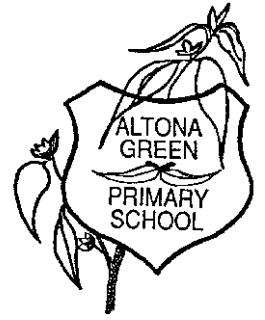


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## NEWSLETTER

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

When Karen O'Dowd headed off on her study trip, a month away sounded a long time and here it is nearly over.

We are all readily awaiting her return and very interested to share in the learning and experiences she has had while away. I am sure her new learning will serve to further enrich our curriculum and welfare and discipline practices.

It has been an especially busy month with many and varied curriculum and extra-curriculum activities happening. One such event was the Westside Arts Performance at the Arts Centre's, Hamer Hall.

I joined the group of 3/4 students and teachers, Ilona (Miss T), Michelle Yacoub (Music teacher), Michelle (3/4 -teacher) and Liam on Friday evening to watch the performance. The children arranged themselves confidently on stage giving a resounding performance to a packed concert hall. Irene Bennet (our Singing And Performing teacher) led them with the Irene vigour and energy we have grown to know and enjoy. It was an extremely proud moment for teachers, parents /guardians /grandparents and children.

It is a very long day and night for the children and teachers and they spend a long time sitting and waiting for their turn on stage as well as when they can join the rest of the audience.

The teachers had everything planned and organised down to the finest detail and kept the children easily entertained. The children's patience and behaviour was FANTASTIC!!

Thank you to all. It was definitely a WOW moment.

Friday, we once again have the first of our two tree planting days. Our second one is in July.

Marita Ryan has both days planned and organised to her usual high standard, involving all children and as many school community members as can attend. We are all hoping for reasonably calm weather. If your child is involved please ensure they are dressed suitably for tree planting and gardening, as they are sure to get just a touch dirty.

Today marks the Learning conference with your child and child's teacher. It is a special sharing time for your child and they thrive on the recognition, praise and positive support for their individual progress. Remember what makes us special are our differences rather than our similarities and we learn and develop at different rates in different ways whether as children or adults.

Some of the grades conferences are re-scheduled for term 3 as a few of our staff have been struck with quite severe illness of one type or another. The new date will be communicated to all families concerned when decided upon.

Remember Friday is a 2.30 dismissal for all children.

I wish every-one a safe and enjoyable holiday. We will all re-charge those batteries and return ready to go again in Term 3.

I am signing off now and handing the keyboard back to Karen O'Dowd, (very willingly I must add!)

*Karen Mackay*

## Westside Arts

On Friday June the 19<sup>th</sup> 54 of our Middle students performed at Hamer Hall, Arts Centre.

The Westside Arts concert showcased many other schools in the Western region. Our Middle students performed two songs; "Living On A Prayer" and "We Will Rock You" which were both lead by Irene Bennetts. The students were fantastic! All the planning and rehearsals were all worth it just to see the excitement on every child's face.

Thank you Irene Bennetts, Liam Holland, Michelle Bohatko, Ilona Toroczkoj, Raelene Danaher and Karen Mackay for all your help and support with this event. Another big thank you to Jo Tyers for making the bandanas, they looked fantastic!

A DVD of the concert will be available sometime in Term 3 or 4. I will notify students when I have received more information.

Well done Middle students!

*Michelle Yacoub  
(Music Teacher)*



*Westside Arts performers get ready to go on stage*

## Sports Update

### Interschool Sports vs. Jamieson Way

In **soccer** we set the scores as Jamieson Way - 1 Altona Green - 3. It was a great match with our goal scorer Ilias scoring us our goals. Everyone played well in the match and we won because of everyone's efforts in participating in the game. We played and we kept on persevering. At one point we were on 1 all but then we came right back and scored 2 more in the second half. - *Lucas*

In **football** everyone on the team played really well, but in the end the score was Altona Green-131 and Jamieson Way-1. They tried really hard but in the end we came out on top with a victory of 130 points. Our top goal scorers were Lochlan with 3 goals, and Hayden and Liam with 4 goals each. - *Liam*.

In **netball** we all played a great game with the first game being a draw. The scores were 6-6. Luckily the next team came back to win 9-1 to Altona Green. Fiona D scored most of our goals. It was a very friendly match.- *Jessica*.

In **volleyball** all the players participated very well and had a friendly match. We were all stunned by how some people had made big improvements throughout the match, even though we haven't practised over the weeks. In the end Altona Green won 3 sets to 0. We all celebrated especially the grade 6's, because it was the last game of the year.

- *Mary Anne*.

### Netball



Hi, a few weeks ago I had a netball try-out for the Victorian team. The first try-out was at Lumen Christi Primary School. I made it through that round and then went to the Altona netball stadium to make into the regionals. The regionals was the 2<sup>nd</sup> last try-out which I didn't make it into.

*Kara - SH*

## Library Links

Thank you to the majority of students who have returned their books to the library.

Unfortunately there are still a lot of books overdue. Requests for a \$10 payment have been sent home with students this week to go towards replacement costs.

If you are looking for something to do next week, local author Andy Griffiths will be signing copies of his latest book 'Just Macbeth' at Borders Highpoint from 11am Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. Andy is always entertaining and sure to warm a winter's day!

## Classroom Clippings

### Preps

All take home and library books need to be returned by tomorrow please. Have a safe and happy holiday.

### Juniors

Just a BIG reminder that we are still waiting on all children to return 'Take Home Books' to school - then we can begin organising our resources for the start of Term 3!

Thank you to everyone that has already returned their books!

### Middles

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June some middle children were involved in the Westside Arts concert.

The middle teachers would like to congratulate these students on their excellent performance and behaviour.

It was a fantastic night and we got lots of compliments from teachers from other schools. Well done everyone.

Deposits for the middle camp closed last Friday, However we still have many places to fill.

If any families are still thinking about sending middle students to the Sovereign Hill camp in term four please let Tracy in the office know. We will be finalising camp numbers during the first week of term three.

Just a reminder that all middle grades will be involved in tree planting activities on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June.

We will be walking to the 100 steps to plant trees with Marita Ryan and the local park ranger.

Please ensure that all students wear comfortable shoes and jackets if it is cold. Middle I, L & LR will be planting from approx 10:00-11:00.

Middle S & J will be planting from 11:30 - 12:30.

To all the families of middle students have a great break and enjoy your holidays.

## Assembly Awards

Congratulations to these children who have received an award at assembly this year.

- SD** Vivienne - creative and imaginative stories.
- SH** Brandon - doing a great job in finishing his work on time and doing his personal best.
- SN** Daniel - always putting a lot of thought into his ideas.  
Fiona - showing keen interest towards class activities and excellent work habits to match.
- SS** Rebecca - excellent research
- MI** William - magnificent effort for Westside Arts.  
Alex - his enthusiastic approach to his independent reading activities this week.
- MJ** Daniel - his enthusiastic approach towards his work during class.
- ML** Rhys - improved efforts in writing. Well Done  
Anusha - her concentration and effort during writing tasks.
- MLR** Eddie - being a good role model and team player.  
Viviene - always displaying excellent attentive listening skills
- MS** Gemma - being an organised focussed learner.  
Merin - trying to contribute to class discussions
- JA** Taylor - always trying her personal best.  
Joel - always contributing to classroom discussion.
- JC** Johnson - a fantastic effort with his recount writing.
- JD** Jessica - making a creative dog and book during play investigations.  
Adam- always listening well in class
- JJ** Libby - her beautiful drawing and trying hard with her writing.  
Jordan - his fantastic attempts with writing.
- JM** Tina - always putting in her best effort.

Stephen - trying to improve himself.

**JV** Gobi - a wonderful effort with reading.

Lisa- trying hard with her writing.

### **MUSIC**

Dylan of JD - great listening and behaviour in music

Mara of SS - displaying fantastic skills on the piano.

**PE** Aroha of JA - being a responsible student.

### **Trolley Coin - Fundraiser**

Take the frustration away from getting to the supermarket and not having the correct change for coin operated trolleys. The coin detaches from the key ring, and then is used to release the trolley and is retrieved upon returning your trolley, then it goes back onto your key ring ready for your next shopping trip!

16 great designs - one to suit everyone!

Only \$3.00 each

Buy one for all your key rings ~ Buy one for family and friends~ Great gift idea

**Hurry money and orders need to be returned by tomorrow Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June**

### **Community Notices**

#### **School Holiday fun at the Library**

**Theme: Library Planeteers**

#### **Go Planet Evening Storytime**

Earth, Fire, Wind, Water, Heart, Go Planet! Be your own Library Planeteer while listening to stories and singing about our beautiful planet.

Family friendly.

Monday, 29th June 6.30pm - 7.30pm

**Altona Library**

Bookings: 9932 1330

#### **A Day in the Life of Ranger Emma**

Do you know what to do if you find sick or injured wildlife? We are lucky to have a wide range of native animals living in Hobsons Bay, however many get injured through contact with humans.

Ranger Emma, knows all about the animals that call Hobsons Bay home.

Some of these you may have seen at the Environment Resource Centre on your visit to Altona Library, some even in your own back yard. Emma will talk about her job as a ranger and will tell all there is to know about these creatures around the bay.

Ages: five plus.

Tuesday, 30th June 2.00pm - 3.00pm

**Environment Resource Centre at Altona Library**

Bookings: 9932 1330

#### **Cosmodome 3D Film- Secret of the Cardboard Rocket**

Turn an old cardboard box into a rocket and blast-off on an awesome adventure with a close-up tour of each planet. Land on Venus and Mars, see the stormy clouds of Jupiter and the thrill of dodging particle swarms in the rings of Saturn. See what makes each planet unique and why Earth is such a special place to live. The cosmodome is a mobile movie dome shaped theatre with visual effects.

Wednesday, 1st July

Session one: 11.00am - 12.00pm. Five to eight year olds

Session two: 12.15pm - 1.15pm. Nine to 12 year olds

**Altona Meadows Library and Learning Centre**

Bookings: 9932 3020

#### **Bush Face**

Bushmania! Make a primitive mask to wear or display using bark, grasses, seed pods and leaves.

Ages: five plus.

Wednesday, 8th July 2.00pm - 3.00pm

**Altona Meadows Library and Learning Centre**

Bookings: 9932 3020