



ALTONA P-9 COLLEGE

TERM FOUR KEY DATES

School Council—6pm
Tuesday 10th December

Year 7 2014 Orientation Day
Tuesday 10th December

Year 9 Graduation Dinner
Wednesday 18th December

Last Day Term 4
Friday 20th December
Proposed finishing time 1.10pm

Breakfast Club
Every Tuesday & Thursday @
8.30am

Preloved Uniform Shop
Tuesdays 8.45-9.15am
Wednesdays 2.45-3.15pm

**College Awards
Assembly 2013.**

Thursday 19th December

**Come and join us as we
celebrate achievements and
farewell our Year 9
Leaders.
Time to be confirmed.**

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ALTONA P-9 COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families

The end of the year is upon us with many activities happening in an around the College. Our Preps attended their fourth transition session on Tuesday and are certainly comfortable in their new environment. They were delighted to receive a show bag of items from our current Prep students welcoming them into our community.

We will be farewelling two Early Years staff members at the end of the 2013 school year. Miss Anne Sutton is moving to Beaumaris Primary School and Miss Jess Ferroni to Rowville Primary School. Mrs Genevieve Newton will also not be returning in 2014 and has resigned from the Department. Mrs Penelope Haren is also retiring at the end of the year. We wish all staff members the very best in their new endeavours. Mrs Ann Ginis will also remain on leave in 2014. At this stage we are still finalising other positions for the coming year.

Miss Caitlin Walker will be replacing Miss Sutton as the Prep teacher. We have invited our 2014 Preps to visit on next Tuesday from 9:30am to 11:00am to meet Miss Walker. We also welcome Mrs Megan Penry to our community.

Next Tuesday we will be holding an orientation session for all students to their 2014 home-rooms. There are still some appointments to be made however the students will gain experiences in what it is like in the next year level. Our class structure for 2014 is:

Early Years: Prep, Year 1, Year 2/3 and a Year 3/4 class
Middle Years: 2 X Year 5/6 classes, Year 7, Year 8A, Year 8B and Year 9

The College Council will finalise the fee structure for Booklists etc at its final meeting on Tuesday evening. These will be sent home Wednesday. Payments for 2014 can be made immediately upon receiving the fee structure.

Our final assembly will be held on Thursday, December 19th at 2:00pm. We will send home an agenda prior to the event so families can join us. The choir will be performing.

Last Friday the 29th November was the make-up day for the Walkathon this year. The students from Years 5-9 pounded the pavement in an attempt to raise money for new facilities at the school. The fundraising team are trying really hard to increase our funds for some new play equipment for the Early Years students. Thank you to Mr Dadswell for co-ordinating the event and the fundraising team for their input. Mr Dadswell will release the names of the superstar fundraisers from each class very soon, keep an eye out for those on the website. These students will receive a prize along with every student that raised over \$15 The final amount raised was \$703.81.

The College Council will be discussing the new playground and the options available at our next meeting. We have set aside in excess of \$23,000 for improvements with a proportion being raised through the hard work of our fundraising committee. The recent market night saw \$ 1167.05 added to the total.

The canteen will be closed in the last week of term as we run down supplies. There will be a food service in 2014 for the students with the final decision to be made at the next Council meeting next week.

In the last week of term there will be a final 2013 College newsletter sent to families. I will also send home the updated Early Years and Middle Years booklets to families as they contain the curriculum breakdown for 2014 from our recent review.

Wishing all our families a wonderful weekend and we would love to see some families in attendance for our whole college final assembly on December 19th.

Julie Krause

Principal

Altona P-9 College School Calendar 2013 - Term 4								
OCTOBER			NOVEMBER			DECEMBER		
1	Tu		1	Fr	Leap Engineering Year 9	1	Su	
2	We		2	Sa		2	Mo	Week 9 Bookfair Week P-4 building 3.05pm-4.00pm
3	Th		3	Su		3	Tu	LifeFit Year 7 Boys Prep 2014 Transition
4	Fr		4	Mo	Week 5	4	We	
5	Sa		5	Tu	Melbourne Cup public holiday	5	Th	Bookfair—Special Reading 3.05-4.00pm P-4 Building
6	Su		6	We	School Council – 6pm	6	Fr	
7	Mo	Week 1 Term 4 begins	7	Th		7	Sa	
8	Tu		8	Fr	Whole school Walkathon	8	Su	
9	We		9	Sa		9	Mo	Week 10
10	Th		10	Su	College working bee 8am	10	Tu	LifeFit Year 7 Boys School Council – 6pm Year 7 2014 Orientation Day
11	Fr		11	Mo	Week 6 Years 3-6 Lady Northcote Camp Whole School Assembly 9am	11	We	Out of school uniform day Christmas theme, bring a donation to the school Christmas raffle
12	Sa		12	Tu	LifeFit Year 7 Boys Years 3-6 Lady Northcote Camp Prep 2014 Transition Gr 5's visit from local primary school	12	Th	
13	Su	Melbourne Marathon	13	We	Years 3-6 Lady Northcote Camp	13	Fr	Year 7/ 8 Medieval Incurion PBS Picnic in the Park Ex-cursion
14	Mo	Week 2	14	Th	Year 7 2014 Information Night	14	Sa	
15	Tu	LifeFit Year 7 Boys	15	Fr	Whole school dress Up Day	15	Su	
16	We		16	Sa		16	Mo	Week 11 Middle Years Beach Program
17	Th		17	Su		17	Tu	T20 Cricket Match –Selected Students
18	Fr		18	Mo	Week 7 Scholastic Bookclub due back	18	We	Year 9 Graduation Dinner
19	Sa		19	Tu	LifeFit Year 7 Boys Prep 2014 Transition Year 9 Zoo Excursion	19	Th	Whole School Awards Assembly
20	Su		20	We		20	Fr	Term Four ends—1.10pm finiah (to beconfirmed)
21	Mo	Week 3 P-4 LAPS Program	21	Th	Grade 5's visit from local primary schools	21	Sa	
22	Tu	P-4 LifeSaving Excur-sion LifeFit Year 7 Boys	22	Fr	Night Market from 3.30pm	22	Su	
23	We	Scholastic Book club due back today	23	Sa		23	Mo	School Holidays
24	Th		24	Su		24	Tu	
25	Fr		25	Mo	Week 8 Whole School Assembly 9am	25	We	Christmas Day
26	Sa		26	Tu	LifeFit Year 7 Boys Prep 2014 Transition	26	Th	Boxing Day
27	Su		27	We		27	Fr	
28	Mo	Week 4 Whole School Assembly 9am	28	Th		28	Sa	
29	Tu	LifeFit Year 7 Boys	29	Fr	5-9 Walkathon	29	Su	
30	We		30	Sa		30	Mo	
						31	Tu	New Years Eve
OCTOBER			NOVEMBER			DECEMBER		

Wellbeing

Positive Education

Be grateful for all the small, ordinary moments before they are gone.

Gratitude is something we have considered in the past; we have spoken of its many benefits and the different ways to encourage more of it. At this very hectic time of year, when stopping to reflect seems like the last thing we could possibly do, it is in fact the perfect time to consider all we have to be grateful for. The very ordinary moments of our day can be what we would miss and cherish the most if they were no longer there.

'Thank you'. Two words that can make the world of difference for both the giver and the receiver. When we take the time to feel grateful, to appreciate things and to express that feeling of appreciation in some way, life seems to be better. We resonate with the world instead of fighting with it. We notice beauty. The world seems different – better. It's hard to be unhappy or depressed when we are feeling grateful.



In our consumer society with its material comforts, the expression of genuine gratitude can be quite hard for many of us – partly because we have grown accustomed to instant gratification. Materialistic striving has been strongly associated with life dissatisfaction and unhappiness. Making conscious efforts to show expressions of gratitude to others and acknowledging our own gratefulness reduces the negative impact of materialistic striving.

Gratitude is associated with happiness. Gratitude as both an emotional state and an attitude towards life is a significant source of human strength.

Not only does feeling grateful improve life satisfaction in general but also grateful thinking can be a very useful way of lifting your mood.

In fact gratitude has a more powerful effect on wellbeing than personality, and has strong connections to personal growth, a purpose in life, self acceptance and positive relationships with others

Being grateful makes us feel good and is good for us. Take time this weekend to look around you and see all

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Subscribe before Dec 15th 2013 to go in the draw to win a bottle of Mumm champers.

(winner will be drawn Dec 17th and contacted via supplied email address)

Dear Families,

As we are nearing the end of the year and heading to Christmas please find our last few days arrangements below:

Thursday 19th Final assembly and farewell for our Year 9 leaders as they move to the next stage of their education. We will commence 2pm sharp and will conclude at 3pm.

Last day! – 20th. December - The proposed finish will be 1.10pm.

Merry Nearly Christmas,
Kind regards,
Wendy



Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)- Processing Arrangements for 2014.

For 2014 the EMA application process for families and EMA payment rates will remain unchanged. Families will continue to have the option to receive their EMA by direct deposit into their own bank account, or a direct de-posit to the school to be held as a credit for educational expenses, or by cheque

Fundraising News

A BIG thanks to all families and business who helped raise funds during our 5 Cent Drive. Our final tallies are: \$377 for student savings and \$445 for business sponsorship. A total of \$822 - a great effort for our first time.

Awards go to our top savers in junior level: 1st Prize, a box of 6 gourmet cupcakes donated by Little Cupcakery on Pier Street Altona goes to Sam A, Prep. 2nd Prize, a giant chocolate "pizza" donated by Just Sweets on Upton Street Altona goes to Mason H 1/2 A.

For our senior levels: 1st Prize, iTunes voucher goes to Jacinta 7A. 2nd Prize, a voucher donated by Waffee at Harrington Square, Altona goes to Samin T- 9A.

Awards also goes to the top saving home groups which were Prep S who raised over \$90 and 3/4 A who raised \$45.

When ever your near by please remember to drop in and thank our sponsoring businesses in the community:

Dear Families,

Please join in on our out of uniform day on Wednesday 11th December.

Instead of bringing a gold coin please send along a Christmassy "something" to donate for our fabulous Christmas raffle.

Eg. Christmas decos, serviettes, bon bons, mince pies, pudding, shortbread etc!

Raffle tickets for the raffle will go out at the end of this week. It will be drawn at the school assembly on 19th. December.

Cheers from the fundraising group



Sport News

COLLEGE WALKATHON 2013

On Friday the 8th of November all P-9 students participated in the annual College walkathon. Students walked/ran as many laps of the schools perimeter as possible, all whilst raising money for our school.

Unfortunately the weather didn't hold out for the entire day and as a result the 5-9 walkathon was washed out and had to be postponed until 29th of November. This has caused a delay in P-4 students receiving their prize. All P-9 students will receive their prize over the coming fortnight.

Between the money that students raised through sponsorship and the gold coin donations for coming out of uniform we raised approximately \$1600 for the school which is a fantastic effort.

The perimeter of the school is approximately 1.1km. Below is a list of student names from each year level who achieved the most amount of laps.

LAP WALKERS/RUNNERS

Prep: Many complete between 3 and 5 laps

Grade 1/2F: Gin (5 laps), Devesh (5 laps)

Grade 1/2T: Michael Zi and Noah C(7 laps)

Grade 5/6: Scott G (11 laps), Tiana, Linda and Kaela (10 laps)

Year 7A: Ben Kl (15 laps), Hanan K (9 laps)

Year 7B: Anthony Z (11 laps), Deon D (7 laps)

Year 8: Jascha M (11 laps), Tameka, Fiona and Hannah (5 laps)

Year 9: Danny C(9 laps), Rebecca P (10 laps)