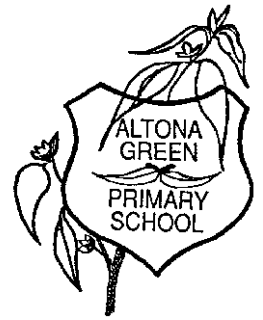


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NEWSLETTER

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A Message From Karen...

• School Council News

At last Monday's Annual General meeting of School Council we elected the executive for 2009. We congratulate our following office bearers:

President: Andrea Edwards

Vice-president: Colleen Harmer

Secretary: Lynne Bernardi

School Council made a change to our Anaphylaxis Policy and practice by extending the nut, sesame, egg and Kiwi Fruit - free to all the following classrooms: Rooms 6, 7, 8 and 9 for this year.

• We need your help!

It was decided at our first school council meeting that we are going to do things a little differently this year. We have always had a number of groups meeting to discuss specific areas essential for the smooth running of Altona Green Primary, which over the last few years have been made up mainly of staff and School Council members.

In 2009 we would like to have more input from parents. Therefore we are asking for anyone who is willing to attend a meeting once a month and who has an interest in any of the particular groups listed below to email, call or drop in to express your interest in becoming part of one of the groups. Each group will have a team leader from School Council. The meeting times and days will be decided by those in each group.

The groups will include:-

Finance and Trading,

Team Leader: Elena Ashley

Policy and Accountability,

Team Leader: Louise Nicol

Outside School Hours Care,

Team Leader: Lynne Bernardi

Buildings and Grounds,

Team Leader: Marita Ryan

Parents Club, Team Leader: Jo Tyers

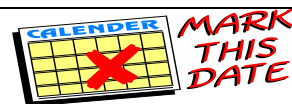
Public Profile, Team Leader: Colleen Harmer.

If you would like more information about any of these groups you can ask any of this year's school councillors, the team leader for each group or Karen O'Dowd.

• Food Sharing

Parents naturally want to be in control of their child's diet and we fully support this. We expect all students to have their own food and money and do not encourage sharing of food, drinks or money.

Karen O'Dowd



MARCH

9th - Labour Day Public Holiday - no school

13th - 7:00pm Bayside Festival Swimming Carnival

25th - Junior Camp Night

30th - School Council

APRIL

3rd - Last day of Term 1

20th - First day of Term 2

27th - School Council

29th - School Photo Day

Junior School Council

Congratulations to our new Junior School Councillors.

These students will be introduced to the school and receive their badges tomorrow at assembly.

Junior School Councillors 2009

MLR	Rhon Leah
MJ	Daniel Chloe
MS	Mick Gemma
MI	Chris Maya
ML	Ross Renesa
SN	Joseph Mary Anne
SB	Lucas Eadith
SS	Chris Fatima
SH	Abdullah Qaanitah
SD	William Vivienne

Individual Maths Bags 2009

Our Altona Green Primary School Maths Bags are coming soon!!!!!!

Every child in grades one to six can receive an individual maths bag with basic maths materials, such as dice, playing cards, calculator, counters etc. A note will be coming home and both student and a parent/guardian need to sign the form to state they will care for the maths bag and return it at the end of the year. The maths bag remains the property of Altona Green Primary School. Notes should be returned by the end of next week.

Kitchen Garden Update

Jules - Thankyou for all the many helpers in the kitchen and garden, it has been a Mexican fiesta in the green room the last week with everybody enjoying tacos. If anybody has lemons we are looking for donations.



Zanni - A huge thank you to the Conservation Volunteers Australia (CVA) who have been working on projects in both the new orchard garden and the existing garden over the last few weeks as they will be finishing up in the next week or two. They have put in an enormous effort, putting in drip irrigation in the existing garden, paving the pathways through the orchard, weeding, putting down weed mat and mulching the orchard area as well as edging the paths and gardens. If you haven't already seen the work they are doing, it's worth the detour - and if you see them working (usually on Tuesdays and some Wednesdays) please say hello. The garden is slowly recovering from the extreme heat from the last month, and the new drip irrigation has been a life saver (or garden saver!).

There are a few strange things happening in the orchard which people may be noticing at home too - we are seeing fruit trees blossoming out of season as a stress response to the heat and drought. Many people have asked what to do when this happens - just give them some special attention, some liquid fertiliser (seaweed based) and mulch around the base, keep the water to them, and if small enough shade them when extreme heat is predicted and even remove the blossoms.

We have had some wonderful parents and grandparents helping out in the garden this year - and we would love some more, so if you are able and are keen please come and say hello! You don't have to get dirty or to know anything about gardening to join in.

Sports Update

Interschool Swimming

Well done to the 19 students who were part of our Interschool Swimming team for 2009. The team competed on Monday at Werribee Outdoor Pool against other school in the Laverton Primary School Sports Association (LPSSA). Altona Green came 3rd in the small schools competition. We are still waiting confirmation on any students who will compete in the next round.



Interschool Swim Team 2009



Bayside Festival

The next challenge for our swim team will be the Bayside Festival Schools Swimming Competition to be held on Friday night 13th March. We have 29 swimmers competing in 25m or 50m freestyle events and a variety of relays. Many of these swimmers will be from our Junior area, who will hopefully be part of our future Interschool Sports team.

Classroom Clippings

Preps



day.

Next Wednesday 11th March, we are having a teddy bear's picnic for the letter 't.' We would like each child to invite their teddy bear to come to school with them on that

Juniors

The Junior Teachers are busy planning a Camp Night for all the children in Term One. A note will soon be arriving home with all the details.

Jetstar Fundraiser

If you're planning holidays this year, or you have family and friends that are, make sure you keep your boarding passes.



Jetstar is running a promotion to benefit schools where every 25 boarding passes collected can be submitted for one return domestic flight and 50 boarding passes for two return domestic flights.

Schools receiving Jetstar flight vouchers can use them as a fundraiser.

All boarding passes must show travel taken between 19 February, 2009 and 19 May, 2009. The promotion runs until 19 May, 2009 or until the total pool of \$100,000 runs out, whichever is earlier. If you want to find out more, visit jetstar.com/collect4schools.

Please give all Jetstar boarding passes to our school office.

Snack healthy and save

Compare snack prices and save money. Healthy everyday snacks fuel your kids to think, learn and play.

'Everyday' snacks		'Sometimes' snacks	
Fresh seasonal fruit	\$0.64	Chocolate bar	\$2.02
Reduced fat tub yoghurt	\$1.47	Ice cream	\$2.04
Fruit bun	\$0.72	Packet of potato chips	\$1.31
Glass of tap water	FREE	Soft drink bottle	\$3.03

LIMIT 'SOMETIMES' FOODS

Produced for Kids - 'Go for your life' by 'Filling the Gaps', The Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne, Murdoch Childrens Research Institute.

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Community Notices

Basketball Anyone?

Play for **Altona/Laverton Eagles** many Altona Green students are members!

- U8, U10 or U12 teams

Training is at the Altona Basketball stadium on Wednesday nights from 4:30 -5:30pm or 5:30-6:30pm - Court 6. Games are either Friday night or Saturday morning at the stadium. There is no training or games during school holidays & long weekends

- The season runs from May 2009 to October 2009, however feel free to come and join us at training next week to see if you like the game before committing.

If you are interested please contact Marita Ryan on 9315 8264 or smryans@iprimus.com.au or Beryl on 0402 326730 or beryl_henry_36@hotmail.com

Happy Happy March Birthdays	
2 nd	Ermias, Justin, Katie
3 rd	Christian, Isabella
5 th	Brooke
6 th	Christopher, Rylee Brandon
7 th	Eslynn
8 th	Kevin
10 th	Charlize
11 th	Ella, Sarah, Kevin
12 th	Daniela
14 th	Eyno, Mason
17 th	Aldin, Petar
18 th	Caitlyn, Vanessa, William, Andrew
20 th	Johnson, Jasmine
21 st	Spyridon, Liam, Shoshanna
22 nd	Angelique
23 rd	Danielle, Brandon, Michael
24 th	Jasmine
26 th	Lucille, Jamie

Garage Sale

This Saturday 7th March 7:30-2:00pm
Household furniture and goods, clothing, books, toys and bric a brac
4 Fiddian Court, Altona Meadows



Little 1's Kidz Wear

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300 Point Cook Road
Point Cook, VIC, 3030

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STOCK MUST GO

BEFORE RENOVATIONS

FROM 7th - 15th OR UNTIL SOLD OUT