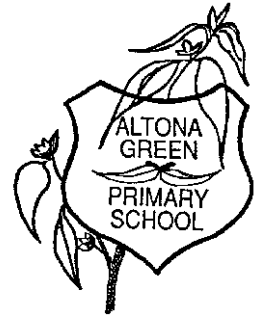


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## NEWSLETTER

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### *A Message From Karen Mackay...*

This time of year always seems to be one of the most hectic in a school year. Or is it maybe I am getting older and everything seems hectic?

Once more the leadership team of Nola, Maria, Melissa and I have had the pleasure of reading through the children's reports. It is a pleasure too, as it is a chance for us to read about all the terrific things the children have achieved, at their own rate and what goals have been set for their future learning and development.

I guess I am a little biased, however the teachers at Altona Green continue to put such time and effort into writing informative and assessment based reports for all children, parents and guardians.

The depth of curriculum programming at Altona Green continues to develop with programs such as Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden, Play Based Investigation in juniors, SAP, our music program and our ICT integration throughout the curriculum, further enriching all children's learning and development. As educators our own learning also needs to be continuous, Altona Green supports professional development opportunity for all staff and this year we are focussing on literacy and numeracy learning and adding value to our programs.

Classroom libraries are being incorporated into all the classes and children are being taught to use them as tools for instructional and independent reading.

Our literacy and numeracy leaders, Nola and Maria are taking on the coaching roles with teachers and level teams, assisting with improved teaching and learning and planning and assessment tools.

We strive to ensure our learning environment promotes independence, inter-dependence and self-motivation.

We want all our students to be challenged to be supported to deeper levels of thinking and application. We want the learning to connect strongly with communities and practice beyond the classroom and we want the learning environment to be supportive and productive.

Enjoy sharing the written report with your child/children and make a time to be part of the learning conferences with them as well.

Have a nice weekend, be safe and enjoy.

*Karen Mackay*

### Arbor Planting Day

The planting schedule for this year's Arbor Day on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June is as follows:

10:00-10:45	JD & SB
11:30-12:15	JJ & SD
12:30-1:15	JV & SN



We are planting along the front fence and in some of the front garden beds that were planted last year. We are also planting out back, around the chess tables and basketball courts.

It would be great to see parents come along and help students with planting, pre-digging, watering and mulching.

If you are able to come along please sign in at the front office where you will be told we are planting. The middle classes will be planting on this day at The 100 steps with Hobsons Bay City Council Park Rangers and The Water Watch group. Students will be walking down to The 100 steps in the morning.

#### • Planet Ark Tree Planting Day - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July

The planting day for this day is as follows:

9:15-10:00	JS & SH
10:00-10:45	JA
11:30-12:15	JM & SS
12:30-1:15	JC

## Notices sent home this week!

- Westside Arts letter - Concert and Rehearsal information

## Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden



A reminder that after school next Wednesday the children will be holding a produce stall selling herbs, vegetables and flowers from the garden. Money will go towards buying seeds for this year.

## Super Clubs Plus

### Student Report

I like Super Clubs Plus because it is open 24 hours, it has lots of really cool clubs to be creative in and stars which require you to do tasks to earn them. There are lots of daily chat forums where you can chat with other Super Clubbers. You can use lots of multimedia images and sounds that can go on your homepage. Lots of mediators are there to help keep Super Clubs safe.

### ACTIVITIES TO DO

Getting stars, forums, surveys, editing homepages, emailing, applying for Tech Team, voting polls, visiting other people's homepages, getting your maple leaf, getting 500 hits, signing people's guestbook, creating links to other peoples pages, adding special FX to your page, getting 1000, 5000, 100,000 or 500,000 hits, getting sorted into a house, using cool codes to add things to your page, writing articles for the clubs, browsing forums

**STARS! STARS! STARS!**

You need to earn Stars.

- *White star* - the quiz
- *Red star* - change icon, add text in a text block, add a picture to your page and put a suitable caption, change the title of your page, change your homepage background, change your email popup sound to "boing!"
- *Green star* - Take part in any forum, put a mediator in your address book, send an email to Mr. Green Star
- *Blue star* - put a sound on your page, put a special effect on your page, find a picture called egg on toast and put it on your page, search in the library for an image called

skyscrapers, copy the description, copy the embedded id , put your answers in the blue star checklist, create a picture using paint, it must be 200x200 pixels wide and high, then once Mr. Blue Star has checked your picture, he will send you an email, once you get it click on the link to do the quiz

- *Yellow star* - You must be able to type codes very well, You must be able to connect links properly, You must be able to type codes to get emoticons, When you know how to do all of these, do the yellow star quiz, there are 4 pages of questions to do but you don't have to do them all at once

*By Ross Nicol - Middle L*

## Classroom Clippings

### Preps

All take home books and library books need to be returned next week, as they need to be collected.

### Juniors

Please make sure everyone returns Take Home Books by tomorrow please.

### Middles

The Middles who are attending Westside Arts on Friday are beginning to get nervous as the big moment draws closer. What a fantastic opportunity for those students to perform on the same stage as many international performers have in the past. Hopefully this is just the beginning of long and successful careers in music for our wonderful students. Lastly, camp deposits are due tomorrow. If you are having trouble coming up with the funds please come and talk to Tracy.



Middle students enjoying their time at the Botanical Gardens.