Dear Families

Teaching programs are well underway at the College with many of our classes attending extra curricular activities to build upon their classroom learning. Our Year 5 & 6 students visited Sovereign Hill on Wednesday. This experience certainly brought their classroom learning to life with our students embracing the opportunities it offered them to build their historical knowledge and understandings in line with the Australian curriculum.

In a few weeks our Year 1 to 4 students will be visiting the National Gallery of Victoria to investigate Australian history, culture and lifestyle, another wonderful learning opportunity for our students. Many year levels have also planned excursions throughout the term.

Our Year 7 & 8 students returned on Friday from Camp Wyuna. They are certainly to be congratulated on their enthusiasm and the mature approach they displayed towards every challenge presented. Thank you to Mr Moore, Mrs Borraci, Mr Dadwell, Miss Wiffen and Miss O’Brien for their contribution to a very successful learning activity for our students.

Next week our Year 9 students will travel to Mount Bulla for a three day adventure camp focussed on leadership development. The students will be abseiling, rock climbing and caving whilst preparing meals and camping out. Ms Wiffen, Mr McGee and Mr Kelly will be travelling with the students and joining them in the activities.

Our students were delighted to receive some new seating in their classroom libraries throughout the college today. This has certainly added some vibrancy to the learning environments and will be well utilized.

Mrs Margaret Melak (Integration Aide) finished at the college today. Margaret has been at the school for a number of years and we wish her all the best in her future endeavours. We are delighted to welcome Mrs Tracy Hansen who will be replacing Margaret for the next few weeks.

Support Group meetings for students funded under the Program for Students with Disabilities will be held in the coming fortnight. Mrs Tseriotis will be in touch with parents shortly to arrange appointments.

College Council Elections 2014

I am delighted to announce that the following parents and staff nominated for the advertised vacancies on the College Council.

PARENT CATEGORY:
Con Alexopoulos: Parent of Sam (Year 1)
Afrodita Vandenbergh: Parent of James (Year 5) and Oliver (Year 1)
Tarius McArthur: Parent of Xavier (Year 1)

DEECD EMPLOYEE CATEGORY:
Mathew Kelly: Assistant Principal

Nominations closed on Monday 17th February at 4:00pm. There were 3 parent and 1 DEECD employee vacancies at that time and therefore the above nominees are therefore duly elected to council.

Thank you for working with us in partnership to continue to build and develop Altona P—9 College in the community and into the future.

Julie Krause (Principal)
Our Year 5/6 Students

Our Year 5/6 students are investigating Australia in the 1800’s and are off to Sovereign Hill on the 19th February. This week they visited the Goldmines at Sovereign Hill.
ABC Music—Guitar and Keyboard Lessons

Here are some wonderful photos of our students enjoying a new music program. It is not too late to join in the guitar and keyboard playing. Lessons are held within school hours and students are withdrawn from class for half an hour. Times are generally rotated so the students do not miss the same lesson each week. It is on a user pays basis. A brochure is attached to the newsletter. Families must contact the company directly to book their child into the program and arrange payment. This can be done via mail or on the internet.
A Sneak Preview……

The fundraising committee and the College Council have worked hard to
fundraise and budget for the purchase of a new piece of playground equip-
ment. We have ordered a new hexagonal spacenet, similar to the one pic-
tured.

It will hopefully be installed within the next 10 weeks and I am sure our
Prep to 6 students will love the new additions.

Play Equipment

Next week there will be some sand play equipment, Tonka trucks, buckets
and spades available to add enjoyment to the children’s break times.
Stayed tuned for photos and more smiling faces.

ABC Music Program

The ABC Music program commenced last week with group lessons in either
keyboard or guitar. The smiles on the children’s faces certainly reflected
their enthusiasm. If parents are interested in their children joining the
Alternatively there are brochures
available at the front office.

Drum Lessons

Mr Tommy Piscano is running drum lessons on Tuesdays at the College. If you are interested in your child learning the
drums please contact the office.

Parent Fundraising/Craft Group

Dear Families,

We are looking for parents who would a spare hour or two once a month to get together with our small group of par-
ents to help with craft projects to use for our fundraising events this year. If you can sew, paint, draw, knit, crochet,
bake etc. we would love to meet you.
Please come and join us at our Parents and Friends Morning Tea on Friday 28th February from 9.15am in the Staffroom.

This is not just open to parents, but to family friends as well. We hope to get some more people involved in our
creative efforts to help raise funds to further develop our school for our children.
Please fill out the attached form and return to the office before Wednesday 26th February for catering purposes.

We look forward to meeting you.

Liz Mayr
Fundraising Co-ordinator

I will be attending the parents and friends morning tea on Friday 28th February
(Toddlers and babies are most welcome)

Name: ________________________________

Number of people attending ____________________
Get the Altona P-9 College website on your Smart Phone!!!

Our College website is now Mobile Friendly

Please visit www.altonap9college.vic.edu.au to find a short video explaining how to get our website installed directly to your phone.

Keep up to date with school dates from the calendar or read short articles about all the fantastic programs students are involved in here at Altona P-9 College.
# Our Calendar for February 2014

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Uniform

Double C Jeanery has stock in the shop of all items outstanding. White shirt, polos, ties. Bags will be in store Wednesday 12th. Feb.

Our pre-loved uniform shop is open Tuesday morning prior to school and Wednesday afternoon directly after school.

**DONATIONS OF UNIFORM ITEMS NOT USED AT HOME ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED**

**YEAR 9 FAMILIES YOU MAY LIKE TO CONSIDER DONATING YOUR PRE-LOVED UNIFORM TO OUR SHOP.**

Student Leadership—Junior School Council

I would like to introduce our two inaugural College Captains, Fiona ElShani and Daniel Ketchley. They will be leading our Junior School Council in 2014. The captains were elected by the students and staff at the end of 2013.

The Junior School Council will have representatives for Years 5—8. An election process has been put in place by the captains to select one male and female from each class.

School Banking Program

Dear Parents and students,

For those already registered for school banking, it will begin again on Wednesday 12th February. Please ensure your deposit slip is filled out and the correct money inserted.

A school banking pack will be sent home with all students filled with information about the school banking program for new families.

If your child already has a Commonwealth Youth Saver Account and you would like them to participate please send it to school with them so they can start. For every deposit students receive a token and once they have collected 10 tokens they can be redeemed for a reward.

This is also a great fundraising initiative for our school as 5% of the total banked, the Commonwealth Bank gives back to our school. Last year school banking raised just over $200.00.

If you gave any questions please do not hesitate to speak to me.

Kind regards

Liz Mayr

School Banking Coordinator
Benvenuto a 2014!

Our students have settled nicely into Italian this year; instructions are being followed in Italian, words are confidently being spoken and our Year 8 students are learning to converse with their peers. Below is an outline of what we’re up to:

Preps – Pinocchio
Through this introductory unit, children are learning some body parts, colours and numbers. There are songs, chants, games and craft activities to entertain and help retain vocabulary.

Year One – Il Variopinto Camaleonte (The Mixed Up Chameleon)
Using a book by the renowned author, Eric Carle, children are learning about animals, animal body parts and colours. They will be creating their own mixed up chameleons and using simple Italian sentences to describe their masterpieces. Their art will be on display in the Italian Day Gallery.

Years Two, Three & Four – Eccomi!
Students are using targeted Italian language to describe themselves and create digital representations. Aspects being described include: name, age, birthdate, likes and dislikes, family members, hobbies and where they live. They are also being introduced to asking questions; this skill is practised in class with their peers.

Year Five & Six – Gli Artisti Italiani
Students are exploring Italian art and artists. This is a cultural unit and students are researching artist and using works they like to inspire their own artwork. Students’ Italian research is complemented in their art lessons with Mr Vening. They will display their work in the Italian Day Gallery.

Year Seven – Ciao!
Through this introductory unit, students are gaining confidence in using simple Italian language to introduce themselves and others. Pronunciation of the Italian vowel sounds is integral and students practise this every lesson. Italian directions are used and students are creating sound files to complement their learning. Culturally, students are developing a picture of Italian customs such as name days and the place of patron saints.

Year Eight – Buon Weekend!
This is a great unit in which students learn to converse with their peers about their interests and gain knowledge of how to interact with new people. Music, hobbies, sports and the weekend are the language focus. Grammar is based around verbs and how to conjugate them. Culturally, students gain knowledge of famous Italian piazzas and fountains, making a good impression and also the evening ‘passeggiata’.

Italian Day

Get ready, Italian Day’s fast approaching and there will be great activities and fun for everyone. Please make sure you read the attached flyers and get into the spirit of the day.

Simone Costello
Altona P-9 College presents

ITALIAN DAY

THURSDAY 3rd APRIL 2014

DRESS AS A FAMOUS OR INFAMOUS ITALIAN, WEAR ITALIAN COLOURS OR ITALIAN GEAR – USE YOUR IMAGINATION!

ITALIAN DAY 2014

This year we will celebrate Italian Day with lots of fun activities including: a performance from La Comica Variety, a gondola race, soccer drills, an art gallery, pizza lunch, a gelati van, a best dressed competition and a pasta construction competition – both with prizes. Save your coins for a gelato and get your outfit organized!

A presto!
Pasta Competition

Landmarks & Icons

Students and families are invited to enter our ‘Pasta Construction Competition’. Using predominantly dry pasta, construct a reproduction of an Italian landmark or icon. Finished pieces will be displayed in the Italian Gallery on Italian Day – Thursday 3rd April – and are in the running for Brunetti vouchers for best family entry and best student entry. Entries close 9am Thursday 3rd April 2014

Contact Simona if you have any queries: costello.simone.m1@edumail.vic.gov.au
Bayside P-12 College

OPEN EVENING

Tuesday 4th March 4 - 7pm

Paisley Campus Yr 10 - 12:
Blenheim Rd Newport
Welcome to Camp Australia Before, and After School Care

Firstly, a big thank you this week to the Vandenberg family for the donation of lots of paint, brushes and other painting equipment. We will start painting next week and some of the children's art work will be on display on our walls. So please look out for this.

Inside the children have been getting to know what construction materials we have. The favourites over the past two weeks have been the Lego, the plastic sticks and the boxes. These are left made up so the children can continue to play with them over a week or more.

Our children enjoy being able to create art work with glitter, foam pieces, pom poms and sand and has been very productive. It's great to see all that work produced.

We encourage the children to choose what they want to do and at the same time provide some direction by providing specific activities, such as cooking. We have experimented with making mug cakes without the egg. The results were mixed.

The Preps are learning some of our board games and some favourites are Snakes and Ladders, Trouble, Junior Monopoly, and Guess Who. It is also exciting to see the older children taking the patience and time to teach the younger children some of these.

Outside the children have been playing cricket, and kicking a soccer ball. The weather has been against us because of the heat (and Wednesday's rain). We have spent an hour some afternoons in the library as our room can get very hot.

Remember to enrol now so that when you need us you just need to book. And do come and visit us to see what we do. One kinder kid recently walked in and said, "This place is amazing!"

Natalie MacLachlan, Coordinator

Once registered
You can make bookings and cancellations, view your statements and manage your details anytime of the day.

Save on Care
Save 50% or more on Before and After School Care with the Child Care Rebate. Almost all families are eligible. To find out more call our Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343

Holiday Clubs
Don't forget about the Camp Australia Holiday Clubs these school holidays. Use the Holiday Club Finder on the website to find the nearest program: www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs

Healthy Snacks
Afternoon tea is served daily. Menus are tailored to children's tastes, developmental and nutritional needs. Afternoon tea includes a selection of yummy sandwiches and fruit. Children may also engage in fun cooking activities.

HOW TO GET STARTED
Before using our programs register online for an account. This enables you to make bookings, view your statements and manage your details anytime of the day. Registering is quick and easy. Visit www.campaustralia.com.au/newparents

we make kids smile
www.campaustralia.com.au
Race for Alex Fundraiser

Sunday 23rd February - 10am - 2pm

d'Olive - 454 Point Cook Road, Point Cook

Alexandra Miller has recently been diagnosed with DIPG (Brain Tumour). Her family have been given up to 12 months to create a lifetime of memories with their precious daughter. This fundraiser aims to raise as much money as possible to support this amazing family in the race of their life.

To book a stall contact Janette on 0405 372 198. To donate to the raffle please contact Claire on 0402 697 632

Gold Coin Donation on Entry
Free Events
Live Music - Ricky Muscat from Australian Idol - 2-6 pm
Bouncy Castle 10-2 pm

Gold Coin Donation Events
Hey Dee Ho 1-2 pm
Jake Wilkinson Magician 12-1:30
(with 30 min show at 12)
Face Painting 10-2 pm

Other events:
Craft, Baking and local business stalls 10-2 pm
Sausage Sizzle 10-2 pm
Raffle Drawn onsite at 4 pm

www.facebook.com/theraceforalex
Single Parent Family Fun Day!

Sunday 16th March, 2014
12pm – 5pm

Logan Reserve
Pier Street, Allona
Melways reference 54 H1

- Free BBQ and drinks
- Free kids activities and games
- Free face painting
- Membership specials
- and so much more!

ENTERTAINMENT FOR ALL!

Please RSVP to Moush on
0430 504 119

info@singleparentsonlykids.org

www.singleparentsonlykids.org