Calendar

AUGUST
7 - NED Show
10 - Munching Monday - Nude Food Launch – Lunch
14 - Assembly P – 2
18 - Nude Food Workshop
21 - Assembly 3 – 6
28 - Assembly P – 2

SEPTEMBER
1 - Supporting my child into High School
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9 - Pupil Free Day
11 - Assembly Whole School
18 - Last Day of Term 3

2015 Term Dates
Term 3
13th July – 18th Sept
Term 4
5th Oct – 18th Dec

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A message from Karen…..

Last week our Preps enjoyed celebrating their 100th day at school. The children have been counting, reading and ‘making’ 100 in lots of different ways. Vera as a centipede was a lasting memory for us all that day!

Last Friday saw our Years 3-6 participating in our school-based Athletics Carnival. Many thanks to Gareth Mc Lean, our PE teacher for the organisation and for our parent helpers who assisted staff in overseeing the events. Students are now being selected from last week’s results to go on and represent AGPS at the next level of competition. (Photos enclosed)

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Congratulations to the winning table who taught us a thing or two! A very big thank you to all those who donated items towards the evening and those who helped in all the months of preparations to organise and helped out on the night. Looking forward to seeing you all again in 2 years’ time!!

Jo Tyers (Parents’ Club)

Happy Retirement Domenica!
We only recently heard that Domenica, our Lollypop Lady has retired. Domenica was always cheerful and took such good care of all of us. We have sent some flowers to Domenica on behalf of all our school community to thank her and wish her well in her retirement. We welcome Fiona who now has joined us on our crossing.
School Council President’s Report:  
Earlier this year, the school council identified a need to review and improve communications sent to the school community, especially now that we have various mediums of getting this information home. As part of this, and to improve the transparency of the school council I’ll be providing updates outlining key points following each council meeting.

Items endorsed by the council:
- Multicultural policy
- Utilisation of Centrepay payment options
- Increase to First Aid Budget

Key discussions at the council meeting:
- BOYD implementation across the grades – All agreed process has been smooth with no pressure on parents. A great result and achievement by involved Staff and Parents!
- Camp Australia – Council is happy with performance and satisfaction with ongoing agreement for service
- Trivia Night – A key fundraising item for the school, executed brilliantly by the Parents Group
- Communication Plan – Ongoing review of actions and commenced planning items for the 2016 school year to maintain continuous improvement.

If you would like to get involved with the school and have been unsure how to, why not start small and join the School Disco organising committee. Their next meeting is on the 10th of August – check out Konnective for details.

Trent Anderson  
School Council President

ASBESTOS AUDIT  
This week AGPS received a mandatory asbestos audit via the Department of Education and Training. The auditors are working their way through every school in Victoria. As part of the Department’s Health and Safety Management Plan, new labelling will be installed in schools. The new labels form part of a comprehensive program to ensure Victorian government schools remain safe. You may have seen some signage displayed around the school identifying the presence of asbestos in certain buildings. The labels remind people to contact the school’s admin team prior to undertaking any works at the school, to ensure they have up-to-date information from the school’s asbestos register. Asbestos - which was used extensively in building materials in the past but is now banned - is considered safe unless damaged or in poor condition. The erection of the signs is standard procedure in the state of Victoria. Safety is our number one priority. If you have any questions on this matter, please come and see Nola or myself.

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN PROGRAM  
Thank you to all the families that have already put their sticker sheets in the box in the office foyer. The program enables school’s to earn educational resources when anyone from the school community shops at Woolworths! The program commenced on Wednesday July 15 and finishes on Tuesday September 8. Whenever a parent or staff member shops at Woolworths they can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers from the checkout operator and place them on a Woolworths Earn and Learn sticker sheet. There will be one sticker rewarded for every $10 spent; (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards) once the sheet is completed you can place the sticker sheet in the collection box in our school’s foyer. I thank you in advance for your support to help our school earn valuable resources which will no doubt make a significant difference!

Karen O’Dowd
**JEANS FOR GENES DAY**

This Friday August 7 we will be having “Jeans for Genes Day”. We are encouraging everyone to wear a pair of jeans to raise money for research into childhood diseases. You can wear any item made from denim or you can just wear school uniform. It is NOT a free dress day! Please bring a gold coin to donate to this worthy cause.

Pooja & Joseph 3A
Junior School Council Representatives

**BOOK TALK**

This week we congratulate the following students who have completed their Reading Challenge:
Lachlan Farrington - 4A, Jessica Stojanovski - 5/6A, Cooper Brown - 1T & Cooper Tanti - Prep S.

So far we have had 29 students complete their Challenge and altogether everyone has now read 1,421 books.

Just a reminder that the Challenge is ending in September.

Thank you also to the Coote Family for donating books to our Library.

Trish

**NED SHOW**

The NED Show is coming to Altona Green on August 7 during a whole school assembly beginning at 2.30pm. NED is a loveable cartoon character whose name is an acronym for Never give up, Encourage others, and Do your best. The excitement begins with the assembly and continues year round to promote a culture of kindness and excellence at our school.
Yo-yo’s will be available for sale after the demonstration and prices range from $8—$20

**INDONESIAN WORD OF THE WEEK**

Terima Kasih... means Thank you in Indonesian!
Prep

It was great to see the children dressing up to celebrate our 100 days at school. They enjoyed playing a maths game up to 100, counting 100 steps in the playground and making dazzling glasses and headbands.

Grade 1

The grade ones have been enjoying experiencing various recreation and leisure activities as part of their Inquiry topic “Healthy Me”. This week they were treated to a sewing demonstration and a brief Netball clinic thanks to Michelle Pagel and Michelle Coote from our parent community.

Just a reminder if you have a hobby or interest that you would like to share with the students on Monday 10 August or Monday 17 August at 2.30pm, please see a year 1 community staff member - Michelle, Nancy or Tina.

Grade 2 & 3

This week we have been lucky enough to have had some guest speakers come to talk to the children about their journey to Australia. We have had people from China, Portugal and Vietnam. If you are interested in coming to talk about your journey to Australia, please speak to your child’s classroom teacher.

For maths this week, we have started Multiplication. It would be great if you could practise skip counting by 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s from different starting points with children.

Grade 4

A reminder that homework books get returned once a fortnight. It has been wonderful to see our families working together to get the set tasks completed. Please sign each activity as they are completed. It has been interesting to learn about some of our students family members from the great biography profiles in the homework books. Our Inquiry this term is based on Science and our students have been learning about different areas and their impact on our lives today. Set some time aside to discuss inventions with your child and how they have changed our lives for the better.

Grade 5 & 6

Our Year 5 and 6 students have been immersing themselves into the amazing learning area of science. Through our ‘Discover Science’ inquiry unit, students have had the chance to visit and be visited by teachers from the Victorian Space and Science Education Centre. Next week our students will be posing their own science-related inquiry questions which they will begin to research. Please ask your child to tell you what their inquiry question is and consider how you may help them at home, e.g., if it is a space related question consider taking them to Scienceworks’ Planetarium.
**STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN PROGRAM**

Last week in Kitchen 3A made gnocchi with a pumpkin sauce and savoury muffins. The savoury muffins were good because they had different ingredients in it like olives. The gnocchi was also really good because it was made from potatoes. Lastly the pumpkin sauce was delicious with the gnocchi.

Everyone was really getting along and worked well as a team in the kitchen. What was really impressive is how everyone helped each other and worked as a group.

By Rhianna

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**Student Engagement**

**“Supporting My Child Into High School”**

Our Community worker, Janet Greenwood will lead the discussion on the strategies that assist students in a smooth transition to Secondary School. On Tuesday September 1 at 9am in Library.

**“Bullies, Bystanders and Upstanders”**

Our students are taught anti-bullying strategies. Circle time and Restorative Practices are the basis on which we have developed our student welfare and discipline policy. Come and hear and learn what it’s all about on Wednesday September 2 at 9am

**“The Arts—Animations on iPads”**

In term 3 the Arts will focus on preparation for our whole school community arts event in term 4. Students will be involved in both visual and performing arts projects that will be presented to the school community. Our years 3 and 4 students will be involved in our first AGPS animation presentation. We will showcase this process of developing Animations on IPADS to parents on September 15 at 2.30pm in the Art Room.

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**Over the past few weeks we have sent quite a few students home due to illness. Unfortunately some of the telephone numbers are incorrect and we have been unable to get in touch with parents. If you have changed your telephone numbers (home/mobile/work) could you please advise the office.**

Thank you to all the parents who are ringing the school to advise of the child/ren's absence.
Munching Monday 10 August-launch of nude food lunchbox for every Monday.

Next Monday and every Monday onwards will be Munching Monday. We ask students to bring only Nude Food in their lunchboxes. Included in the newsletter is an information sheet on Nude Food lunches to assist you with packing a Nude Food lunch box. The grade with the highest number of Nude Food lunches on Monday 10 August will win a fruit platter for their grade. Every child that has nude food will receive 10 house points and an award.

Thank you to families for their great support for preparing Nude Food snacks this week. It was great to see the variety of Nude Foods and students bringing their snacks in plastic containers. Our school grounds have been much cleaner this week thanks to your efforts.

NUDE FOOD WORKSHOP

What is Nude Food? Food that is not wrapped in foil, plastic or commercial wrapping. We are asking for your support at home by providing your child with a Nude Food lunch box and selecting foods with your child that could be included. For example, fruit kebabs, muffins, wraps not rolled in plastic, popcorn or yoghurt in reusable containers.

There will be a Nude Food Workshop offered in the kitchen garden by Sarah Bath on August 18 at 9.30am to give you ideas for nude food lunch boxes.
**What is Nude Food?**

*Nude Food* is simply food that is not wrapped in foil, plastic or commercial packaging.

The best type of nude food consists mainly of fresh food, so that it is healthy and nutritious PLUS environmentally friendly.

Promoting Nude Food empowers students to make conscious choices about what they eat, and encourages them to think about their impact on the environment (and their health). You might be amazed with how enthused your child can become on this...

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**To pack a Nude Food Lunch or Snack, you will need:**

- Cutlery from home is better than throwaway plastic ones
- Plastic or metal drink bottles are recommended for refilling with water
- Reusable containers for putting all of your food, snacks and drinks into
- Lunch boxes that have lots of separate sections can be useful to avoid lost lids or containers

**Try to avoid:**

- Zip lock or plastic bags, plastic wrap or aluminium foil
- Tetra packed drinks, single serve yoghurts and cheese
- Single use plastic forks and spoons
- Prepackaged food, i.e. biscuits, snack bars and chips

**Tips for Packing Nude Food Lunches:**

- Try to involve the kids in helping decide what to take. This will help to avoid uneaten foods being thrown out, plus will save your family money as well. Also, remember to praise your child if they do eat something healthy which is new for them.
- Try to pack the lunches the night before and store in the fridge overnight to avoid the mad rush in the morning.
- If your child normally enjoys chips, yoghurt or other prepackaged snacks, buy these in a larger format and you can decant these into smaller reusable containers or lunchbox.
- If your child does enjoy chips, why not try making your own vegie versions using sliced beetroot, parsnip or sweet potato and baking in the oven?
- Try to use fruit and vegetables that are in season. Seasonal produce is friendly to the environment as well as to your budget, as less fuels are used to transport it into your supermarket.
GRADE 3 – 6
ATHLETICS HOUSE SPORTS DAY