

# St. Mary's School, Altona Newsletter 2015

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Dear Parents

Welcome back to Term Three, it has certainly been a cold and wet return. There is a lot happening this term so please regularly check the calendar on our website. Once again Insight SRC is conducting a survey on behalf of the Catholic Education Office, Melbourne and our school. Sixty randomly selected parents will receive an envelope containing instructions and the survey next week. You can choose to complete it online or a paper copy.

The online version is open from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July until Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August, the paper version needs to be returned to the school office sealed in the supplied envelope also by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August as they need to be returned to Insight SRC by Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August. Any surveys returned after this date cannot be included. Participation in this survey, while strongly encouraged, is completely voluntary.

If you receive a survey and you do not wish to participate please return it immediately to school and we can offer it to another family. If you haven't received a survey and you would like to complete one we have a few spare copies so please contact the school office and we will send you one.

All staff and our Year 5/6 students will also complete a survey prior to the 7<sup>th</sup> August.

We are seeking the support of our parents as we believe our parent voice is important to help shape the ongoing improvement of our school. The main aim of the survey is to identify factors that contribute to the organisational health of your child's/children's school and provide valuable information about what is going well and not so well and the ways in which this may be improved and built upon. We are consulting families to gather your input to shape the future development of our school. Please remember your individual responses will remain confidential and can only be accessed by Insight SRC. Feedback will be provided to us, based on the collective answers of all parents who participate in this survey.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

**WELCOME:**

It is with much pleasure that I announce that Mrs Lyn Wheatland will be joining our staff beginning next week as our Library Technician, on Tuesdays & Thursdays.

**FAREWELL:**

Mrs Ronnie Tucker will commence Maternity Leave on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July. We wish Ronnie all the best for the birth of her baby.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:**

Attached to this newsletter is an Important Notice from the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA). Please read this Privacy Notice carefully and if you do not wish us to disclose the required information then please inform me within the next seven (7) days.

**GRANDPARENTS DAY NEXT FRIDAY - 24<sup>th</sup> JULY**

This is one of our most popular and enjoyable days of the year. We invite all Grandparents and or Special Friends to join us at Mass at 9.15 am where you can sit with your grandchildren. We then ask you to join the children in their classrooms where they will show off their work or you can join them in some activities. At 11.00 am. please join the staff in the hall for morning tea and some delicious scones. Our school choir will also entertain you in the hall.

**FOOTY TIPPING:**

No one picked all 9 winners so the jackpot this round is \$50. Good Luck!

**SCHOOL CLOSURE DATES:**

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

Term Four: Tues 27<sup>th</sup> October and Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Our Administration Officer Mrs Valda Pedley's father passed away during the recent school holidays. Please keep Valda and her family in your prayers. Valda will be returning to work later next week.

David Kelly.  
Principal.

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

**JULY**

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly 5/6C – 2.30 pm
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Walk Ride to School Day
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Grandparents Day Mass 9.15–10.15 am

## EDUCATION IN FAITH

### FIRST EUCHARIST

A reminder to all parents that the Eucharist 'Patch' is due back at school on Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> August - two more weeks!

**We still require resourceful people to sew the patches together!**



### Grandparent's Day

Next Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July we will celebrate Grandparent's and Special Person's Day.  
The day begins with Mass at 9.15am,  
Classroom visits after Mass and  
Morning Tea in the school hall at 11am.

### THE BLESSING OF WINTER

In the heart of winter, let us give thanks for the many quiet blessings of this season.

We give thanks for the blessing of winter:  
Season to cherish the heart.

To make warmth and quiet for the heart.

To make soups and broths for the heart.

To cook for the heart and read for the heart.

To curl up softly and nestle with the heart.

To sleep deeply and gently at one with the heart.

To dream with the heart.

To spend time with the heart.

A long, long time of peace with the heart.

We give thanks for the blessing of winter:

Season to cherish the heart. Amen

Michael Leunig

### 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 successful and peaceful start to Term 3.

**Olive Chodowski – REL**

*"God is truly good to us all."*

(St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop-1873)

### 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 20<sup>th</sup> July



Wednesday  
Thursday  
Friday

Karoline Fanjek  
Shirley Price  
Lilia Sougeris

Manager: Eva Coppola Tel: 9315 0799

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

## LITERACY NEWS



### WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

St Marys will participate in this promotion again this year. In 2013 our tokens earned us books worth \$1,400.00! Tokens can be earned at

Woolworths from Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July, through to Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September. Cards are available in store or at the School Office, if you don't think you can fill up a card, please simply send your tokens to School Office and we will put them all together to fill up some extra cards.



**WE HAVE 82 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!!!**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS  
WHO HAVE BECOME OUR LATEST READING  
CHAMPS.**

YEAR LEVEL	STUDENT
1/2D	Jamison L
1/2HK	Amelia P, Andrew S Christian G, Dominic C Isabella A, Isabella Di-L Jasmine D, Keyon'Dre F Saxon A, Zali McA Brodie C, Dawit T Isabella M, Joshua M Julie W, Luke H Mai N, Samantha K Thomas P, Thomas W
3/4M	Chloe Z

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"

**NEED 2 READ—COME ALONG** and **READ** in the Library before school **EVERY TUESDAY and THURSDAY in TERM 3**. **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.

## ISC-FOOTY FUN DAY

**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. **ENTER ONE OR MORE OF THE COMPETITIONS** and **RETURN** your **ENTRY** by **WEDNESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**. Forms are near the House Team Boards. There are **LOTS** of prizes and winners of the competitions will be announced at assembly. A gold coin donation goes to our sponsor child, Win Naing. **Face Painting from 8.10am for 50cents. 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.**

### COMPETITIONS:

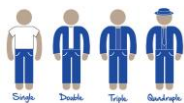
**PREP – Colouring Competition of Footy Players**  
**YEARS ONE TO YEAR 6 – PRIZES FOR ALL YEAR LEVELS**

\*Design a Team Flag

\*Decorate / Design a Footy Badge

\*Make a 1 minute video clip of a Fanatical Football Follower/s (save on a USB or EMAIL to Mrs Burnett.)

**INFORMATION about the competitions is near the House Team Board. You can Enter ONE or MORE of the competitions. Do them by yourself or with a friend. Return BEFORE 5<sup>th</sup> August to the school office.**



## JEANS 4 GENES –

**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.**

### Gwenda Burnett

Deputy Principal & Literacy Leader.  
[gburnett@smaltona.catholic.edu.au](mailto:gburnett@smaltona.catholic.edu.au)



**WALK RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY**  
**– WEDNESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JULY**

## Parents and Friends News

### ST. MARY'S MOVIE NIGHT

The St. Marys Movie night was held on the last day of Term Two and it was a fun night for all who attended. The Big Hero Six movie kept the children very happy, whilst the parents had a good catch up with snacks and drinks downstairs. It was a great way for the Parents to have a night out without having to worry about getting a sitter. Thanks to all the Parents that gave up their free time to organise and run the event.



### 2015 Cocktail Party

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

Welcome back to term 3, we hope you all enjoyed the school holidays. Preparations are well under way for the Cocktail Party and invitations will be sent home over the next few weeks. This year, it will be much easier to purchase your tickets as we've set up online purchasing through Try Booking (thanks to **Merilyn Fischer** for the idea and investigating options).

A very special thanks to **Vanessa Jackson** (Wesley and Joshua's mum) from Sweatbox Fitness for arranging all of the following fabulous donations:

- ★ *North Melbourne Football Guernsey & Football* signed by the entire team
- ★ *Tuuli Cosmetics*: stunning make up gift pack valued at \$250
- ★ *Sweatbox Fitness*: one month unlimited membership for you & a friend, 2 x quick wraps, 2 x female singlets and a gym bag

Also, thank you to **Trish Moore** (Lachlan's mum) for organising a \$50 gift voucher for *The Quiet Man Irish Pub*

We'd like to thank the following companies for their generous donations too:

- ★ *Anaconda*: \$25 Gift Voucher
- ★ *Bayplay Adventure Tours*: 2 x \$50 Adventure Passes
- ★ *Diamond Valley Railway Eltham*: 2 x family passes
- ★ *Interia Homewares Williamstown*: 2 decorative serving trays, 2 spice canister sets, Maxwell Williams casserole pot, 2 different microstovens and 3 mini tagines

### WE NEED YOUR HELP!

It's not too early to donate. This is our major fundraising event for 2015 and we need items to make up some gorgeous and enticing hampers. So, if you're popping into the bottle shop, grab an extra bottle of wine or a 6 pack of beer; or whilst you're at Coles pick up a box of chocolates, nuts, nibbles or some gourmet goodies.

We are actively looking for donations so if you have a friend or family member who might kindly donate an item, service (painting, car service, massage etc.) or gift voucher (movies, restaurants, shopping etc.) please email Madeline ([madeline@madelinewishart.com.au](mailto:madeline@madelinewishart.com.au)) for our official donation letter of request or for further info.





## AUSSIE OF THE MONTH – JUNE

**Maddison B** for being hard working and polite. She always tries to do her best in everything she does. Despite

her broken arm. Maddison has continued to work hard and has even learned to write with her left hand! She is kind to everyone and always offer to help.

**Daniel A** for being a dedicated worker who always tries his best. Daniel is a caring and kind classmate.

**Mairead F** for her positive attitude to school and her strong sense of justice.

## DOING IT RIGHT

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

**Prep HM:** Augusta, Joshua, Isabelle C

**1/2ST:** Jeremy, Sam

**1/2D:** Hugo

**3/4 M:** Aiden, Dwight

**3/4L:** Isla

**5/6C:** Amelie, Angelique, Ella

**5/6VT:** Faith Joaquin

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

For Out of School Hours Care at St. Marys

(CAMP AUSTRALIA) bookings or cancellations please contact them direct.



A diary date reminder for the Emmanuel College Open Day to be held on Sunday 13th September: 10.30 am-1.30 pm at St Paul's Campus and 11.00 am-2.00 pm at Notre Dame Campus. There will be a meet the principal talk at the beginning of each tour. To arrange a tour of either campus or obtain a copy of the College information pack please contact the College Registrar on 8325 5119 or visit the college website at [www.ecmelb.catholic.edu.au](http://www.ecmelb.catholic.edu.au) for more information.



## 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 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.

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## PRIVACY NOTICE

### Information required to determine the *Index of Community Socio-educational Advantage* (ICSEA) for schools

This notice is from the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), to advise you that ACARA has requested your child's school to provide ACARA with information about you and your child. Your school may disclose to ACARA information such as your child's gender, date of birth, country of birth, background language, residential address, parental occupation and parental education.

This information is disclosed to ACARA under the *ACARA Act 2008* for one or both of the following purposes:

- formulating national reports consisting of aggregated data on school performance; and
- assisting government to formulate policies in relation to education matters.

ACARA will not disclose this personal information to any third party. If you do not want your school to provide this information to ACARA, please advise your school within seven (7) days of receiving this notice.

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