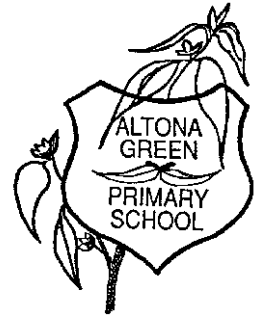


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NEWSLETTER

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A Message From Karen...

Welcome Back

Welcome back to term 3. We hope everyone had an enjoyable break, feeling refreshed for the work ahead at Altona Green PS. It was wonderful to return from leave and see the work that has been achieved in a very busy June last term. My study trip was amazing - lots of professional learning, lots of ideas to consider for our school.

Highlights included:

- attendance at an International Conference on Restorative Practices in Vancouver
- a day spent at Ferndale Prison in Vancouver with 13 inmates learning about the work being done with prisoners in the area of restorative practices
- school visits in the USA and the UK, notably in Minnesota, Hackney and Oxford

My trip confirmed with me that we are very lucky with the facilities and resources we have in our school - we are indeed fortunate with what we are able to offer our students. I also felt a re-affirmation and a need to strengthen our school's policy of restorative practices as central to our community's culture. The research and work being done internationally in this area is making significant gains for young people's social and academic progress.

Building Update

It's all about to start happening. We have a sign up announcing our builders "St Hilliers" and we are waiting to hear when our portables will be re-located to make way for the new building.

Four classes in the school: MJ, MS, SI and ML will suffer some disruption for 2 weeks as their portables will be lifted and placed in temporary positions in our grounds whilst the building takes shape. During that period, specialist classrooms will need to be used to accommodate those classes in the process. I will keep you informed when I know more.

Thanks for Understanding

We thank the parents of the 3 classes who have yet to have Parent/teacher conferences or reports (for their understanding and patience). We hope to confirm a date when these will be finalised and will send a note home shortly to those classes. Janine Dare will continue to be on leave for the first 3 weeks of this term as she continues care for her son. We have let Janine know of all the messages of support from the school community. The good news is that Josh is making good progress. Kristy Kauwala will continue to teach Middle J in Janine's absence.

Our Website

Have you visited our website lately? If you have, you would have discovered that it has a brand new look. Many thanks to Raelene who oversaw the re-vamp and who continues to manage the update-process.

www.altonagreen.vic.edu.au

Karen O'Dowd

Notices sent home this week!

- Swimming Program - Expression of Interest



JULY

- 20th - The NED Show - whole school incursion
- 22nd - Swimming Program - expression of interest due
- 27th - School Council - **note change of date**
- 30th - Grade 1/2 Big Breakfast for Feed Melbourne

Education Maintenance Allowance

Applications for the E.M.A are now being accepted at the office. If you received E.M.A. during the first half of the year, you need not re-apply. **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.

Assembly

SAP Performance

Middle students who participated in Westside Arts will be performing at assembly on Friday the 17th of July at 2:45pm. It would be great to see you there if your child is performing on this day!

Term 3 roster

Date	Who Leads It
Friday 17 th July	Middle J
Friday 31 st July	Senior D
Friday 14 th August	Junior C
Friday 28 th August	Senior H
Friday 11 th September	Senior S

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden



Congratulations to Middle S for winning the Term 2 middles grub hunt in the garden. Special congratulations also to MLR.

Thanks also to Erik (MLR) and Amanda (MS) for their extra efforts at lunchtimes throughout the term.

Zanni - Garden Specialist

Library Links

Welcome back. I hope you all found time to curl up with a good book during the inclement weather on the holidays from your own collection or the local library!

I hate to nag but there are still too many books that have not been returned. It is very frustrating knowing that there are still fifty books that should have been returned to the library last term. Combined they would make a great collection for a classroom.

On a brighter note there are many new books to be found around the library and more to come.

One of the new fantasy adventure series we have is the Doofuzz Dudes. Emma from MLR has been an avid reader of these books and has shared her thoughts.

Hi, my name is Emma. I have been reading the Doofuzz Dudes series. The books have many weird and wonderful stories! I started reading The Black Pearl of Laramoth, then The Princess Detector and finally The Babbling Bottles. There is a bully called Howard Soured - funny! If you like wacky these are the books for you. I can't tell you anymore!

WE'RE GOING ON SAFARI!

Book Fair Safari that is... yes it is that time of the year when we start to countdown the weeks until the fabulous fun-for-all fair arrives! Watch this space for more information on the annual Book Fair arriving August 10!



Sport Update

• Prep-6 Swimming Program



Expression of Interest notes were sent home Wednesday. The 10 day school swimming program will be held in November at Bayside Lesiure Centre, **this is a change of venue.** Cost is \$85.00; only 100 students will be able to attend. We already have over 50 booked so please return your form promptly or you will be placed on the waiting list.

Classroom Clippings

Juniors

Welcome back to Term 3 everyone! The Junior Teachers had a very busy day planning for this term on Tuesday - so everyone will again be working very hard.

The specialists' timetable will begin next week - so everything will be back to normal.

Just a quick reminder that all art smocks that were washed over the holidays need to be returned and ready to be worn next week.

Community Notices

Position Vacant

After & Before School Care Co-ordinator

Altona Green Primary School

28 hours per week

7:00am - 9:00am & 3:00pm - 6:00pm

Please send your resume outlining any relevant qualifications and experience to:

Karen Mackay, Altona Green PS, 230 Victoria St,
Altona Meadows 3028

Position description can be obtained by calling
Karen Mackay on 9360 0777

Applications close Wednesday 22nd July 2009

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4th Altona Sea Scouts

Pines Scout Camp, Altona Road
(just past the Altona Boat Ramp)
'Scouts' - Joeys, Cubs and Scouts



The 4th Altona Sea Scouts would like to invite all students to come and try Scouting.

'Joey Scouts' - For boys & girls aged 6 to 8 years old - Tuesday Nights 5:45 to 6:45pm

'Cub Scouts' - For boys & girls aged 7½ to 11 years old - Tuesday Nights 7:00 to 8:30pm

'Scouts' - For boys & girls aged 11 to 15 years old -
Wednesday Nights

Please feel free to come along and participate in a Pack Meeting and experience the exciting activities and games 'Scouts' have to offer.

During a Pack Meeting the children participate in a range of activities as they work towards their badges, venture on excursions around our local community or into Melbourne and occasionally attend camps.

For more information call Sandra Stone - Cub Scout Leader 9398 3893

Happy, Happy July Birthdays

1 st	Marko, Kara
3 rd	Thien
4 th	Tyler
6 th	Maya, Rebecca
7 th	Aimee, Jessica
8 th	Damon
9 th	Poonida
11 th	Matthew
13 th	Ashlea
15 th	Jack
17 th	Kizzey
18 th	Jordyn
20 th	Joseph
24 th	Ilias
25 th	Dylan
26 th	Alim
27 th	Ally
28 th	Naomi
30 th	Daniil

