

St. Mary's School, Altona Newsletter 2015

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Dear Parents

Thank you to Helen McAvoy for her co-ordination of another very successful Father's Day Stall. There were lots of excited children around our school today very happy with their purchases and looking forward to Sunday. Thank you to the many parents that assisted Helen prior to today and/or helped on the day.

FATHER'S DAY MASS:

This Sunday at 10.30 am. we will join with the Parish in our annual Father's Day Mass.

Thank you to Olive Chodowski (our R.E. Leader) for her preparation and organisation of this Mass and to Angela Hamilton (our Performing Arts Teacher) for her organisation of the music and our school choir. All school families are invited to join us at this special celebration.

ARCHBISHOP DENIS HART VISIT:

As mentioned in last week's newsletter Fr. Shabin has been officially appointed as Parish Priest of St. Mary Help of Christians Parish. Archbishop Denis Hart is celebrating Fr. Shabin's Installation Mass this Saturday, 5th September at 6.00 pm. in our church. Myself and Mrs Burnett will represent the school at this special celebration. Any school families are welcome to attend.

SCHOOL DISCO:

Is on Thursday 17th September, VIP Priority Access Pass closes Wednesday 9th September. Check last week's newsletter for details and forms or our website under News, Notes & Forms.

SOCIAL JUSTICE:

Our Year 5 and 6 students have been excitedly preparing for our Social Justice fund raising stalls which will operate next Monday 7th September, Tuesday 8th September and Thursday 10th September before school, at recess and lunchtime. Checkout the colourful flyers that have been posted around the school advertising the many varied and yummy things that can be purchased. We would appreciate your support in this by allowing your child/ren to bring some extra money to school on these days so they can contribute to our fundraising efforts. All money raised will be presented to our local St. Vincent de Paul Society. Some of the things that can be purchased are: soft toys, teddy bears, hot chocolate, a range of treats including; cupcakes, lollies, slices, cakes, home-made cookies, home-made lemonade, ice-cream in cones, popcorn, brownies, fairy floss, rumballs and milk shakes.

REBEL SPORT & AMART SPORTS:

Our Parents & Friends Committee has organised for St. Mary's to have joined the Rebel Sport and Amart Sports loyalty programs. So if you purchase anything at a Rebel or Amart Sports store please nominate St. Mary's Primary School, Altona as your preferred school or club. That means that 5% of every purchase you make comes back to the school. The school is then able to use this money each year to buy much needed sporting equipment. You can even ask friends and family to nominate St. Mary's too. As a special promotion, Rebel Sport are offering all St. Mary's families and friends 20% off at Rebel Point Cook, so why not stock up on Christmas presents and take advantage of this offer. Please pass the flyer attached to this newsletter on to families and friends too. There will be spare copies in the office and can be downloaded from our website.

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.**

FOOTY TIPPING:

This is the last round in our Footy Tipping Competition this year. There are 4 people within 3 of the lead so good luck to all involved. No one correctly picked all 9 winners last week so the Jackpot this week is \$ 15.00. Good Luck!

REMINDER SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY:

There is NO SCHOOL on WEDNESDAY 16th SEPTEMBER.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL THE DADS.

David Kelly.
Principal.

principal@smaltona.catholic.edu.au

EDUCATION IN FAITH



Father's Day Invitation

A special invitation for all St. Mary's families to attend our Parish celebration of Father's Day on Sunday, 6th September at 10.30 am.

A wonderful way to start the day and say thank you to all our Dads/ Granddads/Uncles etc and to remember and pray for all Fathers who may be sick or who have gone before us to rest in God's care. So let's gather as a parish community and say thank you to those special men in our lives.

As part of our Reflection after Communion we will be showing the Prep's wonderful pictures about what they love about their Dads. If you missed out on seeing their work at Prep Assembly last Monday come along and view this presentation on Sunday.

May the blessings
and love of
Our Heavenly Father
be yours in abundance
this Father's Day
and always.

Amen

SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS

Just a reminder that the dates for our Year 5/6 Social Justice fund raising events will now occur next week 9 starting on Monday 7th Sept, Tuesday 8th and Thursday 10th - to raise funds for our local 003St. 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 Room 11, 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.
- The gift of our fathers and other men who are like fathers to us.

Olive Chodowski

"Be of good heart."

St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop, 1876.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 5 Archbishop Denis Hart Visit – 6.00 pm Mass
Sunday 6 Father's Day Mass – 10.30 am
Monday 7 Social Justice fundraising begins
Assembly 3/4M – 2.30 pm
Tuesday 8 Social Justice fundraising
Wednesday 9 Hobsons Bay – JSC Meeting
Year 4 Girls – Visit MSJ
Thursday 10 Social Justice fundraising
Friday 11 Year 3 – Sovereign Hill Excursion



WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN - Help support our school!

This promotion closes on Tuesday 8th September. **Thank you** to all those families who have sent in

completed cards. Remember to bring in your stickers or completed cards to the school as soon as possible. The more we collect, the more our school will benefit. This year we are aiming to redeem our Earn & Learn Points for lots of new books. If you don't think you can fill up a card, please simply send your stickers to the School Office and we will put them together to fill up some extra cards.



**ONLY 8 DAYS TO BE
COME A PREMIERS
READING
CHAMP**SO...KEEP READING!

The Challenge finishes on the 12th September.

We are now counting down to our 125th Champ. It could be YOU! We have 122 students who have completed the challenge. Photos of our champs are on the Literacy Noticeboard outside the staff room come and take a look!

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

YEAR LEVEL	STUDENT
Year 1/2D	Luca
Year 4/5G	Issabella
Year 5/6VT	Hannah

For more information about the Challenge, visit the following website: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc/

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.
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:

RED TEAM

LOST PROPERTY TUB

Attention all Parents, the Lost Property Tub is overflowing, if your child has lost/misplaced an item of their uniform could you please check the Lost Property Tub before the end of Term. At the end of each term a parent has volunteered their time to empty, wash the clothing and if there is no name, donate it back to the uniform shop to be sold as second hand uniform to help raise money for our Sponsor Child Win Niang.



ST. MARY'S CHOIR NEWS

After the beautiful singing at First Eucharist, St Mary's School Choir has been invited to lead the singing on Sunday, 6th

September for our parish Father's Day Mass at 10.30 am.

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

TUCKSHOP HELPERS - Week beginning 7 September



Wednesday
Friday

Caroline Cassar
Rosemary Ciavarella

Manager: Eva Coppola Tel: 9315 0799

UNIFORM SHOP OPEN WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS 2.30 – 3.00 PM

JUST A REMINDER: Summer Uniform is to be worn in Term 4. Please ensure that Summer Uniforms orders are placed before the end of Term 3. Hats can also be purchased from the School Office for \$10.00 each. Uniform Order Forms are available at the School Office.



It's the start of spring and the start of September so it's time for those five Sun Smart things to remember! UV levels started to rise in many locations across Victoria from mid-August!

During the sun protection times please remember to:

1. Slip on sun protective clothing
2. Slop on SPF 30 or higher sunscreen
3. Slap on a wide brimmed hat
4. Seek shade
5. Slide on some wrap-around sunglasses

UV levels are available via the Sun Smart app, the newspaper and online www.sunsmart.com.au and on our school website (scroll to the bottom of the home page).

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DISTRICT ATHLETICS

Congratulations to the 41 students who competed at the District Athletics carnival this week. We were fortunate to have a perfect day for the competition and our students were great role models for our school. Thanks to Erin Logan for supervising the team and to Rachel N, Graeme N, Natasha M, Ellie C, Jeanette G and Michelle S for travelling on the bus and helping out with the hurdles event. Well done to the following students who received ribbons on the day - Michelle N (2nd triple jump), Ben H (2nd triple jump) and Jade A (3rd shot put). We will let you know who will progress to the Divisional Carnival later in September.



WALK / RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY

Put it in your diary – 17th September!



YELLOW DAY – SPRING INTO HAPPINESS AND KINDNESS "FIND HAPPINESS IN MAKING OTHERS HAPPY!"

Thanks to everyone for making the effort to wear a splash of Yellow on Tuesday. Remember to find lots of ways to make others happy over the coming month.

Here are some suggestions from the kids...

- Forgive others
- Give hugs
- Ask "Are you okay?"
- Put someone else's need before your own.
- Smile!
- Help someone who is hurt.

There are lots more on our Kindness & Happiness rainbow outside the staff room. Take a look!

Margaret Masseni
Wellbeing and PE / Sport Leader
mmasseni@smaltona.catholic.edu.au

Parents and Friends News

2015 Cocktail Party

Saturday 10th October @ The Royal Yacht Club Williamstown



The Early Bird Offer has now closed. The **WINNER** of the one night's accommodation & breakfast in a spa suite @ The Captain's Retreat B&B in

Williamstown on the night of The Cocktail Party **will be drawn by Mr Kelly at the school assembly on Monday 7th September.**

Even if you don't win the night at The Captain's Retreat, there are three fabulous door prizes up for grabs on the night just for coming along:

1. *A Family Getaway to Swan Hill* staying at The Lady Augusta Comfort Inn & a family pass to The Pioneer Settlement, including a 1 hour riverboat cruise.
2. *A Family Pass to Sovereign Hill* for 2 adults & up to 4 children valued at \$132
3. *A \$50 Good Guys Voucher*

We have also now finished collecting all of our donations & they have all been thoughtfully packaged into "hampers". We have been completely & utterly overwhelmed by the response and generosity of our families & broader community. We would like to thank all of you who donated. You have all helped to make this event the success we're sure it will be.

A special thank you to **Melissa McGill** (Jade's mum) & **David Szigeti** (Jade's uncle) from **Uccello Jewellery & Watches** in Harrington Square for donating a very elegant Claude Bernard Ladies Stainless Steel Dress Code Wristwatch with crystals, valued at \$520

Thank you to all of the following families and businesses who've donated so generously this week:

- ★ **Mandy Brkljacic** (Jack's mum) for:
 - His & hers fluffy white robes
 - A bottle of wine
 - A Women's Pamper pack chock full of gorgeous treats & all beautifully packaged too.
- ★ **Ellie Corbo** (Angelo & Nicolina's mum) for a variety of 8 very delectable bottles of wine.
- ★ **Lidia Lipic** (Jourdan's mum) for a very exclusive Japanese Cosmos Face Lifting Treatment on behalf of **Lidia Lipic Williamstown Reflexology**
<http://www.williamstownreflexology.com.au/>
- ★ **Marita & Alan Mercer** (Giles & Finian's parents) for two scrumptious bottles of wine.
- ★ **Paul & Trish Moore** (Lachlan's parents) for an awesome \$450 Voucher for Window Tinting home or office donated by **The Tint Shop**.
- ★ **Jacinta Ramsay** (Ruby's mum) & **Erin Boyd** (Lila's Mum) for donating:
 - A HUGE stunningly presented hamper full of the funkiest latest hair care products on behalf of **Victoria University Hairdressing Department**
 - 3 bottles of wine too.

Thank you to the following businesses for their donations also:

- ★ *Bezirk* for breakfast for 2 people to the value of \$50
- ★ *Breeze Beauty* for a 1 hour express facial valued at \$115, an exfoliating glove & USPA tangerine & rose body lotion
- ★ *Cake Pops & More* for a cake pop bouquet which will be made fresh for the night.

- ★ *Durmaz* for a GREAT BIG box full of sparkling new kitchenware.
- ★ *Eddie The Butcher* for a \$30 gift voucher.
- ★ *Embrace Williamstown* for a gorgeous box containing Euphoria Guava & Lychee Candle, Mimosa Body wash, Lollia Shea butter hand cream, Pompadour Handmade Soap.
- ★ *Good Guys* for two \$50 gift cards.
- ★ *Hairhouse Warehouse Williamstown* for two hair care boxed gift sets, one for men & one for women
- ★ *Hammamas Australia* for two funky cotton beach towels.
- ★ *Hangar 1 one 2* for a \$50 Gift Voucher
- ★ *Inner Smile Yoga & Health* for generously donating 3 packages:
 - A \$200 Voucher for any products and services
 - A Complete yoga kit (10 session pass, high quality yoga mat & bag (\$250).
 - A Voucher for a 90 min Thai Yoga Massage at home or work (\$100)
- ★ *Officeworks Altona North* for 25 assorted premium document wallets to present our vouchers in and 200 ballpoint pens to place our silent bids.
- ★ *Pirates Tavern* for 2 bottles of wine
- ★ *Rebel Sport* for 2 pairs of goggles and 2 swimming caps.
- ★ *Runkel Dell Rouge* for a \$40 Gift Voucher
- ★ Ye Olde Suckers on Nelson for donating 2 kg bags of raspberries, bananas, strawberries & cream, teeth lollies for our lolly buffet on the night.

We are very excited to report that we've already sold 100 tickets!!! So don't miss out on what will be a great night & buy your tickets via 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.

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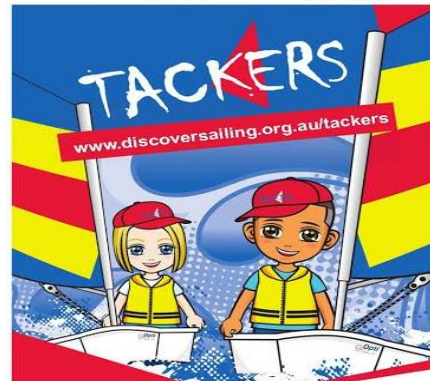
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