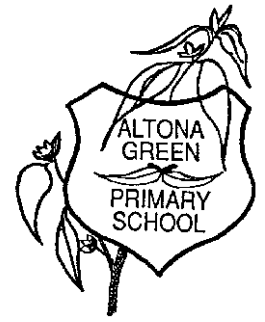


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## NEWSLETTER

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### *A Message From Karen...*

This week at Altona Green Primary School, we are celebrating Children's Book Week- a week to highlight and promote the fun and learning associated with reading books for children. The library is a-buzz with a Book Fair and each class is working towards displaying their grade's favourite book for other grades to discover. Next Week is National Science Week- Debbie McKenna is running a Science Club for interested middle and senior students at lunchtime over the next few weeks. Melissa Tinkler has organised an incursion for middle and senior students to learn from artist and cartoonist Richard Galbraith. The children are very familiar with his work as they regularly use a variety of his books in Art sessions. All these activities are intended to extend our classroom programs to provide a rich curriculum that will hopefully **engage** all our students.

I witnessed a student truly engaged the other morning before school- one of our Yr 6 boys has the job of 'paperboy' in the school and each morning he distributes these. As he made his way down the corridor towards the staffroom, I noticed he had his head in a book. I stopped him and said "that must be a good book". With only a few pages to read, he was rushing to finish before he did his paper duties. Staff invited him to sit in the staff lounge to finish the book first. To see a student so engrossed in reading always gladdens a teacher's heart! That is true engagement.

*Karen O'Dowd*

### Family Maths Night



A reminder that our Family Maths Night is on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August, starting at 7pm and finishing at 8.30pm. Please return the attendance notes as soon as possible. If you have lost your note please write on a piece of paper how many children and how many adults are attending. It should be a great night and we hope to see you all there.

### Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden



Spring is starting to show in the garden with some of the orchard trees starting to bud and flower. A big thank you this week to Sue Mercieca for the donation of bluestone pavers for the garden and to Adrian for collecting them! If anyone has any more spare pavers we would love them in the garden to complete the path in the orchard.

We are also trying to make as much good compost as possible for our Spring plantings, so if you have any grass clippings, food scraps, dead leaves, straw, animal manures, bring them in on a Tuesday or Wednesday or leave a message for Zanni at the office. Thanks!

If anybody has any spare lemons, or any spare fruit from trees we would love to have some in the kitchen, and if you have any pretty bottles (not jars) they would be greatly appreciated, hope you all enjoyed the Philippines menu this week.

*Zanni and Julie*

## Safari So Goodie!

Our Book Fair is in full swing. The children have had a wonderful time perusing the books with their grades. Unfortunately all good things must come to an end, and for us that will be 9am Friday.

A number of titles have sold really fast. Please let one of the Book Fair staff know if you wish to order any item on the shelves. Orders must be paid for and will be delivered next week.

Our best friend Clifford the Big Red Dog visited the juniors before lunch on Tuesday and also stopped by the fair in the afternoon. He never fails to give everyone a warm fuzzy!

## Classroom Clippings

### Preps



The prep grades are collecting empty boxes, paper rolls and gift wrapping paper.

Please **do not** send toilet rolls or egg cartons.

### Juniors

Just a reminder that the best place for your child if they are sick is home! Children who are not well spread germs to everyone and interrupt everyone's learning.



### Middles

The middles are currently engaged in their third term topic 'Good as Gold'.

At the moment we are learning about the first fleet and early Australian settlement. All the middle teachers have enjoyed reading the homework so far and have been impressed with the quality. The middles teachers strongly encourage as many families as possible to attend the Family Maths Night on the 26<sup>th</sup> August and we look forward to seeing you there.



## Seniors

All Grade 6 students have received their secondary school placements. If you have any queries please call the secondary schools directly.

Later this term the senior students will attend an excursion to Scienceworks as part of our Space theme. More details will follow later.

## Community Notices

### Foster Carers Needed

The Bridges Adolescent Community Placement Program is seeking volunteer carers. Carers can be couples, singles, young people or mature aged. Do you have a spare room in your home, and time to care for and support a young person aged 12-18 on an emergency, short-term, respite or long term basis. If you can help, phone 9742 6452.

### Parents Victoria Annual Conference



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## Headlice Facts

- Head lice are small wingless insects, and are about the size of a sesame seed.
- They feed on human blood.
- Head lice do not live on your pets.
- They can only live 24 hours off of the human host.
- They leave an itchy feeling like a mosquito bite.
- Each head louse can lay up to 10 nits (eggs) a day.
- Daily shampooing will not prevent you from getting head lice.
- Nits can be found anywhere on the head.
- Children should be screened regularly for head lice.