Dear families,

It's hard to believe we have reached the last term of the academic year. In a few short weeks our Preps will be moving to Year 1, the Steps to Preps students and many new Year 7's will commence their primary or secondary education and our Year 9 leaders will have been farewelled at a celebration evening. Time flies by but it is always with heavy hearts we say "bye" to our Year 9's. We know that they are well prepared to begin their senior years and the feedback from education providers reflects this knowledge. We pride ourselves on the individual attention we have provided for all our students knowing them as learners, by name and personally. We know they will be back to visit the college and how they will always comment on how they are now little fish in a big sea where not everyone knows their name. This reflects the wonderful relationships they have made in our staff. We have students return for a chat, for work experience and even as beginning teachers themselves.

In the coming weeks the Student Representative Council will be leading Poppy sales in partnership with the RSL (Returned Services League) and our Day for Daniel on the 31st October. On that day we will be working in partnership with the Daniel Morecombe Foundation to promote student safety. Adults are well versed in Daniel's story. The day is about educating children and adults about keeping kids safe through child safety and protection initiatives. It aims to help empower our children to 'Recognise, React and Report' if they feel something is not right. Wear Red and Educate is the theme of Day for Daniel as the foundation strives to have schools, kindergartens, businesses and communities across Australia take action and conduct child safety activities in their local communities to help in 'Keeping Kids Safe'. This program is endorsed by the Department of Education and is expected to be included in the revised Australian Curriculum.

At this time of the year we are beginning to look at the organisation of classes and staffing for 2015. If your child is not returning to the college next year please notify the office by the end of next week. Alternatively if you know of families who will be attending please encourage them to make a time for a tour. It has been wonderful to welcome new families into our community and this term we welcomed Drin (Year 7), Sophie (Year 4) and Hope (Year 5).

This week we conducted a head lice check across the primary years. Head lice are a nuisance to families and we support you by conducting regular checks of our students and notifying families if there are any signs of infestation.

Our music team Mrs Cauchi and Mr Cooper are in the process of organising a musical celebration on Thursday 11th December. On this night our Prep to 6 students will be performing along with groups of students from Year 7 to 9 and the Band. This is a great way to celebrate our students learning over the year.

I was delighted to be notified by the education department that we have been the recipients of funds to upgrade the vinyl, painting etc of the gymnasium. This is the only remaining college building utilised by our students from the "old" school. We will be working with a consultant to ensure we receive maximum benefit from the funds.

In a small school there are many, many contributors to our community. Thank you so much to the following parents who supported us over the holiday period. Tarius (Xavier YR 1), Christine (Eva Yr 1), Nikki (Jack Yr Prep), Sue (Eleanor Yr 6), Af (Oliver Yr 1 and James Yr 5), Con (Sam Yr 1) and Peta (Amy Yr 4). It is because of your efforts that we have a beautiful garden growing for term 4. The cabbages were made into chow mein and Asian salad this week and the other vegetables will be utilised in the coming weeks. The students are planting seeds for the future. They are so engaged and talk incessantly. We have had amazing parent feedback. Thank you to Cathie (Kitchen) and Carolina (garden) for your efforts. The kids are buzzing.

It was wonderful on Tuesday evening to see so many students in after school supervised study. They were very well supported by the staff to undertake a range of tasks including practising new geographical techniques. The commitment of all involved to their learning is to be commended.

On Sunday morning we had several students and staff run in the 2014 Melbourne Marathon with many attempting 10 kilometres for the first time. I commend them for their efforts and also the staff Paul, Rhett, Matt, Kate and Hamish who participated with the students. If you noticed a limping Assistant Principal and Year 9 coordinator it may have been the result of the 21km 1/2 marathon. Congratulations to you all! Mr Dadswell has included some photos in the newsletter.

On Wednesday Sasha and Param Param attended the final Junior School Council for Hobson's Bay. What a tremendous opportunity for leadership this has been for our students. It is wonderful to see their growth in confidence over the year. Congratulations also to our Year 4 students who have taken on the facilitator role for the early year's assembly another great leadership opportunity.

Our year 3 to 6 students are extremely excited about the upcoming camp to Campaspe Downs. They will head off on the 21st October for two nights. Mr Kelly and I will be visiting the students during their stay. There is a wonderful program planned. Our Year 9 students for 2015 have also received details on their leadership camp in February. This is an important part of their educational program and is a highlight of their year.

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 are wearing 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.
FOOD TECHNOLOGY NEWS

I am pleased to announce that 3 of our students received ribbons for their ANZAC biscuits that were entered in the Art Craft and Cookery competition at the Melbourne Show. Congratulations to Bayleigh Habgood-Drake for 2nd place in the Secondary division, Blake Horan for 3rd place in the Secondary Division and Ellisha Bergman for 3rd place in the Primary division. I was super proud when I saw all our students entries displayed at the Show and look forward to presenting the ribbons to our students at an Assembly shortly.

FROM HYDERABAD, INDIA...

I was also quite touched to receive some correspondence and photos from India over the Holidays thanking our school for the uniforms we sent over. Here’s an excerpt of the email I received from one of the founders of the Feel for a Fellow Foundation who run the care centre and school for children living in poverty in Hyderabad, India.

"We’ve received both the parcels. I am so excited on seeing so many uniforms. We actually just started a new class for kids who cannot afford to go to school. So there are about 16 kids. We were hoping to buy new uniforms for these kids but then because of the finances we could not afford them. The immediate next day we’ve got your uniforms. Thanks a lot Cathie. Its so great to connect the children here with your students. I am so delighted and happy to write this email to you. I loved the letter the students wrote to us. I never got such a wonderful sheet with so much of love. Our love and greetings to Tiarna, Bal, Emily, Zoe and Hayley. A Big thank you for all your efforts love and concern. We were so moved. We’ll surely send the pictures of the kids in uniform."

POSITIVE EDUCATION

Once again congratulations to the year 7 girls who worked on the community project at part of their Positive Education curriculum. I look forward to working further with the year 7 class this term on a more localised community project. So stay tuned...

Take Care,
Cathie Staunton
Chaplain
MIDDLE YEARS NEWS

Year 5/6 have had an amazing start to Term 4. We have introduced reciprocal reading groups which the students have responded to extremely positively. In this lesson, students are learning how to become great readers by predicting, questioning, summarising and clarifying.

Our Inquiry topic greatly benefitted from a natural light source finally breaking through the clouds on Wednesday afternoon! During our investigation about how shadows are formed, students were engaged and keen to demonstrate how our bodies block light and can cause a whole variety of shapes!

Year 5/6 Team

CAMP COUNTDOWN

Only a few more days until our Year 3-6 camp...!!! Don't forget to start organising the things you need this weekend. Please remember to LABEL EVERYTHING! If you need any information please pop in to see me. Remember to check the blog for camp updates rather than calling the school, I hope to update the blog each day.

Jayne Taylor
5/6B Teacher

JUST SWEETS

Dear Parents,

We would like to inform you that our school lunch order service with Just Sweets will now be available on WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY

New menu coming soon...

just sweets
hand-made fine sweets
ART AND WOODWORK TECHNOLOGY NEWS

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.

Mr Ian Vening
Art and Woodwork Technology Teacher

FUNDRAISING NEWS

RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

Big Ticket Raffle - Don't forget to keep selling tickets for the raffle as they are due back by Tuesday 21st October. Tickets are just $2.00 each. 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 any unsold books. 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.

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.

FREAKY FRIDAY WALK-A-THON

We'll be running our annual Walk-A-Thon Friday 31st October. As always, it's a great way to raise funds for the school while getting in a bit of fitness and exercise. To add to the fun atmosphere of the day we will be calling the day "Freaky Friday" and encourage students to dress in their "freakiest!!" outfit - with a splash of red, for a gold coin donation.

The walk-a-thon will commence at:

10.00am TO 10.45pm for Prep - Year 4
11.20pm TO 2.05pm for Year 5 - Year 9

P-2 students will be encouraged to walk as many laps as they can in 45 minutes.

Grade 3-Year 9 will be encouraged to walk as many laps as they can in 90 minutes.

All teaching staff will be in attendance.

A PRIZE WILL BE PROVIDED TO THE STUDENT WHO RAISES THE MOST FUNDS!!! IN EACH GROUP

A sausage sizzle will be held at lunch time. We would love to have as many parents and friends walking with us in this whole school event. Parent participation and assistance on the day is encouraged.

Please contact Tania or the office if you can help on the day.

Please find attached a sponsorship form to raise money for each lap completed. There is also a sausage sizzle form attached to pre order your sausages. Forms with sponsorship/donation details should be returned to your child’s classroom teacher on the day so the amount of laps can be allocated.

Please return sausage sizzle form to your child's classroom teacher by Monday 27th October, 2014
Sponsorship forms and money should be returned to the school office by 7th November, 2014.
Walkathon Friday 31st, October, 2014

PLEASE RETURN PERMISSION FORM BELOW TO THE OFFICE BY MONDAY 27TH, OCTOBER, 2014

ALSO PLEASE ENSURE SPONSORSHIP MONEY AND FORMS ARE RETURNED TO THE OFFICE BY FRIDAY 7TH, NOVEMBER, 2014

I give permission for my child ______________________ of Year ________
to take part in the Walk-a-thon under the supervision of Altona P-9 College school staff.

I authorise the teacher in charge of the excursion to consent where it is not practical to communicate with me, to the child’s receiving such medical or surgical treatment as may be deemed necessary.

Signed: ___________________________ Date: _______________

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Name:

______________________________
Class:

Number of sausages required

PRICE: $1.50 PER SAUSAGE

Sauce will be available on request.

TOTAL ENCLOSED: ____________________________
Welcome to Camp Australia Before, and After School Care

Welcome back to Camp Australia for term 4. I hope you’ve had a great holiday and done some exciting things.

This term we have all been learning a new card game called Skip Bo. If you can count to 12 you can play the game. The aim is to get rid of all your cards and that’s harder than it sounds! Other skills needed to win are watching what cards all the other children play and what cards you have in front of you.

Junior Global Citizens program

We have an exciting program to do this term where as Junior Global Citizens we begin to look at working out how we can change things in the world three things at a time. We will also learn about parts of the South African culture and make gifts to send to an After School Care organisation called Sophakama based at Nelson Mandela Bay in South Africa. We will be making friendship bracelets and Australian animal masks.

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.

we make kids smile
www.campaustralia.com.au
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Somers Parade Kindergarten
50 year celebration

Come and celebrate 50 years of children’s kindergarten education in Altona, Hobsons Bay.

Enjoy a fun filled afternoon reconnecting with your past kindergarten friends and teachers and share the experience with your families.

Sunday 19 October 2014
12pm - 3pm
Speeches, cake cutting and unveiling of plaque will commence at 1.30pm

The day will also include:
- Sausage sizzle
- Children’s entertainment
- Photo display

4 Somers Parade, Altona
To RSVP, for more information, or to share some pictures or memorabilia please email somers50years@gmail.com