

# St. Mary's School, Altona Newsletter 2014

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## Dear Parents

Thank you to those parents that have responded to the request in last week's newsletter to give us some feedback on the recent Teacher / Parent Forums. You can email your comments to myself or drop a note into the School Office.

## BISHOP VINCENT LONG:

Will be celebrating mass at St. Mary's on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 9.15 am. Our Year 1/2 and Year 3/4 children will be attending. Parents are most welcome to join us. Bishop Vincent Long will be visiting our Year 6 children on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March as part of their preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation which will be celebrated on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 3.00 pm. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

Grace Bosnar, Nathan Coldrey, Isabelle DeSimone, Noah Luppino, Brianna Mercuri, Maxwell Mittersteiner, Chante Mullins Quan Nguyen, Kyhle Aquilina, Joshua Carbone, Roan Cucanic, Ethan Fernando, Leah MacGavin, Daniel Micallef, Lucie Montebello, Madeleine Nelson, Ethan Perry, Verity Sattout, Max Szajrych, Chloe Smedley, Lyneal Wedd, Laura Attana, Scarlett Davidson, Isabella Kriby, Mia Micallef, Khiem Nguyen, Danielle Stewart, Megan Whatman, Joseph Azzopardi, Stella Clowes, Ned H, Olivia Langham, Louis Nguyen, Michael Ross, Kathleen Sullivan, Maxim Warby and Olivia Yacono.

## FOOTY TIPPING:

Just a reminder that our Footy Tipping Competition begins next Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March. Please make sure that when you go to the Victeach Footy Tips site that you join the St Mary's Primary School Competition. For more specific details please check last week's newsletter. We only have 20 people registered for this year so we would love some more people to get involved. Remember half of the money goes directly to the school. \$23.00 per person or \$40.00 for two people. All monies must be paid by Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March (the end of Round One).

## PREP & YEAR SIX BUDDY FAMILY NIGHT:

Will be held next Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March from 6.00 – 8.00 pm. Bring along a picnic meal and rug. Drinks will be able to be purchased on the night. There is a note at the end of the newsletter requesting some helpers on the night. Our Year 6 School Leaders will have some activities for the Preps & their Buddies to participate in.

## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

School photograph day is **WEDNESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> MARCH**. Photo envelopes were sent home this 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.**

## SCHOOL FEES:

Thank you to all those families who committed to a direct debit plan this week. **IT IS STILL NOT TOO LATE** to begin an agreement, please contact Mrs Valda Pedley for further details.

A reminder that if you have not contracted to a direct debit plan with the School Office, you will need to pay your families Curriculum Levy and Excursion Levy by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2014.

**MONDAY 10<sup>th</sup> March is Labour Day, A Public Holiday. There is NO SCHOOL on this day. Enjoy the Long Week End.**

**David Kelly.**  
Principal.

## PRINCIPALS AWARDS:

Congratulations to the following children who received Principals Awards on Monday: Toby Da Silva, Alyssa Tizzani, Donovan Sarai, Grace Moon, Hayden Thompson, James Hills, Rafael Umana, Isla Manton, Tahlia, Srbinovski, Ehtan Thorneycroft, Lynda Azzopardi, Renae Agius, Kyle Escobar, Tegan Sortino, Joaquin Munoz, Anthony Price-Cofre, Blake Nicholls, Ethan Fernando, Olivia Yacono, Jessica Offen, Maxwell Mittersteiner and Madison Cutajar.

## ENROLMENT FOR PREP FOR 2015 IS NOW OPEN

School tours and Information Sessions with Mr David Kelly will be held on **THURSDAY 27<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2014**.

Sessions begin at 9.05 am, 11.35 am and 7.30 pm.

Enrolment forms may be collected from the School Office after this date. **APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENTS**

**CLOSE ON FRIDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> MAY.** Please advise family or friends that may be interested in enrolments. For more information please contact the School Office on 9398 4842.

## EDUCATION IN FAITH

### CONFIRMATION

\* A reminder that **ALL** stoles should have been returned to school for a new symbol and Name to be placed on each. Those who have written me a note about lost stoles will receive a new one.

\* Our **Confirmation Family Workshop** will be held next Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm - notes were sent home yesterday (Thursday).

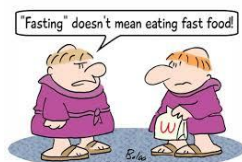
Year 6C in the Church Narthex (foyer) & Years 6G and 6V in the school hall.

\* **Bishop Vincent Long** will be visiting the Confirmation candidates on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March. Bishop Long will be celebrating our Sacrament of Confirmation on March 23<sup>rd</sup> March. This will be an informal visit with the students to share what is in their hearts and minds.

\* **Thank you to Helen Mullins** (Chantè's mum), **Thu Nguyen** (Quan's mum) and **Tania Mizzi** (Daniel & Mia's mum) who have offered to help **Nicole Singleton** with the placement of Names on the Confirmation Stoles. This will take place on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March in TRI Centre at 1.30pm. Additional assistance most welcome.

### LENT

**Lent** is a time of joyous preparation for Easter and is marked by *prayer, fasting, and giving alms*. Each classroom has been given a **Project Compassion Box** by our school Social Justice leaders Laura Attana and Scarlett Davidson. The funds raised in these boxes go towards Caritas Australia and their focus is to help the vulnerable communities around the world. Students are asked to donate a little of their weekly pocket money towards this worthy charity. Please visit the Caritas Australia website ([www.caritus.org.au](http://www.caritus.org.au)) for further information.



### Parish Visit by Regional Bishop Vincent Long.

Bishop Vincent Long will be visiting St. Mary's Parish, Altona on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup>; Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March**. He will be concelebrating Mass with Fr. Paul on these days at the usual Mass times.

There will be an **Anointing Mass for the Sick on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 9.15 am**. Parish families are asked to take the opportunity to come and meet Bishop Vincent Long and stay for a cup of tea/coffee & chat with him after each of the Masses.

**Year 1/2H, 1/2K, 1/2D, 3/4L, 3/4M & 3/4S will be attending the Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March Parish Mass at 9:15 am. 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.
- \* Our Year 6 Confirmation Candidates as they prepare to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.
- \* An enlightened Lenten journey towards Easter.

*Olive Chodowski – REL*

*"Aspire not to have more but to be more."*

*Archbishop Oscar Romero*



## IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE WEEK

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Labour Day – No School**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March**  
World Maths Day  
Kelly Sports Dance

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March**  
**School Photo Day** – Please do not forget to bring your photo money and envelope on this day  
Bishop Vincent Long Visit – Year 6

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March**  
Cross Country Training

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March**  
Bishop Vincent Long Visit – Mass 9.15 am  
Year 1/2 and 3/4  
Prep / Year 6 Buddy Family Night 6.00 – 8.00 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:

### YELLOW TEAM



The Junior School Council held its first meeting of the year on Monday. The representatives were very enthusiastic and had lots of great ideas and suggestions.

Congratulations to the following students who were elected as our committee members:

**President :** Brianna Mercuri

**Secretary:** Olivia Le Gal

**Treasurer:** Max Sjazrych

I am sure that all JSC members will do a wonderful job and make sure that the 'voice' of all students is heard.



## LITERACY NEWS

Thank you to all the parents who attended the classroom helpers course, I hope you found it valuable and we look forward to seeing you use your new skills in the classroom very soon.

**Mrs Gwenda Burnett**  
**Deputy Principal / Literacy Co-ordinator**

### TUCKSHOP NEWS

Congratulations Eva Coppola and Amy Xu on being in the **RUNNING** for a Food Safety Award 2014 to be awarded at the end of the year due to a recent inspection of our Tuckshop by Hobsons Bay City Council Public Health Officer.

## TUCKSHOP HELPERS - Week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> March



Tuesday Alicia Galea  
Wednesday Maria Charalambous  
Friday Tania Mizzi

Manager: Eva Coppola Tel: 9315 0799

## UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Our Uniform Shop Co-ordinator Penny Ealem and Assistant Linda Wakfer will be retiring at the end of Term Three this year. So we are looking for someone or a couple of people to take over. Please chat with Penny and/or Linda to see what is involved. If you are interested then please put in an Expression of Interest to myself at the School Office or by email – [dkelly@smaltona.catholic.edu.au](mailto:dkelly@smaltona.catholic.edu.au)

## UNIFORM SHOP OPEN

**WEDNESDAYS 8.30 AM – 9.00 AM & 3.00 PM – 3.30 PM**

If you are unable to visit our shop, order forms can be collected from the School Foyer and complete with payment left at the School Office. Orders will be filled on the next open day and can be left for collection at the School Office or sent to your child's classroom.

**Penny Ealem Co-ordinator and  
Assisted by Linda Wakfer**



## Parents and Friends News

### PARENTS AND FRIENDS EASTER RAFFLE

The annual Parents and Friends Easter raffle is on again this year. All money raised in the raffle assists with the purchase of equipment and resources for the school.

#### How it works:

We ask each family to donate an Easter egg or plush toy (dairy and gluten free eggs are appreciated). The eggs/toys are left in the Easter boxes in the classrooms and are collected each morning by the Easter Bunny's helpers.

*Through the magic of Easter, these eggs and toys become the raffle prizes!*

Raffle tickets will be coming home today. One book per family. If you would like more books, please leave a note with your returned tickets and we'll get you some more!

The raffle will be drawn on the Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April and Easter donations can be left in the classroom boxes from next Tuesday.

### PARENTS AND FRIENDS MEETING

Thank you to all those parents who attended the Parents and Friends meeting. We were very happy to see some new faces. We had some very positive and motivating discussions and look forward to implementing them throughout the year. Please remember it's never too late to join. Look forward to see you at our next meeting.

### ART ROOM NEWS

If you have any old newspapers or egg cartons for some of our upcoming lessons could you please give them to your child to bring to school.

Please make sure that your child has a art smock or old shirt to wear to Art class each week.

**Mrs Anthea Zimmerman  
Art Teacher.**

St. Mary's Altona Newsletter  
"Caring Catholic Community in Education"



## DOING IT RIGHT: Week 5 Term 1

Many children have been seen Doing It Right around the school this week. They have been taking pride in the environment, sharing school values, returning money found in the yard, displaying resilience, handing in lost items, helping teachers, playing a game fairly and loads of other great things.

Prep S: Melina

1/2H: Betty, Isabella, Ava C, Gabby, Grace, Kilian, Brodie, Hannah, Olivia

1/2K: Zaii, Anna

1/2D: Jacob, Sienna, Eleanor

3/4L: Sara

5/6C: Maree, Isabelle, Mairead, Victoria, Destiny, Emily

## INTER SCHOOL SPORT

Our Year 5/6 students played their third game of Interschool Sport last week at Home V Altona Yellow.

	St Mary's Altona	Altona Yellow
Cricket	53	43
Newcombe	3	0
Bat Tennis	27	37
Softball	21	4

Today we played Altona North PS. (Scores next week) and next week we will play away at Seaholme Primary School. Please note that at Seaholme, all sports except Softball are played at the school. Softball is played at the oval near the kinder and railway line.



## WALK / RIDE TO SCHOOL / FAMILY SKIP ALONG

Congratulations to PREP H who were our MOST ACTIVE GRADE for February and to BLUE Team who had the most student coming to school in an active way. **BLUE – 350** points, **RED – 270** **YELLOW – 280** **GREEN – 330.**

**OUR NEXT ACTIVE TRANSPORT DAY IS NATIONAL  
RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY ON WED 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**





The **Hobsons Bay Schools Swimming Carnival** will be held on **Friday 28th March 2014** – 7:15 pm at the Bayfit Leisure Centre, Mason St, Altona North.

We would like to encourage all students from Prep to Year 6 to participate in this event.

There are **Entry forms** and **further information** available - on the **school website** NEWS: Notes and Forms, on the **table outside the staff room** and from **Mrs Masseni** ([mmasseni001@smaltona.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mmasseni001@smaltona.catholic.edu.au)) All children will be made aware of the carnival in their PE lessons next week.

**Entry forms must be returned to Mrs Masseni by THURSDAY 13<sup>th</sup> MARCH.**

~ Try these Healthy Sandwich Fillings ~

- Try chicken, avocado and lettuce or vegemite and cheese.
- Vary meats - include lean ham, chicken, turkey, tuna or salmon (in springwater).
- Add low fat cheeses - they're a great source of calcium for growing bones.
- Use a variety of vegetables - include grated carrots, zucchini, lettuce, cucumber and sliced tomatoes (pat dry to prevent sandwiches going soggy, and place in between dry fillings).
- Try different spreads such as chutney, cranberry sauce, mayonnaise, avocado, tomato relish, ricotta, cottage or cream cheese.
- Cut healthy sandwiches in fun shapes for variety and to encourage eating
- Peanut butter, alfalfa, grated carrot and sultanas.
- Ham, crushed pineapple and grated cheese (with salsa or tomato spread).
- Left over roast vegetables (with pesto).
- Roll a banana in wholegrain bread and drizzle with honey to make a "banana hot dog".
- Make a mixture of tuna, mayonnaise, celery, carrot and corn and store in a container as an easy sandwich spread.



On **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March** we will participate in the **National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence**. As well as running some school based events on the day and in the weeks leading up we ask that all

children wear a **SPLASH of ORANGE** with their uniform to show their support. Keep the date in your diary.



### AUSSIE OF THE MONTH – FEBRUARY

These students are chosen by staff each month for consistently demonstrating great behaviour

and the values we promote at St Mary's. Each 'Aussie of the Month' is awarded a badge and certificate at assembly and given house points'

Congratulations to **Grace Azzopardi** for always smiling and enjoying herself at school and **Liam Denys** for always trying his best and making good choices.

**Marie H** for being a responsible class citizen.

### DISTRICT TENNIS TRIALS

**Congratulations** to Kathleen Sullivan who participated in the District tennis trials for the School Sport Victoria state team recently. Kathleen will go on to compete at the Divisional trials early in April. Good luck Kathleen.

**Margaret Masseni**

**Physical Education / Student Wellbeing Leader**



### MSJ JUBILEE MASS

MSJ celebrates 50 years of empowering women of the west. We are inviting all past students and staff to a Celebratory Jubilee Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral in East Melbourne on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March at

11.00 am, celebrated with Archbishop Denis Hart. We look forward to seeing you there.

### MSJ 2015

If you have not finalised your application for Year 7 2015, they are now due. Enrolment application forms can be downloaded from our website [www.msj.vic.edu.au](http://www.msj.vic.edu.au) or by contacting the College Registrar at [registrar@msj.vic.edu.au](mailto:registrar@msj.vic.edu.au)

### HOBSONS BAY CITY COUNCIL

[www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au](http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au)

Cultural Diversity Week is an opportunity for all Victorians to come together to share aspects of their culture, faith and language, and celebrate the benefits multiculturalism brings to our state. Cultural Diversity Week will run this year from 15 to 23 March. With over a quarter of our residents born overseas, Hobsons Bay is both rich and proud of its cultural, linguistic and religious diversity.

Celebrate Cultural Diversity Week and participate in the following **FREE** events:

**Cultural Games Fun Day on Tuesday, 18th March, 10.00 am-1.00 pm at Laverton Hub**

Join us for a day packed with fun games from all over the world and make new friends. Join in for Truyen Truyen, Mah-jong, Cane Ball, Origami, Aboriginal workshop, traditional Indian games and much more. Vegetarian lunch provided. Event organised in partnership with the Hobsons Bay Settlement Network.

**Colourfest Film Screenings on Thursday, 20th March, 7.00 – 8.30 pm at the Substation**

Join us for a free mini film festival showcasing the works of film makers from multicultural backgrounds. The program includes an artist talk from one of the film makers Fatima Mawas and other special guests. Event organised in partnership with the Substation.

**Viva Victoria Festival on Sunday, 23rd March at Federation Square**

You can also join tens of thousands of people at Federation Square in Melbourne on Sunday 23 March for the spectacular Viva Victoria Festival.

With music and dance across four stages, food, workshops, fashion, arts, crafts, free children's activities and face painting, and much more, this free public event is the ultimate celebration of Victoria's awesome cultural diversity. The 2014 program is available on the Victorian Multicultural Commission website

<http://www.multicultural.vic.gov.au/projects-and-initiatives/cultural-diversity-week/viva-victoria>



## PARENTS AND FRIENDS

### PREP AND YEAR SIX BUDDY FAMILY NIGHT VOLUNTEER REPLY SLIP

Prep and Year Six Buddy Night will be held on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March. This has always been a fantastic night where new families to the school get to meet other families. The preppies and buddies have a great time spending one on one time with each other and their families also get to meet. In order to make this a successful evening we are asking for Volunteers to help!

If you are able to help on the night please complete the form below and return it to the School Office, as soon as possible, your help is greatly appreciated.

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### Parents and Friends Prep and Year Six Buddy Family Night Volunteer Reply Slip

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March – 6.00 – 8.00 pm

Please return to school office as soon as possible.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Mobile phone if possible for the convenience of text messages)

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Eldest child's Name & Class: \_\_\_\_\_