Dear families

Our swimming program for our Prep to Year 4 students finished today after a busy two weeks. It was great to visit and see the confident smiles on the children’s faces as they tried new things. The feedback from families present was certainly positive and I thank those parents who joined us in walking down and back from the pool each day. Your support is truly appreciated. For some of our children swimming was a new experience especially in deeper water but the excitement was evident as they jumped eagerly in.

This week our running club members were out participating in a core strengthening circuit as they prepared for the Melbourne Marathon on 12th October. This year we have students attempting the 10km. This reflects the confidence they have gained over the past 18 months in their own abilities. I wish them all the best with their endeavours.

What else has happened this term?

- Parent Teacher Interviews
- The new space net was installed in the junior playground
- Junior School Council meetings and the Junior School Council Congress Parliament House
- Student Representative Council
- Leading Lights Program for some of our Year 5/6 students
- Rugby Clinics P – 6
- Science Week Experiments and activities
- 'Go for IT' excursion for Year 7 to 9 girls- Information Technology Careers for Girls
- The Rock Band met each Monday
- Mr Cooper joined the teaching staff replacing Ms Wendt
- Diabetes Fundraising day
- Steps to Prep program commenced
- We welcomed Mr Paul Trambulo to replace Ms Amanda in Year 3/4
- The choir performed at the Festival of the Performing Arts at Carranballe College
- The Edible Garden program commenced in the kitchen
- The garden planting commenced
- Breakfast club continued bi-weekly and we held a bacon and egg breakfast for our Dads
- The children shopped at the Father’s Day stall with thanks to the fundraising committee
- The Year 5/6 visited the tall ship the "Endeavour"
- Year 7 to 9 participated in external sporting activities and our Year 3 to 6 joined in various events
- Drumbeat took place for our Year 7 boys

We held a quick assembly this morning to celebrate achievements throughout the term. These are held fortnightly during each term on a Monday morning at 9:10am.

As the sunny days begin to increase I would like to wish all our families a wonderful term break. We hope all our students enjoy their time out and are ready for a race to the finish. Term 4 commences on **Monday, October 6th at 9:00am**.

School council on Tuesday evening ratified the mobile phone policy. Please find it attached in this newsletter.

Julie Krause

Principal
Mobile Phone Use (by Students)
Developed May 2011: Reviewed May 2014

Rationale

- Altona P-9 College recognises that student access to a mobile phone is viewed as important by many of our families. Altona P-9 College also recognises that their use, for travel, re-confirming after school arrangements, etc is again viewed as important by many families.
- While the school does not support the banning of new technologies which are commonly supported in the community, students and families are still urged to be cautious about bringing mobile phones to school and students do some at their own risk.
- As with all privileges there is responsibility and if students do bring mobile phones to school, they must be managed according to this policy and our College expectations or they will have the privilege removed.

Purpose

- To ensure Altona P-9 College provides clear policy advice on the use of mobile phones.
- To ensure the school complies with DEECD policy and guidelines.

Implementation

Prep-6:

- Mobile phones are collected by classroom teachers at the beginning of the school day and distributed at dismissal time 3:05pm.

Years 7-9:

- As a general rule, mobile phones should only be used by students in cases of genuine need and only outside of normal school hours
- If a mobile phone is brought to school it must be switched off at all times except for circumstances where there is an educational purpose and strictly with the supervising teacher’s permission.
- With the exception of supervised use of for educational purposes, mobile phones must not be used during classes during the school day. This includes the making or receiving calls, the sending and receiving of text messages, photos or data.
- If any student is feeling unwell at school and needs to go home they must arrange this through their supervising teacher who will refer them to the College office. Under no circumstances may students use mobile phones to contact home and make arrangements to leave school. All communication between students and families is directed through the college administration building.
- Mobile phones are brought to and kept at school entirely at their owner’s risk. The school cannot accept any responsibility for theft, loss, damage or health effects (potential or actual) resulting from mobile phone use. Students and families must recognise that mobile phones are a target for theft and is another reason why locking them away in lockers is strongly recommended.
- Parents and students should ensure that phones are properly insured as personal property.
- Appropriate action at the Principal’s discretion (including suspension) will be taken against any student who:
  - A. Photographs or films other individuals (staff or students) without their consent or who sends harassing or threatening messages.
  - B. Is/are caught using a mobile phone in exams or assessments.
  - C. Refuses to submit their phone upon request by a teacher or principal.
- If a phone is confiscated it will need to be collected from the Principal or Assistant Principal.
- Please refer also to the school’s Student Engagement Policy and College Discipline documents.

Evaluation

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s review three-year cycle (May 2017) or if guidelines change.
SUMMER UNIFORM TERM FOUR AND ONE

We would like to send out a timely reminder that in term four our students should move into their full summer uniform. Your assistance ensuring students are in correct uniform each day is appreciated.

All items of school uniform are available from Double C Jeanery, 2 Aviation Road, Laverton, including the school sun hat.

They accept lay-by so if you need new uniform you can layby now and pick up at the end of the holidays.

P-4 BOYS

School polo shirt, school shorts or tracksuit pants, school bomber jacket AND the school hat.

Our school is a SunSmart school and has a not hat no play policy.

P-4 GIRLS

The above items plus the addition of a summer dress worn with the school bomber jacket and short white socks and black leather school shoes. The school hat is worn in term four in keeping with the SunSmart policy.

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5-9 BOYS

Formal school uniform

Monogrammed white shirt, tie, school green v neck jumper, grey dress pants/shorts worn with white socks and black leather school shoes.

School blazer - optional. School sun hat.

THE SPRAY JACKET MAY NOT BE WORN WITH THE FORMAL UNIFORM

Sport uniform

Monogrammed polo top, rugby top, shorts and or track suit pants, spray jacket to be worn on designated sports days. Sport appropriate footwear. School sun hat.

5-9 GIRLS

Formal school uniform

Summer dress, monogrammed v neck school jumper. NO sport items are to be worn over the summer dress. School blazer - optional. School sun hat.

THE SPRAY JACKET MAY NOT BE WORN WITH THE FORMAL UNIFORM

Sport Uniform

Monogrammed polo shirt, rugby top, shorts and or track suit pants are to be worn on designated sports days. Sport appropriate footwear. School sun hat.

No leggings are to be worn to school at any time.
STUDENT WELLBEING NEWS

What a term it has been! Globally and locally the prominence of technology in disseminating information to a wider audience seems to have been at the forefront of our news. This stands as reminder to the pressures our young people face in a world in which technology is easily and immediately accessible.

CYBER SAFETY WORKSHOPS
Last week, students in Years 5-9 worked with the Project Rockit team to discuss and explore strategies to combat online bullying. We are thankful to the Project Rockit team and our students for their commitment to making the online realm a safer place.

A useful text for supporting students in combatting online issues is ‘Words Wound: Delete Cyberbullying and Make Kindness Go Viral by Justin W. Patchin, Sameer Hinduja.

A quote from the authors:
"Everyone is looking for an answer to the bullying and cyberbullying problem. We know where it can be found: in teens themselves. We’ve met so many who are coming up with creative ideas, and running with them. They are spearheading movements and making a real, measurable difference. And here are some of their stories. Join them, and join us. Words wound, but words can also heal and help. We know it, and you know it - and so let’s stop standing on the sidelines. Let’s get in there and do something about it."
Justin and Sameer, creators of Words Wound

YEAR 7 DRUMBEAT
Our Year 7 boys have completed their Drumbeat program, with a final assembly performance. I would like to thank Hobsons Bay Youth for their support of our students through this program.

STEPS TO PREP
Congratulations to our Pre-Prep students who have competed their first term of STEPS to PREP. The enthusiasm each child brings to our sessions is a delight to see. Our Term 4 STEPS to PREP program will commence on Thursday 16th October (the second week of term 4). Sessions are held between 9-11am. Term 4 STEPS to PREP will involve students who are enrolled in Prep at Altona P-9 in 2015.

PARENTING PROGRAMS/RESOURCES
Attached to this week’s bulletin are flyers for some free parenting workshops.

Finally, I hope the term break affords you with the chance break from routine and to connect to family and friends.

Regards,
Amanda Elmer
MATHS CHALLENGE DAY

Some of our Year 6 students recently attended a Maths Challenge day at Lumen Christie Primary School. They participated in a wide range of maths tasks against others schools in the region. They worked as a team to complete some very challenging activities and should be proud of their achievement.

ENTERPRISE EXCURSION
Written By Jack Collins

Yesterday, 5/6 B & 5/6 A went on an excursion to Williamstown Dock where the replica Enterprise is docked. Unfortunately, the wind was too strong so we didn’t get to sail on it. There was a history lesson about key figures like John Batman, William Buckley & John Pascoe Fawcett. There was also a museum that showcased models of different ships that are currently docked at Williamstown and ships from previous centuries. The two 5/6 classes also got a feeling of what it is like under the deck of a 16th-century sailing ship. The Enterprise cost $2.5 million dollars to replicate and the replica costs $1000 dollars a day to keep it running.

Ms Jayne Taylor
5/6B Teacher
ITALIAN NEWS

SALVE FAMIGLIE!

It has been an extremely productive term in Italian; some work, such as the fashion unit in Years 5 & 6, is being completed and will be shared online and at assemblies early next term, whilst other projects like the Years 2, 3 & 4 eBooks and Year 1 play, will continue into the next term.

Some hard working Year 8 girls visited an Italian book launch with Cathie Staunton and myself at the Altona library in early September and are very enthusiastic to do some cooking in Italian next term. Below are photos of Taneysha and Lois shaping pasta at the launch of Wow! It's Italian book launch.

Preps have extended their vocabulary this term and are great with their colours, numbers and manners. Next term we will learn all about La Befana and Italian culture surrounding the holidays. Hopefully, there will be some interaction with our senior students to make connections and use the words they’ve learnt.

We have added our word of the week to the front foyer and also the different school buildings, so keep an eye out for those. Our word of the week is ‘Buona Vacanza!’ meaning good holiday and spero che voi abbia una buona vacanza! (I hope you have a good holiday!)

Ci vediamo a presto!
Simona

PS Remember you are always welcome in all Italian classes to help, learn or just experience the language!

PPS Don’t forget to visit the Italian Blog – http://italianatcp9.global2.vic.edu.au

SUN SMART

All students should be wearing their sunsmart school hat in term 4
In line with the schools sunsmart policy.
No hat—no play!
EDIBLE GARDEN NEWS

I was walking down the street in my local neighbourhood recently when I stumbled across a massive bag of lemons tried onto someone's front fence. Attached to the bag was a 'free lemons' sign listing all the things the lemons are handy for. One of the great things about growing your own food is often you have too much to eat yourself so you get to share it around! I must admit I have been stealing lemons, with permission, from lemon trees all around the place for our classes this term. So stalk a lemon tree in your local neighbourhood and try out one of our favourite recipes from this week!

LEMON & HERB RISOTTO

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PS. Always ask permission before stealing neighbours lemons!

PRIZE WINNING ANZAC BISCUITS
(We Hope!)

Last week some lucky students were selected to bake ANZAC biscuits to send off to the Royal Melbourne Show as part of the school's cookery competition. We're hoping to win some ribbons so if you're visiting the show this year please take a look at our entries in the Arts, Craft and Cookery Pavilion or check out www.royalshow.com.au to see the results. Why not try our recipe out over the holidays!

Ingredients:

1 cup rolled oats
1 cup plain flour
¾ cup desiccated coconut
¾ cup caster sugar
½ teaspoon bi-carb soda
2 tablespoons boiling water
125g butter, melted
2 tablespoons golden syrup

Method:

1. Preheat oven to 160C. Combine oats, flour, coconut and sugar.
2. Dissolve bi-carb soda in boiling water and add to melted butter and golden syrup.
3. Four wet ingredients into dry ingredients and mix.
4. Place teaspoonsful on paper-lined baking trays. Bake for 15 minutes or until golden.

I look forward to hearing about all your cooking adventures when you return from holidays!

Any parent/grandparent/friends of the school volunteers interested in volunteering in our cooking classes on a Monday for next term. Any one interest can email me at Staunton.cathie.l@edunmail.vic.gov.au – or contact the school.

Cathie Staunton,
Edible Gardens Teacher
TERM 3 ART EXHIBITION

Parents and students are invited to view our exhibition of students artwork completed in Term 3. The exhibition can be viewed by entering from the front foyer or the student access door to the office. The exhibition will be on view for several weeks.

YEAR 9 CERAMICS

Students in Year 9 Ceramics have been busy creating a range of pottery this term. Featured are coil bottles, square slab pots and cylindrical slab and coil pots. Students used under glazes to decorate their pots when at the green ware stage and then clear glazed them to achieve a high gloss waterproof finish.

Mr Ian Vening
Art and Woodwork Technology Teacher
FUNDRAISING NEWS

The Fundraising Team would like to thank all the volunteers we’ve had for our Term 3 fundraising activities. We’d also like to thank the many local businesses who’ve donated goods - Just Sweets, Upton Street, Altona, Video Ezy, Pier Street, Altona, and Celina van Belkom. If you find yourself near these businesses, pop in to say thanks for their kind donations and support. The School Disco, Father’s Day Stall and Pie Drive were all a success and monies raised will go towards the AFL goal posts and pads.

RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

Big Ticket Raffle - Don’t forget to keep selling tickets for the raffle during the holidays. Tickets are just $2.00. The raffle prize is for four (4) nights Family Holiday (4 people) to the Gold Coast.

Please return any tickets you can’t sell as quickly as possible so we can re-distribute and sell on. This fundraising event is a great way to raise funds for the school, but to get the best results, we need to sell as many tickets as possible.

EXCURSION BAGS

We’ve seen many of the students attending the swimming program using the great excursion and lunch bags on sale in the office. With the Grades 3-6 Camp coming up, the excursion bags can make a great wash bag or day trip bag while at camp. Pop into the office to purchase for only $5.

COMING NEXT TERM

Sausage Sizzle

We’re having a sausage sizzle out front of Coles on Pier Street in Altona the 2nd weekend in November. We’ll be asking for families to please volunteer for 2-hour shifts. Watch this space.

Walk-A-Thon

We’ll be running our annual Walk-A-Thon in October. As always, it’s a great way to raise funds for the school while getting in a bit of fitness and exercise.

Movie Night

The Fundraising Committee is excited to announce we’re organising a community Movie Night on Friday 21st November where our Big Raffle Ticket Fundraiser will be drawn. More details to come in term 4.

Thanks from the Fundraising Committee.

The Fundraising Committee meets approximately 4-5 times per term and are always seeking more keen members. If you’re interested in joining please let the office staff know, or if you’ve got ideas for fundraising opportunities or would like to assist in any way we’d love to hear from you.
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Little Athletics – Season 2014/15

At the recent Australian Cross Country Championships in Albany, WA, both past and present athletes from Altona Little Athletics gave outstanding performances.

Jack Rayner, a past Altona Little Athletics member won gold in the Under 20’s age group. Competing over 8km, Jack took control of the race from the start and never looked in danger as he won by 100m.

In the U14 boys, current Altona Little Athletics member Matthew Hussey repeated his performance of 12 months ago to win silver. In the closest race of the day with only half a second separating the first two runners, it gave the 2,000 plus spectators an exciting finish.

Altona Little Athletics Club has a rich history of successful middle distance runners, which many put down to the grass track. It’s widely accepted the softer grass surface helps a child’s development, sprint king Usain Bolt said “I think younger kids must always train on grass, because it is much easier, it’s much more fun and it’s easier on the body.”

If you would like your child to realise their potential then why not consider joining the Altona Little Athletics Centre, where the key objectives are family, fun and fitness.

With the new season to commence on Saturday 4th October, registration will take place in the mornings of Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th September, but for more information please go to www.altonalac.com.au or call 0499 994 305.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Werribee Open Range Zoo’s Keeper for a Day program

Are you thinking of a career in working with animals? Come and join us for a day and participate in a range of hands on experiences designed to provide you with an insight into the role of a zoo keeper. This is a great opportunity to find out first hand from keepers the skills and experience recommended to gain a position as a Zoo keeper amongst a competitive field of applicants.

Ages: Years 7-12 students
Cost: $105.00; $94.50 zoo members

Bookings: 9285 9406
www.zoo.org.au/werribee/whats-on/keeper-for-a-day

Healesville Sanctuary’s Vet for a Day program

Come and work alongside our vets on real life cases involving Healesville Sanctuary’s animals, including endangered species and injured wildlife. Find out the pathways you can take to become a vet.

Ages: 15-18 years. (Years 9-12).
Cost: $129 (includes morning tea); $116.00 zoo members

Bookings: 9285 9406
www.zoo.org.au/healesville/whats-on/healesville-sanctuary-vet-for-a-day

Healesville Sanctuary’s Keeper for a Day program

Go behind the scenes with some of our most precious and endangered Australian animals. Come and work alongside our threatened species keepers at Healesville Sanctuary and learn how you can help fight extinction.

Ages: Years 7-12 students
Cost: $105.00; $94.50 zoo members

Bookings: 9285 9406
www.zoo.org.au/healesville/whats-on/keeper-for-a-day
Welcome to Camp Australia Before, and After School Care

We have had a busy two weeks with plenty of activities. We have continued with our boomerang frames, the kids have continued to enjoy Lego, the rug is progressing and various children have tried to teach Natalie Chess. We have spent lots of time outside, especially at the new climbing frame and put a lot of effort into cooking.

We made chocolate crackles and chocolate truffles and are celebrating the end of term with these special treats.

And at long last we’re going to make them 😊

For a long time now I have been talking about making model cars at our program. Many, many thanks to Scarlett’s dad Duncan who has built a prototype of the cars we will be building. He has modified the battery casings and bought parts that we needed; and also bought simpler cars for the younger children. Next term we will be building these.

Here is the prototype of the more complex car.

If you want to find out more about what we do come and see us, talk with us and feel free to stay and explore our place.

Natalie MacLachlan, Coordinator

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

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.
TACKERS

- 25+ hours tuition from qualified instructors
- Fun on-water & off-water games
- Tackers Kit & Certificate

Where
Altona Yacht Club
Oct 11th to Dec 13th
9.00 – 12.00 Saturdays

Contact us
Contact Tom Cotter
9686 2571
www.theboatshed.net.au
info@theboatshed.net.au

www.discoversailing.org.au/tackers