Dear families

What a wonderful community week here at Altona P – 9 College. On Monday morning following assembly we had our first “house” meetings where our Preps met their fellow team members from across the college. It was certainly a fun get together and there were cries of “Go Red, Blue, Gold or Green” heard around the college throughout the week.

Our athletics carnival on Wednesday was a wonderful success with our students displaying a “can do” attitude. There were many laughs shared with parents and staff as the students attempted some challenges during the day. The triple jump always delights with it being renamed the prance, prance, Oops! by our senior students. It was great to see so many families in attendance along with parents dropping by during work breaks to support. Our fundraising group organised the barbecue lunch which was truly appreciated by all in attendance. Mr Dadswell our Physical Education teacher did a sterling job overseeing the activities on the day. The winning team will be announced shortly.

Our next college community celebration will be Italian day on Thursday 3rd April. Students are asked to come dressed in red, green and white the colours of the Italian flag or perhaps as a famous Italian. We will be having a whole school assembly to start the day and of course a “fashion” parade. Our students will be working in multi-age groups throughout the day with our Preps joining in our established “Connections Groups” providing them with another opportunity to build relationships with students throughout the community.

In the last newsletter I informed families that there was a 12 month vacancy on the College Council. This closed on Tuesday and the nominated candidate was Mrs Sue Buchanan. The first meeting of the new Council will be on Tuesday 1st April.

Schools present an annual report to their community annually as a part of the department accountability processes. I will present the Annual Report to the College at 6:00pm on Tuesday 1st April prior to the first meeting of the new council. All parents welcome.

As mentioned in earlier newsletters we all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day. Missing school can have a major impact on a child’s future – a student missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year. By Year 10 they’ll have missed more than a year of school. There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes. Families whose children have had unexplained absences will receive a letter seeking the reasons for non-attendance.

Our Year 7 2015 information night will be held on Wednesday 2nd April. This will commence with a barbecue at 6:00pm in the Year 9 Centre. We have students from local schools visiting during that week to experience life as a Year 7. If current families would like to visit and see our Year 7 program in action these open days are on Thursday 27th March and Wednesday 22nd April from 10:00am.

Term one ends on Friday 4th of April. On that day the college will close at 2:15pm. We will be holding an assembly at 1:30pm to celebrate the end of term. The choir will be performing and there will be some awards to be presented along with the presentation of badges to our Student Representative Council members. There will be a newsletter distributed on the last day of term.

Mrs Jayne Taylor will be on leave for the last two weeks of term and her replacement will be Stacey Cook. Jayne will return at the commencement of term 2. I wish her well on her family adventure overseas.

Wishing all our families a relaxing weekend.

Julie Krause
Principal
EVERY DAY COUNTS—SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

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Coming to school every day is vital, but if for any reason your child must miss school, there are things we can do together to ensure they don’t fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.
- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher early as early as possible.

From 1st March 2014, new laws will mean that parents can be fined for not sending students to school without an acceptable reason.

If you’re having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

Parents and Friends

Dear Families,

The Parents and Friends Team is putting together Easter Hampers for our Easter Raffle. We would really appreciate your support with this event with each family donating something Easter related to go in them. This could be chocolate eggs, boxed chocolates, Easter stickers, toy bunnies, Easter novelties etc.

Raffle Tickets will be sent home by end of this week and the raffle drawn on Thursday 3rd April.

Donations will be accepted up until Tuesday 1st April.

Thankyou for all your support with our fundraising events

Kind regards
Altona P-9 college Parents and Friends Group
Year 7 Enrolments 2015

‘Where young people learn and flourish’

Strong Academic Results in Year 9
We are proud of our students and their achievements.

Focus on Positive Education P-9
Building resilience, understanding our character strengths.

Why Altona P-9 College?

✓ Commitment to English & Maths
✓ 1 : 1 Laptop Program Years 5-9
✓ Science, History, Geography, Civics
✓ Language Program – Italian
✓ Amazing Camps program
✓ Extra-curricular Activities- Community Events
✓ Instrumental music, Interschool sports.
✓ Connections Program- building relationships

✓ Vibrant school community
✓ Small class sizes
✓ A personal focus on each student
✓ Personalised Transition Pathways to Senior Secondary schools.
✓ Commitment to our values: Respect, Learn, Care
✓ Supervised Study program
✓ Running Club
✓ School Nurse, Chaplaincy program
✓ Access to OnPsych services.
✓ HIGH level of parent satisfaction

Information Night
Wednesday 2nd April, 2014

6pm – Free BBQ dinner
Time: 6:30pm-7:30pm: Information session
Where: Year 9 Learning Centre
103a Grieve Parade, Altona VIC

College Tours: Phone our Principal Julie Krause on (03)92508050
Email: altona.p9@edumail.vic.gov.au
Get the Altona P-9 College website on your Smart Phone!!!

Our College website is now Mobile Friendly

Please visit [www.altonap9college.vic.edu.au](http://www.altonap9college.vic.edu.au) to find a short video explaining how to get our website installed directly to your phone.

Keep up to date with school dates from the calendar or read short articles about all the fantastic programs students are involved in here at Altona P-9 College.
Students in Years 1-4 have been learning about history this term. They have focused on the Aboriginal Dreamtime and early colonial Australia. On March 7th students visited the National Gallery of Victoria to see the artwork of Aboriginal and other artists. They were lucky enough to have a lesson on the meaning and significance of the works. Students also visited Birrarung Marr and the Yarra river, and learned more about the significance of these locations in the history of Victoria.
Middle Years News

In Year 5/6 Inquiry our big question is 'How do particles behave?' We have been getting creative using breakfast cereal to represent particles in solids, liquids and gases. We also love our new furniture in the classroom library!

As we have carried out our first Practical lesson, here are some photos...
Fun with fractions!

...Meanwhile the Grade 6s have spent a lesson using smarties to investigate the relationships between fractions, decimals and percentages. The best bit (other than doing Maths of course) was eating them at the end! Here are some photos...
Our Year 8 Students

Leonardo Da Vinci as part of ‘The year 8 Renaissance Project.’

I learnt that Leonardo Da Vinci used a special paint that he created to make famous pictures and the things that he created were made from yolk from an egg, oil, a tiny bit of paint and water to mixed together. This was interesting because with normal paint he was unable to get the same effect.

From Tristan Dyck
8A

Year 9 News

Year 9 Leadership Camp (Mt. Buffalo)

On the 26th of February a group of Year 9 students went camping at Mt. Buffalo. It took six and a half hours to get there and most of the students were already feeling tired. When we finally arrived we had to set up our tents which unfortunately the girls smashed the boys at! After forty minutes we eventually were split into two groups (1 and 2). Group 1 kicked off with Kayaking whilst Group 2 Rock climbed. Ninety-five percent of the Kayakers came back soaked as Hannah decided to capsize two of the kayaks and the rest decided to go swimming. Group 2 came back looking rather exhausted but happy to see their other classmates drenched.

As the day came to a close, group 2 set off on a dangerous experience ... Caving at 7pm until 10pm, whilst group 1 attempted to play the game Spotlight with Miss. Wiffen not knowing how to play.

Eventually group 2 returned drenched and tired as group 1 had a lovely time and sat by the warm fire. As all the students began to arise from their deep sleep the camping grounds began to get louder and finally everyone had woken up. Everyone was looking nice and lively and ready to go. Group 1 went off to Abseiling and group 2 took off on Burston’s Crevasses. Many worried faces came over group 1 as they looked over the edge to see the drop, but every person managed to participate and work together to get it done. Meanwhile group 2 squeezed through small gaps and walked steeply down the side of the mountain seeing beautiful scenery as they went. When we all arrived back at the camp site we had our lunch and then kicked off for our next activity. Now it was group 1’s turn for Burston’s Crevasses and group 2’s turn for Abseiling. Group 1 smashed group 2 finishing forty five minutes earlier whilst group 2 had just finished abseiling.

We then all headed back to the campsite but not for long as group 1 had caving. It was now group 2’s night off and fair enough because they all looked exhausted. We all had to cook for ourselves that night and I think we were actually quite successful. Group 1 shoved their food down and some were unable to finish as they went to caving. We arrived at 7:15, got all or equipment and left. It was a 1.3km walk to the cave and some people already looked tired. As we departed to go underground people were becoming worried as they saw how small the entrance to the cave was. But everybody managed to get in. Once we were all in we had very little room to move as ten people tried to make their way through the cave. After an hour and ten minutes we came back up to the surface and most of the students were happy to see light. Everyone, including group 2, looked extremely tired so we all went to sleep in our 5 star tent accommodation.

Morning came and it was our final activity before we departed Mt. Buffalo Group 1 rock climbing and group 2 Kayaking. We went off for an hour and a half enjoying our final hours of camp until it was time to go. The happy faces of the students turned around making everyone sad as we knew that it was time to go. It was a six and a half hour bus ride back and all the students were glad to see their parents waiting for them, despite having to leave. Overall it was a great experience for everyone, students and teachers, it took all of us out of our comfort zone and made us work together to show great leadership skills. A special thanks to Mr Kelly, Miss Wiffen and Mr McGee for giving up their time to join us on camp. Without their support this experience would not have been possible.

Daniel Ketchley & Fiona El-Shani
9A
Art News

The 5/6 art students have been decorating some plywood Dinosaurs. They will be displayed in an exhibition, Art in Public Places, along with 5 other primary schools. Please see flyer for details.
The Dinosaur Age
14 – 28 April
Dinosaur Craft Session Wednesday 16 April 12-3:30pm
FREE No RSVP required – Louis Joel Centre – 5 Sargood Street Altona

Enjoy huge and small beautifully decorated dinosaurs created by 5 local Primary Schools

Check the Hobsons Bay City Council website for all Art in Public Places Events at hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au

Hobsons Bay Community Amenities Co-operative Ltd
Hobsons Bay City Council
Mobil
Year 9 students have been learning to use a palette knife to create texture. Here we have some great examples of texture created by layering paint with a palette knife. Paintings by Jarrod, Harlen and Nick.
Italian News

Families welcome to join in on Italian Day

All families are invited to attend Italian Day. There will be a whole school assembly led by Year 8s and including a little song from Preps. The Italian Room will be transformed into a gallery of our students’ work. It commences at 9:15am, concluding at 9:45am. Feel free to attach yourself to your child’s group and participate in Italian activities from 10 til 11 o’clock too. After lunch there will be a gondola race and a quick award ceremony to finish the day.

The only rule is you must get involved and make the day enjoyable for all!

ITALIAN DAY LUNCHES – 3rd April 2014

IMPORTANT messages:

- Pizza order forms are attached to this newsletter.
- Pizza pre-orders are the only available lunches on the day. THERE WILL BE NO OTHER LUNCHORDERS AVAILABLE.
- Pizza pre orders must be returned to the office by the end of school on Thursday 27th March. NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

HELPERS NEEDED!

I need helpers to visit and help me prepare the Italian Day Gallery before the big day. If you have any time or would like to get involved at all, please email me or drop into the Italian Room; my door is always open as well you know! I also need people with skills such as pasta making, soccer prowess – or anything that will add to the day – so come and see me.

Just a reminder that Italian Day is less than two weeks away and we need don’t want anyone left out, so:

- Have you organised a costume?
- Have you ordered your pizza?
- Is your pasta creation ready to enter the competition?
- Have you saved your money to buy a gelato?

Please get involved and enjoy a special day at school.
Italian Day 2014 Pizza Lunch – 3rd April 2014

In keeping with our Italian Day celebrations, you have the chance to pre-order pizza slices for your lunch on the day. Each slice is $2 and you can order as many as you like. (Please see Simona if you have food intolerances as there may be a solution.)

Please remember:

All orders and monies must be returned to Wendy and Lauren in the office. Orders must be finalised at the end of school on Thursday 27th March. NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

A presto!
Simona - Italian Teacher

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Total Money Enclosed
Altona P-9 College presents

ITALIAN DAY

THURSDAY 3RD APRIL 2014

DRESS AS A FAMOUS OR INFAMOUS ITALIAN, WEAR ITALIAN COLOURS OR ITALIAN GEAR – USE YOUR IMAGINATION!

ITALIAN DAY 2014

This year we will celebrate Italian Day with lots of fun activities including: a performance from La Comica Variety, a gondola race, soccer drills, an art gallery, pizza lunch, a gelati van, a best dressed competition and a pasta construction competition – both with prizes. Save your coins for a gelato and get your outfit organized! A presto!
ADSSA PRIMARY SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On the 18th of February our Year 5/6 swim team participated in the Altona District School Sports Association interschool swimming carnival. The carnival was held at the Werribee Outdoor Olympic Pool and consisted of 5 other schools from within the Altona district.

Each swimmer put in a fantastic effort, with the many of them receiving a top 3 place in the individual swimming heats.

PLACINGS FOR INDIVIDUAL SWIMMING HEATS

- Sasha Sri Deenathayalan: 3rd 50m freestyle
- James Pelns: 3rd 50m freestyle
- Darcy Stone: 1st 50m backstroke, 3rd 25m freestyle
- Kaela Mua: 2nd 25m freestyle
- Finley Hoxley: 2nd 25m freestyle
- David Ziplevski: 2nd 25m freestyle, 2nd 25m backstroke

ADSSA YEAR 5/6 INTERSCHOOL CRICKET AND NEWCOMBE

Our Year 5/6 Cricket and Newcombe teams have started the ADSSA Summer Interschool Sport competition off in great form. Both teams have won their first 2 matches and are currently sitting in 3rd place on the ladder. Unfortunately we missed the first 2 rounds of the competition but with 2 matches still to go we can be quietly confident of possibly reaching the finals.

Putting ladder positions and match winnings aside, it has been fantastic to see many of the Year 6 students step up and lead the way for our Year 5 students who are new to interschool sport competitions. Confidence in each student continues to grow week by week, which is having a positive impact on their skill development.

YEAR 7/8 VOLLEYBALL COMPETITION

On Wednesday the 5th of March a team of combined Year 7 and 8 students participated in the Hobsons Bay Division Volleyball competition. The competition was hosted at our school and consisted of 3 other teams from within the Hobsons Bay area.

The team breezed through their first 3 matches with a great show of skill, teamwork and encouragement. In each match they stopped their opponents with convincing 2 sets to 0 wins thus avoiding the need to play a third set.

Finals proved to be a different story and ended in absolute nail-biting fashion. The team trailed for the majority of the first set only to come back and win by 3 points, which was in direct contrast to when they first played this team. They lost the second set by a small margin, sending the game into a third set.

Third set was very tit-for-tat when it came to scoring points. The team knew they needed to calm their nerves and get back to setting up their plays instead of just trying to bash the ball back over the net. In the end we took the 3rd set by a small margin which gave the team the overall victory.

The team will now head to the Western Metro Region finals on 7th November.
ALTONA COLLEGE RUNNING TEAM

It has been to see so many students commit to early morning running training on a Tuesday and Thursday this term. Currently we have had a few running team members register themselves for the ‘Run For The Kids’ event on April 13th during the school holidays, which will be a great start to our running calendar for 2014. In addition to this we currently have some team members signing themselves up for the 2014 kids ‘Spartan Race’ which is to be held on the 31st May. All the current training we are doing combined with the experience students will receive from entering the community running events will set them up for the Hobsons Bay Division cross country and College fitness testing which will occur during Term 2.

Deon Dumesy, Tia Fox and Anthony Zipevski have registered for Run For The Kids and Kids Spartan Race.

Canteen

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Just to let you know I have uploaded the lunch order sheet on Facebook! So now parents & students can look at it on Facebook!

Enzo Amato

Just Sweets
26 Upton street
ALTONA VIC 3018
Melbourne, Victoria
Telephone: 0401 918 158
Fax number: 03 9315 0553
Email: justsweets@optusnet.com.au
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7   | 8   | 9   | 10  | 11  | 12  | 13  
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14  | 15  | 16  | 17  | 18  | 19  | 20  
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21  | 22  | 23  | 24  | 25  | 26  | 27  
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28  | 29  | 30  |     |     |     |     
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Welcome to Camp Australia Before, and After School Care

Firstly, another big thank you this week to the Vandenbergen family for the donation of a popcorn machine and to the Cazar family for their donation of an electric frypan. This means that we can enjoy pancakes and popcorn with our usual fruit for our afternoon snacks. We really appreciate that our parents are getting involved in our program this way.

Inside, the children have been doing a lot of art and craft work. They have scrap books in which they can paste any colouring in and other art which they want to keep. They choose what pictures they want and Minecraft pictures are a favourite with some.

Boxes continue to be a favourite source of material for construction and we are grateful for donations of boxes, cardboard tubes and other cardboard from parents.

We try to celebrate as many birthdays as possible and recently celebrated a couple of birthdays. Our birthday children chose the menu and we worked hard and made jelly, popcorn, and chocolate crackles.

Coming up in term 2 we have ordered model car kits for the children to build and one of our parents will probably be helping us build these. We are applying for funding for Active After School sports and will keep you up-to-date with progress there. I met with the Principal this week to begin the application. With the holidays fast approaching check out the nearest holiday club to you. Go to our website www.campaustralia.com.au

Remember to enrol now so that when you need us you just need to book. And do come and visit us to see what we do. Perhaps you and your children could come for a play date to try us out.

Natalie MacLachlan, Coordinator

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.

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

we make kids smile
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