



ALTONA P-9 COLLEGE

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2015 Key Dates

Commencement of Term 2

Monday 13th April

ANZAC Celebration Week

Monday 20th April–
Friday 24th April

ANZAC Ceremony

Friday 24th April

P-Y4 Responsible Pet Incursion

Prep-Y4 Responsible Pet Incursion
Friday 24th April

NB: A calendar of events for April is in this weeks newsletter.



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Dear families

Welcome back to the college for term 2. Our students have settled quickly back into routine and are to be congratulated on a very smooth start. A number literally hit the ground running with a cross country workshop on Tuesday. I look forward to watching them continue to enhance their skills throughout the year and participate in a number of community events.

Preparation is well underway for our acknowledgement of 100 years of ANZAC day. Next week all classes will be studying historical information. We have a display in the foyer acknowledging family members who served in both world wars. Information was emailed to families this week and I encourage you to visit www.honouringanzacs.net.au or www.honouringveterans.net.au where you are able to download a certificate to recognise a family member and add to our display. To obtain a high quality PDF there is a charge of \$5 however if you simply print directly from the screen (at no charge) and send it into the college we will enlarge it on the copier and add to our display. Mr Kelly and I have proudly added our parent / grandparent's certificates to the display.

Next Friday we will be holding a commemoration ceremony at the cenotaph in Civic Parade. (At the front of the council office) This will be held at 12:45pm and be facilitated by our Student Leadership Team. There will be representatives of the Returned Services League (RSL) in attendance. All students will be attending and we will be walking to the venue. In the instance of inclement weather we will hold the ceremony at the college. All families are welcome to join us for this solemn occasion.

On Thursday we will be re-forming our across college connections groups and undertaking a number of craft / cooking activities to commemorate the occasion. Our senior students will be taking the lead with these tasks. On Tuesday we are holding a "aussie pie" lunch. Orders closed today.

On Wednesday evening I was invited to the Hobsons Bay National Youth Week Celebration. The college had nominated Daniel Ketchley our 2014 College Captain to receive an **Inspirational Young Person in Hobsons Bay Award**. Our nomination was successful and Daniel received an award on the night. He received a framed certificate and \$100. During his time at our college he led assemblies and was a vital cog in the development of the first student representative council. Daniel was an outstanding role model throughout his year not only for his peers but across the college. He was well respected by staff and students alike. Daniel is truly a future leader in the making and I commend him for his efforts.

Just Sweets Altona has been supplying our lunch order service now for over 12 months. We are anticipating that this service will operate from our on-site canteen on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays with a few items of hot food available over the counter. Our Year 9 students will continue to gain valuable work experience through this service. Details will be emailed to families shortly.

I am pleased to announce that our gymnasium maintenance program will commence at the beginning of May. Renovation works include updating the entrance, foyer and main basketball area. The internal walls will be capped, new netting installed along with fresh internal and external painting. In the final stages the floor will be sanded, sealed and new line markings painted. The facility should look like new by the end of term. The inconvenience for a few short weeks for our hirers will certainly be worthwhile.

Our first meeting of the new college council was held at the end of term 1. Mrs Afrodita Vandenberg was re-elected as President with Mr Con Alexpoulos accepting the nomination as Vice President. The other members of the school council are: Sue Buchanon, Amanda Sams, Hamish McGee, Matt Kelly, Tarius McArthur. I thank all members for their on-going commitment to our college community.

Our college was delighted to receive a Bright Future Grant of **\$3500 from Mobil Altona Refinery**. This will be used to support an extended robotics program at Altona P-9 College. I thank Simone Matthews for her work in the putting the grant application together. Mobil are a huge support to our college financially and continue to support our Science and technology programs.

Wishing all our families a warm weekend.

Julie Krause



ANZAC DAY

Dear Altona P-9 College community,

As a part of the Anzac Day Centenary, the Altona P-9 College will be celebrating our connections to our ancestors who have served for Australia. We are creating a display of family members who participated in World War 1, World War 2, Vietnam or any other wars. The below websites allows you to look up any person who served and generates a Dedication Certificate for them.

Visit Honouring Veterans link at: <http://honouringveterans.org>

Visit Honouring Anzacs link at: <http://honouringanzacs.net.au>

We are asking families to either:

- Create a Dedication Certificate for a veteran from their family using the above websites (there is a small processing fee of \$5 to complete this)... or**
- Send the details of the veteran to school with your child and we can make it at school... or**
- Make an A4 page about an ancestor that may include a photo and a small amount of information about their history (if you are feeling more creative).**

If any pages could please be sent to school by Thursday next week, we'll be able include them in our college display. Please bring pages or email to altona.p9@edumail.vic.gov.au and we can print them for you.

Below is an example of Ms Krause's great grandfather and Mr Kelly's grandfather.



The Altona P-9 College Commemorative Ceremony will be held at the Hobson's Bay Council Chambers on Friday 24th April at 12:45pm. All Altona P-9 College community members are welcome.

Lest we forget

Altona P-9 College staff



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Our Calendar for April

April 2015

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

Sun

		1	2	3 Good Friday	4	5 Easter Sunday
6 Easter Monday	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Commencement of Term 2	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 ANZAC Celebration Week	21 ANZAC Celebration Week -Pie and Big M Lunch Day Year 9 Sport Science Excursion Celebration Week	22 ANZAC Celebration Week	23 ANZAC Celebration Week	24 ANZAC Celebration Week ANZAC Ceremony P-4 Responsible Pet Incursion	25 Anzac Day	26
27	28 Year 9 Sport Science Excursion	29	30			



Pre-Season Basketball Camp 2015 4 Weeks

Skill Level: **Beginners / Intermediate**
Age Group: **9 to 14 Years**

There is a month before the winter season begins. This camp is designed for those kids that want to stay sharp and continue to improve their skill development.

This camp is also designed for boys between the ages of 9 and 14 who are just starting to play basketball. Camp sessions include conditioning and skills training, followed by real game play experience.

All participants are encouraged to set personal goals with regards to their skill development and in a fun environment they are guided towards reaching these goals. No minimum days to attend. Choose the day's convenient for you. Hope to see you there.

You can also follow us on Facebook: [Facebook.com/BTR.belowtherim](https://www.facebook.com/BTR.belowtherim)

Thanks for your Support.

Michael Streeter / Program Coordinator

BOYS SESSIONS

Session Details – Week 1

When: Friday 24 April 5pm – 7:30pm
 Saturday 25 April 12:30pm – 3pm

Session Details – Week 2

When: Friday 1 May 5pm – 7:30pm
 Saturday 2 May 12:30pm – 3pm

Session Details – Week 3

When: Friday 8 May 5pm – 7:30pm
 Saturday 9 May 12:30pm – 3pm

Session Details – Week 4

When: Friday 15 May 5pm – 7:30pm
 Saturday 16 May 12:30pm – 3pm

GIRLS SESSIONS

Session Details – Week 1

When: Sunday 26 April 1pm – 3:30pm

Session Details – Week 2

When: Sunday 3 May 1pm – 3:30pm

Session Details – Week 3

When: Sunday 10 May 1pm – 3:30pm

Session Details – Week 4

When: Sunday 17 May 1pm – 3:30pm

Where: Williamstown High School - Bayview Street, Williamstown VIC
Costs: \$40.00 per session

To register please email BTR_Australia@yahoo.com.au