

# St. Mary's School, Altona Newsletter 2015

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Dear Parents

Thank you to all the parents and students that braved the weather last Monday afternoon and evening and on Tuesday afternoon to attend our

Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews. I would welcome any feedback from parents regarding these interviews. These can be emailed to me at:

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

#### IMPORTANT:

A reminder to parents of the important notice that was in last week's newsletter concerning funding that is available from the Victorian Government for eligible parents of primary students (\$125 per year) and secondary students (\$225 per year). Families who hold a valid means-tested concession card or who are temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. An Application Form can be accessed from our website: 'News' Notes & 'Forms', 'CSEF Application Form'. These can be returned at the start of next term. We have received a few completed forms but I believe there are more families that are eligible. 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>

#### MOVIE NIGHT: TONIGHT 7.30 – 9.30 PM.

Come along and join other parents celebrating the end of term with drinks and nibbles downstairs in the TRI Centre while the children are upstairs watching 'BIG HERO 6'. Prices - \$5 child ticket, \$10 adult ticket and \$20 family ticket. It's not too late to attend, you can pay at the door. More details can be found in the newsletter No: 16. 12<sup>th</sup> June.

#### LONG SERVICE LEAVE:

Our Prep HM teacher Mrs Carol Hicks is on Long Service Leave until Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August. Mrs Dani Molloy will be replacing Mrs Hicks during this time. Our Physical Education Teacher and Student Wellbeing Leader Mrs Margaret Masseni will also be on Long Service Leave until the 17<sup>th</sup> August. Ms Stephanie Streets will be taking the Physical Education sessions during this time.

#### SCHOOL CLOSURE DATES:

Term Three: Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September

Term Four: Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October and Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>

November please mark these dates on your calendar.

#### HOLIDAYS:

On behalf of staff and myself I wish all families and students a healthy, enjoyable and restful holiday. We return to begin Term Three on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July.

David Kelly.

Principal.

#### IMPORTANT DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

#### JULY

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> School Captain – Assembly – 2.30pm

#### 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:

**ALL TEAMS**

**TUCKSHOP HELPERS -** Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> July



Wednesday  
Friday

Caroline C  
Rosemary C

Manager: Eva Coppola Tel: 9315 0799

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

## EDUCATION IN FAITH

### FIRST EUCHARIST

A reminder to start thinking about some creative ideas for your Eucharist 'Patch' that each student received last week. These are due back at school on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August

We still require resourceful parents to sew the patches together!!!



### Grandparent's Day

Early reminder that on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July we will celebrate Grandparent's and Special Person's Day. The day begins with Mass at 9.15 am, classroom visits after Mass and morning tea in the school hall at 11.00 am. More details to follow.

### SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS

Thank you to all students who contributed to their classroom Win Naing money box. This term we raised \$100.25.

Mairead F & Marie H

(Social Justice Leaders)



### Prayers for Families

We pray first for our own families and for those who support families.

We pray for families in our community and in the world who are experiencing times of war, famine, drought, floods and poverty.

We pray for leaders in our Church and community, that they will be advocates of peace and justice for the powerless in our society.

We pray for ourselves, that we will have the courage and wisdom to reach out to others and strengthen families and community.

God of all goodness, we give thanks to you for hearing our prayers. Amen.

### 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.
- \* A safe and peaceful holiday for all school families and staff.

### Olive Chodowski – REL

*"May God grant you courage and true wisdom in all you do and say."*

(St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop-1875)



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!!!**

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*"Caring Catholic Community in Education"*

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"

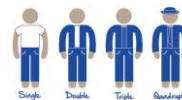
The holidays will be a great time to do LOTS of reading so.....keep reading, keep recording your books and BECOME A CHAMP TOO!

**NEED 2 READ – COME ALONG** and Read in the Library. 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

**A HUGE thank you to Faith, Joaquin, Luke V and Aiden V for doing a FANTASTIC job organising N2R every Tuesday and Thursday during Term 2.**

### ADVANCE NOTICE

JEANS 4 GENES



Change of Day –

**NOW- Thursday 6<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.



**FOOTY FUN DAY** is on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August**. On this day

ALL children, parents and staff join in the fun by wearing their favourite 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 1.30 pm please contact Gwenda Burnett.**



### WELLBEING ARTICLES

Look out for the latest Wellbeing Article on the School Website (Home page & WELLBEING: Resources for Parents) and also on our Facebook page.

### INTERSCHOOL SPORT– 17<sup>th</sup> June

Last week our soccer team played against Williamstown Gold in a hard fought final. Unfortunately we lost 2 – 4 but our students played well and ran throughout the whole game. A great effort.

Thanks to Mrs Chodowski and Mark for coaching the team and to Dominic and Ben for being wonderful captains.

**Margaret Masseni**  
Wellbeing and PE / Sport Leader

### HOBSONS BAY CITY COUNCIL WINTER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Through stories, art, music and movies, Hobsons Bay Libraries are celebrating [NAIDOC Week](#) and 'Our Country'. Don't hibernate this winter; you will miss all the fun! Come and join the activities to keep the whole family entertained. Activities include mystery movies, possum hunt puppet show and ochre painting, hand murals, Minecraft, clay jewellery making and scratch board art. For more information pick up a brochure at your local library branch, or have a look on the library website. <http://libraries.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/>

### ALTONA EAST SOCCER CLUB

Altona East Soccer Club that is a not for profit community sport club, is running a mini roos soccer program for Girls and Boys age group 4 - 9.

Club: Altona East Soccer Club

Venue: Paisley Park Pitch 2, Ross Road, Altona

Start Date: Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July (6 sessions)

Contact: Robert 0408 804 098

To register at [www.miniroos.com.au](http://www.miniroos.com.au)

### 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 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.

### TENNIS PROGRAMS VICTORIA

#### 'A program for everyone'

For more information call Mick 0415 511 150 /

[p.emick2011@gmail.com](mailto:p.emick2011@gmail.com)

Indoor Tennis Lessons (No washouts)

Westgate Indoor Sports Centre

Cnr. Grieve Pde and Doherty's Road Altona North

### 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@campaustralia.com.au](mailto:info@campaustralia.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

#### 2015 Cocktail Party

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

Thank you to Benjamin Cooper executive chef at Chin Chin for donating a signed copy of their gorgeous cookbook this week.

We'd also like to thank The Tangled Maze in Creswick for donating a Family Voucher for their maze, amaz'n play, amaz'n ice and mini golf valued at \$116.00.

We are super excited to announce that this year we have an offer that may just entice you to purchase your tickets for The Cocktail Party early this year....

Purchase your tickets before Thursday 3rd September and go into the draw to

**WIN one night's accommodation & breakfast in a spa suite**

**@ The Captain's Retreat B&B in Williamstown on the night of The Cocktail Party**

<http://captainsretreat.com.au>

*The winner will be drawn by Mr Kelly at the school assembly on Monday 7th September*

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 info.

