Dear families

Chill out day on Wednesday was exceptional and a day our students will remember for some time. The day started with bellies filled with pancakes provided by the fundraising group. It was a mammoth effort to prepare enough for 220+ but well worth it. There were card games and table tennis in the Year 9 centre as they enjoyed their communal breakfast and excited conversations across the college. The success of the day was certainly reflected in student attendance which was at the highest level for the year.

The college was buzzing!

Our connections groups met following breakfast where students participated in mindfulness activities and created delicious smoothies. A number of cyclists then braved the wind chill factor with Mr McGee and Mrs Neville for a cycle along the beach tracks. Another group ventured down to the beach for a leisurely stroll to soak up the sun that gradually broke through the clouds. Students enjoyed time in the art room or playing computer games, creating glitter bottles or even belly dancing with Tarius. Boot camp was certainly well received and Tanya proved that we have a number of potential circus performers in our midst. Our early year’s students enjoyed yoga and games whilst sewing with Wendy was also popular with all ages.

Jujitsu was certainly another hit supported by the Giles family along with a tournament challenge outdoors. Thank you to staff member Julie Giles who led the planning for the day. The comments from all the students at the gate said it all! And the tired looks on the faces of our early years students reflected the energy they had burnt up in the dance off in the afternoon.

Days such as these do not work without the support of our school community. Thank you to everyone involved, the staff, and parents and in particular our students who embraced the day with great enthusiasm. I am sure this will become an annual event and was a great way to celebrate the end of a long term.

Wednesday morning I attended a celebration morning at Altona Primary held by Mobil. The college is extremely grateful to Mobil Exxon for their annual support of our college programs. Our robotics program which is a popular choice for our middle year’s students would not have been possible without their generosity.

Miss Lauren Bell our administration support officer finishes at the college on Friday. Lauren is moving to Carranballac College into a large office team. This is a wonderful opportunity for Lauren to grow into the future and our very best wishes and appreciation go with her as she begins the next step in her career.

Mrs Simone Mathews is stepping into the administration role and has been working with Lauren this week.

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Mid-year reports were sent home this week. Parent teacher interviews will be held on Wednesday, 22nd July which is the second week of term 3. Details will be placed on the website. Support group meetings for the students on the program for students with a disability will be arranged by Mrs Giles for the first week of third term and she will email families directly with a link to make a booking.

It is hard to believe that we have reached the half-way point of the academic year, report writing is certainly a time when teachers reflect on just how far our students have grown within a short period of time. Our Preps have completed half a year of school and our Year 9’s have nearly completed their time with us at Altona P – 9 College.

This term has certainly been a busy one with building works, sporting activities, excursions, NAPLAN testing, girls Fit for Life program, Somers Camp, Wynnspook, Year 9 careers expo, Kinda Kinder and a multitude of other activities in and around the college. Our students have certainly done us all proud this term, they certainly live our values and I am extremely proud of each and every one of them.

Wishing you all a wonderful relaxing mid winter break and I look forward to seeing all our students on Monday, 13th July ready for semester two.

Julie Krause
CHILL OUT DAY

Enjoying the sun on the beach walk.

Reaching for the sky!

It's a long way to the top!

On top of the world.

Happy snaps by the beach.

Chilling out.

Mindfulness and relaxation.
Our Chill Out Day was a huge success. The students enjoyed many activities including arts and crafts, Sewing, and a beach walk with photography. A great day was enjoyed by all.
EDIBLE GARDENS NEWS

‘It Takes a Village to Raise a Child’
_African Proverb_

Leading up to the end of a busy and long term I want to say I am glad to be one of your village people!

In my Chaplaincy role and in the Edible Garden Program I am fortunate enough to witness our school community helping each other out. Each week in the kitchen I have parents, grandparents and friends of our College giving up their time to help our students learn life long living skills. A special mention in this newsletter to a very special Nanna Lois who drives all the way from Frankston to cook with her granddaughter’s and their class mates.

We also had in the kitchen this week some amazing parent helpers who spent 4 hours cooking pancakes for all staff and students for our Chill Out Day breakfast. These mums along with their very patient children were committed to making the day a little bit more special for our whole College.

So these holidays have a think about who is part of your village and call on them for help when needed or just for some time out. And remember to return the favour! Or if you're looking to expand your village let me know! I'd love to link you in with people who are looking to expand theirs as well – or perhaps look at establishing an informal parents social club.

Have a great break….from the school routine at least!
Take Care,
Cathie Staunton
Chaplain & Edible Garden Teacher.

Royal Melbourne Show Cooking Entries.
Any students interested in entering cookery into the Royal Melbourne Show please email me over the holidays...
Staunton.cathie.l@edumail.vic.gov.au.
MIDDLE YEARS NEWS

This week in 5/6 A has been an amazing time we have started projects and finished projects.

Numeracy - This week in numeracy has been fun we started a new project on mapping and had to draw a map of Pier St. Once we drew it up, we then had to make up a bus route showing all the different places. We also made up some directions for people to get around.

Writing - In writing we just finished our procedural text on Snakes and Ladders on how to play it.
Reading - We have been reading this awesome book called "The Butterfly Lion" by Michael Morpurgo. Once we finished the book we then designed a new front cover and had to write a book review.

Inquiry - We have started two new projects in Inquiry the first one is a science project how solids react to liquids. We will be presenting these science projects to the P-4’s. The other thing that we are making is a PowerPoint on what we have learnt over the past weeks and we’ll be presenting this to the 5-9 assembly.

P.E - Sports we have been working on skills and how to be a good team player whilst playing soccer or netball against other schools.

By Luke 56A

MUSIC NEWS

This term the Preps and 1/2’s have had a performing arts focus. We have been learning stage techniques to do with body language, vocal control and character development. The students have really enjoyed this chance to perform in front of their peers and are eager to volunteer for every role.

We have been using script for a resource called Funky Fairytales. We have had Students are Red, Wolfie and the Karate kicking Grandma. We are also doing an adaption of the three little pigs. I have been so pleased with the student’s ability to use character voices and expression in their voices.

The 3/4’s have been focusing on different musical genres. So far we have looked at Grunge, Rap, Hip Hop, Reggae, Dance and Musical Theatre. This unit has really broadened their knowledge and understanding of each style of music and what makes them unique. The students have had a choice of using instruments, dancing, and singing and computer research. They have come up with some great performances and I am busily making notes about using parts of it for our end of year concert.

Mrs. Cauchi
Early Years Music

ABC Music Group is seeking new enrolments for students interested in joining the INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM in TERM 3. Lessons are during school day and the program provides a fun introduction to music and also assists students thinking to continue their music education in secondary school.

PROGRAM FEATURES

- 30 minute group lessons
- Keyboard & guitars are provided for each student during lessons (not band instruments)
- Parent/Guardian will be invoiced for the cost of the lessons

Keyboard – Guitar ($135 per term plus 2 keyboard books $35 or guitar book $20)

To enrol please go on our website or pick up a form at the school office
www.abcmusicgroup.com.au then to “Enrol Now” then to “During School Program”
or phone 9427 8049

“I would teach the children music, physics and philosophy; but the most important is music, the patterns of music are the keys to all learning” - Plato
Our Calendar for July

July 2015

Mon  Tue  Wed  Thu  Fri  Sat  Sun

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We're a local drama, dance and musical theatre school located in Melbourne, Victoria.

Our mission is to provide a fun and supportive environment for all ages and abilities.

By offering a variety of courses and workshops, we aim to inspire and educate our students in the world of performing arts.

We believe in the power of theatre and the transformative effect it can have on individuals.

Our goal is to help our students gain confidence, build skills, and develop a love for performing arts that will last a lifetime.

We are proud to have a diverse community of students from all walks of life, and we strive to create an inclusive and welcoming environment for everyone.

With a focus on creativity, collaboration, and self-expression, we encourage our students to explore their passions and express themselves through the arts.

Whether you're looking to build your acting skills, learn dance, or participate in musical theatre, we have a course for you.

Join us and become part of the Youth Theatre Victoria community today!
School Holiday
Basketball Camp 2015

The camp is designed for girls between the ages of 9 and 14 who are just starting to play basketball or who are playing and would like to develop / improve their basic skills.

Students will participate in basic drills to develop their fundamental basketball skills including dribbling, passing, shooting, defence and conditioning.

Every student is encouraged to set personal goals with regards to their skill development and in a fun environment they are guided towards reaching these goals.

Skill Level: Beginners / Intermediate
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Where: Williamstown High School - Bayview Street, Williamstown VIC
Time: 10.00am - 12.30pm
Costs: $40.00 per session

To register please email: BTR_Australia@yahoo.com.au

** Remember to bring your own basketball and water bottle **