



ALTONA P-9 COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families

It's hard to believe the school year has drawn to a close. The students are enjoying their last day with friends and certainly excited about the holidays ahead. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for your support throughout the year. As I said at assembly yesterday I am absolutely delighted to be the Principal of our wonderful college.

I am very proud of the students who I have come to know over the past year either in the classroom, in the school ground, as leaders or as members of my connections group. Thank you to all our families for choosing Altona P – 9 College and entrusting us with your young person everyday. It is never an easy thing to do to entrust your child to someone else. The research clearly shows that when parents are actively involved in their child's educational life then it leads to greater opportunities for success. Our students show so many positive qualities and we all know that all this starts at home.

To the staff of our wonderful college it has been a collective effort this year by ALL of you. You have all been academic guides to our students this year or their previous years of education. Each and every one of you has had a significant contribution to each of our pupils. Thank you ALL for your work in preparing them for the challenges and exciting times that lie ahead whether it be here or in another. You all believe that you are doing what is best. We have seen some of our student's blossom into leaders.

Thank you ALL for caring.

Farewell to the following staff who will not be returning in 2014. Toulou Borg Canteen, Nick Pateman, Anne Sutton, Jess Ferroni, Paul Bombaci, Penny Haren, Kim Brown, Kerri Bond and Genevieve Newton.

Thank you to our students, the modeling you have provided through our Connections program and through joint early years, middle years and whole school programs have contributed significantly to the culture of our school. You will certainly enjoy a well-earned break. This year you have embraced our new Positive Education Program and opportunities we have offered to promote our school in a positive way through our Year 7 and Prep experience days and kindergarten visits.

There have been many highlights this year both curricular and extra-curricular that are too numerous to mention, it has certainly been a busy one.

I am sure each of our Year 9 students are looking to the future many with trepidation but also with great enthusiasm and excitement about what lies ahead. They are growing up in a rapidly changing world and learning is fast developing with new resources and approaches. The scary thought is that by the time they may finish university many of the jobs they will enter may not yet have been invented. And it is only 7 years away. They are OUR future. The Year 9 students are extremely special to each and everyone here including me. I have appreciated every moment that I have spent with them and when they invited me to join them. On Wednesday night they **stood** proud with their families and shared their highlights of their year.

In the words of Dr Seuss A message to our Year 9's. Congratulations! Today is your day. You're off to Great Places! You're off and away!

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2014 Key Dates

29th January
Book Collection Day

30th January
Students commence
term 1

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PRINICIPAL'S WRITING COMPETITION

Prep Certificates to all Prep students.

1/2 T Liam T
1/2 F Wynona
3/4 Macarena
5/6 Kaela / Finley / Tiana
Year 7 Kunal / Claudia
Year 8 Mhaileen
Year 9 Jordan / Rebecca

Awards – Respect, Learn and Care.

Prep: Thushana
1/2 T Mikaela
1/2 F: Taleea
3/4P: Luke
56V: Tiana
7a: Anusha
7b: Tia
8: Sean
9: Samin

Special Service and Citizenship Awards

Tim Watts Citizenship Award

Scott Year 9

Early Years Citizenship Award

Chikae Year 1

Early Years Building Positive Relationships

David Year 4

Sports Achievement Award

School Sport Victoria Academic and Sporting Achievement medal

Cooper Year 5

Dux of the School Presentation

Rebecca Puopolo—Year 9

Wishing all our families a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday. I look forward to seeing all our students on Thursday January 30th 2014

Julie Krause