



St. Mary's School, Altona Newsletter 2015

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Dear Parents

What a wonderful turn up we had again to celebrate Grandparents / Special Friends Day. It was fantastic to see so many children sitting with their grandparents in the Church to celebrate mass. Congratulations to our choir who sang so beautifully throughout the mass. After mass the grandparents were then rushed off to the classrooms to see what the children had prepared for them. Some had to be very conscious of time so they could get around to all the classrooms they needed to. Then it was over to the hall for a cuppa with scones, cream and jam and some more entertainment from our school choir.

A day like this doesn't just happen so thank you to all those who contributed in one way or another. A special Thank you to Olive Chodowski R.E. Leader, Angela Hamilton for the music and the organisation of the choir, Gwenda Burnett for organising the food and the morning tea and to all the staff for preparing the activities and welcoming the grandparents into their classrooms. Thank you to our School Captains and Leaders: Madison, Jessica, Dominic Trent, Marie, Mairead, Isabella, Emily, Jelena, Ryan, Ella, Zane, Destiny, Ben, Dlbanchi and Fikre who all helped by welcoming our guests at the gates in the morning, setting up the morning tea, serving scones and cleaning up afterwards. They all did a fantastic job.

A huge thank you to Liz Whitehouse, Cheri Pelns, Madeline Didenkowski, Tanya Merola, Dianne Howell and Kara who helped butter, jam and cream over 300 scones for the morning tea.

And finally thank you and well done to our school choir: Alexandra S, Marie H, Amelie W, Hannah D, Alessia A, Kate E, Alana V, Mairead F, Anthony B, Alannah B, Livinia P, Hannah E, Sofia B, Bridie O, Shannon W, Lauren, W, Isabella P, Jade A, Grace A, Gabriel A, Luke V, Eliza P, Kiani H, Bianca S, Caitlyn G, Ava Z, Ava D, Rachel C, Gigi F, Lexi R, Harrison N, Tjay P, Wesley J and Gemma D.

INSIGHT SRC PARENT SURVEYS:

As was detailed in last week's newsletter some parents would have received a sealed envelope containing the Insight SRC Parent Survey during this week. It is important that as many surveys as possible are completed so if you have received one and you are unable to complete it please return it to the School Office so that we can send it to another parent. The survey can be completed online or on paper.

The paper version needs to be returned to the School Office sealed in the supplied envelope by Thursday 6th August. The online version will close on Friday 7th August. Participation in this survey, while strongly encouraged, is completely voluntary. Thank you in advance for your participation.

FOOTY TIPPING:

Again nobody correctly selected all 9 winners so the Jackpot this round is \$55. Good Luck!

David Kelly.

Principal.

PRINCIPALS AWARDS:

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

PREP HM	Jonathon A
PREP S	Mia J
1/2HK	Amelia P
1/2ST	Samuel P
1/2D	Sunniva M
2/3S	Lilly S
3/4M	Livinia P
3/4L	Oliver J
4/5G	Mark M
5/6VT	Jelena H
5/6C	Keith V

IMPORTANT DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

JULY

Monday 27th

Assembly 1/2D – 2.30 pm

Wednesday 29th

Parents & Friends Meeting–7.30 pm



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 15th July, through to Tuesday 8th 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.

EDUCATION IN FAITH

FIRST EUCHARIST

A reminder to all parents that the Eucharist 'Patch' is due back at school on Monday 3rd August

- ONE more week!

We still require resourceful people to sew the patches together!



Grandparent's Prayer

Lord Jesus,
help families and society
to value the presence and roles of Grandparents. May
they never be excluded, but always encounter respect
and love.

Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed in all
the years of life which you give them.

Mary, Mother of all the living,
keep Grandparents constantly in your care,
accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage,
and by your prayers, grant that all families
may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland,
where you await all humanity
for the great embrace of life without end. Amen!

Pope-emeritus Benedict xvi

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.
- * Our Grandparents - may they grow in wisdom and joy and find peace and rest from their work.

Olive Chodowski – REL

"Let God's Spirit guide you in your choice."

(St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop-1898)

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

YEAR LEVEL	STUDENT
PREP HM	Mia T
PREP S	Charlotte L
1/2D	Dhriti A
1/2HK	Tom E
1/2ST	Rachel C
2/3S	Zed D
3/4L	Elizabeth T
5/6VT	Dibanchi T and Mia V

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."

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.

JSC-FOOTY FUNDAY

FOOTY FUN DAY is on **Friday 14th 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 5TH 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 8.10 am for 50cents. If you know a current or past player who is able to come on this day from 11.30 am to 1.30 pm 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 5th August** to the school office.



JEANS 4 GENES –

THURSDAY 6th 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.

LITERACY NEWS



WE HAVE 92 STUDENTS WHO ARE CHAMPS, BECOME ONE TOO!

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

There is plenty of timeas the Challenge finishes on the 11th of September.

So **START READING TODAY!!!**

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 27th July



Wednesday
Friday

Maria Charalambous
Alisha Galea

Manager: Eva Coppola Tel: 9315 0799

UNIFORM SHOP OPEN WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS 2.30 – 3.00 PM



WELLBEING ARTICLES

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

DOING IT RIGHT – WEEK 2

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

1/2D: Eliza

3/4M: Mila, Sunita

4/5G: Ava

5/6C: Trent, James, Justin, Ella, Isabella, Mulunesh

5/6VT: Dakota, Ryan, Ben, Alessia

Margaret Masseni

Wellbeing and PE / Sport Leader



MSJ Open Mornings, 9.30 – 10.30 am
(Thursday)

13th August, 10th September, 12th November
2015

MSJ Open Day 2015

Sunday 11th October, 11.00am – 2.00pm

MSJ 2016

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

MSJ Year 7, 2017

The enrolment period is currently open until 29 February 2016.

Parents and Friends News

2015 Cocktail Party

Saturday 10th October @ The Royal Yacht Club Williamstown

Win the all new

iPad mini



We are very excited to announce that we have an **iPad Mini** up for grabs in our live auction thanks to **Harvey Norman Hoppers Crossing** and

(Emma Denys: Liam & Ava's mum).

We'd also like to thank the following businesses for their donations this week:

- ★ *Amart Sports Hoppers Crossing*: for a Carlton Guernsey which will be signed and up for grabs in our live auction
- ★ *Puffing Billy*: a family pass for four valued at \$99

DONATIONS NEEDED:

We need:

- Used wine corks
- Wine
- 6 packs of boutique or international beer
- *Do you have a business that might like to sponsor our Wine Pull?* You could have your name in HUGE print e.g. Smith's Wine Pull. What do you need to do? Donate 24 bottles assorted bottles of wine.

Kindly leave any donations at the School Office. For further info or for our official donation letter of request please email Madeline (madeline@madelinewishart.com.au)

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE AT ST. MARYS

Access for users of OSHC is via the McBain Street gate.

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