



St. Mary's School, Altona Newsletter 2015

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Dear Parents

Congratulations to all of our students and staff who participated today in our joint celebration with St. Leo's, Altona North, of St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop's Feast Day. For further details please read the Education in Faith section of this newsletter.

INSIGHT SRC SURVEYS:

Thank you to the 44 parents that completed the surveys for us. The online survey can still be submitted today for the 16 parents that haven't done so yet.

FOOTY FUN DAY:

Is next Friday. **If you HAVEN'T RETURNED YOUR SUBWAY LUNCH ORDER BY TODAY** you will need to bring your own lunch next Friday as the Canteen will not be operating and no extra lunches have been ordered. There are more specific details about what is happening on Footy Fun Day later in this newsletter.

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 some 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>

FOOTY TIPPING:

Again nobody correctly picked all 9 winners so the jackpot this week is \$65.00. Good Luck.

David Kelly.
Principal.

PRINCIPALS AWARDS:

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

PREP HM	Toby T
PREP S	Isaiah H
1/2HK	Dominic C
1/2ST	Toby D
1/2D	Jessica L
2/3S	Betty T
3/4M	Mia A
3/4L	Anthony B
4/5G	Thomas K
5/6VT	Michelle N
5/6C	Jessica O

IMPORTANT DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

AUGUST

Monday 10th

Tuesday 11th

Wednesday 12th

Friday 14th

Prayer Assembly 3/4L—2.40 pm

School Education Board

Meeting – 7.30 pm

Prep 2016 Uniform Fitting

Footy Fun Day

NO TUCKSHOP TODAY

CONGRATULATIONS:

To the Jimena family (Fernando Prep HM) on the safe and healthy arrival of their beautiful son Ruben.



JEANS FOR GENES

A HUGE THANK YOU to students and staff who wore denim on Thursday and made a gold coin donation to help raise money for **FIGHT CHILDHOOD DISEASES**. Well done to our Social Justice Leaders for helping organise this day. Together we raised: \$ 321.55.

EDUCATION IN FAITH

FIRST EUCHARIST

Thank-you for all the wonderful and creative Eucharist patches returned. Now all we need is

ONE wonderful and creative person to sew these patches together!!!



Today we celebrated the Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop - and what a fabulous celebration it was - (Her actual feast day is tomorrow Saturday 8th August). Six buses and 268 children and staff travelling in convoy to St Leo the Great Primary, Altona North. A Mass to begin the day was celebrated by Fr. Shabin and Fr. Paul. An extended playtime was enough time to mingle with new friends and greet those the children met last year. A trip to the hall was next in order with both schools being entertained by Emmanuel College Choir and Band. A final prayer and thank-you and then back to St Mary's for lunch. Thank you to everyone involved especially our wonderful staff who always strive to make these days run smoothly.



Mary MacKillop was a woman who had great trust in God, believing that God would provide whatever was needed in all aspects of her life, be it food for the orphanages, money for the building of the convent, strength to face opposition or a way through a difficult situation. She often reminded her Sisters that 'God's work does not depend on any of us'. She had a wonderful confidence in God.

Provident God you provide for us in so many unexpected ways. May we like Mary MacKillop place our trust in you when we face difficult situations. St. Mary of the Cross, trusting God's loving care, pray for us. 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.

Olive Chodowski – REL

"God is watching over you."

(St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop-1876)

LITERACY NEWS



**STUDENT AND STAFF
DRESS UP DAY –
MONDAY 17TH
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**

**WE HAVE 113 STUDENTS WHO ARE CHAMPS,
BECOME ONE TOO!**

WHO was our 100th Reading Champ?

Congratulations to Erin in 3/4L

We are now counting down to our 125th Champ. It could be YOU.



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- ONLY 43 DAYS to GO!

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

YEAR LEVEL	STUDENT
3/ 4L	Erin
3/4M	Mila
5/6C	Amelie Angelo Isabella James Justin Olivia Tahlia Angelique Joel Keith Marie William

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."

JSC-FOOTY FUN DAY

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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

8.20 – 9.00 am	Face Painting on the Netball Court for 50 cents – Team Colours and Favourite Player's number.
9.00 – 11.00 am	Footy Clinics
11.00 – 11.30 am RECESS	Handball & Footy Kicking Comp.
11.30 – 1.20 pm	Footy Fun Day Assembly. Get ready to sing your club song and answer footy questions. Winners of Competitions announced and prizes given out.
1.30 pm	A special Subway Footy Fun Day Lunch
1.40 – 2.10 pm LUNCHTIME	Handball & Footy Kicking Comp.

It is **LOTS of FUN** and there are **LOTS of PRIZES** to win. We **HOPE** to have **SEVERAL SPECIAL FOOTY PLAYER GUESTS**.



Each month members of our St. Mary's Junior School Council attend a meeting at the Hobsons 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 Mia, Angelique, Isabelle P, Gabby, Michael, Brodie and Isabella M and Isabella P who attended the August Hobsons Bay Junior School Council meeting at the council chambers. 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 Mia who spoke on the schools behalf.

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

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:

YELLOW TEAM

TUCKSHOP HELPERS - Week beginning 10th August
Wednesday Caroline Ciavarella
Friday **NO TUCKSHOP TODAY**
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 & WELLBEING: Resources for Parents) and also on our Facebook page.



AUSSIE OF THE MONTH – JULY
Claire J for her positive attitude to all tasks, her infectious smile and her ability to share her knowledge with others.

Evelyn N for working very hard and doing her best in her work. Evelyn's classroom tasks and homework are always very neat. She also has excellent manners.

Mia V for taking on her role as JSC Secretary with great pride. Mia is organized, confident, supportive and inclusive of students ideas, feelings and opinions.

DOING IT RIGHT – WEEK 4

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

PREP HM: Zara R

1/2HK: Tom E

1/2ST: Ethan L, Gigi F, Ava D

1/2D: Cooper D, Kiani, H, Eliza P, Isabel R

2/3S: Michael M, Sam D

4/5G: Peter A

5/6VT: Dibanchi T

PREVENTING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN FORUM

Date: Monday 31st August. **Time:** 11.00 am – 1.30 pm.

Place: St Eanswythe's Anglican Church Crn Queen & Bent St. Altona

Facilitator: Dr Ree Bodde, Program Director for the Prevention of Violence against Women.

RSVP: 21st August – 9398 5765 or p.baines@bigpond.com.

Donation - \$10.00, includes a light lunch.

The 'Colourtation' 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 'Colourtation' books.

Date: Tuesday 18th 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

Parents and Friends News



2015 Cocktail Party Saturday 10th October @ The Royal Yacht Club Williamstown

This week we'd like to thank a number of parents for their fabulous and generous donations. It's a HUGE task sourcing donations, so we really do appreciate any help we can get with obtaining donations for our silent and live auctions:

- ★ **Merilyn Fischer** (Hugo and Oscar's mum) from Yarra Trail for generously donating a stunning scarf and \$100.00 gift voucher for Yarra Trail.
- ★ **Samantha Georgiadis** (Aggy's mum) for donating:
 1. A family portrait session including high resolution images professionally edited and valued at \$600.00 from GeorgiaGrafika Photography.
 2. A mini hamper of Pure plant based, natural & nontoxic cleaning products (i.e. eucalyptus spray and wipe disinfectant, organic children's toothpaste, insect repellent, soothing lotion, and a leave in conditioner), valued at \$80.00.

- ★ **Leonie Long** (Aiden's mum) for two fun family board games: Scrabble and Scrabble Junior which we will gratefully put into a *Family Night In Hamper*.

- ★ **Mel Barry** (Xavier's mum) for donating a complete BBQ hamper, BBQ and all, cleverly packaged in an esky with a picnic blanket, spatula, tongs, citronella candle, 2 packets of BBQ wipes, fire lighter, fire lighting cubes, and foil trays. All you need to add is the meat!

Thanks also to:

- ★ **Luna Park** for an unlimited family ride pass, valued at \$115.00.
- ★ **Bottlemart** for a bottle of Baileys for our Coin Toss
- ★ **Savvy Cellars** for a bottle of white and red wine.



Finally, we are very excited to announce that Anthony Molinia (Samuel & Sebastian's dad) has obtained a beautifully framed cricket bat signed by Michael Hussey courtesy of Robert Lamantia, Branch Manager at The Commonwealth Bank in Altona. This will be up for grabs in our live auction, which will be run by Anthony who is from First National Barlow McEwan Tribe.

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE AT ST. MARYS

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

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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)

13th August, 10th September, 12th November

MSJ OPEN DAY 2015

Sunday 11th 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 or by contacting the College Registrar at registrar@msj.vic.edu.au or Ph: 8398 2007.