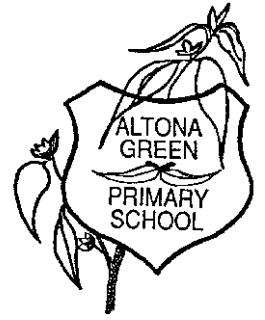


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NEWSLETTER

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Navy Blues Go Green

Senior H entered an environmental competition to win a "Visy Effective Disposals Clinic with Chris Judd" run through The Age newspaper. The competition involved students describing in 25 words or less what our school is doing to help fight climate change. Great news, we won!

Our prize is a one hour football clinic for 40 Grade 5/6 students with Chris Judd and two Carlton FC environment ambassadors on Thursday 27th August.

Many thanks to Marita Ryan for organising key points about our schools efforts towards reducing greenhouse emissions, recycling and saving water.

Jungle Fever Has Hit Altona Green and there isn't a cure!

If your child shows any of the following symptoms you know they have been bitten by the reading bug and contracted jungle fever-roaring like a lion, trumpeting like an elephant, a desire to hire a four wheel drive and go on safari, a thirst for latest releases from favourite authors or a sudden penchant for activity books.

You can ease the symptoms by dropping into the school library and browsing the shelves and tables. There will be many bargains and every sale receives a bookmark. As usual all sales assist the school by putting more books back into our library.

Our annual book fair will be back in business commencing at 3.30pm on Monday and concluding at 9am on Friday. On Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday the fair will be open from 8.30-9am and 3.30-4pm.

Purchases can be made with cash, cheque or credit card. Unfortunately due to the unavailability of machines from the supplier to Scholastic we cannot offer eftpos facilities at this time although I have been assured that should a machine become available our school is first on the list to have one couriered out to us.

Our favourite Big Red Friend will be dropping by on Tuesday for a photo opportunity and every child has the opportunity to win a prize in our free raffle during the week.

Brochures with a very small sample of items available have gone home with the children today. Family, friends and community members are all welcome.

Book Week @ the Green! 10th - 14th August

To celebrate Book Week we are having some special activities next week.



- 1) We are having a Book Fair in the Library.
- 2) The Seniors and Middles are having an incursion with a published illustrator.
- 3) The grades will be visiting other grades on Friday to see their "Favourite Book" display.

Education Maintenance Allowance

Tomorrow will be the last day for new EMA applications. If you have transferred schools during the year you will need to apply at the office. Please bring your pension/health care card, which must be valid as at 13th July 2009.

Planet Ark Tree Planting Day



A big thank you to the 6 classes that came out to plant 110 indigenous trees, shrubs and climbers.

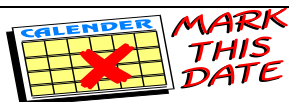
An even bigger thank you to all of the parents that also came up to school during their child's planting time to assist, it is so much easier for everyone when parents are helping out, the children really enjoy having this extra help!

We have now finished planting an indigenous creeper called 'Clematis' along the front fence, it has a lovely white flower and bushes up rather quickly. We also planted in the garden beds at the back of the yard near the fitness stations, they are slowly taking shape!

Marita Ryan
Gardener

Notices sent home this week!

- Juniors (Music) - Bring a Plastic Bottle
- Middles - FOPA Letter
- Middles & Seniors - Art Incursion



AUGUST

- 6th - Australian Maths competition
- 10th - Book Fair begins
- 17th - Swimming Program deposits due
- 17th - School Council meeting
- 26th - Family Maths Night
- 27th - Chris Judd footy clinic
- 28th - LPSSA 1500m & TJ championships
- 31st - Literacy and Numeracy Week

SEPTEMBER

- 2nd - LPSSA Athletics championships
- 15th - Festival of Performing Arts
- 15th - Senior excursion to Scienceworks
- 18th - Last day of Term 3

Student Banking

Every Tuesday is bank day at Altona Green PS. Each student banking deposit made between 20th July and 21st September goes into the draw to win one of 200 double passes to see Disney-Pixar's 'UP' and schools have the opportunity to win one of three Sony Bravia 32' LCD TV.

So don't forget to make regular deposits and watch your savings grow.

Classroom Clippings

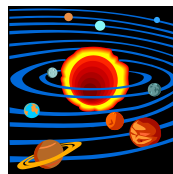
Preps

Children are not to bring toys to school, as we have had a number of issues with toys being broken and missing.



Seniors

Year 6 students will be notified about their Government Secondary School placement on Monday 10th August.



Classes are soon beginning their models of the Solar System for classroom display.

Science At Home

Dancing Sultanas

Materials Needed

Bi-carb of soda, sultanas, vinegar, a glass



Steps

1. Put two tablespoons of bi-carb of soda and 10 sultanas in a glass.
2. Add two tablespoons of vinegar, fill the glass with water and stir quickly.

What happens to the sultanas?

Assembly Awards

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

- SB** Lochlan and Jessica - their wonderful effort for the school when Channel 9 was here.
- SD** Dana and Stefan - showing initiative and independence in using the flip to create a movie.
- SH** Leon - great protractor redesign. Well done
Qaanitah - excellent times table knowledge. Well done
- SN** Tyson - his excellent ability to infer meaning when discussing dialogue in texts.
- SS** Daniel - a great start to the school.
Mara - for fantastic presentation
- MI** Alex- improved attitude towards all work and renewed enthusiasm.
Tyla - her enthusiastic approach to all work and attention to detail.
- ML** Giulietta - improvements in her reading.
Kristina - always being a positive role model.
- MLR** Sophia - excellent paragraphs in her 'I am Australian' reflection.
Rhon - always trying his personal best in all tasks.
- MS** Mohamad - sharing stories about his family's heritage.
Aimee - great effort in reading and writing.
- JA** Caitlin - such a hard working student in JA.
Daniel - trying hard with all his work.
- JC** Sarah - good use of a range of strategies when reading.
Alec - making a great effort to develop fluency and expression when reading.
- JD** Caitlin - being a good reporter during play investigations.
Nathan - good counting and for practising writing his numbers at home.
- JJ** Shanae - an imaginative project during play investigations.
Jamie - great improvement with reading and writing
- JS** Ashleigh- always doing her personal best.
Jake - working well at his reading tasks.

- JV** Danielle - being a helpful and friendly student.
Terry - a fantastic effort with reading.

MUSIC

- Maddison (SB) - great keyboard skills.
Jack (SN) - always trying his personal best and displaying great listening skills.

SAKG

- Nicholas (MLR) - helping out with the worm farm.
Jacob (SI) - helping to find the missing pipe.

Happy, Happy August Birthdays

1 st	Cassie, Blake
2 nd	Alanna
4 th	Raven, Mary Lene
5 th	Liam
7 th	Raidah, Elleni
9 th	Daina, Thomas
10 th	Bradley, Federicka
11 th	Rhys, Travis
12 th	Connor
13 th	Eddie, Talia
19 th	Angelina, Kevin
20 th	Peter, Ben, Tyla, Tayla
21 st	Gobi
22 nd	Muskan, Rowdina
23 rd	Emily
25 th	Nicholas
26 th	Kyle
27 th	Marcus, Emily
28 th	Natalie, Joel, Brendon

August at Hobsons Bay Libraries

- **Win Passes to the Star Wars Exhibition at Scienceworks**

visit the libraries website and August and answer 5 simple questions to be in with a chance of winning one of eight passes.

- **Mr Chicken Goes to Paris - Leigh Hobbs Illustration Workshop and Book Launch**

Tuesday, 13th August, 4.30pm

Altona Meadows Library and Learning Centre

Leigh Hobbs will let you into the secret of drawing his latest character, Mr Chicken

Leigh books will be on sale also.

Bookings tel: 9932 3020

- **Waterwatch - a Science Week Celebration**

Discover fascinating water bugs, frogs and other intriguing creatures found in your local waterways

Saturday, 15th August

Environment Resource Centre at Altona Library

10.30am - 2.30pm, Waterwatch trailer displays

11.00am - 12.00pm, Crazy Critters - discover the crazy critters in your waterways

1.00pm - 2.00pm Flipping Frogs - Hop into this adventure and discover all things froggie!

Bookings tel: 9932 1330

- **Roland Harvey - author and illustrator of *At the Beach*, *My Place in Space* and heaps of other fantastic books!**

Roland is one of Australia's best loved and most popular book creators. Experience his unique style for yourself as he takes you into his quirky world

Wednesday, 26th August

4.30pm at Altona Meadows Library and Learning Centre

Bookings tel: 9932 3020

- **Tales of Outer Suburbia - Book Week Craft**

Fire up your imagination and create something based on the two books from the Book of the Year shortlist. *No Other Country* by Shaun Tan and *Special Kev* by Chris McKimmie.

Monday, 24th August

4.00pm at Altona Library

Bookings tel: 9932 1330

- **Read it, Imagine it, Draw it!**

The Friends of Altona Libraries **Illustration Competition** commences on **Wednesday, 26th August**

Pick up an entry form from any branch of Hobsons Bay Libraries or download from the website and be in with a chance to win part of the \$500 prize pool.

Further details of all of the above area available at <http://libraries.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au>

or phone Jenelle Colston-Ing, Hobsons Bay Libraries Children's and Youth Team Leader on 9932 3020