Dear Families

Welcome back to term 2. I hope all families have had a relaxing break with the extended weekends to recognise both Easter and ANZAC day. The rain during the break has certainly been a welcome relief to the gardens accompanied by generally sunny days. Our school gardens are looking lush and there is also some replanting underway in the canteen commons to improve that area.

This Sunday we need your assistance to develop our kitchen garden. In just four hours we will see a kitchen garden come out of the ground from nothing to a workable space. This will be utilised by our students linking into our teaching and learning programs. The space alongside the staffroom is to be developed led by Craig Castree from Edible Gardens. He has over 35 years’ experience in growing food in small spaces, is a presenter on Vasilis Garden and President of Werribee Park Heritage Orchard. Come along even for an hour and help support your school. A barbecue lunch will be provided. I look forward to seeing many of our families on Sunday for a 10:00am start.

A reminder to all families that Thursday May 8th is a curriculum day at the college. On this day our staff will be working on our School Self-evaluation which will be presented to our school review panel in term 4. This process occurs every four years as a part of our department accountability process. There is no school for students on that day.

It’s NAPLAN time! On May 13th, 14th and 15th our Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students will participate in this national assessment program. Information regarding this program will be sent home to families of those students.

Itch, Itch... yes they are back. Thank you to those families that report infestations of head lice to the office. We have been vigilant in following up on reports and Hobson’s Bay Council completed a check of all Prep to 6 students on Wednesday morning.

Written reports for semester one will be distributed on the 24th of June to Prep to 4 students and posted on that day to families in Year 5 to 9. We will hold parent teacher interviews in Term 3 to provide families with an opportunity to discuss the academic report with teaching staff.

We have planned an Early Years Swimming Program. This will take place at Sweeney’s Swim School in Pier Street Altona. Our students will be walking to and from the venue which keeps the cost down. We look forward to our families supporting this program for 2014. Our students live so close to the ocean and being safe in the water is paramount.

I am delighted to welcome Amanda Elmer to the staff at Altona P - 9 College. She is a very experienced teacher who will be replacing Mrs Totney for the remainder of 2014. Amanda will commence on the 8th of May. I am also delighted to welcome Priya Govender to the integration staff.

ABC Music has informed the school that they have changed their keyboard / guitar teacher due to feedback. Our new teacher commenced last week and was very warmly received by the students.

We have a casual vacancy on school council for one year for an interested member of our community. This is a wonderful opportunity to contribute to the school at an exciting stage of its development. This year will see our strategic direction set for the next four years following our review and your interest would certainly be welcomed by members of the council.

We were delighted this week to receive notification that we are the recipients of a grant from Bendigo Bank for our Breakfast Program. This will commence shortly.

Julie Krause
Principal
NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY ELECTION FOR SCHOOL COUNCIL

There is a casual vacancy on College Council for a period of one year due to a resignation. This is in the parent category. Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging. Nominations forms are available from the office or please email: altuna.p9@edumail.vic.gov.au and one will be sent to you. Nominations open today Friday, May 2\textsuperscript{nd} and close on Friday, 9\textsuperscript{th} May.

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Please note: If at this time there is more than one nomination for the casual 12 month vacancy and election will be held.

EVERY DAY COUNTS-SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

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.

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 1 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.
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.
**WINTER SCHOOL UNIFORM**

As the cooler months are upon us students at school now need to be wearing their Winter School Uniform for term two and three.

**P-4 WINTER UNIFORM COMPRISSES:**

**SUMMER DRESSES WITH COLOURED SKIVVIES OR TIGHTS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE AS WINTER ATTIRE.**

**Girls Option One**

Winter Pinafore with either a white skivvy or the school long or short sleeve polo, school bomber jacket, navy tights or white socks with black leather school shoes.

**Girls Option Two**

School navy track suit pants, school polo, bomber jacket, zip up windbreaker.

**Boys winter uniform**

School navy track pants, school polo, bomber jacket, zip up windbreaker

**5-9 WINTER UNIFORM COMPRISSES:**

**ZIP UP WINDBREAKERS ARE NOT TO BE WORN WITH THE FORMAL UNIFORM**

**GIRLS FORMAL UNIFORM**

Winter skirt, white shirt with school emblem, tie, v neck jumper, navy tights, black leather school shoes. Blazer is an optional item.

**BOYS FORMAL UNIFORM**

Grey formal zip front pant, white shirt with school emblem, tie, v neck green jumper, black leather shoes. Blazer is an optional item.

**SPORT UNIFORM**

V NECK JUMPERS ARE NOT TO BE WORN WITH THE SPORT UNIFORM

School emblem navy track pants or shorts, school emblem polo shirt, school rugby top, zip up windbreaker
ANZAC DAY CEORATIONS

On the 24th of April Altona P-9 College held its annual ANZAC Day memorial service. The students of Year 9 did an amazing job in preparing and running the service. It was great to see the pride they took in ensuring that it was ran perfectly. We were again honoured to have 3 representatives from the Altona RSL in attendance who also congratulated the students involved and the college for their respect in honouring this important day. A special mention is made to the Year 9 students for showing leadership in the following roles:

Masters of Ceremony: Daniel Ketchley
Fiona Elshani

READINGS
The ANZAC Requiem
Stephanie Atzis
In Flanders Fields
Hannah Heeremans
The Ode
Nick Papakalodoukas

Laying the wreath:
Sean Gillis
Stephanie Atzis

Flag Attendant:
Aaron Simon

Hamish McGee
Year 9 Teacher

Anzac biscuits
Anzac biscuits are a favourite in my household. This recipe comes from the Women Weekly Magazine. So I hope you enjoy them! Happy Baking!!!

Makes about 40 biscuits

INGREDIENTS
125g butter, chopped coarsely
2 tablespoons golden syrup
¾ teaspoon bicarbonate of soda
1 tablespoon water
1 cup (90g) rolled oats
1 cup (90g) desiccated coconut
1 cup (150g) plain flour
¾ cup (165g) brown sugar

METHOD
1. Preheat oven to 160°C or 140°C fan-forced.

2. Combine butter and syrup in a small saucepan. Heat gently until butter and syrup melt.

3. Combine bicarbonate of soda and water in a small bowl and stir into butter mixture.

3. Combine remaining ingredients in a large bowl. Pour over warm butter mixture and stir well to combine.

4. Roll rounded teaspoons of mixture into balls. Place about 4 cm apart on baking paper lined baking trays and flatten slightly.

5. Bake in preheated oven 12-15 minutes or until golden brown. Remove from oven and cool 5 minutes on baking trays; transfer to a wire rack to finish cooling.
YEAR 9 NEWS

Congratulations to Fiona, Hannah, Mitchell and Jascha for achieving top marks for their Revolutions posters. As a part of the Year 9 History unit, all students in Year 9 completed a project on their chosen revolution between 1600ad - 1918.

ITALIAN DAY

In term 1 we had our fabulous Italian Day. The whole school joined together, young and old, to have a fun day whilst experiencing the culture of Italy!
FUNDRAISING

EASTER RAFFLE

Thank you to all the families who donated yummy chocolates for our fabulous Easter Raffles that took place the last day of last term. Congratulations to the following who had won a hamper:

1. Elisa (Tameka and Devanti)
2. Iris Parfrey (Mikayla)
3. Brock Drapper
4. Levi Parfrey (Mikayla)
5. Parfrey Family
6. Charlie Mullett
7. Peter Rowles
8. Cooper Burns
9. Charmaine Amuso (Adrian)
10. Nicole Chua
11. Celina Belkom (Keelie)
12. Leo
13. Devesh Sri Deenathayalan
14. Paul Stone (Danielle, Darcy and Noah)
15. Eleanor Buchanan
16. Steve Zipevski (Anthony, David and Thomas)
17. Michelle Kelly (Zena)
18. Monique Mcauliffe (Liam)
19. Amanda Sams (Caitlin)
20. Cherie Williams (Rhys)
21. Phongsri Jitpiriyaroj (Naomi)
22. Steven’s Family

BOOK CLUB

Just reminder about Book Club. The orders are due no later than next FRIDAY 9TH MAY. Please make sure all order are handed in to the office by this date.

MOTHERS DAY STALL

Mother’s Day is coming around quick. This year we will have lots of fabulous little goodies to buy for Mum this Mothers Day. The stall will be held on FRIDAY 9TH MAY located at the Old Library. Everything to purchase will be from 20 cents to $10.00. Also every child who spends $5.00 or more at the Mothers Day Stall will receive a ticket to win one of 3 Mothers Day hampers.

So don’t miss out to buy that special something for Mum!

WORKING BEE

This Sunday 4th May we are having our amazing Working Bee. Come along and be apart of a free hands on workshop happening here at our school. Please see attached flyer for further details.

Recently we have also had a new addition to our vegie garden.
Edible Gardens Workshop

Sunday 4 May, 2014  10-3pm
Altona P-9 College

Come along and be part of a free hands-on workshop. You will learn how to set out and construct a garden with a variety of materials. The workshop will be led by Craig Castree from Edible Gardens. Craig has 35 years experience in growing food in small spaces, is a presenter on Vasilis Garden, and President of Werribee Park Heritage Orchard - so we are in good hands.

The day will see a kitchen garden come out of the ground from nothing to finished in 4 hours! Don’t miss this opportunity of being part of something special and equipping yourself with new skills and ideas.

BBQ LUNCH INCLUDED!

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Our Calendar for May

May 2014

Mon  Tue  Wed  Thu  Fri  Sat  Sun

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2  Year 9 LEAP Engineering Workshop Excursion

3  Working Bee 10am-3pm

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5  Rockband Afterschool

6  Year 5/6/9 ADSSA Cross Country

7  Curriculum Day-Pupil Free Day

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9  Mothers Day Stall
 Year 5/6 Winter Interschool Sport

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11  Mothers day

12  13  14
 NAPLAN Testing
 School Council Meeting 6pm

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 Year 5/6 Winter Interschool Sport

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 Year 5/6 Winter Interschool Sport
Model cars
Painting Fun
3D printer
Fun craft
Birthday celebrations
Book fair activities
Buddy system

Welcome to Camp Australia
Before, and After School Care

Great news! Our cars have arrived! 😊 Our model cars have arrived and we'll be making these in the next couple of weeks. Other exciting things we'll be doing will be exploring different ways with paint. We're also going to have parents help us with some fun craft activities and we're going to be involved with helping to decorate the Early Learning Centre library for the book fair.

I'm really looking forward to one of our Dads setting up his 3D printer in our room. Once we have this organised everyone will be able to come and have a look at it working.

This week we celebrated Riley's birthday with loads of yummy food such as chocolate crackles and jelly icy poles. Everyone who has a birthday gets to choose their own menu on their day. We made the food ourselves.

Camp Australia is working alongside the Alannah and Madeline Foundation to help prevent bullying. We have our own Buddy Bear and will be doing craft activities to help build friendships in our group and to show that bullying is wrong.

Remember to enrol now with us 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

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 Clubs 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.

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FREE PLAY GROUP
FOR YOUR CHILD

KINDA KINDER

Enhance your child’s learning and development of literacy, numeracy and socialising skills through play and fun activities:

- for children 0 - 6 years old
- one hour per week; no need to book
- as a parent, you also participate (and must be in attendance)
- led by Victoria University students doing the Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood/Primary)
- with the support of primary schools and local government.

To be held at Altona P-9 College:
103A Grieve Parade, Altona VIC
3018
Starting date is the 29th of April starting at 9am till 10am