



St. Mary's School, Altona Newsletter 2015

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Dear Parents

It was fantastic to see, hear and feel all the excitement around the school this morning as everyone was arriving in their footy jumpers and colours. The face painters were worked overtime as so many children wanted their team colours on their face. Somehow teachers survived in their classrooms until 11.00 am. After recess all the children gathered in the hall in their footy teams. As usual the Bulldogs were clearly the best represented but most of the teams had at least one representative.

Each of the teams took it in turns to sing their team song and answer questions as well as finding out who won prizes from the many competitions that the children had entered.

We were joined in the hall by Alex Jesaulenko, a legend of the AFL and Carlton Football Club (and grandpa to Hannah Year 4/5G and Mia Prep S) and Roarke Smith who was the number one draft choice for the Bulldogs in 2014. We also had a few SEDA students who assisted in all of the activities throughout the day.

These people with the help of Emily Kakoullis (a non-football supporter) voted on each team's supporters singing of their team song. All of the teams did a fantastic job. Check out our School Website and Facebook Page to see some of the great photos.

Thank you to Mrs Gwenda Burnett for her organisation and co-ordination of this great day. Thank you also to the Junior School Council members who assisted Mrs Burnett in the co-ordination and running of the day. Thank you to Maree Ryan who assisted with the organising of all the prizes as well as attending on her day off. Thank you to the teachers, parents and children who assisted with the face painting. Thank you to the Parents and Friends Association and the many parents that assisted with the supply and distribution of the footy lunches from Subway. Thank you to all staff and students who enthusiastically participated throughout the day. All money raised from Footy Fun Day will go toward our Sponsor Child Win Naing. A Great Day Had By All!

Please note the earlier time of our SPECIAL BOOK WEEK ASSEMBLY next Monday. MONDAY 17th AUGUST - 2.10 pm.

FIRST EUCHARIST:

Next Saturday at the 6.00 pm. Mass and Sunday at the 10.30 am. Mass the following children from our school will be joining with children from the parish to celebrate the Sacrament of First Eucharist. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers: Samuel D, Nikita H, Emma H, Monae S, Marcus K, Jacob Y, Grace M, Chloe Z, Tyson D, Lucas G, Isla M, Anthony B, Erin C, Lachland G, Bridget O, Jordan S, Sienna T, Daniel A, Mia A, Dwight F, James H, Gab M and Ciara O.

FOOTY TIPPING:

Congratulations to Natalie Zuvela, Chloe Zuvela and Paul Mithen who correctly picked all nine winners last round. They can collect their winnings from the school office. The Jackpot this round is \$5.00. Good Luck.

CONDOLENCES:

Marg Masseni's mother in law passed away last weekend. Please keep Marg, her husband Denis and family in your prayers.

David Kelly.
Principal.

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>

EDUCATION IN FAITH

FIRST EUCHARIST THANK YOU

Thank-you to Vivian Grech, (Grandmother to Marcus-3/4L & Thomas-4/5G) who has kindly offered to sew together our First Eucharist patchwork mural. We thank you Lord for Vivian's unique talents and skills and for her time and effort given.

**Tomorrow 15th August we celebrate the
Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed
Virgin Mary.
(A Holy Day of Obligation)**



Hail Mary full of grace, the Lord is with you!

Blessed are you amongst women!

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God!

*I encourage all families to celebrate mass
on this Feast of the Assumption.*

SOCIAL JUSTICE ATTENTION ALL FAMILIES

As part of our Year 5/6 Social Justice unit in Religion, "We're All In This Together", we will be doing many fundraising activities in week eight of this term. This is the week beginning Monday 31st August. Some of our creative Year 5/6 minds have come up with a variety of events, stalls and activities to raise funds for our local St. Vincent de Paul Society. As part of this initiative we would also like to have a collection of items to donate to our stalls for selling. E.g. books, appropriate stuffed toys, etc...

**Thank You
Mairead & Marie**

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's love is too deep for words to express."

(St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop-1870)

IMPORTANT DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

AUGUST

Monday 17th

Start of Book week

Assembly 1/2HK – 2.10 pm

Student & Staff Dress Up Day

Book Week

Tuesday 18th

Eucharist Shared

Wednesday 19th

Meal & Workshops

6.00 – 9.00 pm

Thursday 20th

Book Week

Friday 21st

Book Week

Saturday 22nd

First Eucharist 6.00 – 7.00 pm

Sunday 23rd

First Eucharist 10.30 - 11.30 am



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

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

**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**

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:

GREEN TEAM

TUCKSHOP HELPERS - Week beginning 17 August



Wednesday
Thursday
Friday

Karoline Fanjek
Shirley Price
Lilia Sougleris

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.

DOING IT RIGHT – WEEK 5

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

PREP HM: Zara R

1/2HK: Amelia P, Zali M, Jasmine D

1/2ST: Jeremy C

1/2D: Bianca S, Samuel M, Sebastian M, Eliza P, Cooper D

3/4L: Luke V, Oliver J

4/5G: Lauren W, Emma K

5/6C: Isabella P, Trent M, Emily K, Dominic A, Jessica O, and Keith V

Margaret Masseni

Wellbeing and PE / Sport Leader

Parents and Friends News

2015 Cocktail Party

Saturday 10th October @ The Royal Yacht Club Williamstown

We'd like to especially thank **Emma Denys from Evolve Graphic Design** (Liam & Ava's mum) for designing our stunning invitations and posters again this year, we think she's truly outdone herself!). A HUGE thank you to **Keima Press** in Pier St for donating the printing all of the invitations, RSVP slips and posters, we really appreciate that very generous donation. Also, thanks to **Officeworks Yarraville** for donating \$250 worth of envelopes for our invites to go home in.

Thank you to the following families, we really appreciate your donations & support:

- ★ **Tania Merola** (Isabella & Melinda's mum) for an Alex Liddy White Square Platter; and Villeroy & Boch Cutlery Set which will really fill out our House Hamper.
- ★ **Michelle Pilditch** (Millie's mum) for the 2 very plush Canningvale Beach Towels which will complement our Sweeney's & Paul Sadler Swimland Packs.
- ★ **Kate Tanti** (Taj's mum) from *Strawberry Blonde* for donating 1 wash & blow wave; & also a 1/2 head of foils & blow wave

This week we'd also like to thank the following businesses for their generosity:

- ★ **A&J Garden Nursery** for a gorgeous potted *Clivia miniata*
- ★ **All Green Nursery** for a lemon tree, which we'll be pairing with a 6 pack of Coronas
- ★ **Amart Sports Maribyrnong** for a Lifetime Basketball System valued \$299
- ★ **Aware Health** in Newport for a 90 minute remedial massage/Myotherapy session and 2 weeks of Unlimited Group Reformer Pilates classes
- ★ **Big W** for a basket of kids art & craft items (i.e. crayons, chalk, textas, rulers, erasers, stickers, pencils).
- ★ **Dragon Temple** for a \$50 Voucher To Dine In
- ★ **Greenfield Partners** for donating a Western Bulldogs Guernsey which Anthony Molinia (Samuel & Sebastian's Dad) is getting signed by the entire Bulldogs team!!!!
- ★ **Jam Squared** for a gorgeous black clutch handbag, a funky chunky acrylic black necklace and a silver leave and colourful tassled keyring
- ★ **Laser Realm Werribee** for helping us create the Ultimate Buddy Night with a Voucher for 6 people to the Escape Room, which will be packaged with a \$50 voucher to The Phoenix Hotel in Point Cook
- ★ **Moonee Valley Racing Club** for 4 admissions to a feature night race meeting on William Hill Manikato Stakes night on Friday 23 October valued at \$80
- ★ **Repco** for 6 car wash & wax packs valued at \$20 each.
- ★ **Tennis Programs Victoria** for 2 x one term group session vouchers for new clients, valued at \$440

We will be actively looking for donations until the **1st of September** & we would love any donations of wine. For further info please email Madeline (madeline@madelinewishart.com.au) or pick up our official donation letter of request at the office.

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE AT ST. MARYS

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

Camp Australia

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Phone: 1300 105 343 / (03) 9398 4065

www.campaustalia.com.au

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)**

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.

