



# St. Mary's School, Altona

## Newsletter 2016

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Dear Parents,

No.14 20<sup>th</sup> May 2016

Next Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May we are celebrating Our Lady Mary Help of Christian's Feast Day by joining the Parish at the 9.15 am mass. All parents are welcome to join us at this celebration. The Parents & Friends have generously put on a free hot dog and juice lunch for all children to also celebrate this day. Thank you to Anne Cooper and to her helpers for organising this. There will be no canteen on this day so if you haven't already ordered a hot dog please make sure your child brings some lunch from home.

### SUBSCRIBE:

Thank you to all the families that have subscribed to receiving our newsletter online. We only have 25 families to go. So if you haven't subscribed as yet please do so.

### WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

Yet another successful Walk Safely to School Day with many families coming to school in an active way, some even joining our Walking School buses. Thanks to Ella and Isabella (Wellbeing Leaders) for organising our lead up events to the day – badge making, colouring competitions and word finds and also to the many parents who supervised children on our Walking Buses.

### PREP 2017 ENROLMENTS:

Enrolments for Prep 2017 closed today Friday 20 May. If you know of someone who is thinking of sending their child to St. Mary's in 2017 they need to get their Application for Enrolment forms in ASAP. We will be organising parent interviews on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

### SCHOOL EDUCATION BOARD:

The Annual General Meeting for the School Education Board will be held this Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May in the staffroom commencing at 7.30 pm. Thank you to the parents that have nominated for the vacant Parent Representative position on the Board. All parents are welcome to attend.

### FOOTY TIPPING:

The jackpot this round is \$10.00 Good Luck!

David Kelly,  
Principal



### PRINCIPAL AWARDS 16<sup>th</sup> May

PrepHM	Lorenzo Jimena
PrepS	Elisha Shafik-Eid
Year 1/2HK	Andrew Sougleris
Year 1/2S	Akelan Evans
Year 1/2D	Melina Merda
Year 1/2G	Trinity Edwards
Year 3/4M	Gemma Deller
Year 3/4S	Emma Hussey
Year 3/4VH	Harrison Nugent
Year 5/6C	Olivia DeSimone
Year 5/6L	Kane Sortino
Year 5/6M	Emma Kelly



### 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**

### DOING IT RIGHT- Week 5 Term 2

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

Prep S: Ryan

Prep HM: Xavier

1/2G: Christian, Ava, Trinity, Ava C, Isabel, Charlotte, Gabriella, Amelia, Leon

For taking pride in the environment, cleaning up when asked, helping on yard duty and loads of other great things!

## EDUCATION IN FAITH

### RECONCILIATION

Thank you to all our Year Three parents/guardians who attended the Reconciliation Family Workshop on Wednesday evening presented by the wonderful Sr. Lorraine Testa.

**Our Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on Wednesday, 8th June 7pm.**

#### Our Lady Help Of Christians



Next Tuesday we will celebrate the Feast Day of Our Lady Help of Christians. She is the Patron Saint of Australia, our school and parish. We will begin our day with a whole school Mass FAMILIES & FRIENDS welcome. Our P&F have also provided free lunch (NO Canteen on Tuesday).

*Almighty God, deepen in our hearts  
our love of Mary Help of Christians.*

*Through her prayers and under her protection,  
may the light of Christ shine over our land.*

*May Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace.*

*Grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens.*

*We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

*Mary Help of Christians, pray for us.*

### **SOCIAL JUSTICE MESSAGE: COIN TRAIL**

This week was CatholicCare Family Week. We held our annual Coin Trail race between the House Teams. The money collected goes towards the wonderful work of CatholicCare to build on this year's theme of 'Champions for Change' in recognising that children can play a role in building more kind and equitable societies. House points were awarded to each team.

**Yellow** TEAM came 1st with the longest trail.  
**Yellow** TEAM came 1st with the largest amount of \$167.35.

Overall we raised \$437.60.

**A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED THIS EFFORT.**

#### **St. Vincent de Paul Society 'Winter Appeal'**

Each classroom has been provided with a small shopping bag to fill with non-perishable food items to support the work of St. Vincent de Paul Society in our local community.

**PLEASE DONATE AN ITEM TO  
THIS WORTHY CAUSE**

Thank-you

**Kate Ealem & Tahlia Sepsic**

Social Justice Leaders

#### **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

**\* All students who are preparing to receive  
the Sacrament of Penance.**

**\* All members of our community who are sick  
or in need of our prayerful support.**

***Olive Chodowski – REL***

*"God expects great love and fidelity from us  
all."*

Mary MacKillop, 1870

## IMPORTANT DATES

23/5	Year 1/2G Assembly
24/5	School Education Board AGM
24/5	Mary Help of Christians Feast Day – Mass 9:15-10:15am Free lunch for students
25/5	Wonder of Living (Parent Session Only) 6.30-7.30pm
26/5	Year 1/2 Werribee Zoo Excursion
30/5	Prep HM Assembly
31/5	School Closure Day
3/6	Sacred Heart Of Jesus –Whole School Mass
6/6	Year 3/4S Prayer Assembly
8/6	Sacrament of Reconciliation 7-8pm
13/6	Queen's Birthday (Public Holiday)
15/6	Wonder of Living (parent/child session) 6.30-7.30pm
20/6	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences 1.30- 8pm
21/6	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences 3.30- 5.30pm
24/6	Family Film Night

### **CSEF – APPLICATIONS CLOSE JUNE 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**NO late applications can be accepted.**

Families who hold a valid means-tested concession card or who are temporary foster parents are eligible to apply to the Victorian Government Camps, Sport and Excursion Fund.

\$125 per year will be paid for eligible primary students.

A CSEF Application form can be collected from the School Foyer.

**I strongly encourage ALL FAMILIES THAT ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS FUNDING TO COMPLETE AN APPLICATION FORM AND RETURN IT TO SCHOOL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

Further information on the fund can be viewed at the Victorian Government Department of Education and Training website.



On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June St. Mary's Parish will be celebrating a special Children's Mass at 10.30am.

We would like as many children as possible to be involved in this special celebration. Therefore if you would like your children to be part of this Mass they will need to attend one of the Children's Liturgy Sessions at the 10.30am Sunday Mass to collect a form, complete it and return it to the Parish House Letter Box by **no later than Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2016.** Morning

Tea will be served after Mass, we would appreciate it if you would please bring a plate.

Looking forward to seeing you there



### Farwell to Bishop Vincent Long

Archbishop Denis Hart extends a warm invitation to parishioners to attend a Mass of Farewell and Thanksgiving for Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv who has served as Auxiliary Bishop since 2011 at St. Patrick's Cathedral, on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2016 at 7pm**. The Mass will provide an opportunity for the Archbishop on behalf of the Archdiocese, to extend our gratitude to Bishop Long for his faithful Service in the Archdiocese and to seek God's blessing upon him as the Bishop of Parramatta.



MSJ Open Mornings – 9.30am – 10.30am

(Thursday) 26th May, 16th June, 11th August, 8th September, 10th November 2016 MSJ

Musical ~ Anything Goes. Come and see the show on Friday 17th June at 7pm, Saturday 18th June at 12.30pm or 7pm. Caroline Chisholm College Quin Auditorium 204 Churchill Avenue, Braybrook For more information, call 8398 2000, or visit [www.tickethost.com.au](http://www.tickethost.com.au) MSJ Twilight Open Evening – 3pm – 7pm (Thursday) 6 th October 2016 Currently Accepting Applications for 2016, 2017 and 2018 Limited places are available for 2016. Further information can be found at 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) or Ph: 8398 2007.

### TUCKSHOP HELPERS - Week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> May



Wednesday  
Thursday  
Friday

Shelley Nugent  
Marylinda Abate  
Anne Cooper

Manager: Eva Coppola

### UNIFORM SHOP



Open Wednesday Afternoon 2:30 -3:00pm  
& Monday mornings 8:30 – 9:00am

The Uniform Shop now has a dedicated email address. You may complete and scan an order directly to them. You may also simply write a clear list of your requirements including size etc. Always include the name of your eldest child, their class, your contact details and the method of payment you have used. Payment can be made by direct bank transfer or cash or cheque left at the School Office in a clearly marked envelope. The email address is [stmarysaltonauniforms@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysaltonauniforms@gmail.com)

The Uniform Shop is run by parent volunteers who are aware that not all families can visit them during their opening hours. This is an initiative that they hope will be helpful to all. Any feedback is welcome; please direct it to Mrs Pedley in the School Office.

**ROCK UP  
NETBALL**

TRAIN

A DIFFERENT  
WAY TO PLAY

JOIN IN, GET  
SOCIAL AND ENJOY  
THE EXPERIENCE.

**VENUE:** Altona Sports Stadium, Queen Street

**DATE:** 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd June

**TIME:** 10.00-11.00am

**REGISTER:** [www.rockupnetball.com.au](http://www.rockupnetball.com.au)

**COST:** \$10 per session

FOR MORE INFORMATION  
[ROCKUPNETBALL.COM.AU](http://ROCKUPNETBALL.COM.AU) OR 9321 2222



### Sports Results from Rd 2 vs Altona PS

Netball	Girls	Lost	6 - 19
	Mixed	Won	20 - 1
Football		Lost	6 - 121
Soccer	Girls	Lost	0 - 3
	Mixed	Won	2 - 1
Teeball	Girls	Won	21 - 15
	Mixed	Lost	9 - 18

Well done to the winning teams and all other participants

Today Round 3 vs **St Mary's Williamstown** .

### Today's Results from Rd 3 vs Williamstown

Netball	Girls	Lost	3 - 4
	Mixed	Lost	2 - 7
Football		Lost	15 - 83
Soccer	Girls	Lost	1 - 2
	Mixed	Won	4 - 0
Teeball	Girls	lost	10 - 22
	Mixed	won	12 - 5

Well done to the winning teams and all other participants

Next week round 4 vs **Bayside Prep – 9 and Altona College (away)**