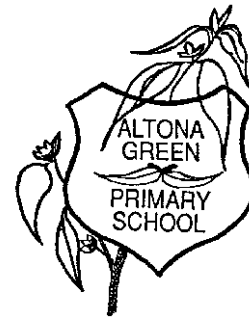


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NEWSLETTER

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A Message From Karen...

Our school community would be no different from other communities in the metropolitan area: shell-shocked by the events of the week left to wonder how we all can assist our fellow Victorians who are in crisis at the moment.

- As a way of showing support, we would like to have an out of uniform day this **Friday the 13th February** and we ask that children wishing to participate bring along a donation which we will collect and send along to one of the many appeals for these families. We hope this small token will ease the rebuilding of their lives, so please dig deep! Thank you for your support and concern from our Altona Green community
- Our Parent Reps were organising a Raffle for the benefit of our own school however there are other communities in much greater need so that is where the funds will be directed.

Several parents have spoken to me of their concerns on how to discuss with their children, the devastation caused by the bushfires. We have an information sheet available to assist those parents who are looking for assistance. Just contact the office for it to be emailed or sent home.

R.I.P

Our thoughts are also with the Halkic family who tragically lost their son Allem, a former student of Altona Green PS.

FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY

We will be continuing to provide fresh fruit every Friday in the Junior Rooms due to departmental funding for the program.

We are seeking volunteers to help prepare the fruit platters for the Junior classes. This program is run entirely by volunteers.

If you have an hour to spare on a Friday morning, we would love your help.

If you can assist on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly roster, please complete the Reply Slip below.

Fresh Fruit Friday Reply Slip

I can assist - Weekly Fortnightly
 Monthly

Parent Name _____

Child's Name _____

Class _____

Contact Number _____

Karen O'Dowd

Family Picnic Night

Don't forget our Annual School "Getting to Know You Picnic" will be held on Wednesday 25th February from 5pm - 7pm. Please return your free sausage sizzle order forms by Monday 16th February to help us with catering. On the night remember to BYO your cold drinks, chairs and /or picnic rug.

2nd Hand Uniform Sale

We will be holding a second hand uniform in the office foyer Tuesday 24th February 3.00 - 3.30. All items will be \$2.00.

Goodbye and farewell

After thirty-five years employed in the Education Department I have decided to retire from full time teaching and look for new challenges. I remember in my first year of teaching we went to the zoo, I umpired a fight for a lunch bag between a student Con and an Emu over who had rights to Con's sandwiches. Con a metre smaller won he wasn't giving up his lunch for a bird no matter how big (this was not covered in my course at college).

I remember starting at Green in 92 when the grounds and facilities were good but now they are fantastic especially compared with my last job in PE which had no gym, a veranda when wet and blue stone for the yard.

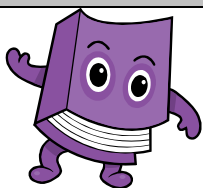
The school, the facilities, the teachers, the programs, the SSO's, the cleaners, the canteen staff, the ex students, and the parents have made this school a wonderful place to work, but the best part of our school has always been the kids who have been the inspiration, the challenge and I have loved the sparkle in their eyes and their efforts.

With my regards and thanks



Gray Barton

Book Club



The first issue of book club brochures have been distributed to all grades. Once again there are some fantastic bargains on offer. If you wish to place an order please fill out the order form with your child's name and grade and return in a sealed envelope enclosing the correct amount to your child's teacher by Tuesday 17th February.

Sports Update

Bayside Festival Swimming Carnival

The Bayside Festival Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 13th March - 7:15pm at the Bayfit Leisure Centre, Mason St, Altona North.

The carnival has 25m freestyle races for Under 7 - 9 years and 50m freestyle races for 10-11 years and over. There is also a mixture of relay races.

We would like to encourage children to participate in this event which is a fun introduction to swimming competition. If you would like an entry form or more information please see Eugene Korbut (PE teacher) or Raelene in the office. Children who participate in the carnival will be given an Altona Green swim cap to wear on the night.

The War against Headlice

Well only our first week back at school and already we have reports of headlice. Parents please check your child's hair regularly and especially if you receive a note that there are headlice in your child's grade.

To help our school keep headlice under control it is helpful if;

- children have long hair tied back (plaits or buns are best)
- Make a regular time to check children's hair (maybe Sunday before school resumes)
- Parent's let the office staff know if your child contacts headlice.

The Hobsons Bay Council Health Department recommend using the following method to help detect headlice in children's hair:

1. Apply conditioner to dry hair aiming to cover each hair from root to tip with a layer of conditioner
2. Detangle hair using an ordinary comb
3. Immediately comb the hair with a fine tooth comb. Plastic nit combs with conditioner are very effective for detecting and removing climbers, but far less effective for eggs. The Lice Meister comb removes about 10 times more eggs than plastic nit combs.
4. Wipe the conditioner off the fine tooth comb onto a paper tissue and look for lice and eggs
5. Repeat the combing for every part of the head at least 5 times
6. Also examine the comb for lice and eggs

Parent Group

We will be holding a raffle to help with the bushfire appeal. The tickets will go out on Monday 16th February with the tickets due back on Monday 23rd February and it will be drawn on the Family Picnic Night - Wednesday 25th February.

- 1st prize - Jetstar Domestic return flight for 2 people to the value of \$1000
- 2nd - 4 x village movie tickets
- 3rd - Tennis Racquet and cap



All parents, old and new are invited to come to the parent room for a cuppa and chat when waiting to pick up the children from school. The parent room is open from 2:30 - Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Road Safety Tip No 1



When you are going to cross a street

Stop! Look! Listen! Think

- Junior M

Art Room Request

Parents please ensure you supply children with a clearly named art smock.



All children participate in all art activities, whether they have an art smock or not so clothes not covered could become soiled.

Classroom Clippings

Preps

Please make sure that your child has a fresh piece of fruit each day to have during fruit break time. **Please do not send KIWI FRUIT** as we have a Prep child who is allergic to this fruit.

Vera and Debbie's class will have library sessions on Thursday and Jan's class will have library on Wednesday.

Juniors

It's been a very successful start to the school year for the Junior children. Routines are becoming established in classrooms and it's wonderful to see the children working so hard again. Just a reminder that all children need a smock (eg old t-shirt) to wear in the Art Room.

Middles

The middles teachers are noticing that there are still some students coming to school without hats. All students need to wear a hat to play outside. We encourage all students to bring fruit to school so that they can participate in fruit snack in the classroom and to be healthy.

Happy Happy February Birthdays

1 st	Nikita
2 nd	Geoff
3 rd	Emma, Jacob
5 th	Natalie
6 th	Khiara, Philip, Vivienne, Amber
7 th	Chris
8 th	Roselie, Alisha
9 th	Phet, Khaleah
12 th	Jordan
13 th	Jordan
14 th	Eleni
15 th	Merin
16 th	Zena
19 th	Thomas
23 rd	Alex
24 th	Daniel
26 th	Alec, Stephen
27 th	Veronika, Jakob
28 th	Griffin
29 th	Eleni

Community Notices

LAVERTON PARK TENNIS CLUB

The team of coaches at Laverton Park Tennis Club invite you to come and join in the fun at Merton Street, Laverton. Families interested in involving their child in tennis may enquire and register their child for a free trial at a time that suits your family.

As a club we have many successful teams playing in the Western Region Junior and senior Tennis Competition as well as Tennis Australia tournaments and Melbourne Pennant.

If interested please Contact: Brendan O'Brien on 0407 552 828 or 9398 2339 to book your free 'try out'.

Moving House Furniture Sale

Everything must go - couches, baby cot and water proof mattress, dining table, 6 drawers, Kids bikes, TV Unit, Fish Tank. All in excellent condition. No reasonable offer is refused. Call Kayan on 9255 4533 or 0402 515670

Russell Court Kindergarten is currently running **Occasional Care Sessions** on Wednesdays and Fridays from 12 - 5.30pm for 3 to 5 year olds. For more information contact Marie on 9315 6932.



POINT COOK FOOTBALL CLUB REGISTRATION DAY

Sunday 22 February 2009 11:30 am - 2:30 pm
Dunnings Road Oval, Point Cook
Under 9: 10; 11; 12; 14; 16 & 18
All players must provide photocopy of Birth Certificate

FEES: \$140 - one child, \$220 - two children
\$50 per child thereafter

\$10 Discount if fees paid on the day
Credit Card & EFTPOS facilities available
Shorts, Socks & Merchandise available for purchase

All enquires contact: Jeff Curmi: 0400 233 999 or
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Altona North Blue Light Disco

2009 Blue Light Disco's - for primary school grades 4, 5 & 6 and secondary school grades 7 & 8

7:00pm til 9:30pm held at the Altona

Meadows Community Centre, Trafalgar Avenue.

Entry \$6.00

Dates for 2009 - February 13th, March 13th, May 8th, June 12th, August 14th, September 11th, October 9th, November 13th, December 11th

No alcohol, No smoking, No passouts

Any enquiries to L/Senior Constable Penny Renden at Altona North Police Station
9392 3111

