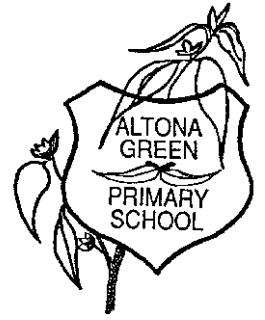


# Altona Green Primary School

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## NEWSLETTER

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### Art Incursion

Last Thursday an artist called Richard Galbraith came to Altona Green Primary School's art room to teach Middle and Senior students how to draw cartoons. He taught us how important it is to draw in emotions when creating your own characters. If you change the position of the eye brows, you can create anger, surprise, happiness or fear. You can start to create a cartoon character by simply drawing a shape and adding features. It may turn out to be one of your best drawings ever!

Richard showed us his style of art and encouraged us to discover our own style. He said that you didn't have to draw things in a realistic way. He showed us that when you add different types of emotions to your character, a story can be told just by looking at the pictures.

Later in the session when we could draw a lot better, he taught us how to draw Kevin Rudd! It was a whole heap of fun. He taught us various techniques that could help us with our art work in the future. Some of us may even become artists one day!

Now a majority of students know how to draw and don't have a speech bubble over their head saying "I can't draw". Thank you Richard Galbraith.

By Taylor, Rachael and Jessica (Senior B)



### Notices sent home this week!

- Middles (selected) - Festival of Performing Arts Permission Notice
- Middles - Camp info and medical forms

### Family Maths/ICT Night

Thank you to everyone that is coming to Family Maths/ICT Night. You do not need to be good at maths to attend. This evening is about playing games, building and measuring activities with your children. These nights have been very successful in the past. If you are able to come on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August from 7pm to 8.30pm, please come with your children. All ages are welcome. The more the merrier.



### Library Links

Jungle Fever has left the building. Thank you to everyone for your support. You have assisted us in boosting our resources in the library.

In addition to the support from families a big thank-you to Jean, Trish, Anne, Jean Hansen and Sarah Allen for their assistance.

Due to the generosity of Scholastic Books thirty-four children received books in our book fair raffle. I hope you have enjoyed your prizes.

Thank you also to Raelene Danaher and Sarah Lynch for their generous book donations.

### A message from your speech pathologist:

Communication difficulties can have a major impact on health, wellbeing and quality of life. Being able to communicate helps to connect with people, build friendships and participate in discussions, decisions, social events and school activities.

It's Speech Pathology Week and the theme this year is 'Communicate to Participate'.

Your Speech Pathologist works with children from Prep-Grade 6, who have communication difficulties, which include problems with speech, hearing, reading, writing and using and understanding language.

For more information on  
Speech Pathology Week 2009

visit: [www.speechpathologyaustralia.org.au](http://www.speechpathologyaustralia.org.au)

Laura Higgins & Dalia Didzys  
(Speech Pathologists, Hobson's Bay Network)

### **Classroom Clipping**

#### Juniors

This term all the Junior children are busy learning about recycling and waste at school. If parent's would like to follow up with the topic at home here are some great websites for everyone to enjoy!

[www.epa.gov/kids/garbage.htm](http://www.epa.gov/kids/garbage.htm)

[www.epa.gov/recyclecity/](http://www.epa.gov/recyclecity/)

[www.recycleroom.org](http://www.recycleroom.org)

#### Middles

Middle Camp Sovereign Hill Ballarat Monday October 26<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday October 28<sup>th</sup>.

Camp preparations are well under way and both staff and students are very excited.

Camp information booklets were sent home this week detailing arrangements for final payments, list of items to bring to camp and staff attending the camp.

Please also note that the permission form and coloured medical form also were sent home with the camp booklet. The signed permission form and medical forms must be returned to your child's class teacher by September 7<sup>th</sup>. Final camp payments are also due by September 7<sup>th</sup>.

If you have any queries about camp please see your child's class teacher or Ilona Toroczko.

The middle team will hold a camp meeting at school for all children in the coming weeks so they can ask questions and we can outline the expectations for attending the camp.

#### Seniors

Supplies need to be replaced, for example rulers, dictionary and pencils for students who require them. Next week we have a guest player from the AFL who will be running a clinic for some nominated five/six students.

### **New Uniform Item**

Ahmad, Ella and Nathan were happy to model our new uniform item, a winter beanie. A great idea to keep the head and ears warm on cold mornings or during outdoor developmental play sessions. We only have limited stock available at this stage so be quick. Available at the office the beanie costs \$10.50.



## Assembly Awards

Congratulations to these children who received an award at last week's assembly.

- SB** Connor - his enthusiastic approach to our media conversations.  
Daniel - for sharing his strategies during our maths discussions
- SD** Tayla - terrific effort in filming and reporting for SD's assembly.  
Daniel - wonderful report for our assembly.
- SH** Julian - an excellent effort with homework.  
Kara - an excellent standard of work.
- SN** Joseph - his wonderful comments and contributions to reader's workshop sessions.  
Mary Anne - her ability to read for sustained periods of time without interruption.
- SS** Leilah - fantastic homework.
- MI** Hanan - a 'personal best' effort in all her work.  
Ary - excellent work in fractions.
- MJ** Danesh - helping others in the garden.  
Liam - telling the time on an analogue clock.
- ML** Maysa - being a polite member of the classroom.
- MLR** Aaliyah - displaying a positive attitude and trying her personal best.  
Mohamad - striving to do his personal best.
- MS** Maddison - great work and attitude in the garden.  
Ally - talking about strategies in reading.
- JA** Bridget - such an excellent attitude to doing everything in our grade.  
Arion - a fantastic effort in developing some very good listening skills.

- JC** Nicholas - using his great knowledge of number facts to help out maths problems.  
Daimon - always making a fantastic effort with his work in all areas of the curriculum.
- JD** Emily - reading well in her reading group.  
Peter - reading well in his reading groups.
- JJ** Sheerman - making a terrific book in Play Investigations.  
Archer - his great reading and writing.
- JM** Lachlan - working on improving his handwriting.  
Alanna - always being a cheerful, co-operative and enthusiastic student.
- JS** Naomi - great effort when working with others in small groups.
- JV** Isabel - excellent effort with reading.  
Miles - trying hard with his writing.

### SPORT

- Angelique (JM) - a wonderful effort with all activities.  
Jamie (JJ) - tackling tasks with enthusiasm.

### MUSIC

- Thomas (MJ) - trying his personal best at singing. Keep up the great work.  
Rachel (JJ) - always listening attentively and trying her personal best in music.

### SAKG

- Crista & Georgia (SN) - for taking care and using initiative in the garden.

## Parents Group

### Fathers Day Raffle

Raffle Tickets will be sent home this week for the AGPS Fathers Day Raffle



**1<sup>st</sup> Prize** - Jetstar ticket voucher for 2 adults to the value of \$1000.00 (conditions apply)  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize** - 2 x Gold Class movie tickets  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize** - Car Cleaning Pack \$1.00 per ticket  
Tickets will need to be returned by 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Raffle will be drawn on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

### School Disco

Will be held on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September -  
5.30-7.00pm Juniors/Middles -  
THEME 'come dressed as your favourite character'



7.15-8.45pm- Middles/Seniors  
Notices about parent helpers needed and tickets will be sent home during the next week

## Science at home

### Corny Goo

#### Materials

water, 2 tablespoons of cornflour, bowl and spoon.



#### Steps

1. Put 2 tablespoons of cornflour into the bowl.
2. Add a tablespoon of water to the flour stirring well. Keep adding a few drops at a time until the goo is thick and creamy.
3. Pick up the goo and roll it between your fingers. Stop rolling - what happens?

## Community Notices



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## Altona North Blue Light Disco

For primary school grades 4,5,6 and secondary Year 7 & 8



featuring mind-blowing entertainment, playing new music and requests  
7:00pm til 9:30pm - held at the Altona Meadows Community Centre, Trafalgar Ave, Altona Meadows. Entry \$6.00

### Remaining dates for 2009

August 14<sup>th</sup>                      September 11<sup>th</sup>  
October 9<sup>th</sup>, November 13<sup>th</sup>, December 11<sup>th</sup>

Drinks, chips and lollies available at Canteen

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no alcohol, no smoking, no passouts