



Newsletter

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who value themselves and others.....

Calendar

FEBRUARY

4th—10th — Life Education
5th—Whole School Assembly
18th—Family Bush Dance
23rd—Parent/Teacher Interviews

MARCH

8th—School Photos
14th—Labour Day Public Holiday
21st—24th—5/6 Camp

2016 Term Dates

Term 1

28th Jan—24th Mar

Term 2

11th Apr—24th June

Term 3

11th July—16th Sept

Term 4

3rd Oct—20th Dec

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A message from Lisa.....

Welcome back to the new school year and a very special welcome to all of our new families. As most of you know Karen retired at the end of last year and I was very fortunate to be selected as the new principal. I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I started my teaching career 20 years ago. I have worked at Derrimut Heath P.S. (now called Baden Powell College), Movelle P.S., Cambridge P.S. and Bellbridge P.S. I am amazed at how well-mannered, polite and friendly our students are. Walking around the classrooms, I have been delighted to see students calm, settled and engaged in their learning. That is a huge credit to our parents, guardians and staff. Thank you to all the parents /guardians who have already stopped to say hello and introduce themselves.

On Friday at 3pm there will be a whole school assembly in Gumbuya – this is the outside covered space with the stage. All parents/guardians are welcome to attend. Prior to assembly I'd like to invite parents/guardians to meet with me for an informal 'cuppa and chat' in the staffroom at 2:30pm.

Just a reminder that all students are required to wear a hat during sport and break times. If you haven't purchased one yet you can do so at the school office.

Parking

This week the Council advised us that they have made the right side of Hoddle Way a no stopping zone. This is so that traffic can safely flow both ways through this street. They have asked us to let our families know that as of next week they will be fining cars that are parked illegally around the area. This includes cars who double park outside the school.

Also a reminder to all families, that the staff car park is only for staff. For safety reasons students are not permitted in this area. Parents and visitors are not permitted to enter the school grounds through the staff car park gate between the hours of 8am and 4pm. All visitors to the school must come through the main front gate and report to the office.



Family Bush Dance Night

On Thursday 18th February we will be holding a Family Bush Dance Night for all families to come and enjoy a social time together. It is also an opportunity for us, as a school community to welcome all our new families to our school. The night will be 'jam' packed with exciting educational fun and dancing.

PLEASE NOTE: All students will be attending a separate incursion during class time where the Blackberry Jam Bush Band members will be at school to teach the students the dances prior to the Family Bush Dance Night.

We hope all members of our school community will attend.—don't forget to put the date in your diaries. More information to follow soon.

2016 Staff List

Principal— Lisa Conibeer **Assistant Principal**—Nola Byrne
Business Manager—Tracy Henderson **Student Administration**—Jenny Armstead

HOME GROUP	TEACHERS NAME	ROOM NO.
PD	Debbie Mc Kenna	18
PJ	Janine Gardiner	17
PV	Vera Moran	16
1N	Nancy Di Tello	3
1S	Sarah Bergin	4
1T	Tina Krstevski	5
2C	Celia lao	14
2E	Eugene Korbut	12
2L	Liz McNerney	13
3A	Alana Curran	11
3S	Suada Dzaferovic	10
4A	Anna Zipevski	2
4D	Debbie Markovic	1
5/6A	Anne Rabach	8
5/6C	Carolyn Cobain	9
5/6M	Michelle Hoffman	6
5/6T	Tracey Hall	7

Specialist: Art—

Deanna Ganyu;

Music—Andrea Belfall, **Indonesian**—Amanda Lee; **P.E.**—Gareth McLean

Literacy Intervention—Janet Conlan; **Kitchen Specialist**—Sarah Bath; **Garden Specialist** - Carolina Cordeiro

Teacher Aides: —Ann De Lima; Carly Challenger; Sharon Stevens; Jo Wood

Cleaning Staff—Kelly, Tala & Tom Cameron **Gardener**—Konnie Christke **Maintenance**—Gerry Romanyk

School Council Elections

School Council is the school's governing body made up of parent and staff representatives. Parent and staff reps are elected for two year terms. Around half of the positions on School Council expire at the end of each year.

Our 'retiring' parent councillors for this year are: Jo Tyers, Chris Trimbonias, Sue Downey and Trent Anderson.

The 'retiring' staff reps are Janine Gardiner and Nancy Di Tello.

Therefore we have 4 parent vacancies and 2 staff vacancies. All retiring members are welcome to renominate.

All parents of students at our school are able to nominate for School Council. Parents wishing to stand for School Council may nominate themselves or be nominated by another parent of the school. If the number of nominations exceeds the number of vacancies an election will take place.

Nominations are now open.

An election notice is included in this newsletter and will also be available in the foyer of the office. Nominations for School Council will close at 4:00pm on Thursday 11th February.

Being on School Council requires attending two meetings twice each term (a sub committee meeting and a School Council meeting). School Council currently meets on Monday evenings at 6:30pm. Meetings are usually 90 minutes in duration.

As a school councillor you will have an active say in the leadership of the school. School Council has a number of very important roles including:

- Determining the general education policy of the school
- Overseeing the school's four-year strategic plan and annual implementation plan
- Reporting to the school community
- Approving and monitoring the school's annual budget
- Exercising a general oversight of the buildings and grounds
- Overseeing fundraising for the school
- Promoting parent engagement
- Promoting a positive school environment

Schedule 4: Notice of Election and Call for Nominations

An election is to be conducted for member of the School Council of:
Altona Green Primary School

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4:00pm on Thursday 11th February 2016.

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	TERM OF OFFICE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS
Parent Member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2016 to and inclusive of the date of declaration of the poll in 2018.	4
DET Employee Member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2016 to and inclusive of the date of declaration of the poll in 2018.	2

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

Lisa Conibeer

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

If you have a Health Care Card/Pension Card that is valid on the first day of term (27th January, 2016) you are eligible to apply for the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund.

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for your children. If you haven't completed the application form please come into the office with your health care card so we can copy it. This form needs to be completed every year.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

We are hoping to have a second hand uniform sale shortly. If you have any items of uniform you no longer require please feel free to leave them at the office. When we have enough uniform we will advise you of the date of the sale.



VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

We are looking for 10 volunteers to change the linen on the beds in the first aid room on a Friday afternoon. The clean linen can then be returned some time the following week. If we have 10 volunteers, it would mean that you would only have to wash the linen 4 times a year.

We would really appreciate your offer to help. Please drop by or phone the office to leave your name with Jenny on 9360 0777. Thank you

CHANGE OF CLOTHES / TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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.



If you have changed your telephone numbers (home/mobile/work) or address could you please advise the office.

Thank you to all the parents who are ringing the school to advise of the child/rens absence.

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School Banking

This year, School Banking are giving you the chance to win a family trip to Australia Zoo, where you'll meet Bindi & Robert Irwin. To enter you simply make 15 or more deposits by the end of term 3 and you will automatically receive an entry into the competition.

**School Banking day is each TUESDAY
and will commence on the 9th February, 2016**

CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION SUPPORT—INTEGRATION AIDE/TEACHER AIDE

This program will equip participants with the skills and knowledge to support students with additional leaning needs in primary, secondary and specialist settings. The program will be held each Wednesday at the Wyndham City Civic Centre from 9.00am—3.30pm on the following dates:

- February 10, 17, 24,
- March 2, 9, 23,
- April 13, 20

For more information regarding this course please call 9905 2911 or monash.edu/education/shortcourses