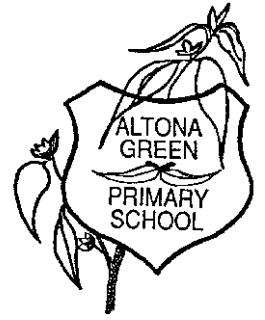


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A Message From Karen...

Next week is **EDUCATION WEEK** and the Altona Green Primary School will be celebrating on Wednesday 20 May. You will find details of what we have planned in this newsletter and it would be wonderful if you were able to join us.

NAPLAN Testing

Over the last 3 days, the National Literacy and Numeracy Tests for Year 3 and 5 students were conducted. The testing covered Writing, Reading and Numeracy. The Naplan written results are due around August for parents.

We hope all those who are able to, will support **WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY** which is happening tomorrow. Some of the aims of the day are to....

- promote the health benefits of walking
- help children develop "road sense"
- reduce traffic congestion and pollution caused by motor vehicles.

Wouldn't it be great if it became part of our school community on other days, and not just tomorrow?

Thanks

I hope all mums had a wonderful Mother's Day last Sundaythanks to Melissa Tinkler and Delia Latina for assisting our students to make those special surprises

Karen O'Dowd

Notices sent home this week!

- Grade 6 students - Winter Interschool Sport

National Walk Safely to School Day

When: TOMORROW

Friday, 15th May

Where: Start from home and either walk or ride to school.

If your house is too far to walk from, park your car a couple of blocks from the school and walk from there.

Why? We would like children to be happy, healthy and safe. Active kids are healthy kids.



Ben, Alanna, Bridget and Maddison from Junior M - our 'Walk Safely to School Day' ambassadors

Student Photo Publication

All families are reminded to return the student photo publication note sent home with last week's newsletter. If you have misplaced your copy they are available on the school website under the notices link.

Library Links

You should all have noticed the fantastic selection of new books we have on offer, or maybe not as they don't seem to be staying on the shelves for very long!

Girls, we have the third book in the 'Charlotte and the Starlet' series about Leila the talking horse and her actress owner.

Local author [another New Zealander we like to call our own] Sherryl Clark's latest offering is full of humour and adventure as her school embarks on a healthy-eating and exercise regime complete with Grade 6 bush survival and fitness camp.

Boys, how about picking up the 'Skills of Australian Football' or if that doesn't get your blood pumping we have new releases from the 'Soccer Squad' and 'Stadium School' series.

Once again I have to have a whinge about the general disregard for returning library books. To the majority of students who regularly return their books I apologise but to the growing number of students who think it is okay to keep books that others may like to borrow and then ignore requests for \$10 to assist with replacement costs please re-evaluate your line of thinking for the sake of your school buddies and your conscience.

Kerrie Masters

Sports Update

Last Friday the 8th of May, 33 students represented Altona Green Primary School in Cross Country. The ten year old students completed a two kilometre course while the eleven and twelve year olds completed a three kilometre course. As usual, all the participants did well and represented the school in a proud manner. Some children who did exceptionally well and will be representing our district at the next level were;



Maya, who finished first in the ten year old girls.

Aldin and Travis finished second in their events and all three received a medallion for their achievement.



Demi finished fourth while her sister Dana ended up seventh and is an

emergency at the next level. Good luck to all five students in June!!! - *Eugene Korbut*

Classroom Clippings

Preps

Please come and visit the Prep area during Education Week. Open classrooms will be between 9.10-11.00 on Wednesday 20th of May, followed by morning tea in the gym.

Juniors

So much learning is happening in the Juniors at the moment! The children are busy writing stories, researching about animals or solving a maths problem. It's great to see how much the Juniors are learning. It's easy to forget that we still need to listen to them read every night and supervise their homework routines - just 5-10 minutes of quality time a night when the TV gets turned off!

Middles

The middles students have been having a great time growing sprouts and participating in other experiments as part of their theme in term 2 on plants. Notes will be going out next week about the middles excursion to the Royal Botanical Gardens in early June. We can't wait!!! It is fantastic to see that most students are trying their best with their homework and it has been enjoyable to read some of the activities so far. Keep up the good work.

Seniors

This has been a busy week with the grade five students sitting the NAPLAN tests. We have a guest speaker from City West Water coming this week to talk to the children about water safety and how we can save water. The grade six children will be participating our inter school winter sports. Our SAKG program is well underway again. Our seniors homework program has commenced with the focus on problem solving in Maths.

Please remind children that if they ride a bike, scooter or skateboard to school, that they must wear a helmet and once they enter the school grounds they must dismount and walk their vehicle into the school grounds.

Assembly Awards

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

- SB** Liam - still managing to work to his personal best even with a broken arm.
Jessica - her wonderful problem solving during our maths investigation this week.
- SD** Katie - always making positive contributions in the classroom
- SH** Julian - always doing his personal best - best wishes at your new school.
Talia - contributing to class discussions.
- SN** Ayden - persevering with a project when most team members were missing.
Taylor - displaying great creativity and imagination to produce a fantastic brochure in ICT.
- SS** Petar - for always helping other.
- MI** Tyler - using and discussing some fantastic spelling and grammar strategies.
Sharmaine - being an excellent class mentor.
- MJ** Jack - helping his peers during maths.
- ML** Tristen - being a co-operative member of the class.
Anastasia - her commitment to achieving her personal best.
- MLR** Jasmine - for supporting her own and others learning.
Britney - for wonderfully descriptive writing.
- MS** Stephanie - demonstrating acceptance of others.
Kevin - extra effort in the classroom.
- JA** Cassie - being a very helpful class member and an excellent listener.
Anthony - beginning to work hard on his handwriting - it is looking better and better.
- JC** Louise - making a great effort with all her work and being kind and considerate to others.
- JD** Dylan - making a creative zebra and elephant during investigative play.
- JJ** Jake - welcome to A.G.P.S and for being a great helper.
- JM** Eleni - putting in her best effort and being an attentive listener.
Matthew - always doing his personal best and being kind and considerate.

- JS** Kirralee and Thien - fantastic research project on sharks.
- JV** Claudia - her very creative projects during play investigations.
Khiara - trying very hard with her reading and writing.
- PE** Michael (SN) - being such a wonderful sport.

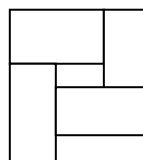
Maths Bag Activities

1. Draw a simple number strip like this

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You need a number strip for each player
Player one turns over two playing cards. If you turn over a six and a one you can write either 61 or 16 on your strip.
Player two then turns over two cards. They turn over a five and a three, so they can write either 35 or 53 on their strip.
Continue to play until a number strip is complete.
If you cannot place a number you miss a turn.
Numbers must go from smallest to largest.

2. **Dominoes.** Make the following square with dominoes. Every side of the square needs to have the same number of dots. There are many different ways to solve this problem.



3. **Rulers.** Measure the perimeter of some books at home. Remember to start measuring at the zero.

Rulers. Try and draw a pattern using straight lines, vertical, horizontal and diagonal. Remember to hold your ruler properly so that you get a straight line.