

# St. Mary's School, Altona Newsletter 2015

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Dear Parents

Thank you to all the school families and families from the parish that attended our First Eucharist Shared Meal and Workshops on Wednesday evening. There was lots of delicious food and excitable conversations during the shared meal in the hall followed by enthusiastic participation in the workshops. Please keep the children that are receiving the Sacrament of First Eucharist on either Saturday night at 6.00 pm. mass or Sunday at 10.30 am. mass and their families in your prayers.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate and thank the teachers involved in preparing the children and assisting with the organisation throughout the program:

Ms Nancy Scuderi, Ms Megan Loft, Ms Erin Logan and Ms Olive Chodowski our Religious Education Leader. Thank you also to our Performing Arts teacher Ms Angela Hamilton for her preparation and organisation of our school choir who will lead the singing at both masses.

A special thank you to our choir members who attended one or in some cases both masses.



**YELLOW DAY:**  
**SPRING INTO HAPPINESS & KINDNESS:**  
**YELLOW DAY**  
**TUESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER**

To celebrate the beginning of SPRING we are once again running our **SPRING INTO HAPPINESS & KINDNESS** day. **YELLOW** is the colour we've chosen for the day and we would like everyone to wear a 'SPLASH' with their uniform.

As we know doing small 'kindnesses' for others not only lifts their spirits but also our own.

We have chosen a quote from Mary MacKillop to guide us along the way:

**"FIND HAPPINESS IN MAKING OTHERS HAPPY!"**

St. Mary MacKillop - 1899

We are asking everyone to **think about** how they can Spring into Happiness & Kindness and how they can help others to do the same right through September.

**What actions can you do** to spread some HAPPINESS & KINDNESS around amongst family, friends and the wider community?

## **NAPLAN:**

Parents of children in Years Three and Five will receive their children's NAPLAN results in a sealed envelope that was sent home with your child tonight. Also included in the envelope is a Student Report Information Brochure. If you have any questions about these results please contact your child's classroom teacher.

## **COCKTAIL PARTY:**

Accompanying this newsletter is your personal invitation to the upcoming Cocktail Party. This is the major fundraising effort of the Parents & Friends Association and all monies raised go directly to supporting your child's education. I encourage all of our school families to support this function. Don't miss out on the Early Bird Offer. Please read the Parents & Friends Section of this newsletter and your invitation for further details.

## **FATHER'S DAY MASS:**

Our special Parish and School Celebration Mass on Father's Day is coming up on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September. We have traditionally had one or two dads share their reflections / thoughts about being a dad (one or two minutes is fine). If you are interested in being involved could you please contact either myself or Olive Chodowski (our Religious Education Leader and Year 5/6C teacher) It's not as difficult as you might think and feedback from dads who have been involved previously have said that it was extremely rewarding.

## **FOOTY TIPPING:**

Congratulations to Natasha Dobbyn who correctly selected all 9 winners in Round 20. The jackpot this week is \$ 5.00. Good Luck to everyone with 3 rounds to go.

**David Kelly.**  
**Principal.**

## **CONGRATULATIONS:**

To the Schembri Family (Jordan 3/4L) on the safe and healthy arrival of their beautiful son Dylan Peter born on 17th August, 2015.

## PRINCIPALS AWARDS:

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

PREP HM	Joshua V and Amelia P
PREP S	Jack B and Aidan K
1/2HK	Andrew S and Thomas W
1/2ST	Jeremy C and Lexie R
1/2D	Harrison N and Ava Z
2/3S	Lachlan V and Gabby K
3/4M	Porsha G and Chloe Z
3/4L	Liam D and Ally S
4/5G	Kyle E and Madeleine M
5/6VT	Ethan T and Ben H
5/6C	Keith V and Isabella P

## EDUCATION IN FAITH

### FIRST EUCHARIST



This weekend we welcome many of our Year Three students to the table of the Lord. They are called to bring the presence of Christ into every aspect of their lives, then they really become a sign of communion. This is what the great St Teresa of Avila wrote about in her famous poem:

*Christ has no body now on earth but yours,  
no hands but yours, no feet but yours.  
Yours are the eyes through which shines  
Christ's compassion in the world.  
Yours are the feet with which  
He is to go about doing good.  
Yours are the hands with which  
He is to bless all people now.*

### SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS

Just a reminder about our Social Justice fund raising activities in week eight (beginning Monday 31 August), of this term to help 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 donated to our stalls for selling. E.g. books, appropriate stuffed toys, etc...

Thank You  
Mairead & Marie

### Please pray for:

The Carbone family (Dominic PS) on the recent death of his grandfather. Please keep this family in your prayers.

- \* 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 this Saturday and Sunday.**

**Olive Chodowski – REL**

***"Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes."***

1Cor. 11:26

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

### AUGUST

Saturday	Sacrament of First Eucharist 6.00 pm
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sacrament of First Eucharist 10.30 am
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly 4/5G – 2.30 pm Walk and Ride To School

### ST. MARY'S CHOIR FOR FIRST EUCHARIST



A big thankyou to all who have returned their notes about which masses your child will be attending for the First Eucharist Masses on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August at 6.00 pm and Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August at 10.30 am in the Church. All members of the choir will need to wear dark pants and as they will be wearing the St. Mary's choir t-shirt, students should wear a top that the t-shirt can be worn over. I ask that all members be there 15 minutes prior to the start of the mass. The ceremony should take about an hour. See you all on the weekend!!

Mrs. Angela Hamilton  
Performing Arts Specialist  
[ahamilton@smaltona.catholic.edu.au](mailto:ahamilton@smaltona.catholic.edu.au)

### 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>

## LITERACY NEWS



### BOOK WEEK AT ST. MARYS

The students and staff had a wonderful time dressing up on Monday for Book Week.

The school was filled with princesses, fairies, witches, knights, Little Red Riding Hood, Snow White and many more

fairy tale characters. At the **SCHOOL ASSEMBLY** there were fairy tale plays, raps, songs, interviews and art work presented by the students in each class. They all did an amazing job.

On Tuesday and Thursday the students were involved in **MULTI-AGE GROUP ACTIVITIES** based around the authors Alison Lester and Libby Gleeson. Some of the work students did can be seen around the school.

**CLASSES** also paired up with another class outside their year level and spent time **READING TOGETHER**. It was a great week and **READING AND THE LOVE OF BOOKS** were the **WINNERS**. Thank you to the staff, students and parents by being involved and supporting Book Week. \* **Look Out** for photos and displays of students' work around the school.

## 121 STUDENTS WHO ARE CHAMPS, BECOME ONE TOO!

**We are now counting down to our 125<sup>th</sup> Champ. It could be YOU.**



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 29 DAYS to GO!**

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

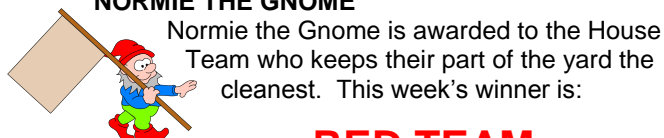
YEAR LEVEL	STUDENT
Prep HM	Fernando Toby
1/2ST	Oscar
1/2D	Cooper
2/3S	Shannon
3/4L	Sara
5/6C	Jade Zane

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

**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:

**RED TEAM**

**TUCKSHOP HELPERS -** Week beginning 24 August



Wednesday  
Friday

Maria Charalambous  
Alicia Galea

Manager: Eva Coppola Tel: 9315 0799

## UNIFORM SHOP OPEN WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS 2.30 – 3.00 PM



### 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 the 003School Office and we will put them all together to fill up some extra cards.



### SUNSMART

Just a reminder that once again we will start wearing **HATS** from the **beginning of September right through to the end of April**. This brings us in line with the Cancer Council's recommendations for SunSmart behaviour as defined in our SunSmart Policy. If you would like to read the entire policy there is a copy on the School Website – ABOUT US: School Policies.

The Uniform Shop has plenty of hats available for sale. Please ensure you have one ready to go for 1<sup>st</sup> September.

### 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.



### WALK / RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY – MONDAY 24<sup>th</sup> AUGUST

Come along in an active way!

### NET SET GO – NETBALL PROGRAM

Tenille from the Altona Netball Centre has been here doing clinics with our Preps and Year 1/2 classes this week. She was promoting the Net, Set Go program. Flyers were sent home but if you missed out and you would like more information there are more on the table outside the staffroom.

**Margaret Masseni**  
Wellbeing and PE / Sport Leader



## Parents and Friends News

### FATHERS DAY STALL – HELP NEEDED!

Father's Day Wrap will be held on **Thursday 3rd September** from 1.30 pm and the Fathers' Day Stall will be held on **Friday 4th September** between, 9.00 – 11.00 am in the school hall if you are able to help please see Helen McAvoy, or complete the form at the end of the Newsletter.

### ANNUAL SCHOOL DISCO

The Annual St. Mary's School Disco will take place on **Thursday 17th September**. More information will be available in next week's newsletter, including your chance to purchase VIP Priority access pass.



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

**Wondering what to donate? We really, really need more bottles of wine for our Wine Pull.** Any variety, so when you're next at the bottle shop *please* consider grabbing an extra bottle to drop it off at the office.

*Please note we will be closing donations off on the 1st of September to get busy organising & packing them before the school holidays.*

Hopefully you'll have all received your invitations to the cocktail party today. There are spare invitations at the office for family & friends, or you can just send them this link & they can buy their tickets online through TryBooking (or ask them to click on the invitation on our school website) <http://www.trybooking.com/IDLO>.

Check out our signboard which went up on Wednesday in Sargood St, courtesy of Anthony Molinia from First National Barlow McEwan Tribe and designed by Liam & Ava's talented mum, Emma Denys from Evolve Graphic Design. It even features a scancode to take you directly to the TryBooking website from your mobile phone – absolutely brilliant Anthony!

Thank you to following families for their donations:

- ★ **Diane Howell** (Kiani & Zali's mum) for a beautiful huge boxed doll which will make one little girl very happy on October the 11th.
- ★ **Cheri Steen** (Eliza & Sam's mum) for some fabulous shiny new toys: a Barbie, 2 Max Steel toys; a pillar candle & a diffuser gift pack.
- ★ **Jean Walker Le Roux** (Ethan & Jai's mum) from **Jean Clean** for donating a package of pure domestic bliss – 3 hours of domestic house cleaning.

We'd also like to thank the following sponsors for their donations:

- ★ **Altona City Soccer Club** for 2 backpacks each filled with a pair of shorts, Guernsey, track top & pants, raincoat & socks to completely kit out two kids ready for next season.
- ★ **En Vogue Hair Boutique** for a \$30 voucher towards your next cut or colour.
- ★ **Good Guys** for a \$100 gift voucher.
- ★ **Pier 71** for a \$20 gift voucher & lovely bottle of red wine.
- ★ **Rebel Sport** for 2 pairs of goggles & 2 swimming caps to complement our 2 Paul Sadler Swimland Holiday Programs.
- ★ **Swimwear Galore** for a \$100 gift voucher which will go in our Beach Babe Bag along with the 3 gorgeous Project 10 beach bags.

### 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)

1731 Malvern Road, Glen Iris, Victoria 3146

[info@campaustalia.com.au](mailto:info@campaustalia.com.au)

Fax: (03) 8610 2044

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](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.



**DATES:**  
28th September -  
1st October

**VICTORIA UNIVERSITY** - FITNESS AND AQUATIC CENTRE FOOTSCRAY  
PROGRAMS INCLUDE: Multi-Sport Junior, Multi-Sport Intermediate,  
Multi-Sport Senior & Soccer • AGES 6-15 WELCOME  
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**PARENTS & FRIENDS FATHERS DAY STALL HELPERS FORM:**  
**Please return it to the School Office as soon as possible.**

**YES, I am able to help: (Please Circle)**

- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1.30 – 3.20 pm
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 9.00 – 11.00 am

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's class: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Working with Child Check: Yes / No

Thank you, your help is very much appreciated ☺