Welcome back to the new school year and a very special welcome to all of our new families and our prep students who are starting school for the first time on Monday. Our students seem very happy to be back and they have all settled well into their new classrooms.

This week we also welcome new staff to our school community – Vicki Finlay (Prep F), Simon Payton (3/4S), Natalie Calleja (5N), Annie Malesic (Performing Arts) and Carla Murray (Visual Art) and we also welcome Hayley Robertson (Indonesian) back from family leave.

As we begin a new year it’s a good chance for some reminders:

- Please make sure all of your child’s belongings are labelled clearly with their name.
- We are a ‘nude food’ school. Please don’t send food with wrappers to school. We now have crates outside all classrooms so children can put their named containers in them to avoid getting lost.
- The staff car park is only for staff. Students are not permitted to walk through this area as it’s not safe.
- Any visitors to the school must come through the main front gate and report to the office.
- We very much value support from families. If you or a family member would like to assist please apply for a Working with Children Check (this is free). Once you receive your card please bring it to the office so that we can photocopy it and keep it on file.
- Terms 1 and 4 are hats on terms. All students are required to wear a hat during sport and break times. Hats (as well as other uniform items) can be purchased from the office.
- Any students who arrive after 9:00am must sign in at the office and collect a late pass.

**Term 1 Assembly Dates**
Assemblies are held fortnightly on Fridays at 2:45pm. The dates for this terms assemblies are:
10th February, 24th February, 10th March and 24th March.

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 2:20pm.
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: Susan Campbell-Wright, Dan Robson, Rachel Johnstone and Nathan Arundell.
The ‘retiring’ staff reps are Sarah Bergin and Nola Byrne.
On behalf of school council I would like to thank these members for their time and their support.
Therefore we have 5 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 16th February.
Being on School Council requires attending two meetings, twice each term (a sub committee meeting and a School Council meeting). School Council 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 16th February 2017.
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:

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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.
# STAFF LIST FOR 2017

Principal  
Lisa Conibeer  
Assistant Principal  
Nola Byrne  
Leading Teacher  
Rochelle Yates  

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Art  
Carla Murray  
Art Room  
Indonesian  
Hayley Robertson  
Cottage  
Performing Arts  
Annie Malesic  
Music Room  
Physical Education  
Suada Dzaferovic  
Gym  
Treehouse  
Janet Conlan  
Grade 1 Withdrawal Room  

Business Manager  
Tracy Henderson  
Student Administration  
Jenny Armstead  
Education Support  
Carly Challinger  
Michelle Coote  
Ann De Lima  
Tamara Scales  
Sharon Stevens  
Jo Wood  

Kitchen Specialist  
Sarah Bath  
Garden Specialist  
Trish Sibley  
Maintenance  
Ian Henderson  
Cleaning Staff  
Kelly Cameron  
Tala Cameron  
Tom Cameron
MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

We still have a large amount of students who have not returned their medication to school eg: ventolin & spacers, Epi Pens. Please return your child’s medication to school and complete the ‘Medication Request Form’ at school as we are unable to supply any medication without written consent. If your child does have asthma, we also require an up to date Asthma Management Plan.

SCHOOL BANKING PROGRAM

School Banking is each Tuesday and will commence this Tuesday 7th February.

If your child doesn’t already have a youth saver account with the Commonwealth Bank, parents can open a Youth Saver Account online by visiting: commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver Account. Alternatively, parents can visit any branch.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

If you have a Health Care Card that is valid on the first day of term (30th January, 2017) 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 child. If you haven’t already 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.

WHOLE SCHOOL BOLLYWOOD NIGHT

Our school will be holding its annual Family Night and this year’s theme is ‘Bollywood’. Keep your eyes out for a notice that will be going home shortly with further details.

Make sure you have ‘Konnective’ as information and reminders are placed on this app to keep you updated.