

St. Mary's School, Altona Newsletter 2015

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Dear Parents

I encourage as many parents as possible to support our Parents & Friend's Committee by attending the upcoming 80's Disco. It's not only for parents of our school but for as many friends as you can bring along. Tickets need to be purchased by next Thursday 5th March. I know the organising committee are very disappointed with the number of ticket sales up to date. Hopefully everyone is leaving it till the last minute. For more details please read the Parents & Friends section later in this newsletter.

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY:

It is next Tuesday 3rd March. There is NO SCHOOL on this day. There is NO Out of School Hours Care on this day.

Staff will be working on our Self-Reflection Report as part of our four yearly Catholic Education Office Melbourne, School Review in preparation for our External Reviewer's week in our school early next term.

PREP & YEAR SIX BUDDY FAMILY NIGHT:

I look forward to seeing our Prep and Year Six families at our Family Night **TONIGHT from 6.00 – 8.00 pm**. Our school leaders have organised some great games that I'm sure the children will enjoy. BYO food and drinks can be purchased from the Hall.

SCHOOL FEES:

Please be aware the Curriculum Levy (\$220 per child) and the Excursion/Incursion Levy (\$60 per child), are due and payable by **Friday 13th March, 2015**. Your School Fee (\$1200 per family) plus other costs outlined by Class Level in the Fees Summary can be paid in full or in part payments with final settlement by **Friday 11th September**. All of the above can be paid by Direct Debit instalments. Instalments will commence on the 5th March 2015, and can be paid on a bi-monthly, monthly or fortnightly basis. If you need any further details, please contact Mrs Pedley in the School Office.

A sincere thank you to the many people who have already settled their Curriculum and Excursion/Incursion Levies and a special thank you to those people who have settled their entire account.

ASTHMA ACTION PLANS

If your child has an Asthma Action Plan, please ensure you have provided the School Office with a new copy for the 2015 school year.



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

School photograph day is **WEDNESDAY 11th MARCH**. Photo envelopes will be sent home next week. If you wish to order a family photograph, please contact the

School Office for a family envelope. Photograph envelopes should be returned on Photo day, please ensure that envelopes contain the **EXACT MONEY**. **NO CHANGE** is held at the School Office.

All children should wear full summer uniform on that day. Those students who have sport on this day can bring their sports uniform to change into or alternatively just bring along their runners. **Please DO NOT WEAR your runners to school.**

David Kelly.
Principal.

PRINCIPALS AWARDS:

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

PREP HM	Gisella DeLuca
PREP S	Susannah Engler
1/2HK	Brodie Cousins
1/2ST	Lila Boyd
1/2D	Jamison Lehrer
2/3S	Tyson Dobbyn
3/4M	Noah Defina
3/4L	Lizzy Teshomi
4/5G	Jack Dowling
5/6VT	Cody Harris
5/6C	Joel Sortino

IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH

Monday 2nd

Tuesday 3rd

Wednesday 4th

Friday 6th

5/6 VT Prayer Assembly – 2.40 pm

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

Confirmation Family Workshop – 7.00 pm

Let's Stamp out Bullying Performance

Monday 9th

Wednesday 11th

Friday 13th

Labour Day – No School

School Photo Day

Walk / Ride to School Day

EDUCATION IN FAITH

Confirmation

~ A reminder about our **CONFIRMATION WORKSHOP** next Wednesday evening, 4th March in the school hall, at 7.00 pm. Parking is available in the school grounds.
~ Bishop Vincent Long will be visiting our Confirmation Candidates next Thursday morning.
~ Nicole Singleton will be running one or two workshop/s in placing **Names** on Confirmation stoles. Dates are: Thursday March 12th and Thursday March 19th (the latter date only if required) at 1.30pm in the TRI Centre.
Any assistance would be appreciated.



PRAYER ASSEMBLY

Year 5/6VT will celebrate their Prayer Assembly on Monday 2nd March at 2.40pm, in the church (NO Assembly in Hall). Please come, celebrate and join with all our school children in song and prayer.

Trust in the Lord

Lord our God, all truth is from you,
and you alone bring oneness of heart.
Give our students and their families 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.
(Adapted from Source: The Depths of God)

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- * All members of our community who are sick or in need of our prayerful support.
- * Our Year 6 Confirmation candidates as they begin preparations to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- * An enlightened Lenten journey towards Easter.

Olive Chodowski - REL

"God has done wonders for us"

St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop-1890

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go to the Nevins family (Matthew 4/5G) on the recent death of his grandfather. Please keep this family in your prayers.

LITERACY NEWS

PARENT HELPER COURSE

Thank you to the many parents who attended the parent helper course this week. I hope you found the course very helpful and can use your new skills in the classroom and at home. We look forward to seeing you in the classroom and thank you for your help and support.

Gwenda Burnett
Literacy Leader

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 2nd March



Karoline Fanjek
Shirley Price
Lilia Sougleris

Manager: Eva Coppola Tel: 9315 0799

URGENT UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Winter Uniforms are worn in Term Two and Three and with Term One quickly flying by orders for **Winter Uniforms MUST be placed before Friday 6th March**. We are unable to guarantee order delivery times after that date.
Thank you.

UNIFORM SHOP OPEN
WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS 2.30 – 3.00 PM

Kids Matter
Australian Primary Schools
Mental Health Initiative



FEBRUARY AUSSIE OF THE MONTH

Tahlia Sepsic for her great participation and enthusiastic application in all areas.
Chloe Coldrey for making the effort to improve her school work and always making the right choices.
Dhriti Amin for trying her hardest at her school work and always offering to help those around her.

LET'S STAMP OUT BULLYING

School Performance Tours will perform a show at St. Mary's on Friday 6th March for all students. The one woman show will focus on effective, easy to remember strategies to deal with bullying. It combines magic tricks and stories to get its simple plan for dealing with bullying across to the students.

Stay Away: How to avoid Bullies

Tell someone: Reporting a bully is not being a 'dobber'

Always help: The power of peers

Make friends: Including students who are easily left out

Play nicely: Making sure that YOU are not being the bully

Chat to your children about the **STAMP** motto and the show! You will see it around the school over the coming weeks.

NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING AND VIOLENCE

Friday 20TH March - Wear a splash of **ORANGE!**
More information to come.



WALKING SCHOOL BUS – NATIONAL RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY

There are many reasons why Aussie kids should ride, walk, skate and scoot to and from school.

DID YOU KNOW... Children are designed to be active.

Kids who walk, ride, skate or scoot arrive at school with higher concentration levels and a greater ability to take in and understand curriculum. The best results have been seen following exercise.

Come to school in an active way on **National Ride to School Day Friday 13th March**

Join one of our ...**WALKING SCHOOL BUSES: Two**

Meeting points: Return the form located at the end of this newsletter as soon as possible.

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

Meeting Time: 8.15 am **Walk Starting Time:** 8.20 am

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 – it's much harder for other parents to supervise)**

Please complete the form at the end of the newsletter and return it to school as soon as possible so we will know how many children and adults are joining in.

DOING IT RIGHT - Week 4 Term 1

Prep HM: Senan

1/2ST: Jeremy

2/3S: Lucas

3/4M: Liam, Noah, Aiden, Mia, Layland

4/5G: Madeleine, Peter, Tanvi, Mark, Ben, Kyle, Lauren

5/6C: Marie, Dominic, Joel

5/6VT: Dakota, Ben

For: taking pride in the environment, helping and playing responsibly with the preps, offering to help younger children set up the bat tennis, helping others, handing in lost property, getting along well with others, solving a problem well, displaying resilience, helping his sister when she had a sore finger and loads of other great things!
Congratulations and well done!



CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING

Monday 2nd March & Thursday 5th March
8.00 – 8.30am

Margaret Masseni (Wellbeing and PE / Sport Leader)



Parents and Friends News

80'S DISCO: SATURDAY 21ST MARCH

Less than one week left to purchase your Disco tickets.

Please note: NO tickets can be sold after the 5th of March for catering purposes at the venue.

So organise a group of friends or family and come along. Tickets are \$25 and include finger food, a professional DJ with dazzling lighting effects, and an open style photo booth to capture all the hilarity of the night. It's a neat way to come and meet some new families too.

There are prizes for the best dressed but if dressing up isn't quite your thing, then don't miss out – just come as you like and enjoy the flashback to the 80's.

To purchase your tickets please complete the RSVP slip on the flyer which may be downloaded from our School Website under "News" then Notes & Forms (or you can pick one up from the School Office) and return it to school with (exact) cash payment by the 5th of March.

OUT OF SCHOOL 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

1731 Malvern Road, Glen Iris, Victoria 3146

info@campaustralia.com.au

Fax: (03) 8610 2044

For Out of School Hours Care at St. Marys

(CAMP AUSTRALIA) bookings or cancellations please contact them direct.



EMMANUEL COLLEGE ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS FOR YEAR 7, 2016

As the closing date for applications for Year 7, 2016 at

Emmanuel College is this Friday 27 February any outstanding applications should be submitted urgently.

Donna Grech, Registrar, is available to assist with any queries about enrolment applications:

Phone: 83255119, email

enrolments@ecmelb.catholic.edu.au

HOBSONS BAY CITY COUNCIL

Lets celebrate Cultural Diversity Week 14-22 March, 2015.

The program has something to offer for everyone including cultural games, dancing, a multicultural market, activities for children and film screenings. Come along, meet your neighbours, talk about your culture and have fun.

Pick up your program from libraries and community centres or visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au

DO YOU DEAL WITH ANXIOUS CHILDREN?

Jules Haddock, Mental Health First Aid Instructor and REACH facilitator presents
Understanding and Supporting Children with ANXIETY
She will share her support strategies with you when dealing with anxious children.

Session outline:

- Understand anxiety as a natural response to life events
- When to worry about anxiety
- Learning how to recognise anxiety signs and symptoms, as it takes hold upon a child's thoughts, emotions and in turn behaviour.
- Learning how to support a child to manage their anxiety

Monday March 23rd, 2015

7pm to 9pm Darebin Arts & Entertainment Centre
Cnr Bell St & St Georges Rd, Preston
(On site FREE Car Park) **\$20** per person (at the door) **NO EFTPOS**

FREE SEMINAR ON AUTISM WITH TONY ATTWOOD

GMHBA is excited to present two free seminars by world renowned expert on autism Professor Tony Attwood. Tony Attwood is a clinical psychologist who specialises in autism spectrum disorders.

Both seminars are designed primarily for parents and carers who have a child on the autism spectrum and will also be suitable for health and education professionals looking to further their professional development in this field.

Session details

Thursday, 19th March 2015 at the Pier, Cunningham Pier, Geelong.

Session 1: Managing Challenging Behaviour in Children with Autism – 9:00 am for a 9.30 start –12.30pm

Session 2: Adolescent Issues for Teenagers with Asperger's Syndrome – 1:30 pm for a 2.00 start –5.00 pm

Unfortunately this seminar is now full however **you can stream the event live from the GMHBA website on the day** and this video will continue to be available for 3 months after the event.

For further information please contact events@GMHBA.com.au

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WALKING SCHOOL BUS – FRIDAY 13TH MARCH (Return to Mrs Masseni ASAP)

We will be there!!!!

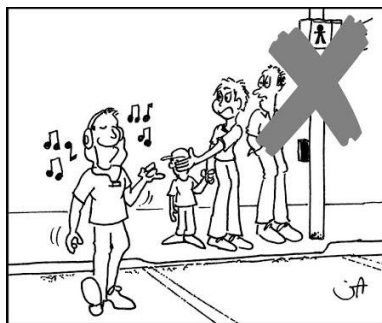
- Esplanade & Cnr Sargood St (beach side of the road)
- Cnr of Mc Intyre Drive & Civic Pde (North side of Civic Pde) **(please tick one)**

Family name: _____ Contact Phone No.: _____

No of children: _____ No. of Adults _____

☐ **I CAN HELP TO SUPERVISE – NAME.....**

Do you have a working with Children Check? Yes or No
If not, please go to the Post Office to inquire. We'd love your help



Don't set a poor example when it comes to road safety!

Children will copy your example – good or bad.

Set a good example by always using **safe crossing places**.

ROAD SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS BEGINS WITH **YOU!**