



St. Mary's School, Altona Newsletter 2015

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Dear Parents

Congratulations and Thank you to all our Year 5/6 students for the outstanding job they did in preparing for and organising our Social Justice Fundraising stalls that were held during the week. Thank you also to their parents for supporting and assisting them in this very worthy cause. We have raised \$2200. What a fantastic effort! This money will be presented to our local St. Vincent de Paul Society next term to assist with their work in our local area. Thank you to the teachers (Mrs Olive Chodowski, Mrs Lisa Vella and Ms Jacqueline Gomez) for their assistance in helping to organise the children and their extra supervision; Before School, at Recess and Lunchtimes. Finally thank you to all the other children, parents and staff who assisted in making this such a success by purchasing from the stalls.

OPTIONAL PARENT/TEACHER CONTACT AFTERNOON:

These will take place next Monday 14th September between 3.15 and 5.00 pm. Hopefully you have booked a time online if you wanted to meet with your child's teacher as this facility is now closed or the teacher would have contacted you if they wanted to meet with you.

SCHOOL DISCO:

Our Annual School Disco run by our Parents & Friends will take place next Thursday 17th September. Junior Disco from 5.30 - 7.00 pm. and our Senior Disco from 7.15 - 9.00 pm. Full details can be accessed from our website: 'News', 'Notes & Forms'.

COCKTAIL PARTY:

There are only 52 tickets left for our upcoming Cocktail Party. There are some magnificent items that will be auctioned either live or silent. It is going to be a wonderful night so don't miss out. Further details are in the Parents & Friends section of this newsletter.

FOOTY TIPPING:

Congratulations to the winners of our Footy Tipping Competition. Equal 1st on 149 - Olive Chodowski and Julian Yacono. Equal 3rd on 145 - Natalie Zuvela and Paul Mithen. \$300 was donated to the school and \$300 was distributed in prizemoney. Equal First - \$130 each and Equal Third - \$20 each. Winners can collect their winnings from the School Office. Thank you to all who participated.

SCHOOL FEES:

All school fee accounts and charges are due and payable by today, Friday 11th September. The only exceptions to this are those families with a direct debit agreement and those who have made special arrangements with myself. If your account is not up to date, please rectify this as soon as possible.

If you are having difficulty settling your account, please contact the School Office to arrange an appointment with myself to discuss possible alternative arrangements. If you have any questions regarding your account, please contact Mrs Valda Pedley.

Thank you to all those families who have already finalised their accounts, this helps enormously with the smooth financial running of the school.

REMINDER SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY:

**There is NO SCHOOL NEXT
WEDNESDAY 16th SEPTEMBER.**

END OF TERM THREE:

FRIDAY 18th SEPTEMBER:

**EARLY FINISH: CHILDREN DISMISSED
at 2.30 pm.**

David Kelly.

Principal.

principal@smaltona.catholic.edu.au

PRINCIPALS AWARDS:

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

PREP HM	Augusta G & Christos G
PREP S	Charlie S & Bella Umana
1/2HK	Zali M & Jasmine D
1/2ST	Gigi F & Michael D
1/2D	Gabriel A & Caitlyn G
2/3S	Zed D & Zai P
3/4M	Olivia C & Grace M
3/4L	Marcus K & Jordan S
4/5G	Kate P & Zach P
5/6VT	Dlbanchi T & Mickayla N
5/6C	James C & Marie H

EDUCATION IN FAITH



SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS

A BIG BIG thanks to everyone - students, staff and families for your support whether it was through baking goods, donating items or buying from our stalls. We not only raised awareness of the social justice issues about poverty in Australia, but we raised lots of money to help support our local St Vincent de Paul's Society. The final amount is \$2,219.40. A special thank you to Mrs Pedley for counting lots and lots of coins and quite a few notes too! Mairead & Marie

Prayer for the Poor & Homeless

Lord, open our eyes, that we may
See you in our brothers and sisters.

Lord, open our ears, that we may
Hear the cries of the hungry, the homeless,
the frightened, the oppressed.

Lord, open our hearts, that we may
Love each other as you love us.

Renew in us your spirit.

Lord, free us and make us one.

(A Justice Prayer Book, CCHD, p. 3)

Please pray for:

- All members of our community who are sick or in need of our prayerful support
- Mrs Lalor and her extended family on the newest arrival - Grandchild number 28!!

"When I could not see my way God kept my heart full of trust to make all come right."

St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop, 1883.

Olive Chodowski – REL

IMPORTANT DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

SEPTEMBER

Monday 14th Kelly Sports Dance Performance–2 .00pm

Year 2/3S School Assembly – 2.30 pm

Tuesday 15th Last Need 2 Read – 8.20 – 8.40 am

Wednesday 16th **SCHOOL CLOSURE**

Thursday 17th Walk / Ride to School Day
SCHOOL DISCO. Junior - 5.30 pm.
Senior - 7.15 pm.

Friday 18th End of Term.
Children dismissed at 2.30 pm.

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WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

This promotion has now ended if you have any in completed cards or stickers please bring them to the School Office as soon as possible so that we can fill them up. So far we have collected just over 100 completed cards. Thank you to those parents that have participated in this promotion.

LITERACY NEWS



We have 144 PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE CHAMPS SO FAR!

The Challenge finishes on the 12th September

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

YEAR LEVEL	STUDENT
Year 1/2D	Isabel Eliza
Year 3/4M	Nicholas Aiden Layland
Year 4/5G	Ava Cooper Emma Kate Madeline Michael Ronan Thomas Hannah Jack Matthew Thomas Thomas Zachary
Year 5/6VT	Faith Michael Michelle Tam

NEED 2 READ – LAST CHANCE to COME

ALONG and READ in the Library before school on **TUESDAY**. EVERYONE is welcome. A **HUGE THANK YOU** to Faith, Joaquin, Luke V and Aiden V for coming EVERY Tuesday and Thursday in Terms 2 and 3 to encourage students, brothers & sisters, mums, dads, and grandparents to ENJOY READING. N2R is NOT on in Term 4.



JSC NEWS

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, Angelique, Will, Lana, Dakota, Joel, Kiani and Eliza who attended the September Hobson Bay Junior School Council meeting. 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 Angelique who spoke on the schools behalf.

WHO IS THE NEW PERSON AT OUR SCHOOL?

We have a new worker in our school. Who is he? You will find him working hard near our school vegetable garden. He is Vincent Mario Vegie Man. Thanks to the HUGE assistance from Poppy John (Millie in 3/4L grand-dad) and the very ENTHUSIASTIC gardeners in Year 3/4 Vincent is now ready to watch over our vegies. He is doing a GREAT job. Say hello next time you go past. Check our school face book page and the school website for photos.

Gwenda Burnett

Deputy Principal & Literacy Leader.
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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:

BLUE TEAM

TUCKSHOP HELPERS - Week beginning 14 September



Wednesday	School Closure Day
Thursday	No Canteen
Friday	Shirley Price
	Lillia Souglaris

Manager: Eva Coppola Tel: 9315 0799

NO UNIFORM SHOP THIS WEDNESDAY DUE TO SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY



WALK / RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY
Come to school in an active way
17th September!



RESILIENCE AND TRANSITION are hot topics especially at this time of the year when we are looking towards changes for our children in 2016. Changing schools, changing grades, changing friends....

Successful school transition is crucial to the development of a young person's academic and social emotional wellbeing. Building resilience assists young people in better managing the exciting yet unsettling process of change of school transition.

LYN LONGARETTI, Lecturer in Education (Pedagogy and Curriculum) and mother of Ella Year 5 and Jesse Year 3, will speak to our community on the evening of **Wednesday 21st October** on **"Building resilience for successful transition"**. PUT THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY...more info to come.



AUSSIE OF THE MONTH - AUGUST

Congratulations to our August "Aussies of the Month...."

Noah L for being a hard worker and showing persistence when faced with difficult tasks. Also for his friendly manner and ability to follow the school rules.
Erin C for always making an effort to do the right things and follow the school rules, being a great role model for others.

Lana F for her willingness to learn and participate in classroom activities. She is a polite and pleasant member of the class who always shares her great smile to those around her.



"FIND HAPPINESS BY MAKING OTHERS HAPPY!"

Mary MacKillop 1899

How will you do it this week?

Some clues from the kids...

FAITH (5/6VT) "Kindness makes people happy. Treat people the way you want to be treated."

TOM E (1/2HK) Ask "Are you okay?"

JESSICA (5/6C) "Have a conversation with someone you don't usually talk to. You never know if that person will be the next big thing in your life!"



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.

New article: Exploring the New Frontier in Parenting – How do we deal with our kid's emotions kids?

DOING IT RIGHT - Week 7 & 8 Term 3

1/2ST: Gigi, Samuel,

1/2D: Cooper, Eliza

2/3S: Lucas, Lachlan, Zaii, Jesse

3/4M: James, Gab, Taj, Noah, Layland, Olivia

5/6C: James, William, Ella, Olivia, Angelo

For getting along with others, displaying resilience, helping someone, being honest, helping to clean up, handing in lost money, taking care of the environment, including others in their games, caring for their class, and loads of other great things!



THE CHALLENGE IS ON.....

HOW MANY TIMES can you **COME TO SCHOOL** in an **ACTIVE WAY** during the **MONTH OF OCTOBER**?

What do you need to do?

1. Walk, Scoot or Ride to and / or from school – part of the way is okay!
2. Record your active transport efforts by getting a sticker on your card.
Cards will be kept in 'grade' boxes and brought out on to the netball court each morning. (A little like Need to Read.)
3. At the end of the month we will tally the number of trips you make and send this information to VIC HEALTH.
4. House points will be awarded to the children who participate according to the number of ACTIVE TRANSPORT trips they make. **WHO WILL BE THE MOST ACTIVE GRADE & THE MOST ACTIVE HOUSE TEAM?**

We will run some Walking School Buses throughout the month – look out for more information in future newsletters.

Margaret Masseni

Wellbeing and PE / Sport Leader

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Parents and Friends News

2015 Cocktail Party

Saturday 10th October @ The Royal Yacht Club Williamstown

Congratulations to **Peter Pelns** (Eliza & Sam's Dad), who won *The Captain's Retreat B&B Early Bird Offer*.

We are very excited to announce we've already sold 144 tickets! So get in quickly if you haven't bought your tickets because **we only have the capacity for 200, so there's ONLY 56 tickets left!!!**

Please note that Ticket sales must close on Sunday 4th October for catering purposes, no tickets will be sold after this date.

Donations are now closed and the hampers are all made up ready for our fabulous silent and live auctions. We'd like to thank the following families for their donations over the past week:

- ★ **Marylinda Abate** (Alesia's mum) for a \$35 Hello Fresh Voucher
- ★ **Raffaella Defina** (Noah's mum) for a **TK Lashes** pamper party and shellac manicure donated from **Nail Addiction** included
- ★ **Hope Hicks** (Thomas' mum) for a bottle of wine
- ★ **Isabel Rodriguez Canache** (Leonardo & Carlos' mum) for a gorgeous colourful bag.

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

- ★ **Collingwood Football Club** for a football signed by Collingwood's Captain Scott Pendlebury and Nathan Buckley the coach, thanks to Anthony Molinia.
- ★ **Melbourne Symphony Orchestra** for two A Reserve tickets to 'Messiah' on the 5th of December valued at \$250
- ★ **Mosaic** for 5 \$30 vouchers.
- ★ **Navacue** for generously donating \$300
- ★ **Salter Cycles** for 2 vouchers for a bicycle service.
- ★ **Stella Pizza** for a \$50 voucher.
- ★ **Tyrells' Pharmacy** for a beautiful hamper
- ★ **Wheels of Fortune** for 50% discount for a 1 hour Limousine trip.
- ★ **Wildberry Flowers & Gifts** for a HUGE stunning hamper of gorgeous homewares.

A very special thank you to Emma Denys, Sandra Camilleri, Diane Howell, Andrea Herd and Patrice Cassar for working till very late on Monday night putting hampers, artwork, raffle board and door prizes together. Everything looks amazing & this year's booty even surpasses last years with 120 silent or live auction items in total.

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.

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)

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.



EMMANUEL COLLEGE OPEN DAY SEPTEMBER 13

St Paul's Campus 10.30am – 1.30pm;

Notre Dame Campus 11.00am – 2.00pm

For more information contact us on
www.ecmelb.catholic.edu.au or call 8325 5100.

MSJ NETBALL

Want to have some fun come and try out for MSJ Netball
club.

MSJ is recruiting new players for all divisions, Hope to
see you there.

Feel free to contact Michelle Wood for any enquiries call
0407 939 198.

Learn music here at school

Come and join in the fun of
learning to play keyboard,
here at St. Mary's Altona.

Creative Music for Schools
conducts a music program
here at school each week.

Small group classes or one-to-one
lessons of up to 30 minutes give chil-
dren an excellent grounding in music
where they will learn to read music
and play their chosen instrument.

Tuition costs from \$16.20 per lesson and
enrolments are now being accepted for
limited places in term 4.

Interested parents should call Marika dur-
ing office hours on 9818 2333

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Emmanuel College Open Day

St Paul's Campus
10.30 am - 1.30 pm

Notre Dame Campus
11.00 am - 2.00 pm



SHOWING YOU OUR BEST*

We are passionate about helping each student achieve their personal best in ALL aspects of life. Our dedicated and hard working teachers, Catholic tradition and well equipped facilities ensure each student can achieve their best. Come see how by visiting the College on 13 September at our Open Day. For more information contact us on www.ecmelb.catholic.edu.au or call 8325 5100



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**Emmanuel
College**

St Paul's Campus
423 Blackshaws Rd Altona North

Notre Dame Campus
2- 40 Foxwood Drive Point Cook

* Emmanuel College comprises our all-boys St Paul's Campus and co-educational Notre Dame Campus



ST MARY'S SCHOOL SPORTS – Friday 6th NOVEMBER 2015

Can you help for part or the whole day?

WE NEED as many parents, older brothers/sisters, uncles / aunties, grandparents as possible to help the Sports Day run smoothly.

Please complete this form and return it to Mrs Masseni as soon as possible.

I AM ABLE TO HELP ON SPORTS DAY

- ☐ I can help set up ... 8.00am – 9.00am (all or part of that time)
- ☐ I can help on events 9.30 – 11.00 am or 11.30 am – 1.00pm
- ☐ I can help to pack up & clean up1.00 – 1.30 pm and / or 2.30 pm
- ☐ I can help between and
- ☐ I have a Working with Children Check (it's okay if you don't – they are easy to get – we can help!)

Helper's Name.....

Child's Name & Grade.....

Contact No.

Email Address.....

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