



ST. MARY'S SCHOOL, ALTONA

NEWSLETTER 2016

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Dear Parents,

No. 23 5th August 2016

MARY MACKILLOP FEAST DAY

On **Monday 8th August** we will celebrate Mary Mackillop's feast day by attending Parish mass at 9.15am. Everyone is welcome to join us at this celebration. After mass, students will buddy up with another class to eat brain food and do an activity related to Mary Mackillop. The rest of the day will run as usual including assembly at 2.25pm. It will be hosted by Year 1/2S. (N.B. Some hot dog order forms were sent out with the newsletter two weeks ago. This was a mistake. No hot dogs will be provided for lunch on Monday).



Thanks to everyone who came along to our Cuppa & Chat afternoon this afternoon. Congratulations and well done to our Year 5/6 students, Kate, Tahlia, Sienna, Justin, James and Thomas gave their account of what they experienced at the leadership days they recently attended.

Come along to our next Cuppa and Chat to get to know other parents, grandparents, relatives and staff. Discussion topic will be advertised next week.

FRIDAY 19th AUGUST @ 9am IN THE STAFF ROOM.

MC BAIN ST. GATE

You may have noticed if you regularly use the Mc Bain St gate that there have been some **NO PARKING** signs painted in the driveway. We ask that you observe these signs and not park or pull up in the driveway when dropping children either at school or at OSHC. This had been raised as a safety concern by some parents and staff who had witnessed some near misses between cars and children.

Thanks for your cooperation.

FOOTY FUN DAY - 9th September

If you have any AFL football club specific items that could be used as prizes on Footy Fun Day we love to have them!

Lanyards, caps, stickers, scarves etc. that you might have received in your membership packs or other items you might find in the \$2 shops. We especially need Bulldogs, Geelong and Collingwood items.

All donations gratefully received....just send them to the office.

An order form for a Subway Lunch on the day will be available in the coming weeks.



JSC



Each month members of our St. Mary's Junior School Council attend a meeting at the Hobsons Bay Council along with other schools 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 Jade, Peter & Mark who attended the August 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. The meeting was a forum for the students to talk with each and council members about Active Transport in Hobsons Bay.

FOOTY TIPPING

Congratulations to the following people who correctly picked all 9 winners in Round 19.

Dr Foot, BP Bombers, Mighty Pies, Natalie Zuvela & Maureen Yacono.

They can collect their winnings from the school office. Jackpot this week is \$5.



JEANS FOR GENES

A HUGE THANK YOU to students and staff who wore denim today and made a gold coin donation to help raise money to FIGHT CHILDHOOD DISEASES. Well done to our Social Justice & Wellbeing Leaders for helping organise this day.

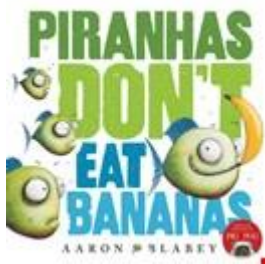
Together we raised: \$333.00

BOOK WEEK COMPETITION

Book Week is coming - 20th to 26th August - and to celebrate the library is running a competition to guess which book will win the Book of the Year in the Early Childhood category. We have all 6 short-listed books in our library and you can come to the library on Tuesday and Thursday mornings before school for the next two weeks to hear them being read during Need 2 Read time.

Listen and read the books - then vote for your favourite. The book that gets the most votes will be announced as the St. Mary's winner at our Book Week assembly. Everyone who votes for the book that is announced as the official Book Week winner will go into the draw for some great book prizes! These prizes will be awarded at our Book Week assembly also.

So come along next Tuesday morning to hear the first of our Book Week books!



GARDENING GROUP

Our gardening group harvested some of the winter vegies today and will sell them in the yard after school. All proceeds will go to Vinnies.

Thanks Kristen, John and the Year 3/4's.

Great work

NEED 2 READ – COME ALONG and **READ** in the Library before school **EVERY TUESDAY and THURSDAY in TERM 3.** EVERYONE is welcome.



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 was: **BLUE TEAM**

Margaret Masseni,
Deputy Principal



70s, 80s & 90s RETRO DISCO

Get out your Bell Bottoms, Disco Dresses, Platform Shoes, Sequins, Glitter and Afro Hairdos because we're going back, way back... It's a **70s, 80s & 90s Retro Disco** baby!

So organise a group of friends, get your costumes sorted and save this date in your diaries...

There will be a DJ, lighting effects & a photo booth to capture the hilarity.

DATE: Saturday 15th October

VENUE: Koorinal Golf Club

TICKETS: \$28.50pp includes scrumptious finger food, drinks at club prices.

Tickets will be available through TryBooking soon.

Feel free to contact Marelize Agius (Ethan Prep H/M) for more info

at pmagius@bigpond.com

RAFFLE

All money and raffle books, sold tickets and unsold were due back today. If you still have yours at home could you please bring it along to the office on Monday morning as the counting and collating will be done during the day.

Doing It Right

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

1/2HK: Amelia

1/2D: Angus, Jamison

1/2S: Keely, Aggy, Isabelle N, Gisella

3/4VH: Caitlyn

5/6C: Amelie

For handing in money, taking pride in the environment, helping someone, helping Mrs Vella and loads of other great things.

Prep 2017 – Uniform Measuring Day

Unfortunately due to events beyond our control, the above day will now be held on **Tuesday 23rd August 2016**.

EDUCATION IN FAITH

FIRST EUCHARIST NEWS

Dates to remember:

Shared Family Meal & Workshop:

Wednesday, 17th August,

6:00pm in school hall

Celebration of First Eucharist:

Saturday, 20th August at 6:00pm.

&

Sunday, 21st August at 10.30am.

**The Feast Day of
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop
will be celebrated with a special Mass
on Monday 8th August at 9.15am.
ALL WELCOME**

*Loving God, We thank you for the gift of
St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop to our land Australia.
May the Church in the whole world know of her
holiness. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



*"Love one another and bear with one another
and let love guide you in all your life".
Mary MacKillop, 1909*

Altar Servers Mass-Sunday 14th Aug-10.30am.

Fr Shabin would like to say "Thank you" to past and present Altar Servers for being active participants in the life of Mary, Help of Christians Parish, Altona. This special Mass is a thank you celebration for the time and commitment that Altar Servers have made to the life of our Church.

The parish will also organise some light refreshments after Mass for our Altar Servers.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- * All members of our community who are sick or in need of our prayerful support.
- * All students who are preparing to receive their First Eucharist.

Olive Chodowski - REL



PRINCIPAL AWARDS 1st August 2016

PrepHM	Anika Manton
PrepS	Anderson Jack
Year 1/2HK	Jasmine De Thierry
Year 1/2S	Keely Williams
Year 1/2D	Jamison Lehrer
Year 1/2G	Leon Bitaks
Year 3/4M	Lexie Rietveld
Year 3/4S	Anna Adani
Year 3/4VH	Chloe Zuvela
Year 5/6C	Portia Guerrero
Year 5/6L	Isla McAvoy
Year 5/6M	Mulunesh Teshomi

IMPORTANT DATES.

8/8	Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop	9.15 – 10.15am
8/8	Year 1/2S Assembly	2.30pm
12/8	Athletic Trials	9.00- 1.30pm
15/8	Year 3/4 Prayer Assembly	2.40pm
16/8	School Closure Day	
17/8	First Eucharist- Shared Meal/workshop	6.00 – 8.00pm
20/8	Sacrament of First Eucharist	6.00 – 7.00pm
21/8	Sacrament of First Eucharist	10.30 – 11.30am
22/8	Year 1/2HK Assembly	2.30pm
24/8	Year 4 Camp	9.00am
29/8	Year 1/2G Assembly	2.30pm
4/9	Father's Day Parish Mass	10.30-11.30am
5/9	Prep S & Prep HM Prayer Assembly	2.40pm
6/9	ADSSA Athletics	
7/9	Family Maths Night	6.30-7.30pm
9/9	Footy Fun Day	
12/9	Year 5/6M Assembly	2.30pm
16/9	Term 3 Finishes	



ST. MARY'S CHOIR NEWS

Dear Parents

After the beautiful singing on Grandparent's Day, St Mary's School Choir has been invited to lead the singing at our school celebrations of First Eucharist and for our parish Father's Day Mass.

I have sent a note home with your child this week with all the details of these events.

Could this note be returned as soon as possible?

Thank you for supporting your child as a member of the school choir. They have been practising very hard to make our school celebrations truly memorable.

Mrs. Angela Hamilton

Performing Arts Specialist

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FAMILY MATHS NIGHT

A reminder that we are hosting a St Mary's Family Maths night on Wednesday September 7th.

It is an opportunity to promote family involvement with mathematics and give your children the chance to demonstrate how they participate and how they learn in a fun and interactive way. There is an RSVP Google form for you to complete if you would like to attend. It was attached as a link on the same email as this newsletter. Looking forward to seeing you there.



Currently Accepting Applications for 2016, 2017 and 2018, with limited places are available for 2016. Further information can be found on our website www.msj.vic.edu.au or by contacting the College Registrar at registrar@msj.vic.edu.au or Ph: 8398 2007.

Year 7, 2018 - Some parents may be aware that a number of schools have decided to not adhere to the dates prescribed by Catholic Education Melbourne and have brought the application dates forward to August/September 2016. We wish to assure parents that girls in our feeder Catholic Primary Schools are our highest priority. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the College. Please be advised that applications to MSJ close 17th February 2017. Year 7, 2019 Applications to MSJ close 25th August 2017 MSJ

Open Mornings – 9.30am – 10.30am (Thursday) 11th August, 8th September, 10th November 2016
MSJ Twilight Open Evening – 3pm – 7pm (Thursday) 6th October 2016.

TUCKSHOP HELPERS - Week beginning 8th August 2016



Wednesday Caroline Cassar

Thursday

Friday Rosemary Ciavarella's mother

Coppola

Manager: Eva



Uniform Shop - A **volunteer** is needed in our uniform shop. If you are interested please advise the school office. Thank you.



BOOK WEEK 2016

As part of our Book Week celebrations, on **THURSDAY 25 AUGUST** we would like children to bring in a copy of their favourite book to share with their class.



This Sunday at Burbank Oval features a HUGE match-up against our western suburbs rivals, Footscray.

It is also our final home game of the home and away season, so we really want all of the western suburbs to come out in force and watch us take on the Bulldogs!

As always, there will be plenty of free kid's activities on offer so it looks to be another great day out at Burbank Oval!