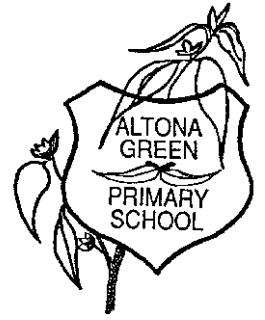


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## NEWSLETTER

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

With only one week of school remaining for this term we have been excited to see that our re-located classes: Middle J, Middle S, Middle I and Middle L will hopefully be back into their classrooms on Monday. Our Art and Music classes should be able to return to normal, along with our ICT room open for business again. It has been a disruptive past couple of weeks and I would like to thank EVERYONE for their patience, understanding and teamwork. This is what being part of a 'community' is all about and we certainly have got a fabulous community atmosphere here. Our builders, led by Campbell, need to be acknowledged also for their timely support through this part of our project. Now 'full steam ahead' as we watch our new building take shape!

### **School clothing and end of term**

When school clothing is found in the yard it usually gets placed into "lost property" basket in the gym foyer or, if it has been labelled it can be sent to the child's classroom. Lost property is sorted as often as possible and only items labelled can be returned to children. School clothing items without names are put into our "second hand uniform sales". Non Uniform clothing is donated to Opportunity Shops once a term. Sometimes your child may bring home an item of clothing by mistake that isn't theirs and we remind parents to please return those to school the very next day.

### **Enrolments 2010**

Planning for 2010 has now commenced. If your family will be relocating to another area could you please notify the office or myself as soon as possible so that we can start organising facilities and staffing for next year.

*Karen O'Dowd*

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

- Seniors - Scienceworks excursion

### **Introduction of the Victorian Student Number**

Our school is working with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to allocate a Victorian Student Number (VSN) to each student at the school.

The VSN is a student identification number that is being assigned to all students in government and non-government schools, and students in Vocational Education and Training Institutions. The number, which is unique to each student, will be used as a key identifier on a student's school records, and will remain with the student throughout his or her education, until reaching the age of 25. The VSN is nine digits long, randomly assigned, and tied to stable information about the student (name, gender, date of birth).

The introduction of the Victorian Student Number will provide the capability to accurately detect patterns of student movement through, and departure from, the Victorian education and training system.

It will greatly improve the collection and analysis of timely and accurate data about education in Victoria. The Department collects information to track improvements made to the education system, identify areas that require further improvement, and to analyse trends and identify future needs. The VSN will improve the accuracy, reliability and completeness of this information, providing a better basis for assessing needs and developing policies to meet them.

You will see the VSN appear on student report cards, enrolment confirmations, and exit confirmations.

If you want to know more about the VSN; <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/management/governance/vsn/overview.htm>

### Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden



After school next Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September, the children will be holding a garden stall at the

front of the school selling herbs, produce and plants from the school garden. Money raised will go towards seeds for the garden program. ANZ volunteers are going to be here next Tuesday helping put the irrigation system into the orchard.

Planting time is here and the students have been sowing seeds for our summer crops. I hope all of your home gardens are looking good after the winter slow time.

*Zanni - Garden Specialist*

### SAP Performance

Junior students will be performing at assembly on Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> of September at 2:45pm. It would be great to see you there if your child is performing on this day!

*Michelle Yacoub  
Music Teacher*

### LPSSA Athletics Championships

Last week middle and senior students went to Werribee Athletics Track to represent our school at the Laverton Primary Schools Athletics Championships. One of the highlights was when the 11 year old girls won the relay. The girls led the race from start to finish. The first runner was Ema, followed by Taylah, Eadith and lastly Fiona. Everyone had fun and did their best.

*Fiona and Mary Anne*

These students will go on to represent AGPS at the Western Region Championships.

Aldin D	800m
Maya P	800m
Brendon C	80m Hurdles
Fiona D	80m Hurdles 100m 4x 100m Relay
Aaron G	High Jump
Lochlan A	Shot Put 100m
Caitlin B	Shot Put Discus
Eslynn T	Long Jump
Taylah H	4 x 100m relay
Ema S	4 x 100m relay
Eadith C	4 x 100m relay



*Aaron flies over the high jump at the LPSSA Athletics Championships*

## Headlice Checks at School

Last Friday the school nurse attended and inspected 8 grades for headlice. Many children needed to be sent home for further treatment, and it was noted that many of the parents complained that headlice had been an ongoing issue for their family. Unfortunately only one of these families had previously contacted the office to report headlice so we could send out notification letters to the grade.

Hobsons Bay Council Health staff have congratulated us on many occasions for the being the most pro-active school in the area with our management of headlice. We cannot keep our community informed of outbreaks however if parents do not report headlice to the office.

If headlice are an ongoing problem for a family then something is going wrong with the treatment. The biggest problem is parents who think they don't need to remove 'dead' eggs. All eggs need to be removed; only one 'live' egg needs to remain in the hair for the nit cycle to begin again. It is impossible to tell if there are 'live' eggs if the dead eggs remain in the hair.

Further information can be obtained by a brochure from the school office or from the website

[www.health.vic.gov.au/headlice/about.htm](http://www.health.vic.gov.au/headlice/about.htm)

## Classroom Clippings

### Preps

Please remind your child not to bring toys to school, as we have had a number of issues in the playground with toys being broken.

Just a reminder, Preps will be singing and performing at assembly on Friday 11th September at 2.45pm.

All take home books need to be returned next week, as they need to be collected, thank you.

### Juniors

Yes, it's that time of the term again when 'Take Home Books' (and any overdue library books) need to be returned for stocktake! Please make sure they are returned by tomorrow Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> September. There will also be no homework sent home next week.

### Seniors

We are planning to visit the Library at Central Square during the first week of term four. During the school holidays could the children could please visit and join the Hobson's Bay library, if they haven't already. This is a wonderful resource and as part of our senior program they will be taking part in a number of activities at the library. A reminder that the money for our excursion is due tomorrow.

## Fathers Day Raffle

Thankyou to the families who supported our Father's Day raffle. The winners were;

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Abi Buttler

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Raelene Danaher

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Saiyan Moutere

The support of those who collected Jetstar boarding passes earlier in the year and the Geysen Family is appreciated in the running of this raffle.

## Community Notices

Come and join **Westona Little Athletics Club** - great exercise for kids between 5 and 15 years old. Season starts Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 8:30am. Bring the kids down and have a trial day (blue shorts and white t-shirt) Registration days are Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> from 9am-12pm at the club. Address - Sugargum Drive, Altona. Further details contact Mark or Rachel on 9315 6833

## Run Ride or Walk for Western Chances

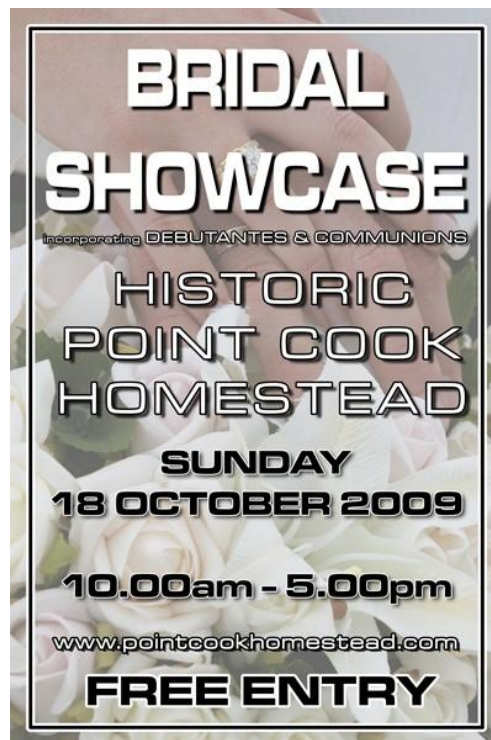
Pedals on the Path is happening for the third year, but with a difference. Get some Sponsors and Ride 10 or 22km, Walk 6km or Run 10km on the Hobsons Bay Bike Path on the 11<sup>th</sup> October, to assist Western Chances.

Barbecue and drinks for sale from 12 noon at Cresser Reserve, Seaholme and the events start at 1:15pm. Registration fees are family \$25, adult \$10, and child \$5. Refund of registration for those raising \$50 or more in sponsorship.

More information and registration forms available at [www.pedalsonthepath.com](http://www.pedalsonthepath.com)

Or for enquiries telephone:

Helen: 043815816, Peter: 0414 560 575



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[www.werrabee.softball.org.au](http://www.werrabee.softball.org.au)  
Contact: Kerrie Laverick 0404 012 269  
or [laverick@iprimus.com.au](mailto:laverick@iprimus.com.au)

**SIGN UP DAY  
ALSC**

**DATE: Sunday, 11th**

**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. Other wise an application form can be downloaded from our website: [www.altonalsc.com/membership.php](http://www.altonalsc.com/membership.php). Contact the club for further details on [altonalsc1@gmail.com](mailto:altonalsc1@gmail.com)

## Calling all carers/parents/grandparents

### Altona Green Walking Group

We meet at school office on Tuesday mornings, (term times) at 9.00am

We walk, chat and stop for coffee,

Fun social active way to meet other people and keep fit!!!

Please come and join. All welcome.

Contact Louise for details  
8307 8331

## School Holiday Activities

More information is available at the school office regarding holiday programs;

- Victoria University Sports Camps
- CSIRO Double Helix Holiday Science Activities - Yarraville