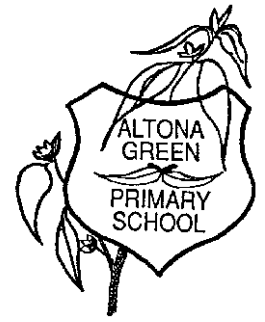


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A Message From Karen...

• So long, farewell.....

After 35 years with the Education Department, our Assistant Principal Karen Mackay retires on September 4th. Of those 35 years, Karen has given 8 years of service to Altona Green Primary School.

During that time, everyone who has worked with Karen has always been impressed by her understanding and love of children and her terrific sense of humour. When Karen was able to escape the never-ending buildings and grounds issues that crowded her days, she was instrumental in establishing our before and after school care program as well as leading the transformation in our prep area with the introduction of our developmental curriculum program.

There would be many families who would like to call in to see Karen next week to acknowledge the great work she did in supporting their child's transition into our school.

I am sure all of the school community would like to join me in thanking you Karen, for your dedication to the students whose lives you have touched. May your future bring you all the happiness you deserve.

• Family Maths Night

It was great to see so many families attend our Family Maths and ICT night last night. Witnessing our students, their older siblings and parents problem solving together was terrific to see. Thanks to our wonderful staff for organising and supporting the night.

• Building update

The next 3 weeks will see some disruption for some classes and programs as our portables are relocated on site to make way for the start of our new building. The temporary fencing is almost all in place and this area will become a no-go zone for all, during the duration of the building project.

Karen O'Dowd

Outside School Hours Care

We have had a few staffing changes in our OSHC service of late.

Kate Walsh, who has been the programs co-ordinator for some time has left to have her second child. Kate was a terrific co-ordinator very dedicated to the role and worked tirelessly to get our service to the standard it is today. We wish her well.

A big welcome to our new co-ordinator, Lynne Bernardi a face a lot of our families already know. Lynne has stepped into this role with great enthusiasm and passion. The children have adapted easily to the staff change and remain involved, interested and eager to attend, which is always a mark of a good service.

Two other new faces on board are our casual workers, Katherine Ball and Helen Phuang.

Katherine is working mainly some afternoon sessions while Helen is assisting in the morning sessions. We are extremely happy to have them on board and welcome them to our OSHC program.

Vicki Austin, another of our casual staff has taken some leave until the end of October.

It is great, to at last have a regular small team of enthusiastic, capable and dedicated staff for our OSHC program as it is can be quite difficult to staff the OSHC programs.

Karen Mackay

Library Links

It is officially Book Week across the country so why not pop into your local library or book store and join in the festivities as due to building works our library will be unavailable for student borrowing for the next couple of weeks. Children will still be able to access books from their class libraries but it would be appreciated if students could please return their books to school tomorrow so that the books can be shelved to ease congestion in the library whilst two classes share the space. Thank you for your understanding.

☺ Many thanks to Alana Turner for her generous donation of new books for the library.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden



We have been enjoying our Ethiopian food this week. Thanks Claire for the recipes! We are now on the hunt for Maltese chefs so if there are any family members who can pop in from 2nd September it would be lovely to see them. In the 1st week back we will be celebrating (a bit late) Eid and the end of Ramadan, so if anyone has any special recipes or can help out for week 1 and 2 we will see you in the kitchen!

Jules - Kitchen Specialist

Classroom Clippings

Preps



The Responsible Pet Education Program for schools will be visiting the prep classrooms on Monday, 7th September.

Juniors

Just a quick reminder to all parents and children that homework is still being sent home weekly and 'take home books' are still being changed weekly. The Junior Team have noticed as the term and weeks have gone by an increasing number of children not doing either - please remind your child of their responsibilities.

Family Maths Night Photos



Community Notices



Youth Fit offers specialised running and fitness coaching for children of all abilities. Young athletes will enjoy the fun and competitive group atmosphere while working to maximise their athletic potential. Whether you are looking to improve your fitness in the football off season or run in the state championships, all are welcome!

Training will be held in the Altona area on Tuesday, Thursday at 4.00pm and Sunday at 11.00am.

Cost: \$10 per week or \$40 per calendar month.

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