A message from Karen.....

WELCOME BACK EVERYONE!

It’s wonderful to see everyone back at school looking healthy and relaxed following the two week break. We hope all our students are ready for all the learning challenges ahead this term.

Our teachers have already been undertaking their professional learning this week in order to enrich programs and further meet the needs of students in our classes.

- On Tuesday after school, all teachers attended a session on Autism which was facilitated by one of our regional Autism coaches, Di Ryan. At Altona Green PS, we commit to a collective responsibility for all our students in our school, regardless of whether we are the class teacher or not. Even those staff who have done lots of professional learning in this area found the session enlightening and practical.

- All week we have been visited by Jenni Wilson, our Inquiry-learning ‘coach’. Jenni has met with each team of teachers during their planning time to assist in developing the area of ‘student voice’ in our class programs. By all accounts, our students from P-6 will be even more active inquirers than ever this term!

Prep Information Evening and Year 6-7 Transition Information Session.

- We begin our planning for 2016 next Tuesday evening with our 2016 Prep Information Evening commencing at 7:00pm. Information was delivered to Kindergartens & Child Care Centres at the end of last Term.

- On the same night there will be a session for parents of Year 6 students who are seeking more information on the process involved in enrolling their child into secondary school. This session will commence at 6.30pm.
PREMIERS’ READING CHALLENGE
The 2015 Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge – which encourages children to read more books and to read more widely – is now open.
The Challenge aims to help children and young people develop a love of reading with the support of parents, teachers, early childhood professionals, schools and classmates.
To take the Challenge, children must read a set number of books and record their efforts online. There are over 9000 titles on the Challenge booklist, which is updated regularly by an expert panel which includes teachers and librarians. Information was sent home yesterday with all children. Any students interested in participating can return their consent to their classroom teacher. We encourage all children to get involved! If you have any queries please see Sarah Bergin (6S) or go to the website http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/prc
I wonder which class will have the greatest number of children participating in this year’s challenge.

ANZAC Day Commemoration
Over the next fortnight, our students will be immersed in activities that will develop their understanding of the significance of our ANZAC Day commemorations. This year a parent in our school, Aimee Stewart has offered her assistance and expertise in this area.
- Yesterday Aimee joined with our teachers in a presentation to Y4, Y5 and Y6 students. These sessions explained the ANZAC spirit and Gallipoli and the sacrifices made in war.
- Children from the whole school community will be asked to bring flowers to school next Thursday. These will be used to make wreaths which our Art Leaders will oversee. Several JSC reps will deliver the wreaths to the Altona RSL.
- Next Thursday there will be a special ANZAC Commemorative assembly at 11:30am in the gym. Students in Yr. 5-6 will make iMovies based on picture story books on ANZAC to share.

REMINDER ABOUT HATS
We are a Sun smart school and we are required by policy to wear hats from October to April. Students are still required to wear a hat at school for the duration of this time.

New Smoking Bans for all Victorian Learning Centres
From 13 April 2015, new smoking bans came into force:
- within the grounds of, and at and within four metres of an entrance to, all Victorian childcare centres, kindergartens (or preschools) and primary and secondary schools
- at and within four metres of an entrance to children’s indoor play centres and Victoria public premises. Victoria public premises are all public hospitals and registered community health centres and certain Victorian Government buildings.

Fundraising Focus – What does the money go to?
I try to attend the Parents’ Club meetings and I am always astounded how this small but dynamic group manages to achieve so much. Their enthusiasm, organisation and commitment is wonderful. I often get asked as well as members of the group do, as to where do the funds go and how is it decided where the money will be spent. Our school is required to have a 4 year plan which is called a Strategic Plan. That plan determines the priorities of the school for that 4 year period. They currently are: Literacy, Numeracy, eLearning, Student Engagement and Inquiry. Every year we seek information and feedback from our whole community through a variety of means eg. our Parent Survey, our School Council sub-committees which assists in setting other targets for the following year for budget priorities.
The upgrade of our physical environment continues to be a focus. These projects were achieved from fundraising efforts last year:
- The completion of Gumbuyah with the wooden slats behind the stage.
- The new seats outside Kanandah.
All fundraising activities are coordinated through School Council with funds raised being directed towards the goals outlined in our school’s Strategic Plan as well as the specific yearly projects. This year our Building and Grounds team are looking at constructing a Ga Ga pit in the playground.

On the morning of the last Friday of last term, we held our Easter Hat Parade and drew ‘The Easter Raffle’ at the assembly. Thankyou so much to our school community whose generous donations raised $629.40.

We thank and encourage you to continue to support our fundraising efforts this year.

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**WINTER UNIFORM**

Parents who ordered winter jackets and tunics should have received their order. Unfortunately we are still waiting on the size 6 tunic, which our supplier tells us will be here in the next 2—3 weeks. We have a few extra jackets & tunics for sale if you are interested—first come, first served!

Please note that leggings, cargo pants, jeans, coloured scarves and beanies are not allowed at school. Also if all long hair could be tied up as we have had an outbreak of head lice.

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**CLASSROOM CLIPPINGS**

**Prep**

Literacy information sessions for parents from prep-grade 2 begin next week. Reading at school and at home is on Thursday 23 April and Writing at school and at home is on Thursday 30 April from 6.30-7.45 in the library.

**Grade 1/2**

Welcome to Tina who has joined our Year 1 Community this term! We have a busy Term ahead in the Year 1 Community, including our Year 1 and 2 Camp night which will be happening on Wednesday 29 April. This is a great opportunity for your child to develop their independence, social skills and confidence while participating in a range of fun activities. It will be a great evening and we are hoping to see every child there. Look out for this note in your child’s school bag!

**Grade 3**

We hope everyone had a great break. The children have eagerly shared their holiday experiences with their classmates and have settled back into the school routine.

Can we please remind parents to make sure that children are reading on a daily basis. It is also important that they read and practise their goal.

**Grade 4**

Welcome back to Second term. It has been another busy start to the term. It is planning week, where all the teachers get some time on one day to plan for the term ahead. A reminder that all students are still expected to wear a sun smart hat until the last day in April. It has been great to see that our students are keeping up with their home reading and doing some extra work on Mathletics.

**Grade 5/6**

What a start we’ve had to Term 2! We launched our new Inquiry into ‘Our Australia’ by giving students lesson tasters. This involved working in different ways- learning spaces, materials and teachers. We also had a special presentation which was offered to us by school community member Aimee Stewart who is involved in the Creswick Light Horse Troop. Aimee ran a special session where she discussed the significance of ANZAC Day, sacrifices that are made during war and then explained the way animals also have been involved in the war effort.
NAB AFL Auskick Footy Clinic

Holding the ball correctly.

In the huddle with Will.

With

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Around the body.

Getting our hand ready like a pancake to hold the ball.

Over our heads and catching the dropping ball.
We thoroughly enjoyed practising our handballing skills this week at the footy clinic, and look forward to learning about kicking and marking in the next few sessions.
The AFL teams we barrack for!

Demons
Daniel S
Alexis K
Kyle L

Western Bulldogs
Hailey P
Dylan T

Essendon
Tannah P

Hawks
Jennifer H
Nancy

AFL logos for:

Geelong Cats
Imran S
Cooper W

Collingwood Magpies
Ethan P

St Kilda Saints
Astrid

Richmond Tigers
Oliver B
Rianna Z

Sydney Swans
Sophie H
What is Reach?

Reach is an organisation that supports young people to get the most out of life. Their aim is to improve the wellbeing of young people so that they can be healthy and resilient to meet life’s challenges, and fulfil their potential.

Throughout the Reach workshop on Camp Night our students were supported to improve their self-awareness and build more meaningful relationships with their peers.
Being the S.A.K.G. Head Chef is a big honour and responsibility. I had to make sure that all groups were working to their schedule and I was able to assist my classmates if they got stuck.

We cooked Summer Tomato and Eggplant Sauce to go with Zucchini Pasta. We also made Red Capsicum and Zucchini Frittatas. After lunch we ate delicious Spiced Pear Muffins. Earlier that day in our garden session with Carolina we collected the following ingredients from our very own special school garden:

- eggplants
- eggs
- fresh tomatoes
- green capsicum
- pears
- red peppers
- sprigs of basil with leaves
- zucchinis

ZUCCHINI PASTA WITH
SUMMER TOMATO AND
EGGPLANT SAUCE

ZUCCHINI FRITTATAS

SPICED PEAR MUFFINS
Altona Green Primary School | 15th April 2015

Congratulations

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to the Camp Australia Holiday Heroes Autumn Competition!

Altona Green Primary School has been awarded 1st place within all the schools partnered with Camp Australia, Australia wide.

The children showed their creativity and enthusiasm. Some of the activities included; Superhero dress up day, Super hero masks, Design your very own Super Cape and much more!

Once registered
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.

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

we make kids smile
www.campaustralia.com.au
SCHOOL PHOTOS
WEDNESDAY APRIL 22—DON’T FORGET TO BRING YOUR BIGGEST SMILE!

School Photographs will be taken on April 22. Order forms were handed out this week; including order forms for family photographs. If you haven’t received either order form there are still some available from the office. Packages range from $23 to $44.

If paying online to Arthur Reed directly and you require a family photo, please let Jenny in the office know so she can arrange a time for the family photo to be taken. PLEASE PUT CORRECT MONEY IN THE ENVELOPE AS CHANGE WILL NOT BE GIVEN.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ORDERS

Hi all,
Book Club is due back by Friday 1st of May.
No late orders will be accepted.
Thanks Carly.

BOOK TALK

Welcome back to Term 2 everyone!
A special thanks to the Anderson family and ex student Sarah Allen for another large donation of books for our library.
This term we will be ordering all this year’s short-listed books for our students to read. The theme for this year’s Book Week is “Books Light Up Our World!” I think we would all agree with that.
Happy Reading!!
Trish

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

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.

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.
ANZAC DAY APPEAL

Our Junior School Council are selling ANZAC Day Appeal pins, pens, wristbands and bag tags. Prices range from $1 to $10.
Our newsletter is being sponsored by those advertising within. They have entered a commercial contract with the school for this advertising. We have no other direct links with them, and our policy is not to encourage or direct our school community to use a particular product or company.

ALTONA JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB
Seeking Under 9 and Under 10 footballers
Location: J.K. Grant Reserve Altona
Sugar Gum Drive
Training Tuesday & Thursday 5—6 pm
Games Sunday at 8.50am
For more information see website www.altonajuniorfootballclub.com

Laverton Community Centre
(Located 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

Community Café

Join us for a three course meal.
$8.00/$5.00 Concession
12.00 noon to 1.00pm

Every Wednesday
Laverton Community Centre (inside the Laverton Community Hub)
95-105 Railway St Laverton
Booking essential by Monday

Every Friday
Altona Meadows Community Centre 28 Trafalgar Avenue, Altona Meadows
Booking essential by Thursday

For Bookings call: 8368 0177

Laverton Community Integrated Services Inc.
Altona Green Primary School

Building a positive future by developing life long learners who value themselves and others

Childcare available
RSVP 9360 0777

School tours also available at your convenience - please call the office to arrange a time.

Don't know which questions you should ask before making a decision about the school that will best suit you and your child?
Find out what Altona Green can offer your child!

Tuesday 21 April
7:00pm

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