



St. Mary's School, Altona Newsletter 2015

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Dear Parents

PARISH NEWS

It is with great pleasure that I announce Father Shabin's appointment, by Archbishop Denis Hart, as the Parish Priest for St. Mary's Parish, Altona.

On Saturday 5th September during his visit to the Parish the Archbishop will conduct Father Shabin's Installation Mass at the 6.00 pm Vigil.



**YELLOW DAY
SPRING INTO HAPPINESS AND
KINDNESS:**

**YELLOW DAY
TUESDAY 1st SEPTEMBER**

To celebrate the beginning of SPRING we are once again running our **SPRING INTO HAPPINESS AND 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 AND KINDNESS around amongst family, friends and the wider community?

OPTIONAL PARENT / TEACHER CONTACT:

On Monday 14th September we are holding a Parent / Teacher Contact Afternoon from 3.15 pm. to 5.00 pm. It is an opportunity for parents to meet with classroom teachers to discuss issues related to their child and their learning.

All parents DO NOT have to attend this meeting, only those who have a concern.

Teachers wishing to see parents regarding their child's learning will contact parents to arrange a time on this afternoon.

Parents will need to make a booking online for all appointments. Go to our school website for a direct link. Click on Interviews or go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au

and follow the simple instructions. **The SCHOOL EVENT CODE is: 7VDVL.**

SCHOOL DISCO:

Please read, complete and return the flyer at the end of this newsletter. The School Disco is on Thursday 17th September.

COCKTAIL PARTY:

Have you purchased your tickets yet? The Early Bird Draw closes on Thursday 3rd September to win **One nights accommodation and breakfast in a spa suite at The Captain's Retreat B & B in Williamstown on the night of The Cocktail Party.** This will be drawn at School Assembly on Monday 7th September. More information in the Parents & Friends section of this newsletter.

FOOTY TIPPING:

With only 2 rounds to go there are 4 people within 3 of the lead. The jackpot this week is \$10.00. Good Luck!

NO HAT NO PLAY:

On the 1st September is the beginning of our "NO HAT NO PLAY" period. Please make sure children have their hats.

REMINDER SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY:

There is NO SCHOOL on WEDNESDAY 16th SEPTEMBER.

David Kelly.

Principal.

UPDATE CONTACT DETAILS

Recently we have been unable to contact families of sick children because parent contact details are out of date. Could all families please ensure that all contact details are up to date? If your details have changed could you please contact the School Office either by phone or by sending an email to vpedley@smaltona.catholic.edu.au as soon as possible. Change of details form are also available outside the School Office for completion.

PRINCIPALS AWARDS:

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

PREP HM	Ava C
PREP S	Oscar F
1/2HK	Luke H
1/2ST	Oscar D
1/2D	Alana V
2/3S	Anna A
3/4M	Taj T
3/4L	Jazmin D
4/5G	Issabella L
5/6VT	Faith K
5/6C	Jade A

IMPORTANT DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

Monday 31	Prep S & HK Prayer Assembly 2.40 pm
Tuesday 1	ADSSA Athletics Carnival Day of Kindness - Splash of YELLOW
Thursday 3	Father's Day Wrap 1.30 - 3.20 pm
Friday 4	Father's Day Stall 9.00 – 11.00 am
Saturday 5	Archbishop Denis Hart Visit – 6.00 pm Mass
Sunday 6	Father's Day Mass – 10.30 am

EDUCATION IN FAITH

FIRST EUCHARIST THANK YOUS

Last Saturday and Sunday (22nd & 23rd August) many of our Year Three students celebrated their First Eucharist: They were both reverent and joyous celebrations. Many thanks to everyone concerned.

*Lord our God, all truth is from you,
and you alone bring oneness of heart.*

*Give your people the joy of hearing your word in
every sound and of longing for your presence
more than life itself.*

*May all the attractions of a changing world serve
only to bring us the peace of your kingdom
which this world does not give.*

SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS

Just a reminder that the dates for our Year 5/6 Social Justice fund raising events will now occur in week 9 Monday 7th Sept, Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th - to raise funds for our local St. Vincent de Paul Society.

SPRING CLEANING: 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...All donations can be left at the Office or Room11, Year 5/6C.

Thank You
Mairead & Marie

Please pray for:

* All members of our community who are sick or in need of our prayerful support.

Olive Chodowski – REL

"Live in charity and peace."

St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop, 1886.

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>



WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

St Marys will participate in this promotion again this year. Cards are available instore 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.



ONLY 15 DAYS TO BECOME A PREMIERS READING CHAMP.....SO...KEEP READING!

The Challenge finishes on the 12th September.

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

HELP NEEDED IN PREP

Are you able to offer an hour once or twice a week to help our Prep students read and practise their M100W (high frequency words) It is an easy and enjoyable task. Please contact myself or one of the prep teachers so that a time and day that suits everyone can be arranged. 003

Gwenda Burnett

Deputy Principal & Literacy Leader.

gburnett@smaltona.catholic.edu.au

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 31 August



Wednesday
Thursday
Friday

Pauline Luppino
Marylinda Abate
Anne Cooper

Manager: Eva Coppola Tel: 9315 0799

UNIFORM SHOP OPEN WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS 2.30 – 3.00 PM



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HAPPINESS AND KINDNESS DAY – 1st SEPTEMBER

Wear a SPLASH OF YELLOW and do some kind things for others.

ONPSYCH

Brooke Fielke our school psychologist specialises in child and adolescent mental health interventions dealing in a range of areas such as anxiety, depression, social and emotional skills, ASD, grief / divorce and behavioural issues.

All sessions with Brooke are bulk billed through Medicare. Please contact Mrs Masseni if you have any concerns about your child and would like to investigate the possibility of them seeing Brooke.

DOING IT RIGHT - Week 6 Term 3

1/2ST: Oscar D, Gemma D

1/2D: Gabriel A,

3/4M: Grace M, Sofia B

3/4L: Isla M, Sara A

4/5G: Lauren W

5/6C: Mulunesh T, Zane A, Tahlia S, Isabella P, James C, Angelo S, and Keith V.

For taking pride in the environment, listening well and being respectful of visitors, being helpful, giving up recess to help Mrs Masseni, getting along with others, helping Mrs Burnett and loads of other great things!

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

Congratulations to Year 5/6C who were the MOST ACTIVE GRADE this month.

Our next Walk / Ride to School Day is on 17th September.

DISTRICT ATHLETICS

Congratulations to the Year 3 – 6 students who have been selected to compete at the District Athletics Carnival on Tuesday 1st September at Newport Park Athletics track. Good luck to you all. Michelle N, Faith, Jazmin, Madeline M, Emma H, Nicolina, Sara, Liam C, Jacob Y, Lachland, James H, Ronan, Kane, Dwight, Mark M, Noah D, Maria N, Tahlia, Sienna C, Jade A, Mickayla, Angelique, Mulunesh, James C, Fikre, Ethan, Luke V, Joaquin, Thomas K, Dlbanchi, Madison C, Emily K, Portia F, Lana, Ryan S, Ben H, Dominic, Trent, William and Justin. Congratulations also to Ryan and Madison who are our team captains.

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 from last week's Newsletter.

ANNUAL SCHOOL DISCO

The Annual St. Mary's School Disco will take place on **Thursday 17th September** for more information please see the flyer and complete the form at the end of the Newsletter.

2015 Cocktail Party

Saturday 10th October @ The Royal Yacht Club Williamstown



Don't forget to purchase your tickets before next Thursday 3rd September to go into the draw to **WIN** one night's accommodation and breakfast in a spa suite @ **The Captain's Retreat B&B in Williamstown on the night of The Cocktail Party**

The winner will be drawn by Mr Kelly at the school assembly on Monday 7th September.

You can buy your tickets online through TryBooking <http://www.trybooking.com/IDLO> OR click on the invitation on our school website. If you'd prefer to pay in cash, the RSVP is also downloadable on the school website.

We're finalising all donations now, so if you'd still like to make a donation, please drop it at the School Office by Tuesday 1st September. We would be hugely appreciative of any donations of wine.

We've got a wonderfully BIG list of families & businesses to thank this week:

Thank you to following families for their donations:

- ★ **Patrice Cassar** (Jeremy & Isabelle's mum) for donating a bottle of Absolut Vodka for our Coin Toss, 2 bottles of red and a bottle of bubbles on behalf of **Proficient Packaging**.

- ★ **Diane Howell** (Kiani & Zali's mum) for 4 ice-cream bowls and an ice-cream scoop for our Family Night In Hamper.
- ★ **Jenny Martelli** (Lucas' mum) for 4 Vue Fine China Noodle Bowls and chopsticks
- ★ **Anna Pittas** (Zaii's mum) for two bottles of wine and some gourmet goodies.
- ★ **Jessica Smelstorious** (Akelan's mum) for a lovely bottle of wine.
- ★ **Jo Stogiannis** (Xavier & Lexie's mum) from Holden for donating a completely awesome NRL Guernsey signed by both State of Origin Teams. This will surely attract a lot of competitive bidding on the night (pictured on the right).

We'd also like to thank the following businesses for their generosity:

- ★ *2 Bros on Blyth* for two \$50 vouchers
- ★ *Altona Bowling Club* for a Bare Foot Bowls Day or Night - for 1 to 60 people includes use of BBQ (usually \$10 per head)
- ★ *Altona RSL* for their extremely generous donation of \$1000
- ★ *Anaconda* for a camping table in its own carry case, a single and double blow up mattress
- ★ *Beach House* for two \$50 vouchers
- ★ *Bezirk Café* for a \$50 voucher for breakfast for 2 people
- ★ *Cellarbrations* for a bottle of boutique beer
- ★ *Crème* for two \$50 vouchers
- ★ *Durmaz* for a box full of kitchen utensils, containers and bowls
- ★ *Sandra Mallia of Loan Market* for a generous \$250 cash donation
- ★ *Local Lawyers* for their generous \$300 cash contribution
- ★ *Samuel Smith & Son* for 50 corks & two bottles of wine.
- ★ *Sovereign Hill* for a family pass valued up to \$132 for 2 adults & up to 4 kids.
- ★ *Sweeney's School of Swimming* for 10 swimming lessons, swimming cap & goggles
- ★ *Tumbles Playhouse* for a Gold Party Pack for 10 children, valued \$160
- ★ *Victoria Racing Club* for 4 General Admission tickets
- ★ *Vorsee Australia* for 2 pairs of goggles and two Character caps.

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

WE MAKE KIDS SMILE!

Phone: 1300 105 343 / (03) 9398 4065

www.campaustralia.com.au

For Out of School Hours Care at St. Marys (CAMP AUSTRALIA) bookings or cancellations please contact them direct.



EMMANUEL COLLEGE OPEN DAY

On Sunday 13 September Emmanuel College will be holding its annual

Open Day at the following campuses:-

- St Paul's all-boys campus 10.30 am - 1.30 pm
- Notre Dame co-educational campus 11.00 am - 2.00 pm.

The Open Day is a wonderful opportunity for students and parents to visit Emmanuel College and see some of the great things happening at our school.

Should you have any queries regarding the Emmanuel College Open Day please call

0458 020 545 or email mpichner@ecmelb.catholic.edu.au



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 Phone: 8398 2007.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING FESTIVAL – 6th September Celebrating FATHER'S DAY....

- Healthy cooking demos
- Delicious food stalls
- Basic health checks and advice
- Live entertainment
- Kids activities

SEAWORKS, 82 Nelson Place, Williamstown
10am – 4pm, **FREE ENTRY!**

ALTONA CRICKET CLUB JUNIORS

Registrations are now available online for this seasons Milo In2Cricket program at Altona Cricket Club. Alternatively, you can register during our junior Registration day on Friday 4th September at the Altona Cricket Club rooms, Bluegum Drive Altona from 6.30 – 8.30 pm for more information <http://www.in2cricket.com.au/> or altona.ccjuniors@hotmail.com or 0411 117 634.

WATER POLO – AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A GO!

Victorian Seals, our National Water Polo League team, are running the inaugural Seals Experience day at MSAC in a couple of weeks. The day is designed to provide kids under the age of 14 who have had limited or no exposure to water polo an opportunity to jump in a give it a try. The Seals players will be running a range of activities designed to be fun but also be based around the skills of water polo. To register for one of the Seals Experience Days head to <https://reg.sportingpulse.com/v6/regofrm.cgi?eventID=1009&formID=51875> and complete the form!

WILLIAMSTOWN BASEBALL
IS NOW
RECRUITING
NEW JUNIOR
PLAYERS AND
THEIR FAMILIES
TO JOIN THE
WOLF PACK

FREE COME & TRY CLINIC
Sunday 6th September
10 AM until 12 Noon
MELBOURNE BALLPARK
Merton St Altona

PROGRAMS OFFERED
AUSSIE T-BALL
AGES 5-8
JUNIOR BASEBALL
AGES 8-17

FREE COME & TRY CLINIC
Saturday August 29th
open to U8, U10, U12, U14, U16 + U18
FROM 10AM UNTIL 12 NOON

GREENWICH RESERVE THE STRAND, NEWPORT
FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO FIND OUT HOW TO GET INVOLVED, CONTACT THE CLUB VIA
W: www.williamstownbaseball.com.au
E: juniors.wboc@gmail.com
M: 0419 750 916 (Ray)

Aussie T-Ball

Season opening games commence in October

FOR VIP Priority access pass

(must be returned to school by Wednesday 9th September to be activated)

Yes, we want priority access to the school disco!

Surname: _____ Eldest Child's Class: _____

Children's name/s _____

Please **circle** enclosed amount and return to school in a sealed envelope:

\$5 (1 child)

\$10 (2 children)

\$12 (3+ Children – same family only)

*******IMPORTANT: Your child MUST bring their VIP pass on the night to gain priority access*******

YES, I am able to help with:

Set Up (1:45-3:00pm) Packing Up (9:00 – 9:30 pm)

Junior Disco (5:15 – 7:15 pm) Senior Disco (7:00 – 9:00 pm)

Please circle and return to school by Wednesday 9th September 2015

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Child's Name: _____ Child's class: _____

Email: _____

Working with Child Check: Yes/No

Thank you, your help is very much appreciated ☺

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"Caring Catholic Community in Education"

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ST MARY'S ANNUAL SCHOOL DISCO

Thursday 17th September 2015

Get your dancing shoes on. It's time to celebrate the end of 3rd Term!



JUNIOR DISCO PREP, GRADES 1 & 2 - 5.30 PM – 7.00 PM

SENIOR DISCO - GRADES 3, 4, 5 & 6 - 7.15 PM – 9.00 PM

GRADE 3's are welcome to attend either disco, however, all children will **ONLY** be allowed to attend one disco on the night.

The Cost:

\$5 per child or

\$12.00 per family with 3+ siblings (Must be siblings NOT cousins or friends etc.)

Water will be available on request. There will be no food provided or permitted.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!!!

VIP access pass – Prepay your child's admission and receive an access pass before the night to avoid long pesky queues. No waiting for the fun! Simply complete and return your RSVP and payment **BEFORE** Wednesday the 9th September.

Children will be able to purchase GLOW wear to make the night sparkle ranging from \$2 to \$5.

Parents are welcome to leave their children at the disco as they will be supervised by a group of fabulous volunteer parents and ALL exit doors will be manned. **However, to help make this an enjoyable event for all, we would really appreciate your assistance on the night and ask if you could complete the form below and return it to school ASAP**

IMPORTANT:

There is an important Emergency Contact Number Form for you to complete on the **BACK OF EACH TICKET**, which will be sent home once payment has been received, or available on the night for those paying at the door. This must be completed prior to entry.

It's going to be such fun!

Parents & Friends Committee