



St. Mary's School, Altona

Newsletter 2015

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Dear Parents

"Child Safety Day" next Friday 30th October.

WEAR a SPLASH of RED to show your support for highlighting the importance of Child Safety.

In the coming weeks we will be learning about the importance of safety in our classes and highlighting some of the following messages:

We ask that you reinforce these with your children.

- We have **rules to protect** us, our homes, our friends and our community.
- When playing sports, visiting friends or going to the beach or shops, **it's important to remember personal safety. Remember to tell someone**, where you are going, who you are going with and more.
- **Be alert** for the clues that warn us when something is unsafe. These clues can be as simple as smelling smoke which warns us there is a fire or a lockdown alarm at school.
- **If you feel scared, confused, sad or upset you need to REACT.** This could even mean breaking a rule, like smashing a window to escape a fire or screaming "NO" to an adult.
- **Tell an adult in your life who cares about your safety when there is a problem.** It's adults who can keep you safe from harm and who can make a situation safe again for you.
- Most children and teenagers have or will soon have access to social media and **staying safe online has never been more important.**

PREP 2016 INFORMATION NIGHT:

This will be held upstairs in the TRI Centre next Thursday 29th October. All parents of children commencing Prep at St. Mary's in 2016 are required to attend. As well as being presented with information about next year, parents will need to select times that suit them for their child to participate in our Transition Program commencing on Tuesday 10th November and concluding on Tuesday 1st December. This meeting is for parents only. There will be babysitting available at school but you will need to contact the School Office by Wednesday 28th October if you require it. Parking will be available in the school grounds on the netball court or in Sargood Street. You can access the TRI Centre from the netball court or the small gate in Sargood Street. There will be no access via the main entrance to the school. Please pass this reminder on to any new families you know.

SUNSMART'S NEW CAMPAIGN:

St. Mary's is a registered SunSmart school member committed to ensuring students and staff are protected from too much UV which can cause skin and eye damage and skin cancer. Our school uniform includes covering clothing and sun protective hats and we have shady spaces for students to access. But we need your help.

SunSmart recommends SPF30 or higher broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen be applied to any skin not covered by clothing. Our school will be implementing strategies to help remind students to apply sunscreen before heading outdoors. **Please help support this initiative by:**

- Supplying your child with SPF30 or higher, broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen for use during school hours.
- Talking to your child about the importance of using sunscreen regularly to help prevent skin damage and skin cancer.
- Ensuring your child knows how to apply their sunscreen independently and has had some practice so they will be all set to apply it safely at school.
- Being a SunSmart role model at home with sunscreen, hats, clothing, shade and sunglasses.

We have a supply of SPF50, broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen available for children to use in each building of the school.

PARKING:

Please observe all parking and speed signs around our school as they are there for the safety of all. It's not good enough to say "I'm only going to be a minute". A lot can happen in a couple of seconds. Double parking is never safe or legal. I appreciate it can be very frustrating when there is a funeral in progress at dismissal time but this is when you need to be more diligent about parking safely and legally even if it means you need to walk a little further. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

RETURNING TO SCHOOL:

We will soon begin organising children into class groupings for 2016 please notify us ASAP if your child/ren **WILL NOT** be returning to St. Mary's in 2016 (children currently in Prep - Year 5). principal@smaltona.catholic.edu.au

OSHC:

As only two children booked in for OSHC next Tuesday Camp Australia has closed bookings and will not operate Out of School Hours Care on this day.

CONGRATULATIONS:

To Mrs Ronnie Tucker and Husband Alex and big sister Madeline on the safe and healthy arrival of Layla Ann Tucker.

CONGRATULATIONS:

To Kate Pope (Year 4/5G) and Ava Robertson (Year 3/4L). Both Kate and Ava were asked to audition for Roald Dahls/Tim Minchin's musical Matilda recently. 1000 children initially auditioned, both girls endured 6 different auditions over 3 days. They made it into the final 15 children for the role of Amanda. Being in the final group they were performing in front of 8 different directors from England and Sydney. Although they didn't make it into the final cast they did an outstanding job. I know their parents are very proud of their effort and so are we. Congratulations and well done girls.

ARMART SPORT STORES LOYALTY PROGRAM:

Thank you to those parents and friends that have purchased items from Amart Stores and have nominated St. Mary's as their preferred school. We receive 5% on every purchase. I received an email this week stating that our current balance is \$403.54. We only commenced this program on the 4th September. So it's an amazing amount in such a short period of time. Check the 4th September newsletter on our website if you require more details. Amart stores have a special offer starting from Wednesday 21st October until Sunday 1st November on footwear and apparels: **Buy One Get One ½ Price !!!**

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY:

There is NO SCHOOL next TUESDAY 27th October.
Staff are attending a Professional Learning Day on scripture.

David Kelly.
Principal.

principal@smaltona.catholic.edu.au

PRINCIPALS AWARDS:

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

PREP HM	Mia T
PREP S	Mia J
1/2HK	Daniel C
1/2ST	Leon B
1/2D	Eyob T
2/3S	Shannon W
3/4M	Mackenzie P
3/4L	Chloe C
4/5G	Kyle E
5/6VT	Michael C
5/6C	Angelo S

IMPORTANT DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

OCTOBER

Monday 26th	Assembly Prep S – 2.30 pm
Tuesday 27 th	School Closure Day
Wednesday 28th	Morning Fitness – 8.00 am Choir Performing at Logan Reserve Cricket Round Robin Year 5/6
Thursday 29th	Walking School Bus Choir Performing at Federation Square Prep Information Night – 7.30 pm
Friday 30 th	Red Day / Safety Day - Wear RED

EDUCATION IN FAITH

Term 4 Dates to Remember

Our Advent Liturgies are as follows:
Make this a special preparation time for the Coming of the Messiah.

Week 1: Year 5/6C

- Monday 23rd November at 2:40pm.

Week 2: Year1/2HK, 3/4M, 5/6VT

- Friday 4th December at 2:30pm.

Week 3: Year1/2D, 3/4L, 4/5G

- Friday 11th December at 2:30pm.

Week 4: Prep HM, Prep S, Year1/2ST, 2/3S

- Wednesday 16th December at 12:30am.

Year 6 Graduation Mass: Tuesday 15th December at 6pm.

End of Year Mass: Thursday 17th December
Time: T.B.A.



A prayer for our Earth

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

(From *Laudato Si'* by Pope Francis)



Year 1/2HK will be attending our Parish Mass on Friday 30th Oct at 9:15am. Please come, celebrate, sit with and join your children in prayer.

Please pray for:

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

Olive Chodowski REL

***"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.

HOBSON'S BAY PICNIC

On Wednesday 28th October the annual Hobsons Bay City Council Children's Week Picnic will take place at Logan Reserve in Pier Street. There will be LOTS of FREE and FUN activities for children of all ages. The time is 10.00am to 1.00pm. **Our WONDERFUL SCHOOL CHOIR will sing** at the picnic at approximately 11.00am. If there is wet weather it will take place in the Altona Library.

Gwenda Burnett

Deputy Principal & Literacy Leader.

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ST. MARY'S ALTONA BOOK FAIR

I would like to thank everyone for attending this year's Book Fair. Special thank you to Lyn Wheatland and Gwenda Burnett for helping sell the books. A huge thank you to the Cranky Bear for attending our assembly.

Beryl Henry

BookClub Co-ordinator



ST. MARY'S CHOIR NEWS

It is a very exciting week coming up for the choir.

On Wednesday, 28th October, the choir will be performing at Logan's Reserve, Altona as part

of the Hobson's Bay Children's Week Picnic. We will be performing at 11.10am. If you are able, meet us at school at 10.30 and walk with us to the reserve! The more parents we have the better!

The following day, the choir will be heading into Federation Square to be part of the state celebration of Music Count Us In (mcui.org.au). We will be singing the song "Gold" in unison with other school choirs at Federation Square and simultaneously with thousands of children from across the country. What a week!!!

Mrs. Angela Hamilton

Performing Arts Specialist

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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:

RED TEAM

TUCKSHOP HELPERS - Week beginning 26th October



Wednesday

Karoline Fanjek

Thursday

Shirley Price

Friday

Lilia Souglaris

Manager: Eva Coppola Tel: 9315 0799

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



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: DEVELOPING YOUR CHILD'S MEDIA SCRIPTS – prepare your children to be savvy users of social media when you're not around.



WE'VE HAD A FEW REPLIES BUT HELP IS STILL NEEDED.....

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

Please complete the form on the school website **NEWS: Notes & Forms** or email

mmasseni@smaltona.catholic.edu.au letting Marg know what time you can help.



WALK TO SCHOOL



WALKING SCHOOL BUS on THURSDAY 29TH

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

Please RSVP via email

mmasseni@smaltona.catholic.edu.au or the form on the school website.

WALK / RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY

58 % of students came to school in an ACTIVE WAY last Friday. Well done!

There's just one week left of WALK TO SCHOOL OCTOBER. Get your card on the netball court in the mornings before school

Next WALK / RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY is on Thursday 12th November.

Parents and Friends News

ANNUAL ST. MARY'S BUNNINGS BBQ – ALTONA

Just a reminder that our annual St.Mary's Bunnings BBQ is on again on Saturday 7th November, 2015.

We need your help! If you are able to help please complete the form which was in last weeks newsletter or you can email Jarrod at Jarrod_Pye@firststatesuper.com.au

CALENDARS

Please complete the form located in last weeks newsletter to order your 2016 Calendar, the cost is \$12.00 and forms can also be obtained from the School Office. Orders must be in by 20th November, 2015. NO LATE orders will be accepted.



WALK FOR A CAUSE

Altona Little Athletics Centre want to get the word out there. We have joined forces with Canteen to help raise

money for National Bandanna Day. Please join us for a walk or run around Cherry Lake. We will have music, balloons, jumping castles and lots more activities.

Date: Sunday 1st of November

Time: 9am registration for a 10am start

Cost: \$20 individual

\$50 Family

All entrants receive a free Bandanna and 100% of the entrance fee goes to Canteen to help kids affected by cancer.

For more info or if you have some donations please feel free to call Travis on 0448 324 175

Margaret Masseni

Wellbeing and PE / Sport Leader

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The journey of Catholic education commenced by the Class of 2015 as prep students in 2003 reaches its conclusion in their final exams, commencing with the English exam to be conducted on Wednesday. Please keep your prep students of 2003 in your prayers that their efforts and growth in learning over their P-12 years will continue in the achievement of their best over the examination period.

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE AT ST. MARYS

Access for users of OSHC is via the McBain Street gate.

Camp Australia

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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 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.

HEALTHY BREAKFAST

When: 18th November

Time: 7.30am

Where: School Hall



Why: To show you how quick and simple a healthy breakfast can be! Afterwards join in for **Fun & Fitness** - 8am on the basketball court

RSVP Essential by Tuesday 10th November

(if you don't RSVP we can't guarantee a breakfast)

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HEALTHY BREAKFAST Return to MRS MASSENI by 10th November

Family Name: _____

No. of Children Attending: _____

Any Food Allergies: _____