A message from Karen…….

CURRICULUM DAY
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 9
STUDENTS ARE NOT REQUIRED AT SCHOOL ON THIS DAY

Staff changes:
I have recently informed our School Council that after 20 years as principal of AGPS, I will be retiring at the end of the year. I have made this announcement early so that the school is in the best position to advertise and fill the vacancy, therefore having continuity of leadership. School Council, assisted by the Education Department’s Regional Office, can now undertake the selection process for a new Principal in Term 4. On Monday at the next School Council meeting, they will begin that process by preparing the criteria for the position. The successful applicant will take up their new position at the start of the 2016 school year.

Extra-curricular Activities:
Our school has always tried to provide a variety of playground experiences through our grounds development as well as providing some lunchtime activities/extra-curricular programs when possible. Our 5 week tennis and badminton programs for this term finished last week. This gave students across Yrs. 2-6 access to these skills-based sessions. After assisting in the supervision of the Wednesday tennis group, I can vouch for the enthusiasm, skill development and enjoyment that the children had. I know that Gareth Mclean is in the process of organising some activities for next term, with different groups. I noticed on our weekly calendar that there was an ICT Club yesterday in our library and of course our Running Club is becoming more and more popular. Nola rounded up all the would-be-knitters this week as she has an interesting knitting project planned.

AFL Victoria Cup
Even though my footy team is out of finals contention for the year, that doesn’t mean my interest in AFL has waned. It has actually been given a boost with the Women’s League getting more attention. How wonderful it was to see our Yr. 5 and 6 girls return from representing AGPS in the AFL Victoria Cup tournament held in Newport last Friday. You could easily see the confidence and enjoyment from the group on their return.
Have Your Say on Victoria’s Youth Policy
Do you know a young person between 12-14 years of age? Then tell them they need to share their views and help shape the future. New policy, aimed at improving government support for young Victorians, is being developed through consultation across the state. Input is needed to ensure that everyone’s voice is heard. These ideas and insights will help shape the youth policy and improve the way services are provided to young people. To have their say, please see: Youth Central – What’s Important to YOUth Survey.  http://youthcentral.survey.sgizmo.com/s3
The online survey closes on 31 October.

Problem solving
Sometimes there are times when parents approach other parents in the yard about a playground issue. This is not the course of action that our school, or any school supports. The Altona Green Primary School Community is a Restorative Practice site. This means that we actively work together to repair or restore situations and relationships after harm perceived or otherwise has been done. We ask that parents first meet with their child’s teacher. In doing so, parents can expect that their concern will be responded to in a courteous, respectful and timely manner and that staff will work in partnership with them to resolve their concern.

Tomorrow is our Big Boy’s Breakfast morning. I hope that all dads, grandpas, uncles, big brothers enjoy their time with our students. Unfortunately I am required at another school for the day so will miss the event. Thanks in advance to all who have organised it and supported it. Hope all the dads, bas, otacs, babas, fathers, daddies, pops, poppas, papas, pais, papas, babbas, babbas and opas, “Enjoy their special day on Sunday!” It is a time when we acknowledge all the males in our students lives.

Karen O’Dowd

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

We look forward to seeing all who have replied and will be attending the B.B.Q. Breakfast this Friday.
Please be aware that only students who are accompanied by an adult are able to attend.
Staff supervision of the yard commences at 8.45am

“Trent Anderson- School Council President
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.

DIVISIONAL ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The following students have progressed through to the Division Athletics Championships to be held at VU Athletics Complex on September 15.

Tui Huta: 100m, High Jump
Ella Hickmott: 200m
Kai Logan: Hurdles, Long Jump
Junior Taufa: Shot Put, Discus
Finlay Chachs: High Jump
Addis Phan: Hurdles
Kai Pennings: 100m, High Jump
Jazzlyn Zadel: 800m
Peni Falepaini: Shot Put, Triple Jump
Danii Plekhov: Triple Jump
Sara Nicol: High Jump

We wish them every success in their endeavours.

BOOK TALK

This week is the last week of library borrowing for Term 3. Please return all library books back to school once you have finished reading them.

Congratulations to the following students who have recently completed their Reading Challenge: Joanne Tangbe 2C, Ella Stewart Prep V, William Farrington 1T, Austin Best 2E, Walter Craig 2E, Tia Hobbins 2E, and Olivia Anderson 3A—Fantastic effort everyone!

Also a big thank you to Jakob Sabotkoski from 4D for his book donation for the library.

Trish
LOST & FOUND

Do you recognise these glasses? We have 2 pairs of reading glasses in the office. If your child has lost them please come and collect them.

SUN HATS

Sun hats are to be worn from September 1 until the end of April.

INDONESIAN WORD OF THE WEEK

ibu
Means "mum"
or "Miss/Mrs"
in Indonesian.
CLASSROOM CLIPPINGS

Prep
During the term the Preps have been designers. Lillie made a letter box and placed it in front of her house for the Postie to post letters. She was pleasantly surprised to arrive home from school to find a letter was inside!

Some families have found it difficult to access the Hobsons Bay Library website. Please see eLearning news to access site.

Grade 1
During the last two weeks the grade ones have put on their “chef’s hat” and prepared some healthy snacks as part of our Inquiry topic “Healthy Me”. We have made fresh and juicy Fruit Kebabs and scrumptious Apricot and Oat Balls. Please remember to bring $1 to school so that we can purchase the ingredients.

Grade 2 & 3
On Monday 14 September at 2.30pm, the 2/3 community would like to invite parents from different cultures to assist us in creating 'welcome' signs in their language which will be displayed in the front office foyer. If you are interested in joining us, please contact your classroom teacher.
As it is coming to the end of term, could you please ensure that all library books are returned to school by next week.

Grade 4
Our swimming program is almost at an end for another year and our students are very tired. Well done to our swimmers! Thank you to our parents who have supported the program by coming and watching their children. We would like our families to start saving any empty cardboard boxes suitable for construction activities. Please ensure that all items are clean and ready to use in the classroom. These will be used during Inquiry time.

Grade 5 & 6
Our students have been enthusiastically participating in many extra-curricular activities. The tennis and badminton programs during lunchtime and the whole-school swimming program have given our students opportunities to develop their sporting skills and fitness. We have just had the District Athletics Carnival in which a record number of students participated this year. Last week our Year 5 and 6 girls were involved in the AFL Victoria Girls Cup (Hobson’s Bay Division). We are very proud of the achievements of all our students who continue to represent themselves and our school with the KEFAR values.
E-SMART WEEK
During National e-Smart week, 7 - 11 September, we would like to bring together the whole school to celebrate that we are an e-Smart school.
On Friday September 11 at 12.45 pm, we will create a large 'e' within the school grounds. We hope to have students wear their house colour t-shirts on this day to decorate the 'e'.
A photo will be taken which will be displayed at the front office at a later date.

eLearning News
If your child is a member of the Hobsons Bay Library they can use their membership number to access a number of online resources through the library website http://libraries.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au
Resources are located in the Children and Parents link within the e-library tab.

HEALTHY TOGETHER—VICTORIAN ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM
As part of Altona Green Primary School working towards accreditation for Healthy Together Victorian Achievement Program, we would like to encourage parents to complete the following survey. This short survey will provide us with information for future planning for our school.
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/W6FHT2Q
Thanks,
Tracey & Eugene

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN PROGRAM
The Woolworths Earn & Learn Program ends next Tuesday September 8. Once you have completed your sticker sheet place it in the collection box in our school’s foyer or if you have any lose stickers please hand them to Jenny in the office and she will stick them onto a sheet. Thank you for your support to help our school earn valuable resources which will no doubt make a significant difference!

LOST PROPERTY
Just a reminder that the lost property tub which is located outside the gym will be cleared out over the next few days and any named items of clothing will be returned to your child.

WRAP FREE WEDNESDAY
From next week, there will be 3 Nude Food Days a week; Munching Monday, Chomping Tuesday, and Wrap Free Wednesday. Students will receive 10 house points on these days for their Nude Food lunch boxes. The grade with the highest Nude Food lunches over the 3 days will win a fruit platter.
Thank you to our families for your support with our Nude Food lunchboxes. You are making a difference to our school grounds and our students’ eating habits. Last week, the environment group found only 1 wrapper outside on our Nude Food days.
These are the winners for the most interesting Nude Food lunches last week; Kim Prep D, Attah Prep J, Arjun Prep V, Cooper Prep S, Angus 1N, Joseph 1M, Frankie 1T, Maria 2C, Skylah 2E, Laukynn 3A, Tiffany 3L, Mason 4A, Emma 4D, Hannah 5/6A, Iris 5T and Ella 6S. These students won Nude Food snack boxes.
The Student Engagement and Wellbeing group will be placing items in our newsletter until the end of the year. The items will contain a number of brief social and emotional messages that can be used for families and our school community. They are designed to give you information about actions that can be taken to enhance students’ social skills and reduce student bullying.

How can families help create a supportive school culture?

Families’ role in creating a supportive school culture
Research demonstrates that efforts to change the attitudes and behaviour of students are more likely to be successful if families are actively involved and share a sense of ownership over the process.

What can you do to help reduce bullying in our school?
- Talk regularly with your children about bullying
- Encourage your children to ‘ask for help’ if they are being bullied at school
- If your children are fighting at home, help them discuss their problem and come to a mutual solution
- Encourage your children to be assertive by helping them to practise speaking in a firm but friendly way, making eye contact, looking calm and smiling and feeling good about themselves

What is bullying?
Bullying is when one or more of the following things happen AGAIN and AGAIN to someone who finds it hard to stop it from happening again.

Bullying is when a person or a group of people offline or online (mobile phone or Internet):
- Make fun of / tease someone in a mean and hurtful way.
- Tell lies or spread nasty rumours about someone to try to make others not like him/her.
- Leave someone out on purpose or not allow him/her to join in.
- Hit, kick or push someone around.
- Deliberately damage, destroy or steal someone’s things.
- Threaten or make someone feel afraid of getting hurt.

It is NOT bullying when:
- Teasing is done in a friendly, playful way.
- Two people who are as strong as each other argue or fight.
‘Shine a Light’—Book Week Performance

On Friday 21 August our school had a visit from ‘Perform Musicals’ who came to perform a musical based around some of this year’s short-listed picture story books. They were both very lively performances and some of our students were even invited up to join in. As you can see by the photos a good time was had by all!

Trish.

Thank you Trish for organising our wonderful Book Week Performance ‘Shine a Light’.
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

**Student Engagement**

“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.

“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 16 at 9am.

**BUILDING RESILIENT KIDS**

Aspire Health & Psychology would like to invite you to a free community event on Wednesday September 2 @ Laverton Community Hub, 95—105 Railway Avenue, Laverton from 7—8.30pm.

Clinical psychologist Candice Broadbent has extensive experience working with children and families and combines extensive knowledge of child development with a passion for helping kids thrive. The word ‘resilience’ describes the ability for us as people to ‘bounce back’ and cope with things get tough; to learn from our experiences rather than becoming overwhelmed by them. Candice will provide you with an understanding of the basic principles underlying resilience and provide you with tools and techniques to help your child thrive.
THANK YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL DONATORS!!!!!!

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CHARTER KRECK CRAMMER

WE RAISED $5600 FROM THE TRIVIA NIGHT!!!!!!
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:


Williamstown Baseball Club is now recruiting new junior players and their families to join the ‘Wolf Pack’. Programs offered:
- Aussie T-Ball (Ages 5—9)
- Junior Baseball (Ages 8—17)

MELBOURNE BALLPARK
Merton St, Altona
For more information and to find out how to get involved contact the club via
http://www.williamstown.baseball.com.au or Ray on 0419 750 916

Seabrook Cricket Club
Milo in 2 Cricket & Junior Registration Day
When: Saturday September 5
Time: 9.30am – 12 noon
Location: Point Cook Community Bank Branch of Bendigo Bank, Sanctuary Lakes Shopping Centre
(300 Point Cook Rd, Point Cook)

If you are interested in playing local cricket in 2015/16, then the club would like to invite you to join us and attend our Registration Day. Our Junior and Milo program caters for boys and girls of all ages. If you have any questions feel free to contact:
Junior Coordinator: Lionel Thomas – 0401 425 773
Milo Coordinators: Peter Fraczek – 0438 972 244; Sheree Fraczek – 0413 639 098
ALTONA CRICKET CLUB JUNIORS
Registration Day will be held on Friday September 4 at the Altona Cricket Club, Bluegum Drive, Altona from 6.30—8.30pm. There will be Under 11, 13, 15 and 17½ age groups.

Milo In2Cricket
Will be running for 5 to 9 year olds on Sundays 9.30—11am from 25 October to 13 December, 2015. For further information contact: 0411 117 634 or altona.ccjuniors@hotmail.com

LAVERTON JETS BASKETBALL CLUB
Girls only club!
We are now recruiting new players that will be turning 7, 8 or 9 years old in 2016.
New season starts in October, 2015
If your child is interested please contact Martin 0403 074 004 or Karen 0433 919 336 or email lavertonjets@gmail.com

THE WILLIAMSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL
CENTENARY MASQUERADE BALL
SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER AT 7:30PM
WILLIAMSTOWN TOWN HALL
“A grand gala for members of the school community past and present to come together and celebrate the conclusion of our centenary year.”

FEATURING
Live music & entertainment

TICKETS $130 EACH
Includes three course meal & drinks, taxies of 10, $1200.

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HOLIDAY PROGRAM
21-25 September 2015
5 x 30 MINUTE LESSONS FOR ONLY $70
Fast track your swimming skills by joining our 5 day HOLIDAY PROGRAM. Certificate awarded on completion.
2015 AFL Victoria Girls Cup – Hobsons Bay

On Friday the 28 August, the inaugural AFL Victoria Girls Cup – Hobsons Bay Division, was held at Bryan Martyn Oval. Over 130 girls were involved in the day. Our school entered two teams of Year 5 and 6 girls who played against Altona Primary School, St Mary’s Altona, Altona North Primary School, Sacred Heart Newport and Williamstown Primary School. This was the first year our school participated in this event.

Sunshine SEDA group looked after the coaching and umpiring on the day, which started with a 30 minute training session in the morning, before the round robin commenced. The standard of all games was exceptional, with the skills showcased providing an entertaining day of football.

The day concluded with the presentation of the Hobsons Bay Trophy for the winning team which was Williamstown. A special medallion was presented to one girl from each team who played hard and fair, with respect shown for all involved, and a team-first attitude. Stephanie and Nat were our school’s winners.

I would like to thank our students who each put 100% effort and enthusiasm into the day. They all showed the KEFAR values and further developed their leadership skills. I would also like to thank the parents who were able to support us by attending on the day. Our student teacher Jack’s effort was greatly appreciated, and added to the overall experience of our students.

Well done again to all our students who participated on the day and we hope to be involved again next year!

Anna Zipevski (Year 5/6 Teacher).