**A message from Karen.....**

I hope that everyone enjoyed a safe and happy long weekend with family and friends. It is always nice to have an extra day for some rest and relaxation. I was at the MCG on Monday watching my magpies and I was blown away by the power of an individual, Neale Daniher to engage with so many people to highlight the MND cause through the Freeze at the G event. The sea of blue beanies around the ground reflected how it is possible for communities to join together to listen, care and support each other. The footy somehow took a back seat.

It’s approaching that time of the year when our staff want to catch up with you and celebrate the achievements of your children. Our Mid-Year Parent-Teacher-Student conferences are scheduled for Thursday 25 June. This is a Pupil-Free Day. Students only come to school on this day at the designated appointment time and must attend with their parents or guardians. The children are very much part of these meetings with parents/guardians and teachers making another valuable link between home and school.

The Online booking site will be available to parents/carers from today. Further details are included in this newsletter and will be sent via Konnective. It is so important that you book a time to meet with your child’s teacher. Our Music, Indonesian, Tree-House and Phys Ed specialist teachers are available as well if you would like to meet with them also. Unfortunately, Deanna Ganyu our Art teacher is currently on leave so is unavailable at this time. A computer is available in the Library during school hours if you do not have internet access at home or elsewhere. Alternatively, you can call the office and Jenny will assist you.

**EXTRA CURRICULA ACTIVITIES**

Over the last few weeks, we have been running our ‘Lunchtime Clubs’ program. There has been Tennis Club held on Tuesday and Thursday, Netball on Wednesday, and Badminton on Friday for students in Yrs. 3-6. For our Preps-2, Nola and her team have begun developing a new play area complete with Tonka trucks etc. and we are waiting for the delivery of our giant Lego for our P-2 Lego enthusiasts. Gareth Mc Lean has also been running a Running Club each Wednesday morning before school which many students are enjoying.
School Photos:
Last week the school photos were distributed. They were taken by Arthur Reed who we have used for many years. Before we confirm a booking for next year, please supply feedback on the quality or any other aspect of the work done, through the office or via email: altona.green.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

CAR PARK EXIT GATE:
At present there are a number of parents who are still entering or exiting the school via the staff car park despite our consistent reminders and even with the sign on the gate unsafe.

Winter Health – Beating the Bugs
In Australia, our influenza 'flu' season typically runs from May to October, usually peaking in August. It is just not possible to stop all bugs from spreading at school; however, a lot of illnesses can be prevented and controlled simply by practising good hygiene.

Handy hygiene tips for you and your family
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing
- Throw used tissues in plastic-lined rubbish bins
- Wash your hands with soap and water, preferably warm water if available
- Reduce the spread of germs by avoiding touching your eyes, nose and mouth

What can you do to prevent the spread of infectious diseases?
The three main ways of preventing the spread of infection are:
1. Remind your child of effective hygiene methods.
2. Keep your child home when they are unwell. Your doctor will let you know if your child has a 'excludable'condition. You will need to advise the school as soon as possible and keep your child home for the length of time that your doctor advises.
3. Ensure your child's immunisations are up to date.

Do you know when you should keep your child home from school?
The Department of Health and Human Services outline the minimum period of exclusion from school for various Infectious diseases. To find out more about the minimum period of exclusion for infectious diseases, see http://ideas.health.vic.gov.au/guidelines/school-exclusion-table.asp

Head Lice Again!
We are getting reports of Head Lice throughout the school. Please remember to check your children’s hair regularly.

Have you had a chance to download this App yet?

Trivia Night
The Trivia Night bookings have opened. Have you booked a table or your ticket yet?
Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability
‘Collection Notice’

All schools in Australia, including Independent and Catholic schools, will participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability this year.

The Data Collection is an annual count of the number of students with disability receiving educational adjustments to support their participation in education on the same basis as students without disability.

All education agencies are now required under the Australian Education Regulation 2013 to provide information on a student’s level of education, disability and level of adjustment to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training.* Data will continue to be de-identified prior to its transfer to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training. No student’s identity will be provided to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training.

The collection of this information from states and territories will inform future policy and program planning in relation to students with disability.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Karen or Nola on 9360 0777 or the Victorian Department of Education and Training Data Collection Hotline on (03) 9651 3621. For questions after 7 August 2015, please call the Australian Government Department of Education and Training on 1300 566 046.

* For more information on Schedule 3—Amendments for the collection of data on students who are persons with a disability Australian Education Regulation 2013 see: http://www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/F2014L01723/Html/

Need help with paying for excursions, camps and sporting events?
The Victorian Government have unveiled a new $148 million initiative to ensure all Victorian students can take part in school trips and sporting activities. The **Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund** (CSEF) will run over four years and provide payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions.

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. $125 per year will be paid for eligible primary school students, with $225 per year paid for eligible secondary school students. Payments will go directly to the school and be tied to the student. Parents or legal guardians are required to complete a CSEF application form and lodge it with their child’s school for processing.

Application forms should be completed and lodged with schools before the end of term two each year as payments are made each year during term three.

Application forms are available for download on our website or printed copies are available at schools.

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**26 JUNE, 2015**
**LAST DAY OF TERM 2**
**STUDENTS FINISH AT 2.30PM**
**BOOK TALK**

Just a reminder that this week is the last week of library borrowing for Term 2.
We congratulate the following students for completing their Reader's Challenge:

- Ainslie Casey  Prep S
- Angus Caldwell  1N
- Roman Coote    1M
- Iti Ashta      3L

Well done to these students!!

We have now read an amazing 846 books so far.
Thank you also to Oskar Harrison from 1M and his family for their large donation of books for our library. All donations are really appreciated.

Trish

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**HOUSE KEEPING ITEMS**

**Absences**

Over the past few weeks we have had quite a considerable amount of students off with colds and feeling unwell.
Thank you to the parents who have rung or emailed the school as to why their child has been absent.
All absences must be explained to the school and this can be done by sending a note to your child’s class teacher, phoning the school on 9360 0777 or via email altona.green.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au.

If you wish your child to leave school early for dental/medical appointments etc, you must always call at the office first. It is necessary for the children to be “signed out” at the office.

**It’s Not Great To Be Late**

Parents of children who arrive late for school, for whatever reason, are asked to sign the late book at the office. These entries are then monitored and areas of concern are followed up. Class rolls are marked at 9:00am. We please ask if all students are at school on time so students are not disrupting the class.

**Early Departures - A BIG THANK YOU**

A couple of weeks ago we expressed in the newsletter our concern with an increase of parents picking up students early, perhaps not always for appointments and the students missing out on valuable learning time.
Students leaving early has decreased considerably since then and we appreciate your assistance in this area.

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**CHANGE OF CLOTHES**

We have had a lot of students with wet clothes lately and have run out of spare clothes.
Now that winter is here we kindly ask if families can put a change of clothing in your child's school bag—including underwear, track pants etc.

Thank you.

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**LOST PROPERTY**

The Lost Property tub located outside the gym will be emptied over the next week. All named items will be returned to students.
Donations Required for Prep Outdoor Learning Space

We are seeking donations of the following: sandpit equipment and transportation vehicles. If you are able to help please give items to the Prep teachers or office staff. Thank you.

Prep

The prep children have been busy making zoo animals using boxes. We still require more small boxes and would appreciate if you could send in any small empty boxes and cardboard rolls excluding toilet rolls, egg cartons and boxes containing nut products.

Grade 1

The grade ones had a great day exploring the living things and the range of plants in the Botanical Gardens last week. The children were able to handle some wiggly worms, fish in the lake for tadpoles, get a close up look at some mini beasts under microscopes and make lavender bags to take home. Many thanks to all the parents who helped out on the day.

Grade 2 & 3

The grade 2/3 community went to the Museum to see the Top Design exhibition last Thursday. The children were impressed with the designs. The children are very eager to begin work on the planning of their own designs. A big thank you to all of our parent helpers, we appreciated your time and support.

Just a reminder that this is the last week for borrowing library books. There are some children in our community who have overdue library books, can you please make sure that they are returned to school as soon as possible.

Grade 4

The grade four students are still busy working on our Inquiry topic - 'Australia's Identity'. A great inspiration would have been today's excursion to the Melbourne Museum. Make sure that you chat with your child about some of the activities that they completed or resources that they saw today. I am certain that the students will have had a wonderful learning experience.

Grade 5 & 6

Our Year 6 students had a special visit from members of the Melbourne Metropolitan Fire Brigade last week. Students were reminded of safety rules relating to minimising the risk of fire and what to do in an emergency situation. We have also began training for the Winter Inter-School Sports which are happening over the next two weeks. These include football, soccer, volleyball, netball and softball.
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Curriculum Day—Thursday June 25

Need care for Thursday 25th of June? See our Camp Australia staff for expression of interest for Pupil Free Day bookings. We require 18 children booked in for the session to operate a program for the day. Hours of operation will be 7am -6pm. Breakfast and afternoon tea will be provided. Children are required to bring their own lunch.
TOTALLY RAD

80's TRIVIA NIGHT

GRAB SOME LEG WARMERS, DUST OFF THE AOID WASH DENIM
& GET YOUR MULLETS OUT!

Altona Green Primary School

Friday 31 July

GYM DOORS OPEN AT 7.00 PM

Raffle prizes, silent auctions, games,
trivia and lots of fun!

BYO nibbles & drinks

TICKETS $15 PER PERSON
OR BOOK A TABLE

Tickets available from the office
The 2/3's
Melbourne Museum Excursion
Top Design 2015

The golden robot looked really unusual. -Joanne

There was a robot hand that controlled a robot car. -Damian

The dresses looked really weird. Not many people would wear them. -Lydian

I liked the robot hand that moved. -Emily

It looked like the Year 12s worked really hard. -Aimee

I liked the fire fight drone because it had 4 propellers. -Liam

I liked the remote controlled electronics. -Dorian

My favourite was the wooden bike. It didn’t have any pedals. -Thanos
Dear Parents,

Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be held on Thursday 25 June, 2015 from 12.30 – 8pm.
Please note that this is a Curriculum Day and students are only to attend during their interview time. Bookings must be finalised before Tuesday 23 June at 4pm, when bookings for this event will close.
For parents that do not have internet access at home, work or on their phones, computers will be available in the school library from Monday 15 June until Tuesday 23 June between 8.45 – 9.15am and 3.00 – 3.15pm so that parents can make their own bookings. Staff will be able to assist. Alternatively parents may send a note to school with the approximate times they require or phone the school on 9360 0777.
Interviews are strictly 15 minutes duration and all families are expected to attend.
If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

Now you can book school interviews for the times that suit your family. 
Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

1. Enter your details
2. Select the teachers you wish to see
3. Select the appointment times that suit your family best

When you click Finish, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically. If you do not receive your email immediately – Check your junk mail folder AND make sure you have spelled your email address correctly

You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until the bookings close on 23 June at 4pm

You may change your bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address you used when you made your original booking. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date should contact the school directly on: 9360 0777.

We would love to hear what you think about online booking. If you get time, click on the "contact us" button on the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and leave some feedback - anonymously if you wish, but please include the school’s name and suburb.