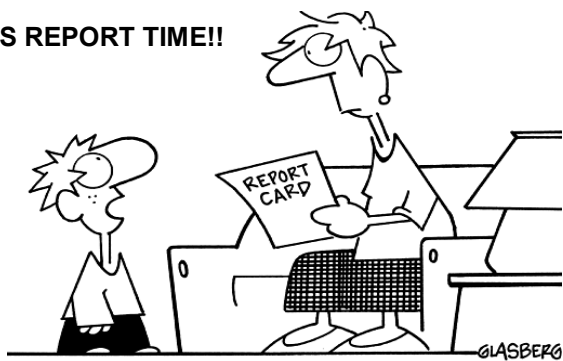


### SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS

Next week we will be visiting each class to collect your room's Win Naing's money box. A special surprise to the winning class!!

**Mairead F & Marie H**

### IT'S REPORT TIME!!



"Why is an A or B better than a C or D?  
Aren't all letters equal in the eyes of God?"

### 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 their First Eucharist.

**Olive Chodowski – REL**

*"I must only trust in the mercies of God."*  
(St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop-1867)

# LITERACY NEWS



**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"

**The holiday will be a great time to do LOTS of reading so.....keep reading, keep recording your books and BECOME A CHAMP TOO!**

### MS READ-A-THON

Help raise money to find a cure for MS – Multiple Sclerosis by taking part in the MS Read a Thon. Simply go to [www.msreadathon.org.au](http://www.msreadathon.org.au) and enter.....Let me know (Mrs Burnett) if you are taking part.

**NEED 2 READ – COME ALONG** and Read in the Library before school this Tuesday. **EVERYONE** is welcome.....mums. dads, little brothers and sisters come along and enjoy reading a book together. It starts at 8.20 am in the TRI Centre **REMEMBER N2R** will also be on in TERM 3



### HOBSONS BAY JSC

Each month members of our St. Mary's Junior School Council attend a meeting at the Hobson Bay Council along with other schools in our area to talk about what has been happening in our schools and

raise issues or concerns with the council. Thank you to our JSC representatives Ollie, Ava and Ethan who attended the June Hobsons Bay Junior School Council meeting. They were wonderful ambassadors for our school and will share what they heard with our school JSC group at our next meeting. A special thanks to Ollie who spoke on behalf of our school.

### RED HOUSE TEAM EVENT

Thank you to all the students who came and had a go at our house events last week.

We had lots and lots, over 70 of our Prep, Year One and Two students joining in with the fun to build the **TALLEST SANDCASTLE**.

Everyone did a great job, tried hard and worked as a team. **Green** team built the tallest and earned 300 points, **Blue** came second and earned 200 points.

**Yellow** was third and earned 100 points and **Red** came fourth and earned 75 points.

**The TUG OF WAR** for the middle and senior students was a huge success with over 100 students taking part.

Everyone did really well and had great battles between each other trying to get the other team over the line. Blue, Red and Yellow tied with 475 points each and Green team got 225 points.

**WELL DONE Ella and Zane** in doing a great job in organising these events.

## ADVANCED NOTICE



Thanks to everyone who donated to the Alannah and Madeline Foundation on Buddy Day. We raised \$100.05. A great effort.

## WELLBEING ARTICLES

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

You will find an article titled....Reading your Child's report Michael Grose suggests you do a little self check before ripping open the envelope, to help you deal with what might be inside.

Worth a read in view of today being the day when reports have been sent home.

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)

## DOING IT RIGHT

### Week 7, 8 & 9 Term 2

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

Prep HM: Jack C, Aggy G, Christos G, Jai L, Trinity E.

1/2HK: Isabella M.

1/2ST: Eleanor B, Gigi F.

1/2D: Joshua J, Eliza P.

2/3S: Lucas G.

4/5G: Peter A, Anthony P.

5/6C: Dominic A, Trent M, Muleshesh T, Tahlia S, Marie H, Emily K.

5/6VT: Luke C, Isabelle P, Faith K, Ethan T, Madison C, Portia F, Mia V, Dibanchi T.

For helping at the office, taking pride in the environment, handing money in, helping someone, sharing school values, having good manners, encouraging team mates, handing in lost property, looking after others and loads of other great things!

## INTERSCHOOL SPORT- 12<sup>th</sup> June

	St Mary's Altona	Altona North PS
Football	64	23
Soccer	5	2
Netball Girls	10	1
Netball Mixed	9	9
TeeBall	14	28

Today we played in the soccer final against Williamstown Gold.

We will let you know next week how we went!

**Margaret Masseni**

**Wellbeing and PE / Sport Leader**



**FOOTY FUN DAY** is on Friday 14<sup>th</sup>

**August.** On this day ALL children, parents and staff join fun by wearing their favourite



in the footy

team colours – jumpers, scarves, hats and **NO** school uniform. Winners of the competitions will be announced at assembly. A gold coin donation goes to our sponsor child, Win Naing. **If you know a current or past player who is able to come on this day from 11.30am to 1.30pm please contact Gwenda Burnett.**

## JEANS 4 GENES — Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August.

Students are encouraged to replace part of their school uniform and wear DENIM eg. jeans, shirt, hat etc to help raise money to **FIGHT CHILDHOOD DISEASES**. Staff will be joining in too. A gold coin donation is asked from everyone who joins in.

## CREATIVE MUSIC CONCERT

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our **WONDERFUL** student pianists who played so **BRILLIANTLY** at their concert on Wednesday afternoon. The audience were very **IMPRESSED** by their skills and the joy and confidence they showed when playing. We enjoyed solo and duet performances as well as a solo singing performance which accompanied music being played.

**The performers were:**

Prep Students	Millie N and Jourdan L.
Year 1/ 2 Students	Lachlan M, Gigi F and Anna A.
Year 3/ 4 Students	Millie P, Bridie O'C, Ciara O'C and Sara A.
Year 5/ 6 Students	Tanvi A, Alessia A, Thomas Ka, Thomas Kr and Isabella P.

**Gwenda Burnett**

Deputy Principal & Literacy Leader.



Thanks to everyone who came to school in an Active Way. Our Most Active Grades were Year 5/6VT and Year 2/3S. Our next **Walk / Ride to School Day** will be on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July.**

## Parents and Friends News

### MOVIE TICKET PURCHASE

Just a reminder to purchase your movie tickets. Forms are available in last weeks newsletter or from the School Office.



#### 2015 COCKTAIL PARTY

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

*Next week we will announce a very exciting offer which may just entice you to buy your tickets early this year...*



We would like to say a special thanks to Masters at Williams Landing for donating an incredible 24 large canvases for all of our students' artwork which we will be auctioning in our live auction.

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

- ★ *Airoadrome* for 5 free jump vouchers and a \$5 off cards for everyone who attends.
- ★ *Cake Pops and More* for a bouquet of delectable and stunning cake pops baked fresh for the night.
- ★ *Strike Bowling* for 10 bowling passes and 5 free laser passes

We are also absolutely ecstatic to announce we have had three more fabulous accommodation packages donated as major prizes in our live auction. HUGE thanks to:

- ★ *Bellevue on the Lakes* at Lakes Entrance for donating a \$200 accommodation voucher; and *Mildura Golf Resort* for 2 nights' accommodation in one of our Fairway Rooms, Full cooked breakfast each day, One round of golf including cart hire (Valued at \$338)
- ★ *The George Kerferd Hotel* in Beechworth for donating 2 nights' accommodation.

It's not too early to consider donating! Next time you pick up a bottle of wine, please consider buying a 2<sup>nd</sup> to donate to our Cocktail Party. Help us beat last year's impressive \$10,000. Please leave any donations at the School Office.

### 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](http://www.campaustalia.com.au)

**1731 Malvern Road, Glen Iris, Victoria 3146**

[info@campaustalia.com.au](mailto: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)**

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

**MSJ OPEN DAY 2015**

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October, 11.00 am – 2.00 pm

**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

**MSJ 2016**

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

### TACKLING ANXIETY AND BUILDING RESILIENCE IN YOUNG PEOPLE

Anxiety in children is a normal part of childhood development. But it's estimated that 8-22% of children experience anxiety more intensely and more often than other children, stopping them from getting the most out of life. In this presentation one of Australia's leading child and adolescent psychologists will discuss what is normal anxiety and what is not, what are the common anxiety disorders and what parents and carers might do to build happy and resilient young people.

7pm to 9pm

**Monday July 27th, 2015**

**Darebin Arts & Entertainment Centre**

**Cnr Bell St & St Georges Rd, Preston**

**\$20 per person (at the door) NO EFTPOS**