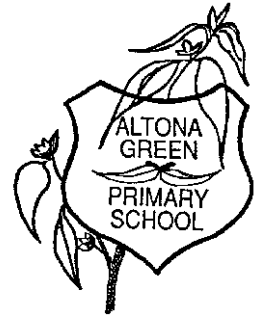


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A Message From Karen...

TODAY

Altona Green Primary School and the TODAY SHOW!

Last term we heard the great news that we had won a 27,000 litre rainwater tank and pump, courtesy of BlueScope's 'Tank-a-day' challenge for schools. It will enable us to continue harvesting rainwater to use for watering flower beds, gardens, vegetable patches and filling our 'dry' wetlands. The tank was delivered last week and is awaiting connection. The Channel 9 morning show, THE TODAY SHOW sometimes features some of the winners each month, and this month it will be us.



Next Tuesday, Steve Jacobs the weather presenter will be at our school together with the production team and will feature our school and some of our students in the regular weather crosses throughout the show. The first live cross to our school will be at 6.15am and will continue regularly till 8.30am. Breakfast will be available from 7am and we invite families to come along and join in the excitement however, all children arriving before 8.30am will need to be accompanied and supervised by an adult. We are still putting the final details together so we will send home a note with more info on Monday, however, put it in your diary now!

Building update:

This past week has seen the tanbark under our 'old' playground removed to make way for the permanent removal of this structure. This playground is now unsafe with no soft fall and all children are no longer to play on this. We are hopeful that the portables will begin to be relocated on the weekend of August 1.

Congratulations

Well done to our Westside Arts performers who did an encore performance at last week's assembly. They were fabulous. Thanks to Michelle Yacoub and Irene Bennetts for preparing our students so well.

Karen O'Dowd

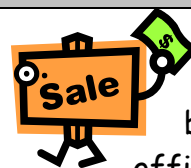
Notices sent home this week!

- Middles - AASC Football
- Grade 1/2 - The Big Breakfast

Help Needed

TODAY The Parent Group needs your help to organise breakfast during the Today Show visit next Tuesday. In keeping with healthy eating guidelines we will be serving a light breakfast of muffins, quiche and fruit. On Monday we will use the S.A.K.G kitchen to bake the muffins and quiches. We will need helpers from 9:00am, so please consider offering your help as we organise this special event for our school. Also the loan of muffin tins, slice trays and airtight containers would be wonderful (please name them).

2nd Hand Uniform Sale



A 2nd hand uniform sale will be held on Monday 27th July between 3:00 and 3:30pm in the office foyer.
All items \$2.00. Please send any donations to the office.

Planet Ark Tree Planting Day - 2009

Firstly a big thank you to the parents that came out on the last day of term to assist with the Arbor Week planting. We managed to plant along the front fence and also around the chess tables and basketball court, putting in 140 indigenous plants.

Planting next Friday 31st July will be around the fitness station garden beds at the back of the school with the following classes;

9:15 - 10:00am JS & SH
10:00 - 10:45am JA & JC
11:30 - 12:15am JM & SS

Parents that would like to help need to sign in at the office and come to the front of the Vegetable Garden at the designated time. All assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Marita Ryan
Gardener

Come on Safari with us

The Book Fair will be arriving in 2½ weeks! 'Come on Safari' and explore the shelves in the library jungle.

A small sample of books are on display in the library window but there will be many more available at the fair, sure to please all interests.

**There was an old lady
Who swallowed a mozzie
I don't know why
She swallowed that mozzie...
She must be Aussie!**

Aussie animals beware! An old lady is on the loose in the Australian bush and she has an unstoppable appetite! No-one and nothing is safe!

If this fun and quirky, tangled take on the original nonsense rhyme tickles your funny bone pick up a great Australian Yarn from the *Aussie Gems* series.

Trolley Coins

Trolley coins have been delayed due to the school holidays but should be here next week.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden



The Kitchen and Garden have seen some wonderful volunteers come through and help over the first 2 terms of the year.

This time of the year is a lovely time to come and help out in the garden. With many days being sunny and clear it's a chance for you to learn a little about gardening as well as topping up on your vitamin D for the winter! We desperately need some help with any kitchen or garden classes, particularly in the garden - you don't need to know anything about cooking or gardening to come along, Tuesdays and Wednesdays between 9.30-1.30. The best part is sitting down with the kids at the end and joining them for a meal (regardless of whether you have been in the garden or kitchen). Contact Julie or Zanni through the office if you can help out even occasionally. See you in the garden!

Zanni

Outside School Hours Care

Next Week's activities

Monday - AASC Volleyball

Tuesday - Paper Fans

Wednesday - 'I have different emotions' craft

Thursday - Cooking Apple Crumble

Friday - Gym games

New Website Feedback

Just had a look at the new Altona Green PS web site and wanted to let you know I think it looks fabulous. It represents the look and feel of the Primary School and great to see pictures of the kids and events that happen throughout the year. It seems very easy to navigate as well. It was nice to see Eleni with Big Ted at the Teddy Bears Picnic day!

Great job on the new site!

- Joanna G

Prep-6 Swimming Program



The Swimming Program is fully booked and we have another 30 children on the waiting list. Permission notices requesting a deposit will be sent home to the first 100 children shortly. After these are returned we will be able to include children from the waiting list. If your child receives a permission note and has changed their mind about attending please let the office know asap.

Yo-Yo's

Yo-Yo's will be on sale in the office until the end of next week unless sold out earlier.



Fresh Fruit Friday



Fresh Fruit Friday begin again tomorrow and for our Preps and Juniors. Volunteers are needed to help chop the fruit each Friday morning. Please meet in the SAKG kitchen at 9:00am. Cutting usually takes about $\frac{1}{2}$ hour.

Science at Home

Rubbery Egg

Can you make an eggshell go soft?

Materials

1 egg, a drinking glass, vinegar.



Steps

1. Gently place the egg into the glass.
2. Pour vinegar over the egg to completely cover it.
3. Wait several days. Take the egg out of the glass, and feel the shell.

Did you know?

The vinegar reacts with the calcium in the eggshell, dissolving it. It makes the shell feel rubbery.

Classroom Clippings

Preps

Please remember to return your child's take home books and library book each week on their set day.

Preps will be involved in SAP (Singing and Performing) with Irene every Wednesday. The children will be performing with Junior grades at assembly later this term.

Seniors

Welcome back to an exciting term 3. The children have been having some wonderful discussion about our theme of "Out of this World". The homework was given out this week; the children should be collecting lots of articles and keeping an eye on all varieties of media about our topic. This terms sports will be training for our Athletics carnival which will be held later this term.

Do something special. Give blood.

Altona Mobile Unit
Altona Sports Club
1 Altona Road
ALTONA

Monday 10th August

Tuesday 11th August

Collections: 1.30pm – 7.30pm

Start saving lives today by getting your staff interested in group donation!

Dedicated to saving lives!

Appointments Essential - to book call **13 14 95**

Or email dpallen@arcbs.redcross.org.au



Assembly Awards

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

- SB** Ashlea - her wonderful Ebook story
Ilias - his personal best effort with maths
- SD** Tai - always making efforts to improve his 'personal best'
Shaye- always working hard with a smile on her face.
- SH** Abdullah- for excellent maths skills.
Aaron - always contributing to class discussions.
- SN** Crista -showing persistence with challenging maths activities.
Ben - continued good work habits and efforts resumed this year
- SS** Poonida - excellent mathematics
- MI** Bailey - always working on challenging activities and enjoying his class work.
Maya - completing all work with a 'Personal Best' effort.
- MJ** Mason - sharing his Australian outback holiday with such detail.
- MLR** Emma - an excellent effort to increase her own learning.
AJ - an improved effort in his learning.
Keep up the good work.
- MS** Amanda - her outstanding work during maths activities.
- JA** Diala - always trying her personal best.
Roselie - achieving some great results so far this year.
- JC** Alana - creative artistic work during play investigations.
Emma - creative work during play investigations and including others in her activities.
- JD** Ella - reading her detailed holiday diary to the grade
Anna - reading in her guided reading groups.
- JJ** Natalie - making great improvements with her writing.

Ahmed - being a considerate and helpful class member.

JM Harrison - always willing to challenge himself.

Trevor - an improved effort in his learning.

JS Evan - concentrating on and completing his tasks.

Caitlyn - always doing her personal best.

MUSIC

Georgia (MLR) - trying her personal best and being such a great helper in music.

P.E Nicholas (SB) - a wonderful effort in sport sessions.

Emma (MLR) - giving sport a 100% effort.

S.A.K.G

Rebecca (SS) - beautiful organisation of the harvest basket in gardening.

Connor (SD) - showing initiative and putting tools away in the garden.

Assistant Principal

Marcus (MLR) - using his breaktime to organise a game with the Preps. Great idea!

Community Notices

Come and enjoy an afternoon of **Traditional Assyrian Chaldean Folklore Dance, Music and Cuisine** organized by Victorian Arabic Social Services as part of the Hume Winter Festival.

Time: 10.00am - 12.45pm

Date: Thursday 23rd July 2009

Location: Lynda Blundell Community Centre
189-225 Blair St, Dallas

Cost: Free