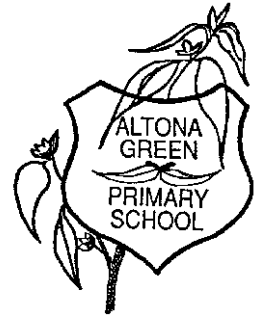


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NEWSLETTER

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A Message From Karen Mackay...

As I recall, it was this time last year I sat every week in front of the computer thinking about my contribution to the weekly newsletter.

I am beginning to think Karen is definitely beginning to enjoy overseas trips in June, escaping our winter and the misery of coughs, colds and even flu epidemics.

Presently she will be in Vancouver attending the first of many conferences centring on Restorative Practices and topics related to our Welfare and Discipline practices at Altona Green.

Enviously I need to return my thoughts to here and not the scenic sunny streets of Vancouver and make mention of a couple of things.

A school has a multitude of school policies, too many to mention in this small space and each one of them is periodically reviewed. One such policy reviewed at School Council on Monday evening was the Sunsmart Policy. The department has advised schools that sun protection is not required during May to August, (if UV levels are 1 or 2) to assist students to maintain adequate vitamin D levels throughout the winter months. If any-one wishes to find out further information it is provided at www.sunsmart.com.au

Children will no longer be required to wear their Sunsmart hats between the periods beginning 1st May until 30th of August.

The following amendment has been added to our Sunsmart Policy;

- *Ensure all children and staff wear Sunsmart hats between the periods February-April and September-December. Sun protection is not required during May-August, to assist students to maintain adequate vitamin D levels throughout the winter months.*

The full Sunsmart policy is available on the school website.

We have also included updated information relating to Human Swine flu for any-one who may have concerns.

Wishing every-one a happy and safe long weekend, enjoy and we will see you all bright and relaxed on Tuesday 9th June at 9.00am.

Karen Mackay

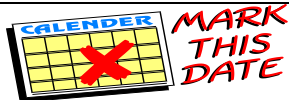
Notices sent home this week!

- Hot Dog Week



School will be closed on the following days

- **Monday 8th June -** Queens Birthday Public Holiday
- **Friday 12th June - D.E.E.C.D Pupil Free Day** for Student Assessment and Reporting Purposes



JUNE

- 5th - Middles excursion to Botanical Gardens
- 8th - Public Holiday - no children at school
- 12th - Pupil Free Day - no children at school
- 15th - Connex talk with Senior students
- 15th - Hot Dog Week
- 16th - Westside Arts rehearsal
- 19th - Westside Arts rehearsal and concert
- 25th - Reporting to Parents Day - school as usual
- 26th - Last day of Term 2 - 2:30pm finish

JULY

- 13th - First day of Term 3
- 20th - 6:30pm School Council

Your doctor (GP) - if you have an influenza-like illness (fever, cough and fatigue) and have travelled to Mexico or California, Arizona, New Mexico or Texas in the past seven days.

Families should continue with standard good general health hygiene practices, such as ensuring your children undertake regular hand washing and cover their nose and mouth if sneezing and coughing.

This practice is being reinforced with your children while at school.

If your children are unwell, you should seek medical attention and avoid public places and close contact with others.

Human Swine Flu

Influenza H1N1 (Swine Flu) - Update as at 7.00 pm Wednesday 3 June

Victoria is now in a modified 'Sustain' phase of its plan to manage the impact of this strain of influenza in our community.

There is no longer a need to quarantine everyone who has been in contact with a confirmed case of H1N1 Influenza. Only confirmed cases will need to be quarantined.

Students, teachers, and classes that are in quarantine, as a result of being in contact with a confirmed case of the virus, are to return to school as soon as practicable.

Schools will no longer be closed when cases are confirmed. Settings such as special developmental schools and childcare centres will be managed on a case-by-case basis. Schools that are closed are to reopen.

Specific concerns from parents about Influenza H1N1 (Human Swine Flu) can be referred to any of the following:

The Swine Influenza Hotline Tel. 180 2007

Nurse-on-Call Tel. 1300 606 024 - for expert health information and advice (24 hours, 7 days)

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden



Do you have 90 minutes to spare?

The success of the kitchen and garden programs at AGPS relies on the support of volunteers... WE NEED YOU!

There is nothing more satisfying than sharing a delicious meal created with fresh produce that you have grown from seed to harvest. All grades 3-6 share in this experience as part of The Kitchen Garden program.

You don't have to be a green thumb or a naked chef, or for it to be your child's class - you just have to be interested in growing food, eating food and being with children. The program cannot operate without volunteers, so please come down, and encourage mothers, brothers, sisters, uncles, dads, cousins, grandparents and friends to come and join us!

15/7/09	SD & SS	14/7/09	MI & ML
22/7/09	SB & SH	21/7/09	MJ & MS
29/7/09	SS & SN	28/7/09	MLR
5/8/09	SD & SH	4/8/09	MI & ML
12/8/09	SN & SB	11/8/09	MJ & MS
19/8/09	SD & SS	18/8/09	MLR
26/8/09	SB & SH	25/8/09	MI & ML
2/9/09	SS & SN	1/9/09	MJ & MS
9/9/09	SD & SH	8/9/09	MLR
16/9/09	SN & SB	15/9/09	ML & MI

Outside School Hours Care

Next Week's activities

Monday	No School
Tuesday	Godzillas & butterflies
Wednesday	Cooking- Mini meat pies
Thursday	Gym Games
Friday	No school

IT News

Website of the Week:

www.britishcouncil.org/kids

Lots of fun while learning

Assembly Awards

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

- SB** Liam - his personal best effort with his homework. Well Done
Brandon - his wonderful sportsmanship. Well Done
- SD** Connor - a positive start to a new school.
Daniel - being supportive and welcoming to a new classmate
- SH** Eslynn - always doing her personal best.
Kara - reaching the VPSSA state netball finals
- SN** Matt - showing leadership initiative during reading groups session.
Harmony- offering thoughtful responses during reading sessions.
- SS** Maria - fantastic comments and questions during class discussion. Good luck at your new school.
- MI** Erin - a personal best effort in reading activities.
Adam - his enthusiasm in choosing novels for his independent reading activities.
- MJ** Tanesha - outstanding presentation in her theme book.
- ML** Johari- congratulations on a fantastic semester. Good luck at your new school.
Ross - his safe and sensible use of superclubs plus.
- MS** Lucas - sharing ideas in reading groups.
Travis - gaining a red star on Superclubs plus

- JC** Lachlan - producing an interesting piece of recount writing.
Amy - wonderful efforts with writing during play investigations.
- JD** Eleni - making a great book about her dog.
Jayden - making an imaginative caterpillar. Good luck at your new school.
- JJ** Kaitlyn - being a wonderful class member.
Jelena - being a helpful class member.
- JM** Cooper - always doing his personal best.
Michael - always working hard and listening attentively.
- JS** Thomas - excellent comprehension when reading.
- JV** Nathan - trying very hard with his writing. Well done
Ermas - his imaginative projects made during play investigation.

MUSIC

- Jayden (JD) - great improvement in his listening and participation in music.
Renesa (ML) great performance of 'Ode to Joy' on the recorder.

S.A.K.G

- Daniela (SD) - fantastic skills with roasted capsicums.

Classroom Clippings

Juniors

A big thankyou to all of our families that supported our out of uniform day yesterday for 'Save the Planet'. It was great to hear our Junior children talking about doing the simple things like turning off the lights when you're out of the room, putting your banana skin in the compost bin or helping mum or dad put out the washing on the clothes line. Have a chat on the weekend to your child - maybe they have some great ideas about saving our planet!

Middles

Just a quick reminder to the middles: make sure you bring your lunches in a plastic bag tomorrow with a snack and your drink bottle. Also, as the weather is a bit unpredictable at the moment bring a warm coat in case it rains.

Seniors

Our grade sixes enjoyed a talk by the fire brigade about fire safety. This week is an away week for all of our senior sports teams, football will be playing at home. All students who are participating are expected to pay \$4.00 for the bus including footballers. Our seating area in the orchard has now been completed, most senior grades helped to build this. There will be no homework this week.

Happy, Happy June Birthdays

2 nd	Caitlyn, Aaliyah
4 th	Natalie, Amanda
5 th	Calvin, Alan
6 th	Arliah, Jessie-Lee
8 th	Anthony
9 th	Melih, Taylah
11 th	Saiyan
12 th	Lloyd
16 th	Sara, Rhon
17 th	Matthew, Jelena, Samuel, Caitlin
18 th	Lachlan
19 th	Gerald
22 nd	Jamie
24 th	Jake, DJ
26 th	Atareta
27 th	Manaia, Cooper, Sophia Mick, Alexandra, Britney
28 th	Tai
29 th	Tanesha, Renesa
30 th	Giulietta, Tim, Daniel

Next Assembly

Our next assembly will be Friday 19th June at 3:00pm hosted by Senior B.

Community Notices

ALTONA SWIMMING CLUB

Are you interested in Competitive swimming?

For further information

Ph: Carol McIntyre 0434 283035

Setting the pace together



Children miss out on chances to be active if they are always driven to places. Instead:

- supervise walking or cycling to school, playgrounds or to a friend's house
- use active ways such as cycling or scooters to get to family outings
- park your car a little further from destinations and walk
- use public transport



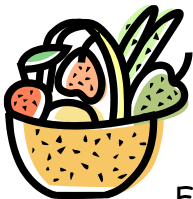
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The Place To Be

Fresh Fruit Friday



Calling Prep and Junior parents. We need more helpers to cut up fruit on Friday mornings for our Prep and Junior Fresh Fruit Friday program. If you can help please meet at the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen at 9:00am. If you have a $\frac{1}{2}$ hour to spare, even every 2nd week it would be appreciated.