

# St. Mary's School, Altona

## Newsletter 2015

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### Dear Parents

There have been a couple of issues that have been brought to my attention by both staff and parents that I am concerned about and would like to share with you.

**The first one is** that there seems to be an increasing number of children playing on the basketball court especially before school. We ask that children not arrive at school BEFORE 8.30 am. Any children that do arrive before this time MUST report to the school Office Foyer and remain there until Playground Supervision commences at 8.30 am. Then they remain on the Netball Court or for Preps and Year One/Two's the Junior Adventure Playground or the Netball Court and that there are NO Ball Games or Running Games for the safety of everyone. These are also the only areas which are supervised by staff. No children are to play on the Senior Adventure Playground Before or After School unless their parent is physically present to supervise them.

**The second one is** concerning dogs. I'm aware some parents are supporting our promotion of Active Lifestyle by walking their child/ren to school and their dog which is to be commended however from a Health & Safety Workplace aspect I do ask that no dogs are taken inside buildings and that all dogs are on a lead controlled by an adult while in the school grounds. If you wish to take your dog into a building/classroom please request permission from myself before doing so.

Thank you for your co-operation in these matters.

### EASTER RAFFLE:

Our Annual Easter Raffle is upon us once again. The Parents & Friends Association will be sending home a book of raffle tickets (10 tickets) per family to sell early next week. Extra books can be requested from the school office. 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 become the raffle prizes.* We usually end up with enough prizes for most children to win one. Easter donations can be brought to school starting Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March. The Easter Raffle will be drawn at a Special Assembly on the last day of this term at 2.00 pm. Thank you for your support.

### LONG SERVICE LEAVE:

Our Physical Education Specialist and Student Wellbeing Leader, Mrs Margaret Masseni has taken the next two weeks of this term as Long Service Leave. Physical Education classes will continue as normal during this time. Mrs Masseni will return for the beginning of Term Two.

### OPTIONAL PARENT / TEACHER CONTACT:

On Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March we are holding a Parent / Teacher Contact Afternoon from 3.15 – 5.05 pm. It is an opportunity for parents to meet with classroom teachers and/or specialist teachers to discuss issues related to their child and their learning.

**All parents DO NOT have to attend this meeting, only those who have a concern.** Teachers wishing to see parents regarding their child's learning will contact parents to arrange a time on this afternoon. Should you have any questions please contact your child's classroom teacher.

**ONLINE PROCESS** – Parents will need to make a booking online for all appointments. **Online bookings are now open.** Go to our school website and click on the Interviews Icon, it is a direct link to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and follow the simple instructions. The **School Event Code is 2BSHN**. For parents who cannot make a booking online you are welcome to use a designated computer in the TRI Centre. **BOOKINGS CLOSE:** Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March.

### FOOTY TIPPING:

The first game of AFL is only 20 days away, so join our Footy Tipping Competition. As well as having a lot of fun you are financially supporting our school with half of the income going directly to support your child's education, the other half in prizemoney. It's \$23 per person or \$40 for two. The site is: [www.victeach.footytips.com.au](http://www.victeach.footytips.com.au). People involved last year have been automatically rolled over into this year's competition. New tippers need to join and register and select St Marys Primary School (competition). The Password is 'Mary'. Please send the money in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Footy Tipping" to the school office as soon as possible. The deadline is Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April. More detailed instructions can be found on our school website, 'News, Notes & Forms'.

### TUCKSHOP

The Tuckshop needs your help. We are looking for a Volunteer to help in the Tuckshop for one Friday a month from about 12.30 – 2.00 pm if you are able to help please leave your details with the School Office or contact the Tuckshop direct.

## SCHOOL FEES:

Please be aware the Curriculum Levy (\$220 per child) and the Excursion/Incursion Levy (\$60 per child), were due and payable today. **If you have not already made this payment, please arrange to do so as soon as possible. If you are having difficulty meeting this portion of the school fee, please contact the School Office to make an appointment to see me so that we can arrange an alternative settlement.**

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 11<sup>th</sup> September**. All of the above can be paid by Direct Debit instalments. Instalments contracts can still be commenced, and can be allocated on a bi-monthly, monthly or fortnightly basis. Although we have passed that date, *it is still possible to contract to a payment plan*. If you need any further details, please contact Mrs Pedley in the School Office.



## NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING & VIOLENCE

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March - Wear a splash of **ORANGE** with your school uniform to show your support. Students will be talking about bullying in their classrooms – what bullying means, what to do if they are bullied, what to do if they see someone being bullied and most importantly about the importance of respecting and getting along well with others.

### LET'S STAMP OUT BULLYING....

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

## IMPORTANT:

Attached to this newsletter is an important letter from Fr. Shabin.

David Kelly.  
Principal.

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

### MARCH

Monday 16th	Assembly 3/4L – 2.30 pm
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	National Bullying Day – Wear <b>ORANGE</b>
<b>Reminder</b>	
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Parent/Teacher Contact 3.15 – 5.05 pm

## EDUCATION IN FAITH

### CONFIRMATION

*\* **Thank You** to our wonderful people, Rita Vuleta, Kim Said, Ronnie Tucker and Teresa Prismall who assisted Nicole with the placement of NAMES on the Confirmation stoles yesterday. A big **Thank You** to **Nicole Singleton** who has over many years volunteered to iron stoles, iron-on symbols and coordinate the placement of names.*

*\*A **final Confirmation letter** will go home next week (Week 8) in regards to final reminders about Sunday March 22<sup>nd</sup>.*

### Catholic Education Week 15<sup>th</sup>- 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Catholic primary and secondary schools in the Archdiocese of Melbourne, proud of their Catholic traditions, celebrate Catholic Education Week each year.

This year the theme for Catholic Education Week is **'Seek God with all your heart'** (Deuteronomy 4: 29). **On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March** our school leaders will attend the Mass of St. Patrick for Schools at St. Patrick's Cathedral. We will form a part of the schools' banners procession into the cathedral before Mass. After the service our students will walk to the Treasury Gardens for a concert in the park.

### Our Lenten Journey

You are asked to continue to support Caritas Australia through our Project Compassion money boxes in each classroom. The focus in 2015 is on **Food for Life**. Project Compassion highlights global food issues and how Caritas Australia is empowering the world's poorest people to establish sustainable food sources for life. Thank-you.

### Traditional Irish Blessing for St. Patrick's Day

*May the road rise up to meet you,  
May the wind be ever at your back  
May the sun shine warm upon your face  
And the rain fall softly on your fields,  
and until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the hollow of His hand*

**Year 1/2D will be attending the Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March Parish Mass 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.

\* Our Year 6 Confirmation Candidates as they prepare to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

\* An enlightened Lenten journey towards Easter.

*Olive Chodowski – REL  
"Let us be entirely God's."*

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop – 1890

# LITERACY NEWS



## ARE YOU READY TO TAKE UP THE CHALLENGE.....? THE 2015 VICTORIAN PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE.

This is the **11<sup>th</sup>** year for the VPRC and St. Mary's students have proudly been part of the Challenge EVERY year. The Challenge encourages Victorian students to read more frequently and more broadly. Last year at St. Mary's we had **130 children** who met the challenge. Some children have done so every year! Once again we are encouraging all students from Prep to Year 6 to join in the challenge.

Children who have participated in previous Challenges will know that there are **many benefits** in taking part. As well as the intrinsic rewards of reading, each student who completes the Challenge will **receive a certificate**.

### How to Meet the Challenge

There are rules you need to follow to meet the Challenge.

- register as a Challenger and make sure you keep a record of your reading on the Challenge website (How?...further on in note)
- read the following number of books during the Challenge.

Year level	Number of books	Number from the Challenge book list
Prep – Year 2	30 books	20 or more
Year 3 – Year 6	15 books	10 or more

### If you are in Prep, Year 1 or Year 2

You can read books by yourself or with someone else.

You can read books with your:

- parents
- teacher
- brother or sister
- buddy or friend.

They can help you or read the book to you if you are just learning to read.

### Where can I get books for the Challenge?

You should be able to find many suitable books in our school or local library. You may have books at home that you can add to your children's reading lists. Remember too that you can add books that are not listed on the Challenge book list – these can be added as personal choice books.

Lists of books can be located on our school website.

### Recording Books You Have Read.

Students in Year 3 to 6 will need to enter online the books they have read by themselves. Most children will do this at school but it can be done at home. Prep and Year One / Two students will have the books that have been read to them or they have read during class time at school entered for them.

Please complete the '2015 Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge Consent form' attached to the newsletter and return to your child's classroom teacher as soon as possible.

It is optional to complete Section 2 which gives permission for your child's name to be published in The Herald Sun.

We are looking forward to all students taking up the Reading Challenge and successfully completing it. **PERMISSION FORM ATTACHED** to Newsletter or found on School Website in Notes & Forms

### FREE Premiers' Reading Challenge Calendar The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open!

Don't miss your FREE giant calendar poster in the *Herald Sun* on **Tuesday 17 March**. Featuring key Challenge dates, literary events, fun facts, popular authors' birthdays and tips, it's a great way for parents and children to track their reading progress, count down the days and stay motivated throughout the Challenge.

There is plenty of time ....as challenge finishes on .....11<sup>th</sup> September.

So **START READING TODAY!!!**

For more information about the Challenge, visit the following website: [www.education.vic.gov.au/prc/](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc/)



Each month members of our St. Mary's Junior School Council attend a meeting at the Hobson Bay Council along with other school 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 Madison, Portia, Mila, Dwight, Jessica and Isabella who attended the March Hobsons Bay Junior School Council meeting at the council chambers. 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 Madison who spoke on the schools behalf.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the following JSC reps who were chosen by the JSC members to take on these roles:

Portia – President

Mia – Secretary

Angelique – Treasurer.

**NEED2READ**

**IS BACK ...  
STARTING TERM TWO**

Starting on 14<sup>th</sup> April and 16<sup>th</sup> April we are opening the TRI Centre on a Tuesday and Thursday from 8.20 to 8.40 am for our **Need 2 Read Club**.

All school children and their family members are welcome to come along and enjoy reading. As a way to encourage children to come they will have a N2R card and each time they come will receive a stamp. When they reach 5, 10 and 15 they can choose a prize from our Lucky Prize Box. Children need to be in the library by 8.30 am to receive a stamp. See you there.







## NORMIE THE GNOME

Normie the Gnome is awarded to the House Team who keeps their part of the yard the cleanest. For Week 5 and Week 6 the winners are:

**YELLOW TEAM (Week 5)**

**BLUE TEAM (Week 6)**

### TUCKSHOP HELPERS - Week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> March

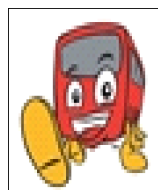


Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup>

Pauline Luppino  
Marylinda Abate  
Anne Cooper

Manager: Eva Coppola Tel: 9315 0799

## UNIFORM SHOP OPEN WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS 2.30 – 3.00 PM



### WALKING SCHOOL BUS – NATIONAL RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY 13<sup>th</sup> MARCH

**Thanks:** to everyone who came to school in an active way today, to our Walking School Bus supervisors, to Emily and Isabella who organised our colouring competition, to the students who entered their work in the competition, to the students who manned our house points posters and gave out our 'surprises'! Well done one and all.



### CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> March 8 – 8.30am on the school oval.

**Margaret Masseni (Wellbeing and PE / Sport Leader)**

## PARENTS & FRIENDS COMMITTEE

### 80s Disco: Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March

Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets to the 80s Disco, it's sure to be a really fun and highly entertaining night.

Ticket sales are now closed. No physical tickets will be issued, we'll just cross you off the door list as you arrive. Don't forget there's prizes for the best dressed, so be creative with those 80s costumes.



### EASTER RAFFLE

The Annual Parents & 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:** As detailed at the beginning of this Newsletter.

### 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.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au)

1731 Malvern Road, Glen Iris, Victoria 3146

[info@campaustralia.com.au](mailto: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.

### FREE LADIES D.I.Y. WORKSHOP DAY

#### BUNNINGS ALTONA – Millers Road

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March

11.00 am – 2.00 pm

Booking essential Phone: 9392 7700

Or [www.bunnings.com.au](http://www.bunnings.com.au)

### ALTONA LACROSSE

The Altona Lacrosse club is located in Altona North and is seeking players of all ages, boys and girls to fill our junior sides.

If you are interested in joining and learning to play, please email your details to:

[recruitment@altonalacrosse.com.au](mailto:recruitment@altonalacrosse.com.au)

or call: 0401 770 218

### NEW PLAYERS WANTED

#### ALTONA LAVERTON EAGLES

Altona Laverton Eagles is a friendly and family oriented Basketball Club.

If your child is aged from 4-17 and is interested in playing basketball then Altona Laverton Eagles would love to hear from you.

All levels of experience from beginners to experienced players are welcome.

The new Junior Winter 2015 Season is starting in May 2015 with all games held at the Altona Basketball Centre.

For all enquiries or to register please call

Lisa on 0433 323 812

Have some fun, develop new skills and make new friends become an Eagle Player today.

## Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge 2015

Students have a chance to take part in the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge (Challenge) in 2015. As a means to promote the importance of reading among students in Victorian schools and to encourage families and parents to be more involved with supporting children's reading, in and beyond school, the Victorian Government has continued its support.

Details of the Challenge are available at [www.education.vic.gov.au/prc](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc).

### PLEASE NOTE:

**SECTION 1** of the consent form attached must be signed if your child is to participate in the Challenge and receive a Certificate of Achievement

**SECTION 2** of the consent form below is optional.

In October/November 2015 an Honour roll lift-out in The Herald Sun will contain the names of all Victorian children who completed the Challenge (publication only with the permission of their parents or guardians). Consent is sought from students and parents for the publication of names following the conclusion of the Challenge.

When consenting, you authorise collection of the names of the students who are participating and their schools by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

This information will only be used for the purpose of conducting the Challenge in 2015 and printing certificates of achievement for students who meet the Challenge. If you consent, the student will be issued by their school with a username and password.

All queries will remain confidential and all information that is to be provided to the Department will be held via a secure website and kept confidential in accordance with the Information Privacy Act 2000.

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

**Definitions:** *Department* refers to the Victorian Department of Education and Training, *Person* refers to the child/adult listed below in the consent declaration.

#### 1) Privacy Protection

The Department takes its privacy obligations seriously and any personal information collected or used by the Department will be handled in accordance with the

Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014 (Vic). This law sets out what we must do when the Department collects, uses, handles and destroys personal information. Personal information includes personal details such as an individual's name and school that could be used to identify an individual.

#### 2) Collection, use, disclosure and storage of personal information

If you provide your consent your school or early childhood setting will collect and disclose your child's first and last name, and the name of the early childhood setting or school to the Department. The Department will then:

- Use the information to register your child and to generate an online account (through which school age children can record the books that they read);
- Publish your child's name and year level on its online Honour Roll located at: [www.education.vic.gov.au/prc](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc) at the completion of the Challenge with no other identifying factors such as school name.
- Give the name of your child to Finsbury Green Pty Ltd ABN 52 007 743 151 who will then disclose to a 3rd party for the purpose of printing Certificates of Achievement.

#### 3) Accuracy, access to information and withdrawal of consent

The Department will endeavour to ensure that any personal information held about your child is up to date and accurate. You can access, correct and withdraw personal information held by the Department by written request in accordance with the Department's Information Privacy Policy located at:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/privacypolicy.aspx>

Consent may be withdrawn at any time by writing to the Department's Privacy Unit on: [privacy.enquiries@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:privacy.enquiries@edumail.vic.gov.au).

***If you have any questions about this form, or if you need more information, please contact the PRC Challenge Coordinator at the Department [readingchallenge@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:readingchallenge@edumail.vic.gov.au) or (03) 9637 3624.***



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## Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge 2015

### Consent Form

Dear Parent/Guardian

Students have a chance to take part in the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge (Challenge) in 2015. Details of the Challenge in 2015 are available at [www.education.vic.gov.au/prc](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc). There will not be any payment involved.

#### **SECTION 1: Consent of a parent/guardian to authorise student entry and to authorise awarding of certificates of achievement for students who meet the Challenge in 2015.**

Please tick  the boxes below.

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I consent to my child entering the Challenge and authorise their name on a completion certificate (Certificate of Achievement).

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/guardian) \_\_\_\_\_ (print name)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed by Student.....

Student name (Print Full Name).....

Year Level .....

Age in years as at 1 February 2015 .....

Student's Certificate Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (Only required if different from name given above)

#### **SECTION 2: Optional- Consent to publish child's name in Achievers Honour Roll in the Herald Sun Newspaper**

Please tick  only one of the boxes below.

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I consent to publication of my child's name in the Achievers Honour Roll in the Herald Sun Newspaper.

☐

I do not give consent for my child's name to be published

I understand that if I wish to withdraw this consent to publication it will be my responsibility to inform the Reading Challenge Coordinator at my child's school on or before 11<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/guardian) \_\_\_\_\_ (print name)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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