A message from Karen.....

Get ready—our new website will be launched next week!
Thanks to everyone for being so patient over the last term as our school community was without an active-website. Hopefully our ‘new’ one will be launched on Monday. Our site will continually be updated and provide access to a broad range of information about our school, our programs and upcoming events. We will send a KONNECTIVE message once it’s live.

Anzac Day
Thank you to our Year 4-6 students who held a solemn ceremony last week and to parents, Aimee Stewart and Craig Farrington for their support. It was wonderful to see so many flowers donated from the school community which were used to make up our wreaths.
EDUCATION WEEK is happening soon at all government schools in Victoria. We are just finalising the details for the Altona Green Primary School—Education Week and this will be available next Wednesday.

Crack the code with maths is the theme of this year’s Education Week, 17-23 May 2015. The Education Week website now features information for parents and students about the value of maths and computer coding education, and the diverse study options and rewarding career paths it can lead to. To find out more about Education Week and the value of maths and coding, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/educationweek

Karen O'Dowd

THE BOUNCE IS BACK!

AGPS Running Club
Last week our first round of certificates were awarded to the following students who have completed a total of 10km in Running Club:

1M – Roman Coote
3L – Ahmed Elferjani
4A – Ashton Coote
4A – Alaa Elferjani
4A – Sam Young
4A – Lachlan Farrington
5/6A – Chris Manders

The AGPS Running Club takes place at the oval/playground gate every Wednesday morning at 8:30am. All students (and parents) are welcome.

Cross Country – 01/05/15
The Laverton District Cross Country Race will be held this Friday at Queen of Peace Primary School beginning at 9:30am.
AGPS will be sending our talented distance runners to compete against students from the other schools in our District.
Any parents who are able to assist as marshals on Friday should see Gareth McLean at school or leave their details at the office.
Prep
We are having a Ranger from Hobsons Bay attend our school this Friday. He will be talking about animals in our local area and the different habitats we have in our school grounds.

Year 1
Last night we had our Year 1 & 2 Learning Community Camp Night. Children enjoyed a night of eating, playing, meeting new friends and showing our independence by putting on our pyjamas and getting ready for bed. A wonderful night was had by all!

Year 2 & 3
Last night the year 2 students attended their camp night. They all had a great time participating in lots of ‘hands on’ activities with children from other grades.

As the weather is becoming cooler, please remember to dress your child in appropriate cool weather clothing. There are still many children who are coming to school in short sleeves and feeling cold during the day.

In our Inquiry unit, some students will be exploring living things while others will investigate the areas of design and technology. If there are any parents who may have expertise in these areas and who would be interested in speaking to the children as guest speakers, please see your child’s classroom teacher to organise a time. It will be greatly appreciated.

Year 4
The students have been very involved and excited about the direction of our Term Two Inquiry — 'Australia’s Identity'. The students have participated in a range of activities, such as Indigenous languages, bush tucker and tracking. Ask your child about the activities that they have completed and learnt something from.

We are currently planning an excursion to the Melbourne Museum on Thursday, June 11 2015. Further details will be coming soon.

Year 5 & 6
This week our students have been putting their best feet forward in the sporting arenas and stadiums. The Inter-School Sports for the summer season include Cricket, T-Ball, Basketball and Cricket. Our students have spent many sessions practising their ball skills, positions and strategies. Our T-Ballers will be progressing onto the next round after a victorious winning streak. A big thank-you goes out to our sport teacher Gareth for doing a lot of behind-the-scene work to make this program possible. By all accounts our students showed all the KEFAR values and should be complimented for their sportsmanship.
Did you know that we have a **Community in Partnerships Committee**? Their work is centred on building solid partnerships and relationships between home and school and also between our school community and our local community.

The committee has two information areas within the school to provide, promote and/or receive communication:

Our Community Noticeboard is set up in the main corridor opposite the library. Here we hope to place news, events and information which might interest your family. Looking for a sport for your child to participate in after school? Then this will be the place to look. If you are involved with a local community group and would like something displayed on this board, please forward it to Jenny for the team to look at.

In the office foyer you will find a letterbox with some feedback forms (one is enclosed below). If you have ideas on how our school could be improved, then tell us. Drop your ideas into the letterbox, making sure that you have added your details so that we can get back to you.

The committee is organising our **Partnerships in Learning Program** Pamphlet. This pamphlet will outline various workshops that you may be interested in attending.

Watch out for reminders via the newsletter and KONNECTIVE! We look forward to your participation.

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**Community Suggestion Form**

Name: ______________________________________________________ Child's name/class: ____________

Email: ______________________________________ Telephone No. ____________________

I'd like __________________________________________________________________________________
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Prep J were Scientists in the yard.

We have labelled the living animals we saw.
Konnective—Are you ‘Konnccted’?

Konnective is a mobile app solution that allows us to communicate with you, our parents, straight to your mobile phone. We often send news and events so that you are more connected with your children’s activities and events at the school. Via the app we can send communication to specific grade levels, so you will receive information specific to your child’s grade as well as general news, events and updates that will go to everyone. If you haven’t already registered with Konnective—follow the simple instructions below. Don’t forget to register for General Updates and your child’s year level to be kept up to date on all the latest happenings and events at our school.

Konnective

Registering and logging in to Konnective

Step 1: Download the Konnective app from the AppStore or GooglePlay

Search for Konnective or use these quick links


For all other smartphones or if you don’t have a smartphone you can register on the Konnective website http://www.konnective.com.au/register and choose to receive messages via email.

Step 2: Register with Konnective

When you open the Konnective app tap on the Register button

Enter your email address, first name, last name and setup a password that you will remember (phone number is optional).

In addition to getting notifications to your phone, you can also choose to receive each message as an email.

You will be sent an email asking you to click on a link to verify your email address. Check your spam/junk folders if it does not arrive.

Step 3: Login to Konnective

Open up the app. Make sure you select OK to receive Push Notifications from Konnective (iPhone only). This will ensure you get a notification whenever you receive a new message.

Tap on the Login button.

Enter your email address and the password you set when you registered.

If you aren’t connected to all of the feeds you need:

Tap on Menu and select My Connections.
Hit Add and choose the business and feeds relevant to you.

You can automatically connect to any public streams (those with a Connect button) or else Request Approval to be added to any other feeds that are relevant to you. Upon Requesting Approval, the connection will remain in a pending state until you can be reviewed and approved onto that feed by the school or business.

For any help or queries, please contact support@konnective.com.au

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SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ORDERS

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

BOOK TALK

Thank you to all those families who have recently paid to replace lost library books. Your donations are really appreciated by everyone here.
Recently the 2015 Short-listed books were announced. We have ordered 35 of these books for our students to read once they are delivered to school.
Five of these books will be incorporated in our musical incursion 'Shine a Light' which will be held at school closer to Book Week.
Trish

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Winter is on it’s way, and of course with winter comes the cold weather. We have had quite a few cold mornings so it is a great time to stock up on winter uniform to keep colds at bay. We also have navy scarves $6 and beanie's $13 available for purchase.

SUN HATS

In accordance with our Sun Smart policy, hats are not required from tomorrow May 1 until September 1 this year.

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.
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.

**BAYWEST MUSIC SCHOOL**
Baywest Music School is a family oriented low cost music school located in Altona Meadows. We teach both adults and children Keyboard, Guitar and Singing for $13.50 per lesson and Drums for $18 per lesson. For further details, please call Stephen on 0425 797 390

**HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY**
Join us for morning or afternoon tea on Sunday 3rd May for Devonshire Tea and a pop-up Mother’s Day Stall
Altona Homestead
Queen Street
11am – 4pm

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**Save and win a trip to Disneyland!**

This year, School Banking is taking you on a mission to Planet Savings. There are eight new awesome rewards to choose from, plus we’re introducing a Grand Prize competition where you could win a family trip to Disneyland.

**How to enter**
All you need to do is simply make 25 or more School Banking deposits during 2015 and you’ll automatically go into the Grand Prize competition.

Find out more at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

**The Grand Prize**
A family trip for up to two adults and two kids to California’s Disneyland, including:
- Return flights to LA and airport transfers
- 5 nights at a Disneyland hotel
- 3 day pass to Disneyland
- Enjoy Space Mountain, rollercoasters and hundreds of rides
- Meet Mickey Mouse and other Disney characters
- AUD$20,000 spending money

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**Mother’s Day Family Night**

Join us for a great night of fun
- Make a gift for mum
- D.I.Y. workshops
- Light refreshments
- Free gift wrapping

Bookings recommended for more information or to book your mum a team member is here to help. Go to www.sunnings.com.au or locate your nearest store.
Altona Green Primary School invites you to our Mother’s Day High Tea on

Thursday 7th May from 11.30 - 1.00pm

High Tea will be served in the gym

Scrumptious pastries, cakes and savouries!
Tea, coffee, juices and soft drinks.

Be entertained by our talented students.
Door Prizes, Gifts & Raffles.
Feel free to frock up!

Bring your favourite tea cup along....

We have organised child minding during the high tea if you require it.

$10.00 per person