Dear families

The end of the year is approaching at a rapid pace and I know our children and staff are beginning to see the upcoming holiday break on the horizon. It is at this time of the year that family events increase and life is a little busier for everyone. Please take the time to enjoy these last weeks of the year; it truly is a time of reflection for learning. Our teachers are currently writing the end of year reports and it is great to hear them share just how far the children have developed in their learning over the year. Most children have reached their goals and others have far exceeded them.

Our Year 9’s in particular are excited about their special end of the year events and I am sure their graduation dinner will be a huge highlight of 2015. These students entered Year 7 at the same time as I began my role at the college. It has been wonderful to watch them grow and learn over the last three years and now shining as our leaders. They each have their own vision for the future and I know they will be able to achieve what they dream of with personal determination. I know they have been very well prepared for their future schooling by the staff here at the college and I am sure like past students they will return to keep us up to date with their personal endeavours.

We spoke of our Preps at our staff meeting this week. We laughed as we recalled the early tears over simple things that seemed important then, or the afternoon naps that were needed and…. just look at them now. They are writing, often pages, reading, following routines and really stepping up in preparation for year one. It is great to watch them in the yard with our Steps to Prep children who are about to begin their educational journey. We can’t wait to see how far they too will travel in the coming year.

In the next fortnight our Year 9’s will be commencing their transition to their senior secondary schools. They will be spending up to 3 days to get to know their new school environment, programs and teachers. Our new Year 7’s will attend the college on the 8th of December for their orientation session. Next week Altona Primary School Year 5 students will also be making a visit to our college to enjoy a day in the life of a secondary student.

In the last week of school we will be holding a step up day for our current students with their 2016 class teacher. The students will know their class group and teacher by the end of the college year.

On Monday evening I attended the Department of Education and Training South Western Region and the Department of Health and Human Services West Division Celebration of Educational Achievement 2015 at Flemington Racecourse. I was delighted to celebrate with Cloe Mula from Year 9 who was a recipient for an award for her extraordinary commitment to her studies. Chloe is passionate about a future career in medicine. She had wonderful determination, energy and focus given some challenges she has faced. I extend my congratulations to Cloe on behalf of the school community.

Our final school assembly will be held on Thursday December 17th at 9:10 in the gymnasium. This is a celebration of achievements throughout the year and our formal awards ceremony. The college captains will be addressing the final assembly. We will be recognising our Year Prep students on the completion of their first year of education at the college and our Year 9 leaders before their departure. Please keep the date free in your diary, it is great to see as many families as possible represented at this event.

Enjoy a relaxing weekend

Julie Krause (Principal)
Over the last fortnight, 1/2B have done lots of learning and had fun whilst doing it. We have been reading The Twits by Roald Dahl and using all of the reading strategies we have learnt to help us understand the book. Devon says, “The Twits are old and dirty people. I like reading the book!” Here are some visualisations students have done of Mr Twit’s beard and their predictions of how Mrs Twit is going to be stretched.

On Tuesday 24th November, the Preps for 2016 had their last visit. We read stories to them outside in the shade and finished off our session playing a game with them. Emily says, “The new Preps are all funny.” Sam C says, “They are funny and cute! When we played Duck, Duck, Goose, everyone had a good time together, even when some of the students fell over.”
In Inquiry, students created a poster of how to be safe around water. Here are the posters that we created.

As part of our Inquiry on “What makes a happy and healthy me?” we have looked at Kindness. As we come to an end to our unit, the students of 1/2B have decided to extend their Kindness out towards animals and are collecting items for a non-profit, pro-life animal shelter (Pet’s Haven). If you would like to be part of our Kindness project and donate items for this wonderful organisation they can be given to any student in 1/2B or brought directly in to my classroom. Items can include, blankets, food, cat litter, toys, treats, etc. Thank you for your act of kindness. Click on the QR code to find the website for Pets Haven for any other information about this organisation.
Year 6 Kinder visit

Year 6 went to Altona West kinder as part of their Inquiry project on physical health.
Year 7 Italian Excursion

On Thursday the 19th, Year 7 went to Lygon Street for a day to enjoy some Italian culture. First, we went to Brunetti’s to enjoy morning tea, which was either cake or a cannoli! We then walked to La Cacciatora, a pizzeria in Carlton, for what was a stunning pizza lunch. Finally, to round off the day, we had gelato which was also amazing.

Thank you to Mr Moore and Mrs Neville for coming out with us on this amazing excursion. A big thank you must also go to Prof. Simona for organising the day and every minor detail that went with it, to make the day run smoothly.

Finn Hourigan
7B

Pizze per Pranzo alla Cacciatora

Merenda at Brunetti
2016 Year preps
2015 Educational achievement recipient Cloe Mula
Year 5/6 Update

Year 5/6 students have started reciprocal reading in Year 5/6. They are working together in expert groups, reading a shared text.

Below is a photo of the Slam Poetry final. Congratulations to all students, they all did extremely well when presenting their poems to Middle Years students, we are very proud of them.
In Writing we have been learning about different forms of poetry. This week students have written some metaphorical poems out their families. See below:

**Family**

My mum is the sunshine shining on me,
My brother is the devil but an angel at times,
My uncle is the gentle breeze blowing on me,
My aunty is the moon watching over me at night,
My Nan is the gentle current slashing on me,
My pop is the wind brushing on my face,
I’m the weather that pushes us together.
By Kate O’Halloran

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**My Family**

My family is a jaguar.
My mum is the tail always keeping the balance,
My brother is the spots, doesn’t help at all, but makes it look better.
My uncle is the legs, super sporty and always willing to run.
My Dad is the eyes always looking out for potential dangers.
My aunty is the hair always fresh and beautiful.
and,
My grandmas are the heart the most loving one and the centre of the family.
By David de las Cases Berlanga

**The Human with the Pencil and the Calculator**

My Dad is the brain of my family
My Mum is the heart of the body and keeps my Dad going.
My Brother is the pencil, sometimes sharp and sometimes dull
And me, I’m the calculator quick and smart, and sometimes fragile.
By Bren Basilio 5/6B

**The Masterpiece**

There are always 5 important things to do a masterpiece. 5 important things to make great art.

Pencil. My eldest brother is a pencil, always trying to put his own ideas into some things, carelessly. Dull and grey. But gives a great outcome when finished.

Eraser. Josh, the second eldest is a rubber, quiet and cold. But, he’s the one who always opposes the pencil’s ideas.

Outlining Pen. My Dad does the outline, making the pencil more decent and formal. Finishing the deal, with everyone agreeing.

Colouring Tools. To finish it off, my mum does the colouring. Makes everything vivid and colourful. Rose-coloured and bright.

Paper. And lastly, I’m the paper. Calm and quiet. Always there, letting the tools draw something good out of me.

My family is a masterpiece. Started with a just an idea, finished off with great art.

Eloisa Fajardo
5/6B
## School news

### Upcoming Excursions and events

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Altona P-9 College is excited to announce that we are launching a Smartphone app called **Updat-ed** that will make connecting with you so much more convenient.

**Using our interface couldn’t be easier.**

Short messages from the college are pushed out to the App in the ‘Updat-ed’ section. This stores the 25 most recent messages and deletes any older than that.

Event alerts are sent. These can be synced instantly to your smartphone calendar from a simple prompt.

Access relevant links for online purchasing such as JB Education Laptop Portal, Booklists and Uniform Ordering.

Access college newsletters

Access XUNO Parent Portal

To download the **FREE** app just visit the App Store for iPhones or Google Play for Android’s. Search for **Updat-ed** and from the menu select our college. We’ll receive your registration request and will need to approve you before your app is up and running.

We hope you enjoy being **Updat-ed**.
Altona P-9 College
2016 Student 1:1 Laptop Program

Students in 2016 are required to obtain one of the carefully selected options for the 'Managed BYOD' program. The Lenovo 11e series selected meet the needs of our students, our teaching and learning philosophy and our college infrastructure.
JB HiFi’s Education branch will handle the program with all business conducted directly with them.
JB Education have a developed a portal specifically for our college for parents to access and place their order.

How to order...
• Visit the JB HiFi personalised portal for Altona P-9 College...

• Enter the school code ... ALT2016

1. Select Laptop Program
2. Read payment options carefully, select device of choice
3. Select carry case (optional)
4. Select 3 Year Warranty (compulsory)
5. Select Insurance Option (Accidental Damage 3 Years recommended)
6. Select ‘School Pick Up’ as delivery option
7. Select Payment Option (Pay Upront & Once Credit cheapest options)

8. Pick Up from Altona P-9 College on Book Collection day... Wednesday 27th January 2016 (A-J) 9:30-11:30am
   (L-Z) 12:30pm-2:30pm

PLEASE NOTE: The initial ‘Start-up’ of your laptop will occur by our computer technicians prior to pick-up to ensure it is ready.
Be a Sweetheart in 2016...

Did you know that Valentine’s Day shares its birthday with International Congenital Heart Disease Awareness Day? In 2016 HeartKids Victoria/Tasmania is asking schools to help them mend some broken hearts.

Every day in Australia, eight babies are born with Childhood Heart Disease (CHD) and 50% of these infants will require lifesaving surgery before their first birthday. Sadly though, four precious lives are lost each week. HeartKids is there to support these heart children and their families.

On Friday 12th February 2016 Altona P-9 College will participate in HeartKids Sweetheart Day campaign and hold a “dress in red and blue” out of uniform day to raise funds for Heartkids.

HeartKids needs your help to raise one million dollars to fund desperately needed support for heart children and research into Childhood Heart Disease.
Christmas Book Fair

Once again it's Book Fair Time!

This year we are having our Christmas Book Fair from Monday 30th November to Friday 11th December. The theme is:

'Under the Sea – Explore an Ocean of BOOKS!

Everyone is invited to come along and visit the Book Fair located in the Prep to Year 4 Early Years Building. Books will be on sale between 3.05 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. after school each day of the Book Fair.

Once again, we hope to see everyone supporting the Book Fair as the proceeds from book sales go to increasing our Literacy resources for the students. This means we can offer a variety of new books to improve the range of Picture story books, chapter books and information texts, plus other reading material.

Through community support, sales commission from our May Book Fair benefited the school with a variety of reading resources, to the value of $400.

A special Book Reading - Activities session with afternoon tea is planned for Thursday 3rd December. Everyone is invited to come along to the 'Early Years' building from 3.05 to 4.00pm, to enjoy this session with P - 4 teachers, plus some of our Year 9 Students and our special 'Mystery Book Fair' guest!

Other special features include a drawing competition, a guessing competition and a lucky door prize, plus a 'Mature Reads' section, stocked with a great range of books suitable for upper primary and secondary years students.

Eftpos credit card facilities will be available for Book Fair sales.

Come along, enjoy the Book Fair and support your child's interest in reading. It's a great opportunity to select some early Christmas gifts.

Hope to see you there! Merry Christmas!
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Come and Join Holiday Fun !!!!!

All you need is a Camp Australia account to attend.

A friendly reminder that all the families are Welcome to attend the School Holiday program. For more information about our “Spooktacular” activities and bookings please log on to: www.campaustralia.com.au

Recently in OSHC we have made contribution to The Camp Australia Foundation by submitting handmade puzzles, snakes and ladders, guess the animal games for the children in Africa. Children participated with great enthusiasm.

Meanwhile having fun at OSHC we have started practicing some good things like:-

- Good Speaking / listening Skills and also using appropriate language and behaviour while talking to elders and friends. We are also rewarded for good behaviour.

- Hand washing before and after meals.

- We are also doing cooking every week like truffles, make your own fruit platter, Jelly and Chocolate Rice Crackles.

- Washing our own dishes to encourage Cleanliness and Helping habits.

- We also have a quite time for half an hour in which we do our Homework/ Reading or Writing.

- We have been doing lots of Arts and Crafts activities and we have new ideas, we share it with our friends.

- Last but not the Least we have been playing lots of Indoor and Outdoor games like Word Search Competition, Puzzles Competition, Monopoly, Pictureka, Down ball, Octopus and many many more.

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Sapna Sudan (Coordinator)
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Mina loves colour too! Speak to the onsite Coordinator to find out what exciting fun awaits, in a specially designed program.                                                                                         |
| **Tuesday 5 January 2016** | $79.88 | Fluorescent Fever  
Ten Pin Bowling - We’ll be keeping the fun rolling, leaving nothing to SPARE                                                                                                                                         |
| **Wednesday 6 January 2016** | $70.88 | Rainbow of the Future  
Construct your very own robot that spins and makes awesome patterns and designs. Now that’s COLOURific!                                                                                             |
| **Thursday 7 January 2016** | $81.38 | Aqua-Marine  
Melbourne Sea Life Aquarium - What better way to celebrate aquamarine than with a trip to the aquarium!                                                                                                          |
| **Friday 8 January 2016** | $71.38 | Neon Summer  
Join in a disco with a difference! Shhhh!                                                                                                                                                                     |
| **Monday 11 January 2016** | $83.88 | Vibrant Games  
Inflatable World - let’s bounce into an inflatable world of wonder!                                                                                                                                          |
| **Tuesday 12 January 2016** | $68.88 | Going Green  
Make your own mini Green House!                                                                                                                                                                              |
| **Wednesday 13 January 2016** | $68.88 | Bright Lights  
Chinese Lanterns - Paint and decorate your own traditional Chinese lantern.                                                                                                                              |
| **Thursday 14 January 2016** | $83.88 | Yellow Brick Road  
Fairy Park - Camelot Adventure Playground  
Please arrive by 8:45am                                                                                                                                      |
| **Friday 15 January 2016** | $68.88 | It’s a Red-Carpet Show  
It’s a Dr Seuss themed drama workshop!                                                                                                                                                                     |
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Any transition period is a critical time for a young person, often evoking a variety of emotions, behaviours and concerns for both young people and their parents. For many, these transition periods are considered a major stepping stone on the way to becoming an adult.

Secondary school can be marked by several changes; young people interact with many other young people, in different classrooms, with more teachers and often with different expectations for both performance and responsibility. A well supported transition can maintain the strong sense of belonging and enable young people to continue to enjoy and succeed in school and everyday life.

Presented by Sharon Witt, a dynamic educator, author and speaker. Sharon has authored 12 books for young people including the best selling Teen Talk Series and Girlwise series. She is also the author of Surviving High School.

This Parenting Forum is free for all parents, guardians and workers who live, work or study in Hobsons Bay.
**GIRLS TO THE FRONT** is a new *Women’s Circus* program focused on providing space for **young women aged 12-17 years old** to move, be heard, share ideas and stories and develop confidence and leadership skills. This program is designed and delivered by *Women’s Circus* expert team of Circus Trainers and Theatre Artists specifically for young women.

ENROL NOW and join the CIRCUS

Contact the Women’s Circus:
* e: info@womenscircus.org.au
* t: 9687 3665
* w: www.womenscircus.org.au
You’re invited to attend

A Workshop:
Talking with Your Child about Alcohol and Drugs

At some point we have all sat down with our parents for ‘the talk’. It’s not always easy, but learning about sex is an important conversation that every parent and child should have. But what about ‘the other talk’—a conversation about alcohol and other drugs?

The Australian Drug Foundation is holding a free workshop to help parents have ‘the other talk’. Parents are still an important and trusted source of information for young people and play a crucial role in children’s future decision making.

The Other Talk workshop discusses real life situations, covers some of those uncomfortable questions and provides you with basic alcohol and drug information so that you can have ‘the other talk’ confidently and effectively.

Who should attend?

• Parents and guardians of children aged 8-15 years.
• Teachers and professionals who work with young people.

Workshop details

Date: Tuesday 1 December 2015
Registration: 6.00 pm
Workshop: 6.30–8.30 pm
Location: Altona North Community Library
Cnr Millers and McArthurs Roads
Altona North 3025
Refreshments will be provided
For more information
Telephone: 03 9611 6100
Email: adf@adf.org.au

Why should I attend?

• Learn how and what age to talk with your child about alcohol and drugs
• Learn how to manage real-life situations involving your child
• Get the facts and learn the myths

How do I register? altonanorthtot.eventbrite.com.au

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