



# St. Mary's School, Altona

## Newsletter 2015

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Dear Parents

Well what a day and evening we had yesterday. It commenced with a Performing Arts Incursion - the Asanti Dance Theatre who specialise in traditional and contemporary African dance, music and acrobatics. They ran three hour long workshops for students from Years 3 - 6. Then presented a 45 minute performance for the whole school. Certainly a very energetic and entertaining time had by all. Check out their website [www.asantidancetheatre.com](http://www.asantidancetheatre.com)

The day culminated with our Annual School Disco. Going by the shrieks of laughter and fever pitch noise everyone had a fantastic time. Thank you to Penny Ealem and her Parents & Friends Committee helpers as well as the many other parents who assisted with the set up, supervision, selling and or pack up & clean up. A fantastic time had by all.

#### ART EASELS NEEDED:

We desperately need a large number of art easels to display the class art pieces & sports paraphernalia in our silent & live auctions at the Cocktail Party. Please email Madeline ([madeline@madelinewishart.com.au](mailto:madeline@madelinewishart.com.au)) if you or any friends or family have one or more we could borrow for the night. We would need them at school by 9.00 am. Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> October.

#### SCHOOL FEES:

Statements for overdue school fees and charges were sent home this week.

All school fee accounts and charges were due and payable by last 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. We will be contacting individual families commencing the second week of next term.**

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.

#### SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS:

A parent spoke to me during the week about her difficulty in arranging supervision for her child on School Closure Days especially if Out of School Hours Care isn't available. As mentioned in the newsletter dated 26<sup>th</sup> June we have two School Closure Days next term, Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October and Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. If we were to offer OSHC on one or both of these days I need to know how many families would use the service (at the stated cost) as the school would have to make up the difference. Please email your responses to: [principal@smaltona.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@smaltona.catholic.edu.au)

#### CONDOLENCES:

Please keep Matthew Nevins (4/5G) and his family in your prayers. Matthew's grandmother passed away recently.

**I hope everyone has a restful and enjoyable time over the next two weeks.**

**David Kelly.**  
Principal.

#### PRINCIPALS AWARDS:

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

PREP HM	Trinity E
PREP S	Chloe C
1/2HK	Mai N
1/2ST	Tjay P
1/2D	Hugo F
2/3S	Samuel D
3/4M	Hannah E
3/4L	Ryan D
4/5G	Matthew N
5/6VT	Kate E
5/6C	Justin N

# Music MINISTRY

## WORKSHOP



To launch a new and exciting music ministry program at St. Mary's Help Of Christians Parish, Altona. Welcoming musicians and singers of any age, experience and skill level. Bring your instruments!

**SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2015**  
**2PM – 4:30PM**  
**ST. MARY'S PARISH**  
 PRESENTED BY  
**GENEVIEVE BRYANT**

RSVP Parish Office by 1<sup>st</sup> October  
 Email: [altona@cam.org.au](mailto:altona@cam.org.au) Tel: 03 9398 2964  
 97 Railway Street Altona

### DOING IT RIGHT Week 9 Term 3

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

Prep S: Ruby, Alison, Maddie, Lexi, Mia

1/2HK: Isabella

3/4M: Ciara, Aiden

3/4L: Luke

4/5G: Hannah, Alannah, Thomas Karas, Thomas Kruger, Lauren, Matthew, Kate, Tanvi, Madeleine, Mark

5/6C: Angelo, Mulunesh, William, Jessica, Amelie

5/6VT: Dakota, destiny, Joaquin

For taking pride in the environment, being compassionate, helping with Need to Read all term, saying "Good Morning", helping clean up the yard, working well in the TRI centre, getting along well with others, helping Mrs Burnett, helping at the office, raising money for St Vincent de Paul and loads of other great things!

**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 21<sup>st</sup> October** on **"Building resilience for successful transition"**. **PUT THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY...more info to come.**



### IMPORTANT DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

#### OCTOBER

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> School Captains Assembly – 2.30 pm  
 Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Wombat Corner Year 4 Camp  
 Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Wombat Corner Year 4 Camp  
 Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Wombat Corner Year 4 Camp  
 Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> St. Mary's Cocktail Party – 7.30 pm

#### 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 5<sup>th</sup> October



Wednesday  
 Friday

Maria Charalambous  
 Alicia Galea

Manager: Eva Coppola Tel: 9315 0799



#### WALK / RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY

Thanks for coming along in an Active way!!!  
 Our Most Active Grade was 5/6C.



#### New programs in Term 4

End of Year Cheer Dance: Monday lunchtime

Super Spring Sports: Friday afternoon

Flyers were sent home this week

Contact Tim for more information: 0417 500 870

**Margaret Masseni**

Wellbeing and PE / Sport Leader

[mmasseni@smaltona.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mmasseni@smaltona.catholic.edu.au)

**UNIFORM SHOP OPEN**  
**WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS**  
**2.30 – 3.00 PM**

## Parents and Friends News

### 2015 Cocktail Party Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October @ The Royal Yacht Club Williamstown

We are very excited to report that we only have 39 tickets left for the Cocktail Party!!!! So if you haven't bought yours already you'd better jump online & snap them up quickly because we only have the capacity for 200.

**Ticket sales must close on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October (which is the day before term 4 starts) for catering purposes, no tickets will be sold after this date.**

You can still buy your tickets in the holidays online through TryBooking <http://www.trybooking.com/IDLO> OR click on the invitation on our school website.

There are 3 fabulous door prizes up for grabs on the night:

- ★ **1<sup>st</sup> Prize:** A Swan Hill Family Getaway, including a weekend at The Lady Augusta Comfort Inn, a Family Pass to The Pioneer Settlement and a riverboat ride.
- ★ **2<sup>nd</sup> Prize:** A Family Pass to Sovereign Hill for 2 adults and up to 4 children valued at \$132
- ★ **3<sup>rd</sup> Prize:** A \$50 Good Guys Voucher

Thank you so much to all of the families and businesses who have donated so generously to help make this night such a success, we could not run an event like this without your support.

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 family for their donation (apologies for an error that occurred in last week's newsletter):

- ★ **Leonardo and Carlos' Rodriguez Canache**  
(Isabel's mum & dad) for a gorgeous colourful bag.

First week back we'll be sending home a list of all the items in both our live and silent auctions so you can scope them out prior to the event.

There are no printed tickets for entry, names will be checked off a door list when you arrive. You'll also be issued with a ticket for our door prize draw.

We have secured an EFTPOS machine for on the night so please note all items will need to be paid in full with cash, EFTPOS or credit card and taken home at the end of the night.

### 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.

### ATTENTION: VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS USERS

The School in conjunction with Camp Australia follow the Regulations as set out by The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. The Licensing agreement stipulates the operating hours for OSHC as listed below.

Before Care: Mon - Fri 7.00 – 9.00 am

After Care: Mon 3.00 – 6.00 pm

Tues – Fri 3.20 -6.00 pm

Parents/Carers are asked to please abide by the above mentioned times.



### MOUNT ST. JOSEPH GIRLS' COLLEGE MSJ OPEN DAY 2015

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October, 11.00 am – 2.00 pm

Join a student leader on a school tour, meet our staff, and hear from our Principal

Principal's Address at 12.00 – 1.00 pm

Pre-register online at [www.msj.vic.edu.au](http://www.msj.vic.edu.au)

Enrolment application forms can be obtained from the website [www.msj.vic.edu.au](http://www.msj.vic.edu.au) or by contacting the school on 8398 2000 or emailing the College Registrar, Sherri Collins at [registrar@msj.vic.edu.au](mailto:registrar@msj.vic.edu.au) Now accepting applications for 2016 and 2017.

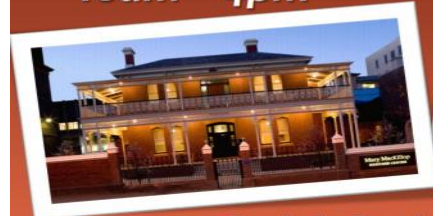
133 Maidstone Street, Altona Vic 3018

### Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre

## OPEN DAY

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2015

10am – 4pm



- Pray in the Chapel

- Visit the Gift Shop

- Take a tour of the Museum

- Mary MacKillop Walking Tour available @ 11am

- Devonshire Tea available between 10.30am & 12.00pm  
(\$5 per person)



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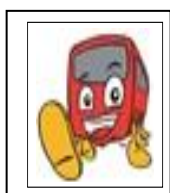




**Our MONTHLY 'OCTOBER' WALK / RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY  
will be on 16<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER.**

We will record house points as we normally do on this day.

**To help you come to school in an active way we will also run our WALKING**



**SCHOOL BUSES** on the following days

**FRIDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, TUESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER & THURSDAY 29<sup>TH</sup>  
OCTOBER**

**Two Meeting points:**

- **Esplanade & Cnr Sargood St (beach side of the road) AND**
- **Cnr of Mc Intyre Drive & Civic Pde**

**Meeting Time:** 8.15am

**Walk Starting Time:** 8.20am

We have organised **parents** to supervise the walk so you can drop your children at the meeting point and know that they will get to school safely

Or

Join in the walk yourself. Parents, grandparents, cousins, aunts and uncles, dogs and prams...everyone welcome! (Have a coffee with some other parents on your way back to get the car!)

**(We do ask that your children don't ride bikes or scooters unless you are with them – this would be much harder for other parents to supervise)**

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**WALK TO SCHOOL in OCTOBER (Return to Mrs Masseni)**

**We will be there!!!!**

**CIRCLE YOUR DATES: FRIDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> OCT, TUES 20<sup>TH</sup> OCT, THURS 29<sup>TH</sup> OCT**

- Esplanade & Cnr Sargood St (beach side of the road)
- Cnr of Mc Intyre Drive & Civic Pde (North side of Civic Pde)

Family name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

No of children: \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Adults \_\_\_\_\_

○ **I CAN HELP TO SUPERVISE –**

**NAME.....**