



# St. Mary's School, Altona Newsletter 2015

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## Dear Parents

As mentioned in the last couple of newsletters some parents would have received Insight SRC Parent Surveys. The results from these surveys along with those completed by staff and students help to shape the ongoing improvement of our school. It is important that at least a majority (if not all) the surveys are completed. If you have received a survey and, are unable, or do not wish, to complete it please return it to the school office and we can distribute it to another family. As of today only 24 of the 60 distributed have been completed. Online surveys are open until Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August. Paper surveys need to be returned to school in the supplied envelope by Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August. Thank you to those parents that have already completed their survey either online or paper version.

## FEAST OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP:

This year we will again be celebrating the Feast Day of St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop with the students and staff from St. Leo's Altona North. While the Feast Day is actually Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> August we will be travelling to St. Leo's Friday morning to celebrate mass together. We will have a shared morning tea and recess. Both schools will then be entertained by Emmanuel College's Choir and Band. We will return to St. Mary's by lunchtime. There is a permission note accompanying this newsletter, please complete and return to your child's classroom teacher. To celebrate the feast of St. Mary MacKillop, you are invited to visit the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre, 362 Albert Street East Melbourne on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August between 10.00 and 4.00 pm. You are also invited to join the Sisters for a special afternoon tea between 1.00 and 3.00 pm, to celebrate the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrival of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Victoria.

## FOOTY FUN DAY:

The Parents and Friends are organising a Subway Lunch on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August, as part of Footy Fun Day. The Order Form will be sent home early next week. Please ensure that you return this form complete with exact money no later than Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August. Please note late orders **WILL NOT** be accepted and the Tuckshop **WILL NOT** be open on this day. If your child does not want a subway lunch please provide them with lunch from home. Spare forms will be available from the School Office Foyer.

## COCKTAIL PARTY:

Hopefully you received a flyer during the week outlining ways you could support the upcoming Cocktail Party to be held at the Royal Yacht Club Williamstown on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October. This is the major fundraiser of our Parents & Friends Association and I encourage your support and participation. If you haven't seen the flyer please check your child's bag or one can be collected from the school office. It can also be accessed from our school website, News, Notes & Forms.

## NATIONALLY CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA:

The Australian Education Regulation Act 2013 requires operators of government and nongovernment schools to provide information to the Department of Education and Training for the purposes of the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability. If your child's data has been included in this collection you will receive a detailed Information Flyer with this newsletter. In this it clearly states, "Personal details such as student names or other identifying information will not be provided to local or federal education authorities".

## SAFETY ISSUE:

Building works are taking place at 53 Sargood Street. Please follow written safety signage for you and your children's safety.

## WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK:

Please ensure that you have a **Current Working with Children Check** in Victoria, if you wish to attend an excursion with your child or volunteer at the school. To apply please contact your local Post Office or complete an application online at [www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au).

## FOOTY TIPPING:

Again nobody correctly selected all 9 winners so the Jackpot this round is \$60.00. Good Luck!

David Kelly.  
Principal.

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

### AUGUST

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>

Friday 7<sup>th</sup>

Assembly 1/2ST – 2.30 pm

**Jeans for Genes Day**

St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop

St. Leo's Altona North 9.15 am–1.30 pm

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## PRINCIPALS AWARDS:

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

PREP HM	Senan D
PREP S	Jade M
1/2HK	Alyssa T
1/2ST	Eleanor B
1/2D	Eliza P
2/3S	Lucas M
3/4M	Liam C
3/4L	Isla M
4/5G	Anthony P
5/6VT	Destiny M
5/6C	Maria N

## EDUCATION IN FAITH

### FIRST EUCHARIST

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

**We still require JUST ONE person to sew the Eucharist patches together!!!**

### The Good Shepherd

Lord Jesus, because you are our  
Good Shepherd,  
Gather all people into the fold of your love  
so that there may be but one flock  
and one shepherd.

Father Lucien Deiss



### 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**

**“Remember we are but travellers here.”**

(St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop-1867)

## IMPORTANT

A reminder to parents of the important notice that was in the newsletter (26 June 2015) 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'. 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>



## WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

St Marys will participate in this promotion again this year. 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

**99 STUDENTS WHO ARE CHAMPS, BECOME ONE TOO!**

**WHO will be our 100<sup>th</sup> Reading Champ. Find out at assembly on Monday!**



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- ONLY 50 DAYS to GO!**

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

YEAR LEVEL	STUDENT
3/ 4L	Shawn P
3/ 4M	Mackenzie P
5/ 6VT	Alessia A Destiny M Jelena H Madison C Ryan S

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 8.10 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 MUST be in by WEDNESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> AUGUST.**

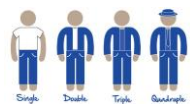
**PREP – Colouring Competition of Footy Players  
YEARS ONE TO YEAR 6 – PRIZES FOR ALL YEAR LEVELS**

\*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 –**

**THIS 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



### 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:

**BLUE TEAM**

**TUCKSHOP HELPERS -** Week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> August



Wednesday  
Thursday  
Friday

Pauline L  
Marylinda A  
Anne C

Manager: Eva Coppola Tel: 9315 0799

## UNIFORM SHOP OPEN WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS 2.30 – 3.30 PM

If you are unable to visit our shop, order forms can be collected from the School Foyer and complete with payment left at the School Office. Orders will be filled on the next open day and can be left for collection at the School Office or sent to your child's classroom.



### 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 3

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

**1/2HK:** David, Tom

**1/2D:** James, Hugo

**3/4M:** Sunita

**4/5G:** Zach

**5/6C:** Jessica, Angelique, Emily, Isabella, Marie, Mairead

**5/6VT:** Diblanchi, Mia, Ryan



## STUDENT AND STAFF DRESS UP DAY – MONDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

**JOIN IN the FUN of  
NATIONAL BOOK WEEK**

.....By

**DRESSING UP AS YOUR FAVOURITE FAIRYTALE / FANTASY CHARACTER... ..prince, Cinderella, witch, fairy, Shrek, frog, knight, pirate...etc.**

**School Assembly will be  
from 2.10 – 3.00 pm**

### **The 'Colouration' Anti Stress Technique for Students, Parents and Teachers.**

A one hour seminar will be presented by the techniques creator Dr Stan Rodski, Neuroscientist and psychologist. At the seminar he will demonstrate how our brain responds to pressure and stress and the results this technique can achieve for not only your child but yourself. After the seminar you will be able to purchase the 'Colouration' books.

**Date:** Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August

**Time:** 2.15 or 7.00 pm

**Place:** Lumen Christi Primary School Point Cook. Contact school on 9395 2555 if you are going to attend.

**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.

### **ASTHMA FOUNDATION OF VICTORIA**

Provides F003REE asthma education sessions for parents. Contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 9326 7088 to organise a session at your school or Service. Please note: we require a minimum of 5 attendees per session.

### **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. MSJ Year 7, 2017. The enrolment period is currently open until 29 February 2016.

### **TRI NATURE PRODUCT INFORMATION NIGHT**

Tri Nature Product information Night will be held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August at 7.00 pm. at Altona RSL. Enjoy a glass of free champagne, prizes and give aways. Hear about and see a range of 100% natural products for your home.

## **8 WEEK BEGINNERS NETBALL** **INDOOR COURTS**



Altona Sports Centre

### **YEAR 2015 – BEGINNERS PROGRAM #3**

**AT: ALTONA SPORTS CENTRE, QUEEN ST. ALTONA MEADOWS**

**MONDAY EVENING 5.30 UNTIL 6.30 PM**

**THIS IS A BEGINNERS PROGRAM FOR GIRLS & BOYS AGED FROM:-5 -10 YEARS.**

**Participants must already be 5 years old at the commencement of program and not turn 11 in 2015**

**THIS IS A 8 WEEK COURSE FEATURING SKILLS LEARNING AND COURT PLAY.**

**COST: \$70 PER CHILD (8 WEEK COURSE) .**

<b>REGISTRATION: ON OR BEFORE THE</b>	<b>MONDAY, 31<sup>ST</sup> August 2015</b>	<b>FROM 4.30pm - 6.00pm.</b>
<b>COMMENCING DATE:</b>	<b>MONDAY, 7<sup>th</sup> September 2015</b>	
<b>FINAL SESSION:</b>	<b>MONDAY, 9<sup>th</sup> November 2015</b>	

**ENQUIRIES TO SUE BRAKEY 9360.9288 or EMAIL: sue\_asc@bigpond.com**

Detach and return form with fees on or before Registration Day. **Payment by cash or cheque only.**

Registrations will be taken in person at the Altona Sports Centre at times as listed or with cheque by post to Beginners Netball PO Box 194 Altona 3018. **Please make cheques payable to Altona Sports Centre.** No cash through the mail please.

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NAME: ..... DATE OF BIRTH: .....

ADDRESS: .....POSTCODE: .....

TELEPHONE: ..... SCHOOL: ..... GRADE: .....

**FULL COURSE PAYMENT REQUIRED TO COMMENCE PROGRAM.**

### **PARENTS/CARERS:**

**For the safety of course participants, I agree that I will ensure that any non-participating children in my care, will not bring balls, toy cars etc; to courtside and will remain seated while at court side during each session.**

**Parent/Carer Name: ..... Signature: .....**  
(Please print)

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