

# Altona Green Primary School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The year 5 Learning Community is undertaking an Inquiry into 'People, Places and Cultures Around the World' with a geography focus. As part of this inquiry, we are examining geographical features, data and information. Students are being exposed to the diversity of our world and how different the way of life can be for people depending on where in the world they live.

In developing countries, the lack of light prevents children from learning, developing valuable skills and completing simple daily tasks. To better understand energy poverty and to also have the opportunity to take action and have an impact on the wider community, year 5 students will be involved in the Solar Buddy project. In this project students will:

1. Learn about energy poverty and how light can change lives.
2. Learn about solar technology and how energy can be created from the Sun.
3. Learn how a solar light works.
4. Assemble a Solar Buddy light.
5. Write a letter to their 'buddy' and this will be sent together with the Solar Buddy light to a child in need.



Additional information about Solar Buddy can be found at [solarbuddy.org](http://solarbuddy.org)

**Where:** All activities will take place at school during normal school hours.

**When:** This project will take place over a number of sessions in Term 2.

**Cost:** \$25. This payment covers cost of Solar Buddy light kits and shipping expenses. (If you have a CSEF balance please tick the 'CSEF' box on the envelope and don't enclose any money).

Payment is required by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2017.

Year 5 Learning Community Teachers  
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