A message from Karen…..

Last Friday we celebrated a very special birthday - it was KEFAR’s 7th birthday. Seven years ago, we asked all the parents, students and teachers at the time the same simple question “How do you want to be treated when you walk through the school gates?” All responses were written on stick-it-notes and displayed in the gym. We took our time to group all the words and tried to make headings that would include all the responses. Those words were:

KINDNESS-ENCOURAGEMENT-FAIRNESS-ACCEPTANCE-RESPECT.

Watching each class walk their class KEFAR down the red carpet at assembly last Friday made us all see how connected and embedded KEFAR is in our school. KEFAR has given our school community a consistent language to use. KEFAR has assisted our students in the choices they make. KEFAR has also assisted them to repair any harm that may have happened. This year is a special year as it is the first time a group of students has grown up with KEFAR. So ‘Happy Birthday KEFAR’.

Many of our Year 3 and 4 students attended the Lady Northcote Camp over the last three days. From speaking to students, staff and parents they had a most enjoyable time. Thank you to our teachers who attended: Liz McNerney, Debbie Markovic, Gareth McLean, Alana Curran and Anne Rabach and also our parents, Rob Krstevski, Nick Boicos and Matthew Carboon who also were able to assist. We appreciate the care and attention, energy and generosity of time that was given from all of our 8 adult leaders.

Staff News

Next week we farewell Hayley Robertson who will commence her Family Leave. We wish Hayley and Mike well as they await the birth of their baby and look forward to sharing in their happy news in the not too distant future! We welcome Tina Krstevski onto our staff who has been appointed to take over Year 1H.

Our best wishes go to our new Indonesian teacher, Amanda Lee who is getting married this weekend. Wishing you and your fiancée a lifetime of happiness Amanda!
**BOOK TALK**

This week we introduce our 2015 Library Monitors. These Monitors have been trained to use the e-library system and can now assist students with borrowing, returns and enquiries. Also as required, at the end of each term, these students will also be assisting with collecting community libraries and overdue books. I look forward to working closely with the following monitors this year:

- **6S** Ayush Lai
  Bella Kolodziej

- **5T** Kai Pennings
  Teagan Parsons

- **5/6A** Libby Harmer
  Jesse Phelan

Absent—Jesse Phelan

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**HERE IS A LETTER SENT TO OUR SCHOOL DURING THE WEEK**

Hi team

I wanted to share a story that has made us very proud parents. As much as it’s the responsibility of parents to raise children, there is no denying that the values of the school and teachers also play a major part in their upbringing. Hence wanted to congratulate the school team for inculcating 'KEFAR' values in the children at school. Please refer below the post, the boys raised $658.60 for Barnados

Thank you

Regards

Swati

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**Easter Hat Parade**

With only one week of term left, it is time to start thinking about our Easter Hat Parade. This year we invite all Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 students to be in our parade and show us their hats! Our Year 3-6 students will become part of our audience. The parade will be at 9am in Gumbuya (weather permitting) on the last day of term, Friday March 27. We also will be drawing the lucky winners of our Easter Raffle.

Last Friday a group of Year 6 student Leaders attended a special Leadership day in the city. They travelled by public transport accompanied by Anna Zipeski and Tanya Treloar. Unbeknown to them another parent from our school community was travelling into the city on the same train. That parent made a special effort to come and see me to tell me how proud she was of the group of students whose behaviour was exemplary and definitely KEFAR-like! What wonderful feedback to receive. They should feel very proud of themselves in the way they were representing AGPS.

Karen O’Dowd
Prep D’s Walk.
Prep D went for a walk

through the garden,
in the pirate ship,
Out of the pirate ship,
over the bridge
down the slide,
and got back in time for lunch.
LAST DAY OF TERM

Parents are reminded that students finish Term 1 on the 27th March at 2.30pm.

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL

Are inviting all students at Altona Green Primary School to wear casual clothing on Friday 27 March, 2015.

We are raising money for a much anticipated ‘Gaga Pit’ to be constructed in our school grounds.

We kindly ask that if you come in casual clothes you donate a gold coin to go towards our ‘Gaga Pit’.

English Conversation Club 2015

Would you like to practice your English speaking skills in a relaxed setting and make new friends? Then join the English Conversation Club which is a great way to meet people and enjoy conversations on a range of topics. The English Conversation Club is a weekly group for adults who speak English as a second language. Sessions are free, morning tea is provided, and everyone is welcome including children.

**Every Monday from 2 March until 30 November** (excluding school & public holidays) **10am to 11.30am** held at the Laverton Community Hub 95-100 Railway Avenue

For further information contact Paula Morgan on 9932 1212
Altona Green Primary School

CAR BOOT SALE

Come and grab a bargain!
Lots of new and used items to purchase
plus fairy floss, popcorn and ice-cones!

WHEN:
21 March 2015  9am - 2pm

WHERE:
Altona Green Primary School
240 Victoria St, Altona Meadows

Stalls $15 each (Indoor or Outdoor)
 Reserve your space now!
(new products & secondhand stalls available)

for more information please contact Altona Green Primary School 9360 0777
STUDENTS WITH ASTHMA
Due to a recent change in school policy stating that spacers cannot be shared amongst other students, any child who has a ventolin inhaler at school must now supply their own spacer.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
School Photographs will be taken on April 22. Order forms will be sent home next term. Packages range from $23 to $44.

EASTER EGG RAFFLE
Raffle tickets will be sent home to all families tomorrow. Tickets are 50c each and will be drawn at the Easter Bonnet Parade (Prep—2) on the last day of term, Friday 27th March.

CHANGE OF CLOTHES
Just a reminder for families to put a change of clothing in your child's school bag. We have limited supplies in sick bay to change children so this would be appreciated.

LOST PROPERTY
There is quite a large amount of lost property, including sleeping bag!. Before the end of the term please have your children search through the tub to see if there are any items that belong to them.

We kindly ask if families could donate Easter goodies for our raffle. The more donations; the more prizes! Goodies can be left at the office.

Thank you
Altona Green Primary School | 18th March 2015

Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No! It’s Holiday Heroes!
We have lots of exciting programs on the way to keep kids entertained and having fun these Autumn School Holidays.

It’s easy to find Holiday Club fun in your area...

To find the Holiday Club location nearest you, visit www.campaustralia.com.au enter your suburb and state in the box below. Use the distance selector to display more Holiday Clubs.

HOW TO GET STARTED
Before using our programs register online for an account. This enables you to make bookings, view your statements and manage your details anytime of the day. Registering is quick and easy. Visit www.campaustralia.com.au/newparents

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You can make bookings and cancellations, view your statements and manage your details anytime of the day.

Save on Care
Save 50% or more on Before and After School Care with the Child Care Rebate. Almost all families are eligible. To find out more call our Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343

Holiday Clubs
Don’t forget about the Camp Australia Holiday Clubs these school holidays. Use the Holiday Club Finder on the website to find the nearest program: www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs

Healthy Snacks
Afternoon tea is served daily. Menus are tailored to children’s tastes, developmental and nutritional needs. Afternoon tea includes a selection of yummy sandwiches and fruit. Children may also engage in fun cooking activities.

we make kids smile
www.campaustralia.com.au
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SEAHOLME NETBALL CLUB
Are you looking to join a fun, friendly and competitive netball club?
We are now taking Registrations for the new netball season that begins on 18th April 2015……
Teams available for players age 6 years through to 17 years.
Wednesday Training Sessions at the Altona Netball Stadium.

MELBOURNE CITY FC
The club is wanting to fill Miniroos Teams for the 2015 season for the following age groups:
Under 4 –5 Academy; Under 6 –7; Under 8—9; Under 10—11
Player registration fees for this season will cost $300 which includes:
training, gameday matches, player jersey, training top, shorts, socks, bag and tracksuit.
Miniroos will train every Wednesday at Edwards Reserve, South Kingsville (Corner of Truman & Brunel Sts)
commencing 5.30pm for children aged 4—9 years and 6.00pm for children aged 10—11 years.
For further information please contact Seba on 0419 046 242

Laverton Community Centre
(Location in new Community Hub)
95—105 Railway Avenue, Laverton
Telephone: 8368 0177—Bookings essential

FOLK ART (for beginners)
Mon 2 March; 10am—12 noon for 2 weeks
$10 per session

CELEBRATING WOMENHOOD (Free)
Tues 10 March; 10am—1pm
Gentle Exercise, Meditation & Pampering

SAVING & SPENDING WORKSHOP (free)
Tues 21 April; 1—3.30pm

EVERYDAY BANKING WORKSHOP (Free)
Tues 5 May; 1—3pm