A message from Karen.....

Education Support (ES) Staff Week
This week in schools we recognise and celebrate the work of our fabulous Education Support Staff who contribute so much to our school. We thank you all for your hard work, dedication and caring. Your flexibility and commitment to our students and staff is appreciated.

Our ES team are:

- Tracy Henderson – Business Manager
- Jenny Armstead – Front Office Administration
- Trish Allen – Student support and library services
- Jo Wood – Student support
- Carly Challinger – Student support
- Anne De Lima – Student support
- Avril Bishop – Student support
- Konnie Christke – Garden
- Gerry Romenyk – Grounds and maintenance
- Sarah Bath – Kitchen Specialist
- Carolina Cordeiro – Garden specialist

The District Athletics Carnival day on Monday was a very successful event. The weather forecast gave us a few worries but the day turned out okay. Thankfully! Well done to all the children from Years 3-6 who qualified to represent our school in the District Athletics.

The next two weeks will be a very busy time at AGPS. With our 10 day Intensive Swimming Program commencing next Monday, modifications have had to be made to programs and some events. The timing of swimming coincides with Book Week which our school always celebrates. With this in mind and not wanting to let Book Week lose its significance, our children are participating in Book Week activities this week.
This year’s theme is “Books Light Up Our World”.

- We have purchased the Children’s Book Council of Australia’s Shortlisted books with classes enjoying them and voting on their favourite (See how the voting is going outside the library!)
- The Book Week incursion is this Friday.
- Each class is responding to one of the shortlisted books in their own way eg. a display, an eBook, an iMovie.
- On Friday afternoon, classes will walk around the school visiting other class displays. And responses. (Parents are welcome to join in) For this reason, Friday’s assembly has been cancelled.

A few parents have been asking about a Book Character Parade this year. As you can see, there are a lot of things happening already this week and over the next fortnight and it’s also Disco Night tomorrow night. I can remember as a parent when my daughters were at school how ‘dress-up’ days often added organisational stress for me! We therefore chose to celebrate Book Week in a different way. The Book Character parade will return and when it does it will be fresh and we will celebrate together again in that format.

Are you the parent or carer of a child with a disability?
As part of the Victorian Government commitment to make Victoria the Education State, the Department of Education and Training has begun a review into how schools can better support all students with special needs. Renowned human rights practitioner and Australia’s former Disability Commissioner, Dr Graeme Innes, will lead face-to-face consultations with peak bodies, professional associations, unions, advocacy associations, and independent statutory bodies to review the Program for Students with Disabilities. The review is designed to guide and improve our Department’s approach to providing support to students with additional needs. The review into the Program for Students with Disabilities includes the opportunity for parents to tell the Department what they think of the current program and how it can be improved. Parents, carers, students (past and present), principals, teachers, disability professionals and advocates are invited to share with us your thoughts on how we can maximise the learning of students with disabilities. Email your recommendations to the review team at: psd.review@edumail.vic.gov.au or mail your suggestions to: PSD Review Department of Education and Training PO Box 6307 Melbourne VIC 3004 Contributions close on Friday 11 September 2015.
In September, you can take our online survey to tell the department how they can improve the Program for Students with Disabilities. An online survey will be available here from September and is open to principals, teachers, parents, students and all other members of the public. To participate in the PSD Review online survey, register your details: Registration for PSD Review online survey Alternatively, you can email: psd.review@edumail.vic.gov.au in Term 4 so that they can participate.
PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2016
We continue to take enrolments for our 2016 Prep students. Please inform family, friends and neighbours that if they have a child starting school next year and would like them to come to our school to enrol them soon. It is important that children are before the Transition Program begins in Term 4 so that they can participate.

In May this year students in Years 3 and 5 completed the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). NAPLAN reports will be distributed to the parents of students from Years 3 and 5 tomorrow. If you have any questions or concerns please contact your child’s classroom teacher.

We realise that there have been many notices going home lately eg. Athletics, swimming, FOPA, book week, disco. Jenny and Tracy have seen an increase in the number of children coming and asking for a second or even third copy of a note. We understand that there are those times when they do accidently get misplaced however we are trying to keep our photocopy budget in the black. All notices are placed on our website which may help parents for those times when that note can’t be found.

Karen O’Dowd

The Annual Big Boy’s BBQ
Date - Friday 4 September
Time – 7.30am to 9.30am

“The Guys from the AGPS Council & Parents Group invite you to a Big Boy’s BBQ at the school on Friday September 4.
We would love for all the dads and guys (that includes grandads, step dads, uncles etc) that are a part of the AGPS community to come down, have a man’s breakfast and spend some time meeting other guys from the school and even some fun activities with the kids.
Mark the date on your calendar & tell the boss a man’s breaky is calling you that day!
P.s. If you would like to join a bunch of blokes and help on the morning for the cook-up, let the office know by emailing altona.green.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

Trent Anderson- School Council President
BOOK TALK
This is an exciting time for book lovers this week as we celebrate Book Week 2015 at Altona Green Primary.

We have been reading all the short-listed picture story books in our grades and then we shall be voting for our school's overall favourite.

On Friday we all get to see our Book Week musical 'Shine A Light'. I know all students are looking forward to this.

This week we also congratulate Isabella Robson Prep S, Sienna Baron 2E and Arnya Greig 2E who have completed their Reading Challenge.

We have had 31 students complete their Challenge to date and overall all the students who have registered have read an amazing 1,722 books!

Trish

JEANS FOR GENES DAY
Thank you to everyone who donated money towards 'Jeans for Genes 'day as we raised a total of $297.20. Well done.
Junior School Council

INDONESIAN WORD OF THE WEEK
Keluarga is the Indonesian word for Family.
Prep
The preps have enjoyed listening to the short listed books for Book Week. The prep community have enjoyed working together to make a special blanket after reading the short listed book, My Two Blankets. The display is in the corridor in preparation for our Book Week rotations. The students will be voting for their favourite short listed book later this week. Discuss with your child their favourite book. The titles of the books are located outside the library.

Grade 1
The grade ones have continued to enjoy various recreation and leisure activities as part of our Inquiry topic “Healthy Me”. The students participated in cake decorating (Megan Iemma), massage (Kim Hunter), sign language (Veronika Slavik), martial arts (Nathan Caldwell) and re-enactment (Elizabeth Hodgskiss). A special thanks to our parent and local community members.

Grade 2 & 3
This week the children will be bringing home a multiplication information sheet. It would be great if your child could practise some of these strategies with you and practise the 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s times tables. If your child is familiar with these, they can practise the other times tables. If your child is bringing an iPad to school, please make sure it is fully charged.

Grade 4
Congratulations to all those students who participated in Athletics on Monday. It was an effort just being there in the cold! Thank you to those parents who supported this day. All the grade 4 students have had a workshop presented to them by the Commonwealth Bank - which they thoroughly enjoyed. Your child now has a deeper understanding of how a debit or a credit card works and how important it is to save for our needs. Our Swimming Program begins on Monday so please make sure that if your child is attending that they have all clothing clearly labelled and that they are organised with all their gear at the beginning of each day.

Grade 5 & 6
On Monday August 17 many of our students attended the District Athletics Carnival. We were all extremely proud of their achievements. We were especially pleased to see our students demonstrate KEFAR values throughout the day. Congratulations to all who attended.
3A's Favourite Shortlisted Books

The Scary Night – Pooja Kamath
I picked this book because I thought not many people would pick it. I also picked it because this book seemed scary at first and then at the end it all turned out amazing. In my picture I have drawn Pig, Dog and Mouse on their walk.

Go to Sleep Jessie – Natalie Gormley
This picture is from Go to Sleep Jessie. I chose this book because I enjoyed listening to it.
I created my picture using pencils, mainly the colour black.

Pig the Pug – Olivia Anderson
I chose this book because I like how Pig fell out of the window because he was being mean to the other dog. In my picture I have drawn Pig after he hurt himself when he was feeling sad.

Pig the Pug – Amelia Kilanovski
I chose this book because it shows that you need to always share and it is also a bit funny.
I made my picture on the computer using PowerPoint. I added details to my picture like the window he fell out of and one of his toys. I am very proud of my picture.
The Premier’s Reading Challenge will be closing September 4.

This year we have had a fantastic response from students and families.

Can all students please ensure they have logged their reading books by September 4 as this allows us to validate and complete a final check before submission.

If you are experiencing any issues, please come and see me before the closing date. Sarah Bergin

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/rens absence.

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.
**Munching Monday and Chomping Tuesday.**

From next week we are having 2 Nude Food days a week. There will be Munching Monday and Chomping Tuesday which will commence Tuesday 25 August. There will be prizes for the most interesting nude food lunches next Monday and Tuesday. Thank you to all families for your support with packing Nude Food lunches. Some families have already made the change to providing Nude Food lunches everyday. A fantastic effort!

Well done to Prep J and 4A for having the most nude food lunch boxes last week. They enjoyed fruit platters provided by the environment group.

Thank you to the parents who attended the Nude Food workshop and to Sarah Bath for conducting the workshop. The parents and toddlers enjoyed the nude foods that they prepared.

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*Thank you Altona Green!*

It turned out to be a really lovely social morning where we chatted and swapped ideas, including recipes our kids loved -and how to sneak a few extra foods onto our kids plates!

Sarah spoke of how, with a little organisation, we could convert a few lovely, whole foods into tasty lunchbox meals that are protein and mineral rich. These foods turned out to be very cheap to make and so delicious to eat! We were very happy customers!! The ‘fussy’ four-year olds of the group were too!

Kind regards,

Tanya Liggett
Commonwealth Bank School Banking Update – Please Read

Concerns have been raised regarding the ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torch’ reward item due to the inclusion of four button batteries that can be accessed by unscrewing the back of the torch.

Whilst this reward has been independently tested and deemed to meet relevant product standards the Commonwealth Bank have made the decision to proactively withdraw this item from the School Banking Rewards Program. Parents/Guardians are requested to dispose of any ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torches’ their child may have already received as part of the Rewards Program. Students who have previously received a ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torch’ are welcome to redeem an alternative reward item.

To celebrate Book Week 2015, Hobsons Bay City Council are giving schools an opportunity to win an illustrator visit in term four.

The Library Illustration Prize, encourages young people to connect to reading by making a piece of artwork inspired by their favourite book.

Queen of Peace Primary School was the winner last year with the preps enjoying a Jurassic afternoon with zoologist and illustrator Andrew Plant, drawing dinosaurs and plant life. This year it could be our school with our chosen illustrator.

For more information about the competition and individual/class entry forms please visit the library website http://libraries/hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au

2015 AFL Victoria Girls Cup – Hobsons Bay

Altona Green Primary School, AFL Victoria, the Western Bulldogs and the Sunshine SEDA group are partnering to offer a fabulous leadership day for our female Year 5 and 6 students. During the day our students will have the opportunity to make new friends, learn new skills, encourage one another, and work towards a common goal. The Western Bulldogs will be providing giveaways and prizes throughout the day. This event has been organised to give girls an opportunity to develop their leadership and AFL footy skills in a safe and fun environment. There will be a competitive element on the day, with an overall winner being decided over a round robin format. All students, no matter their AFL footy experience, will be able to participate on the day.

Anna Zipevski (5/6 Teacher)
LAVERTON CRICKET CLUB
JUNIOR INFORMATION AND SIGN ON DAY
SUNDAY 30 AUGUST & SATURDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 10AM—12NOON
LAVERTON PARK OVAL—Cnr Merton St & Hall Ave, Altona Meadows

All new and current players—boys and girls
We are looking for young cricketers aged 5—17½ to join our club.
MILO CRICKET, UNDER 11’s & CUBS, UNDER 13’s UNDER 15’s & UNDER 17’s
For more information or to register please visit...