Dear families

Wow! What a busy two weeks it has been? On Wednesday we welcomed Branka and Gabriel the dental team from CoHealth. I congratulate the families who took the opportunity to have their child’s dental health screen even in addition to regular checks. I do hope to continue to offer this service to families in the future. If you feel that your child may have missed out on this free service please phone CoHealth directly on 83984100. Those children who were screened Wednesday were provided with a form noting if follow up treatment was required.

Mrs Amanda Elmer is expected back next week. On her return she will make contact with families of students funded through the Program for Students with a Disability and arrange a meeting to review your child’s goals. In the meantime if there are pressing matters please make a time with myself or Mr Kelly. Mr Ian Vening will return on Monday, 10th November and I thank Mr Paul Morrison who has facilitated the Art program in his absence.

On Saturday November 29th the State Election will be taking place. On this day our college will be a polling booth. We are calling for volunteers to assist with a barbecue. If you are able to support for even a couple of hours this would be appreciated. The barbecue will run from 8:30 to 3:00pm Please email: altona.p9@edumail.vic.gov.au

Our tired Campaspe Downs campers returned on last Friday evening after a very full three days of activities. The feedback from the students and staff was that it was an absolutely fabulous 3 days with the most wonderful weather. The children were certainly challenged to try new things as was the staff. Mr Kelly and I visited on Wednesday and watched the participants fly through the air on the giant swing, scale the rock climbing wall, join in the initiative games and have a go at shooting an arrow at a target. Canoeing was certainly high on the favourite activity list. I thank the staff: Mr Trambulo, Mrs Taylor, Mrs O’Sullivan, Mr Klapas, Mrs Penny and our pre-service staff Jenna and Nessa who made the camp possible. We are in the process of booking a camp for 2015.

Our Year 7 and 8 students in 2015 will be camping at Camp Currambene Corop, Victoria. The dates for this camp are the Monday 2nd until Wednesday 4th March 2015. Parents will be advised of the cost shortly. Camp costs will be included in booklists for 2015 for parent’s information. Payment plans can be arranged prior to the dates however all payments must be received prior to the date of departure.

There were several news reports this week regarding a situation at Cherry Lake. This is a timely reminder for everyone around personal safety. The message about “Keeping kids safe!” was certainly passed onto students today during our acknowledgement of ‘Day for Daniel’. It was for this reason we asked students to add a “dash of red” to their costumes.

Today the college was invaded by a variety of different creatures at our Freaky Friday walk-a-thon. I thank our students for getting behind the activity and joining in the fun! It is always a great day for everyone and a special thankyou to the fundraising team who cooked the sausage sizzle for lunch.

Tomorrow our fundraising group will be selling raffle tickets at Central Square. We still have many of the tickets available so if you are able to help out that would be appreciated.

Next Friday we will have a team of staff, our College Council President and Principals meeting to conduct the college review. This will be held throughout the day. In the coming weeks we will be developing our strategic plan for the next four years with a focus on growing and developing our college. I am extremely proud of our college and the fabulous feedback we received in the two recent parent surveys. It is certainly affirmation that we are heading in the right direction. Results of the survey have been placed on our website.

Julie Krause
Principal
SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION

On Wednesday Mr McGee represented our College at the RSL (Returned Services League) scholarship presentation. Congratulations to Jordan and Antonia (two of our current Year 6 students) who each received $2000 towards their future schooling. These two young people are certainly great ambassadors for us and leaders in the years to come. The scholarship was made possible through a bequeath to the group from a former member.

REMEMBERANCE DAY

To support the RSL we are selling memorabilia for Remembrance Day on the 11th of November. There are items including a poppy pin at $1, wrist bands $3 and 5 or $10 badges. Each year Remembrance Day poppies, tokens, and ANZAC Day tokens are worn by Australians young and old. The main fundraising Appeals take place in the week leading up to ANZAC Day and the week before Remembrance Day. The money raised is used to help serving and ex-serving members of the ADF who are in need, including their dependants mainly through DefenceCare. Please help support this worthy cause. Our Student Representative Council will be selling these items next week.
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 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 \textit{full summer uniform}. Your assistance ensuring students are in correct uniform each day is appreciated.

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

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

\textbf{P-4 BOYS}

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

\textit{Our school is a SunSmart school and has a not hat no play policy.}

\textbf{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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\textbf{5-9 BOYS}

\textbf{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. \textit{School sun hat.}

\textbf{THE SPRAY JACKET MAY NOT BE WORN WITH THE FORMAL UNIFORM}

\textbf{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. \textit{School sun hat.}

\textbf{5-9 GIRLS}

\textbf{Formal school uniform}

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

\textbf{THE SPRAY JACKET MAY NOT BE WORN WITH THE FORMAL UNIFORM}

\textbf{Sport Uniform}

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

\textit{No leggings are to be worn to school at any time.}
HAPPY WORLD TEACHERS DAY 2014!

Today we have the opportunity to celebrate World Teachers Day!

A day to celebrate the amazing job our teachers do each and every day for our students – the care and passion given to their jobs is truly amazing, nurturing our adults of the future.

Their work is testament to the wonderful feedback we have recently enjoyed from our parents and community.

WELL DONE COOPER

Cooper from 5/6B has been accepted into The Victorian Hockey Academy, which is a huge achievement as only 150 Children between the ages 12 and 18 from all over Victoria get invited.

In August represented Victoria in the U/12 State Schoolboys Hockey Team in Hobart. (They Won) Then in October he represented Victoria in the U/13 Vic State Team in Adelaide (they came 5th out of 12)
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. 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. Please return all monies, stubs and Statutory Declarations to the office ASAP. We cannot run our raffle without these items.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

We'll be running a sausage sizzle on Sunday the Sunday 9th of November, outside Coles Altona on Pier Street, from 9am-3pm.

We are looking for families to volunteer for a 2 hour shift. Shift times are 9am-11am (this includes set-up), 11am-1pm and 1pm-3pm.
Any donations for napkins, drinks and bread are also welcome.

Please see Wendy or Lauren at the school office if you can help on the day or to drop off any donations. A roster will be organised and included in the next newsletter.

MOVIE NIGHT

We are running our movie night on Friday 21st November 6pm-8pm. Our Big Ticket Raffle will be drawn on this evening as well. There will be food on offer so if you miss dinner, you can eat at the movies. More details in the next newsletter.

WALK-A-THON

Just a reminder to return all monies from funds raised for the Walk-A-Thon by Friday 7th November.

WORKING BEE

Sunday 16 November 9am-12pm - sausage sizzle lunch provided.

The garden is nearing the first stage of completion. The kids are enjoying their garden sessions and cooking with the food they've grown.

With our shed in and the hot summer months coming, it's time for another Working Bee to get ready for the heat.

Our main jobs are getting the irrigation system installed and fitting out the shed. If you have a trenching machine or tools to help the task of digging the trenches go a bit easier, please contact the office or a member of the Environment Committee (Mr McGee or Tarius McArthur), however all help of the day is greatly appreciated.

Thanks
Fundraising and Environment Committee
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December 2014

1. Rockband Afterschool
2. Year 9 Specialist PE Excursion
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4. Year 7 Orientation Day
5. School Music Concert
6. End of Term 4
7. Rockband Afterschool
8. Christmas Eve
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10. Boxing Day
11. New Years Eve
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WANTED – PLAYERS Under 16 Girls (Born 2000 and 2001)

ALTONA PIRATES BASKETBALL CLUB have a new Under 16 Girls Team looking for players to add to our team.

The team trains at the Altona Stadium in Queen Street on Thursdays from 5.30 to 6.30pm.

If you are interested in joining the team please contact our Club Registrar Ben Gronow on registrar@altonapirates.com.au.

Altona Pirates is a Junior Basketball Club with 30 teams for both boys and girls teams ranging from Under 8’s to Under 18’s and approximately 250 players.

Please visit our website altonapirates.com.au for further information.

Tutoring only
$11 p/hour!

Small groups of 10 students
English & Maths
- Struggling at school?
- Want to be ahead of class?
- Need help with homework or tests?

Grade 1 - Year 12:
- English & Maths
- Chemistry
- 2 hour classes

ENROL NOW!
LIMITED SPOTS

Working With Children Checked

John Nguyen
Tel: 0422 120 070

Class times:
- Term 4-5th December
- Saturday 4th December
- Term 1-2nd February

Friendly teaching environment

John Nguyen
$9.50
Year 12
VCE ATAR
Scholarships in
Double Degree
Bachelor
Pharmacy & Bachelor
Commerce (Melbourne)
Top 5% at Melbourne High
10 years teaching experience
Scholarships from
Westbourne Grammar, Melbourne High, Monash University

ALTONA NORTH
Classes after school and weekends
Learn better! Learn smarter!