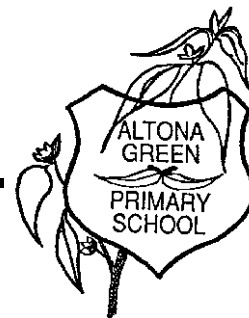


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## NEWSLETTER

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

On behalf of all the staff at Altona Green Primary School, I wish to acknowledge and thank the school community for spoiling us all to a 'Staff Appreciation Day' morning tea and lunch last Tuesday. We all felt very much valued as we sat down to the many delicious platters. Thanks also for the coffee mugs filled with even more treats and to the parents who were responsible for the organisation of the day.

Congratulations to the students who represented our school at the Western Region Athletics Championships yesterday. It was a great effort by you all.

We send our condolences to Melissa Tinkler who sadly lost her father last week. Our thoughts are with Melissa and her family at this time.

*Karen O'Dowd*

### **Canteen Closure**

The canteen will be closed on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October and Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Children will need to bring lunch and snacks from home on these days.

### **Notices sent home this week!**

- JA, JC, JM, JS - Hobsons Bay Children's Picnic Consent Form



**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October**

It is that time of year again, time to put on our walking shoes and join in the fun of *WALK TO SCHOOL DAY*. You can also ride your bike or scooter to school.



If your house is too far to walk then perhaps you can park your car two or three blocks away and walk the rest of the way to school. It would be great to see more children join in and be active.

Early on in the year the children participated in Ride to School Day and we had 230 children participate. It would be great to see our school try and reach a target of 300.

*Keep this date free  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December  
Whole school event  
6:30 - 8:30pm  
Watch this space for more  
information*

## Sports Update

Yesterday was round 2 of the Western Region Athletics Championships and on a cold, wet day 10 students along with Jean McCutcheon braved Aberfeldie Park for a day of competition. After Fiona's success in the first round last week everyone was keen to do their personal best.

Fiona	3 <sup>rd</sup> - 100m 4 <sup>th</sup> - 80m Hurdles
Caitlin	3 <sup>rd</sup> - Shotput Discus
Aaron	High Jump
Kauri	Shotput
Lloyd	4 <sup>th</sup> - Discus
Lochlan	4 <sup>th</sup> - 100m, Shotput
Eslynn	Long Jump
Ema, Taylah, Eadith, Fiona	4 <sup>th</sup> - 4 x 100m relay

## 2nd Hand Uniform Sale



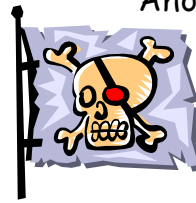
There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Uniform Sale on **next** Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> between 3 - 3:30 pm in the office foyer. Most items will be priced at \$2 each, however look out for our special bargain bin where everything will be \$1 and some brand new excess adult sized clothing at red hot prices

## Fresh Fruit Friday

Fresh Fruit Fridays for Junior students will commence **tomorrow** Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October. Parent volunteers are always needed to help cut the fruit on Friday mornings. Cutting only takes about  $\frac{1}{2}$  an hour and parents begin cutting at 9am in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen.



## Library Links



Ahoy, me hearties! The 'Dragon Blood Pirates' series is walking off the plank, oops I mean the shelves. I am pleased to announce we now have the latest release third series available. There are now eighteen titles available. Girls, why let the boys have all the fun? Give them a try.

## Classroom Clippings

### Preps

Just a reminder permission notes for the Melbourne museum excursion need to be returned to school by Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October. All children must wear a hat this term.

### Juniors

Last week the Junior teachers used their valuable planning time to plan a unit on Multiculturalism. You may have already had your child talk to you about different cultures that are represented in their class. They may have also asked you about their own culture. Over the next couple of weeks all the Junior students will be involved in the English Online Interview which will assess their reading, comprehension, writing and spelling. As well as the regular busy times in class, many of the Junior students have been busy rehearsing with Irene for their Children's Week Performance on the 28<sup>th</sup> October

### Middles

The middle students should all be taking home readers again by now. It is important that they are reading every day. This can include their own books or books from the library. 12 sleeps until camp and the teachers can't wait!!!

## Seniors

As a result of our visit to the Hobsons Bay Library, we learnt that library card holders are able to access a tutor online between 4-8pm Monday to Friday. This will assist students with their homework.

For research purposes, there is also Britannica Online that is updated daily. A reminder that homework has now resumed and is a weekly requirement.

### Assembly Awards

Congratulations to these children who received an award at last week's assembly.

**SB** Taylor - her wonderful effort with her space diorama.

Rachael - her wonderful space diorama - well done

**SD** William - consistently following the school values and being a positive role model.

**SH** Brandon - always trying his personal best.

Kevin- a personal best effort at all times - well done

**SN** Joseph - producing a fabulous SAKG journal entry on spring planting.

Travis - consistently working quietly to complete set tasks.

**SS** Petar - his great work on his holiday brochure.

Saja - outstanding effort the garden and kitchen

**MI** Olivia - always settling down to tasks well.

Nikola - for improved writing ability.

**MJ** Chloe, Kauri and Tanesha - congratulations on receiving your 'Pen Licence'

**ML** Erik - his great enthusiasm in the classroom.

**MLR** Justin - excellent attentive listening skills.

Leah - always trying her personal best and being a wonderful class role model.

**MS** John - demonstrating tolerance and acceptance of others.

Mick - a renewed enthusiasm towards his work.

**JA** Miki - being a responsible class member.

**JC** Calvin - excellent maths work.

**JD** Ella - writing a detailed book about her dog.

**JJ** Mackenzie - being a considerable and helpful class member.

Chris - trying hard with his writing.

**JM** Maddison - a great start to Term 4.

Brandon - being a hardworking student.

**JS** Lindy - continued improvement with her writing.

Brodie - fantastic improvement in his handwriting.

**JV** Jessie-Lee - always listening attentively and doing her personal best.

Terry - a wonderful effort with writing.

### **MUSIC**

Alex (ML) and Rhys (ML) - both creating and performing their own songs. Keep up the fantastic work.

### **SAKG**

Blake (MS) - fantastic effort on worm juicing in the garden.

Malvika (MJ) - great effort and great answers in garden class.

## Community Notices

Friday Nights  
from 6:15pm  
to 7:30pm

FOR AGES 5-9 YEAR OLDS

For more information call  
Gavin Young on 0432 324 927

Newport Rams Baseball Club  
KC White Reserve, Park Crescent, Williamstown

**Free Children's Week Picnic at Laverton Park**  
Hobsons Bay City Council invites the community to participate in a free Children's Week Picnic at Laverton Park, Corner Merton St and Hall Ave Altona Meadows (Melway 53 F10) 28th October, 10.00am - 1.00pm .

### *Entertainment and activities include:*

- The Airforce Band 'Force 10'
- Music, songs and storytelling from Rockin' Russell, Sketch and Tell, Dharma and Blue African drumming, Waterwatch
- Street theatre and performance by local schools
- Kids Go For Your Life activities
- Fire Brigade Smoke Buster, SES and Police
- Bike education session, Games
- Soccer session
- Bendigo Bank Sausage sizzle
- Bunnings Craft, Kids craft activities
- Face painting, Animal farm, Juggling
- Free fruit, tea and coffee
- Bubbles and more!

## Williamstown Swimming and Life Saving Club - 2009 / 2010 Nippers Surf Education Program



**Nippers**

The Nippers Surf Education program is a great way for your kids to enjoy the beach and learn the basics of water safety and life saving. A 12 week program organized under the auspices of Life Saving Victoria and WS&LSC, Nippers is an education and skills based program designed for children aged 5-14 years. (Children need to be five (5) by the 30<sup>th</sup> September in order to commence in U6's.)

The program runs on Friday evenings between 4.30pm - 5.30pm (U6's - U8's) and 5.45pm - 6.45pm (U9's-U15's), commencing on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November (with a break throughout January) and finishing with the Club Championship on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March.

If you'd like to compete - then try the Williamstown Junior Surf Sport Program where you'll have the chance to represent the WS&LSC at a number of Carnivals!

### **Don't miss the Nippers Registration Dates**

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October, 4pm - 7pm  
Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2pm - 5pm  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 4pm - 7pm

### **Venue**

Williamstown Surf Lifesaving Club,  
Gloucester Reserve,  
The Esplanade, Williamstown.

For further information contact Marne Fechner 0437 191 185 or the WS&LSC on 9397 5493.