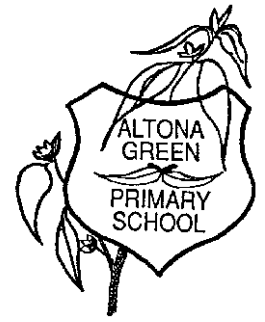


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NEWSLETTER

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A Message From Karen...

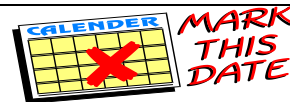
Welcome to Term 4

- We all returned on Monday to find a fresh, bright and 'new-look' in our main building due to Dave our painter and his team having started the massive painting job. The office foyer, staffroom and corridor are almost completed and Dave will shortly begin on the library, art room and classrooms.
- We welcome back Sandra Chapman to replace Anne Rabach who is on long service leave as well as Rhys Thurston who has taken over Sally Williams' class as she awaits the birth of her child.
- At the end of last term, our vacant Assistant Principal was advertised state-wide and the selection process was undertaken. We are pleased to announce that the successful applicant was Nola Byrne. Congratulations Nola!
- The building works continued during the holidays with the plumbers connecting the new gas line to the existing school gas supply. The sewerage line has been connected to the existing sewer chamber and laid out to service the new building. The stormwater line is being excavated and laid with new building points being brought in to suit. The electrician will begin digging/laying conduits to the new building area to allow the slab preparation.

New English Online Assessment

- Over the next 3 weeks all the Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 teachers will be conducting the new English assessment on-line with each child in their class. This new testing is happening in all Prep/Junior classes in Victoria this month. As the testing is quite labour intensive, we have had to put together a special timetable for support to enable each teacher to have time to implement this. The information gained from the testing will inform the end of year reports as well as providing information for next year's teacher.

Karen O'Dowd



OCTOBER

- 5th - Term 4 begins
- 12th - School Council
- 22nd - Prep excursion to the museum
- 26th - 28th Grade 3/4 camp to Sovereign Hill
- 28th - Hobsons Bay Children's Week picnic
- 30th - Final payments due for Swimming Program

NOVEMBER

- 3rd - Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday
- 6th - 9:30-10:30 Prep 2010 Transition visit
- 9th - 6:30 School Council
- 9th - 20th Swimming Program
- 10th - 9:30-10:30 Prep 2010 Transition visit
- 17th - 9:30-10:30 Prep 2010 Transition visit
- 25th - 9:30-10:30 Prep 2010 Transition visit

Notices sent home this week!

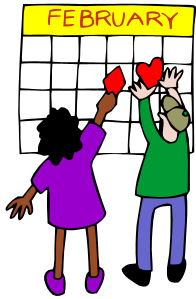
- JD, JJ, JV - Museum excursion
- 2010 Family Organiser Order

Assembly Roster

Term 4 roster

Date	Who Leads It
9 th October	Junior D
23 rd October	Junior J
6 th November	Middle LR
20 th November	Middle S
4 th December	Junior V
18 th December	Junior School Council

2010 Family Organiser



The Parent Group is again taking orders for the 2010 Family Organisers.

The organisers proved very popular last year and for only \$12.95 you can keep track of all the happenings in your family.

Order forms have been sent home this week and need to be returned to school by the 28th October.

Sports Update



Congratulations to Fiona of Senior N who competed at the Western Region Athletics Champs held at Aberfeldie Park yesterday. Fiona set a new zone record of 15.64 seconds competing in the 11

year old 80m Hurdles and will now advance to the State Championships.

Other students to compete yesterday were;

Maya	5 th - 800m
Brendon	4 th - 80m Hurdles
Aldin	4 th - 800m

Garden Reminder

Can all students who looked after seedlings on the holidays please bring them back to school next Tuesday.

Zanni

2nd Hand Uniform Sale



There will be a 2nd Hand Uniform Sale on Tuesday 20th 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

Swimming Program

The Prep to Grade 6 swimming program will run from the 6th - 20th of November. Final payments are due by 30th October and be made anytime at the office.



With the warmer months approaching don't forget our Fruit, Vegetable and Water Policy. Children are encouraged to have a bottle of water on their table and drink regularly throughout the day to prevent dehydration.

Children are also able to eat fresh or dried fruits and vegetables within the negotiated class time.

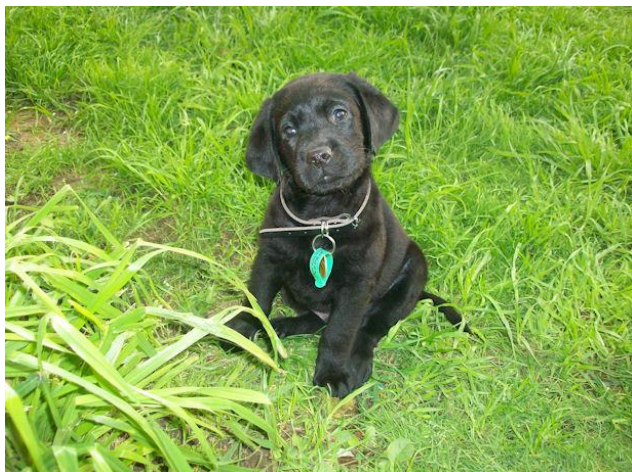
Fresh Fruit Friday

Fresh Fruit Friday's for Junior students will commence next Friday 16th 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.



A NEW Puppy in Training

Hello, my name is Pirate and I'm a 10 week old Labrador pup. I'm a special puppy though because even at only 10 weeks old, I'm already in training to become a Guide Dog, for Guide Dogs Victoria. I've just moved in with the Hayden family, and I'm currently being raised by a lady named Tracy. Tracy's daughter Taylor goes to your school. Tracy's job is to provide me with a wide variety of social experiences, to help me become a great Guide Dog when I'm older. I need to learn to walk in various public places, and use public transport, without getting distracted. (I'm going to have to work hard on my concentration I think) You might see me walking down your street, at the park, at your school, bus stop, train station or even at your local shopping centre. Hopefully over the next 12 months I'll grow up and learn all I need to before Tracy has to return me to the Guide Dogs Association. After that I'll have to do more training and different assessments. After that I'll find out if I have learnt enough to become a Guide Dog for a visually impaired person, a Therapy Dog for a child who is visually impaired, or maybe even a Companion Dog for someone with a physical, social or intellectual disability. As you can see, I've got an exciting future to look forward to, and I'm really excited to take on the challenge. If you do see me, please come up and say hello to Tracy and she will let you give me a pat. In a few weeks I'll be getting my special "Guide Dog" jacket so it will be easy for you to spot me.



Classroom Clippings

Preps

Junior D is running assembly tomorrow at 3.00pm and will entertain you with a song. Junior D, V and J received an excursion note to the Melbourne museum this week. We will be attending the museum on Thursday 22nd October.

Middles

Hello and a warm welcome back to all middle students. Hard to believe it is already term four, the year has flown far too quickly. The middles students who will be attending camp in less than two weeks are excited as are the teachers. Just a quick reminder students must wear hats this term.

Seniors

Tomorrow all seniors will be walking to the Central Square library (weather permitting).

Parents are welcome to walk with us. If you have a library card please bring it. Our theme for this term will be popular culture.

Community Notices

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Where can I play?
Altona Cricket Club
Sugargum Ave Altona

Registration:
Sun. 11/10/09 9-11am

Program:
Sundays 18/10/09 to
6/12/09 9.30-11am

Cost \$50

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Williamstown Wolves Baseball Club Inc

Invites you to the 2009/10 **Come 'n' Try Days**

Friday October 9th - 6:00-7:30pm

Sunday October 11th - 9:30-11am

Free sausage sizzle for all participants

Greenwich Reserve cnr of North Rd & The

Strand Newport. All enquiries to Mick

Hurstfield on 0407 884980 or email

williamstownwolvesjuniors@y7mail.com

Altona Life Saving Club - Sign Up Day

Date: Sunday, 11th October

Time: 12pm to 3pm

Where: Altona Life Saving Club,
127 The Esplanade, Altona

Across the country there are thousands of people actively patrolling beaches to ensure the general public can enjoy the beach.

Lifesaving includes:

Patrols, Competition, Learning vital rescue skills, Beach safety, Fitness, A fantastic family atmosphere

Altona Life Saving Club offers the chance for your entire family to be involved in some or all of these activities. It is a great family environment with many advantages such as training, the Altona Nipper Program and opportunities for personal development through courses such as the Bronze Medallion & First Aid courses offered at the club.

If you would like to become a member we are holding a sign up day. Please come along as there will be a show bag for each applicant on that day—proudly provided by our sponsors. Otherwise an application form can be downloaded from our website:

www.altonalsc.com/membership.php.
Contact the club for further details on altonalsc1@gmail.com

Happy, Happy October Birthdays

1 st	Aleksandar
2 nd	Lindy
3 rd	Jackson , Georgia, Connor
4 th	Sheerman, Erik, Christopher, Gemma
5 th	Viviene
6 th	Shaye
8 th	Ahmed, Marie
10 th	Paris, Abdullah
11 th	Caitlyn, Danesh
12 th	Harris, Liam
14 th	Haylee
15 th	Norhan
18 th	Erin , Tina, Daniel, Mohamed
19 th	Adam
22 nd	Sydney, Taylor
23 rd	Nickolas, Chris, Nicholas
24 th	Jamie, Stephanie
26 th	Anastasia
28 th	Nathan, Emma, Anthony, John, Demi
29 th	Lisa, Joshua, Christian
30 th	Kirrilee, Jenna
31 st	Tyson Buckle

The War against Headlice

October's the month kids go back to school,
Checking for Head Lice is a terrific rule.

Proactively screening, yields early detection

When parents routinely make head lice
inspection.

And if in checking you find a nit,
Don't panic, start treatment quick!