Dear families

Our book week celebration was certainly a highlight during this past fortnight. I thank all our students who joined in the spirit of the day and ensured it was memorable. Our year seven minions certainly put some planning into their costumes and it really was a case of “Where’s Wally” with the staff. Thank you to our families who joined us for the parade in the afternoon which finished the day on a high. The buddy reading activity across the college certainly warmed us all on what was a wet and miserable day weather wise.

An invitation is extended to all our year five and six families to our 2016 year 7 information night on Wednesday September 16th. The presentation will begin at 6:00pm. We will be outlining the curriculum program for next year and confirming arrangements for our one to one laptop and camping program. Mr Moore will demonstrate how we are using eLearning resources across the curriculum to ensure our students are tech savvy as they move into the future. We are certainly proud of the opportunities available to our secondary students and we look forward to sharing it with our new and existing families. We have two full year seven classes for 2016.

Last Friday was Principal’s Day and Mr Kelly and I were delighted to receive some lovely notes, cards and messages from students across the college. Our middle year’s students demonstrated their use of google chrome technology emailing blogs and special messages. We were certainly humbled by the celebration and pass our appreciation onto the staff that organised a celebratory morning tea. Our early year’s students got together for a group photo which I have included in this newsletter. Thank you everyone, your thoughts were appreciated.

During this fortnight we have also celebrated ES month. Our ES staff include Wendy and Simone in the administration office and integration aides, Priya, Amy, Rhonda, Lynne, Dione and Jane O. They certainly keep our school humming. The care provided to our students is outstanding during breaks and in the classroom. Thank you to our ES staff and we hope you enjoyed your special morning tea.

Term 3 concludes on Friday September 18th. School will close at 2:15pm on that day for the term vacation. Our final newsletter will be sent home on Thursday 17th. We will hold a whole college end of term assembly at 1:30pm to celebrate achievements throughout the term.

Year 5 students from Seaholme Primary School visited the college last week to experience a day in the life of a year 7. They certainly enjoyed the activities and the canteen was also a highlight. Further school visits are planned for term 4.

Our excited preps headed to Altona West Kindergarten on Thursday on a local walk and read to the kinder children. They certainly enjoyed reconnecting with the staff and loved their time back in the playground. Levi found the chicken he had nurtured during his time at kinder and his smile said it all.

It is important for the security and safety of our Staff and Students that the visitors’ protocol is followed. Please remember that all visitors to the College MUST enter via the Main Entrance off Grieve Parade and report to the Administration Office. Please do not make your way through the grounds. Visitors will be welcomed by the friendly Admin Office staff and asked to wait in the front foyer to be collected for their appointment. If you are wanting to collect students for an appointment or early departure, you are also asked to report to the General Office and your child/ren will be asked to meet you there. Parents / guardians who are assisting in classroom programs MUST sign in and out at the Administration Office. Parents are to park outside the school and not use the staff car park.

It has been lovely to hear our students leaving this week and commenting on the increasing warmth. Welcome Spring you have been missed.

Julie Krause
Cybersafety

Cybersafety refers to the way in which people behave safely and responsibly to keep themselves and their friends safe online.

Children and young people are no longer passive recipients of information that is available on the internet. They actively produce web content and publish their personal details, creative works and comments on sites such as YouTube, Instagram and Facebook.

Cybersafety issues include, but are not limited to: cyberbullying, digital reputation, sexting, social media use and problematic internet use.

If your child experiences online bullying through social media, please follow the instructions on https://www.esafety.gov.au/complaints-and-reporting/cyberbullying-complaints/social-media-services-safety-centres
This enables students to block the offender and report it to safety services.

Parent Opinion Survey

THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE FAMILIES WHO RETURNED THE PARENT OPINION SURVEY. OUR LUCKY WINNER OF A MOVIE VOUCHER IS DIALA KATRIB.

Head lice

All our early years’ students were checked for head lice earlier in the term. We have had a case reported to the administration office in the past week. Can we ask that all parents check their child’s hair regularly so any infestations can be quickly localised. They are certainly a nuisance to families.

Year 8 Semi abstract observation painting
Book Week Celebrations
Grade 5/6 Book Week Incursion

Year prep kinder visit
Year 2 and Year 7 Book Week Celebrations

‘Books that light up our world’

As part of ‘National Book Week’, students in mixed year levels came together to share their love of reading, and dress up as their favourite book character. Year 7s listened to the Year 2s read various books of their own choosing. The Year 7s were very impressed with the calibre of reading that their smaller counterparts produced.

Picture 1 (Jennifer Bennett, Tiani Barnes, Ruben Wild)
Picture 2 (Paige Richie, Ashley Pels, Lang Mineur)
Picture 3 (Kaitlyn Ringia, Phylia Yerolemou, Jordan Sweeney)

Mrs Neville and Mr Moore

Team colours fundraising day

On Thursday 17th September, Year 9 will be running a fundraiser for State Schools Relief. We would like all students are to come to school dressed in their favorite team colors, AFL, NRL, NFL, NBL, NBA, NHL, A-League, Premier League, Super League, the list goes on.....

Everyone will be asked to contribute a gold coin donation to raise money for this very important cause. The overall day will function as normal with a few activities – for a cost- on the oval at lunchtime.

More details to follow.

Mr McGee
Supported Study

Supported Study is a program that began in 2011 and offers students the opportunity (on a voluntary basis) to meet with their teachers, work collaboratively on projects or simply catch up on work. Supported Study runs after school each night of the week with the exception on Wednesday. Numbers have grown steadily over the past four years and the program is now running in both the Middle Years and Year 9 buildings.

Below are some pictures of Supported Study on Thursday 13th August, we are very proud of the efforts of our teachers’ and the school connectedness our students display.

Left: Mrs. Neville conferencing with two Year 9 students.
Right: Year 7 students working on their History project
Below: Year 8 students’ working on their Geography mapping Assessment Task.

Supported Study Times
Monday: 3:05 – 3:30
Tuesday: 3:05 – 3:30
Thursday: 3:05 – 4:50
Friday: 3:05 – 3:30

Principals Day

HAPPY PRINCIPALS’ DAY!
To see interviews with some of the Year 8s about one of their English tasks, please, visit the following link:

Matthew’s Interviews with 8A

http://bit.ly/1Kq1q0M

As well as the above-mentioned task, the Year 8s have been working their way through the difference between figurative and literal language.

We have had various lessons based around identifying metaphors in the book Falling from Grace (our novel study this term); analysing ‘every-day’ idioms and clichés in our spoken language; listening to popular songs and trying to identify metaphors and similes; and attempting to use more figurative language in our own work, to “paint a picture” for the reader/audience.

Students were required to represent some clichés or metaphors as photographs in one lesson. Are you able to work out what each image is trying to say?
Developing a Culture of Thinking

“Within a culture of thinking, students experience school as a place where thinking is valued and given time, rich opportunities for thinking abound in their day-to-day classroom experience, models of thinking are present in the form of seeing teachers and peers as fellow thinkers, and the environment is full with the documentation of thinking. Such environments not only provide for the practice of students’ thinking skills but also help them to foster an inclination toward thinking and to develop a greater awareness of thinking occasions.” (www.visiblethinkingo.net/VisibleThinking)

Why a Culture of Thinking?
With that wondering in mind, Mrs Neville and I recently embarked on a three-day learning journey at the 5th Cultures of Thinking Conference, held at Bialik College in Hawthorn. Throughout the conference, our minds were drawn to how Altona P9 College can increase opportunities for our students and the professional learning of staff. We are pleased to say that the conference affirmed and extended our understandings of a Culture of Thinking. As mentioned in previous T & L Newsletters, our Staff Professional Learning has centered around introducing teachers to Thinking Routines and to building Professional Learning Teams. As a result of the conference, we have seen an increase in the opportunities for students and staff to use routines more regularly and for staff to gather a variety of data around student learning. Such data can then be used to guide future teaching/learning.

‘What Makes You Say That?’ A Thinking Routine
One simple routine that may adapted for all facets of life (i.e. beyond the classroom walls) is designed to gently ‘press’ individuals to make visible their thinking behind a statement or viewpoint. By asking an individual (adults and children alike) ‘What Makes You Say That?’ in a direct but non-threatening manner you are valuing their thinking and encouraging them to think about their thinking.

Stay tuned for further Visible Thinking examples.

Steps to Prep
What a delight it has been to host our Steps to Prep transition program! Our pre-Prep students have shown themselves to be enthusiastic and curious learners. The program will continue on Tuesday mornings Term 3 (9-10am) & 4 (9-11am).

Slam Poetry Festival (aka Slamfest)
Altona P9 College is pleased and proud to announce that it was successful in applying for and in receiving, a Victorian Education Department Bully Stoppers Grant. This grant has enabled us to engage with acclaimed artist Emilie Zoey Baker to work with our Years 5-8 students on developing ‘Slam’ poetry. The focus on this project is increasing student ‘voice’, in particular in speaking up against inappropriate/offensive ‘cyber’ communication. Emilie and our students will be working towards a Term 4 Slamfest finale. Stay tuned for further details.

Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge
We’re almost at the end! Finalise your online reading lists by this Friday September 4th. After this date, all students will have their books verified and the challenge concludes.

ICAS
Congratulations to those students who recently participated in the English and Mathematics ICAS competitions. Results will be distributed to students as soon as they come to hand.

Kind regards,

Mrs Amanda Elmer
Year 7 – 9
History Showcase
9:15 – 10:30am
Thursday 9th September
Year 9 Learning Centre

Come and see student learning on display!

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European Imperialism
China
Shogunate Japan
The Romans
The East India Trading Company
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- 3/15 will not attend swimming on Wed 9th due to Melb Show visit.
- N/C will be on hand to travel by car to ensure boys changing is supervised for each session.
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DELIVERY DATE: 7/10/2015

DEAR PARENTS, GUARDIANS AND FAMILIES,

We are very excited this year to be using KA PIES as our supplier. Please find attached this year's PIE DRIVE order form.

KA PIES are a family owned business and their children attend our school. We are very excited to get behind this fundraising effort and share the order form amongst your family, friends and co-workers. Let us see if we can make this the BEST PIE DRIVE EVER!!!

Orders and money are not due in until the first week after the holidays; 7th of October 2015. Delivery will be two weeks later!! 21st of October 2015.

Thank you all in advance for your support.

The Fundraising Team
Alona P - 9 College
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Westcare

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www.westcarewecare.org.au
Westcare Foster Care

Holiday Care Program

What is the Holiday Care Program?

The Holiday Care Program is a new initiative by Westcare to make Fostering more accessible to people with busy schedules. It takes the pressure off individuals and families who want to make a difference in the lives of Foster Children and Young People and contribute but cannot commit to providing full time care. Careful matching and planning prior to placement ensures relationships are on the right track from the beginning and mentorship from experience carers are always available to make sure things go as smoothly as possible.

Some other benefits include: transferrable skills and sector knowledge, gateway to full time fostering, and expanded professional and social networks.

Why choose the Holiday Care Program?

The Holiday Care Program provides much needed respite and rest to current carers enhancing retention and wellbeing. It provides stability and consistency for children and young people who utilise respite on a regular basis. The relationship between Foster Child and Holiday Care Program carer is nurtured during and between visits with phone calls, visits etc. It also promotes child well-being identifying a community of people who care for them and about their safety.

We want YOU!

› If you can spare 12 weekends per year or more
› Are available for a few days school holidays
› Want to make a positive long term impact in a child's life.

We would like to hear from you. Contact Gail or Monika at Westcare on: 03 9312 3544 to start making a difference.
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STEPS TO PREP

Do you:

- Have a child starting Prep in 2016?
- Want to give them the best start to school?
- Want to be confident that they are school literacy ready?

If so, contact us @ Altona P-9 College to sign up for our free pre-prep program. Starting August 25th and running each Tuesday morning from 9-10am for the duration of Term 3 and Tuesday morning from 9-11am until Nov 24 in Term 4. Places are limited so act now.

CONTACT US:
ph: 9250 8050
@: altona.p9@edumail.vic.gov.au
www: altona.p9college.vic.edu.au
The 2016 Australian Men’s and Mixed Netball Championships will be held in Melbourne over the Easter period (Sunday 27 March – Saturday 2 April 2016).

The Victorian Men’s Netball League invites all interested players to attend the state team selections starting in August. Each team will be selected by the respective coach and a selection panel.

Three trial sessions will be held to select the Victorian Cyclones teams for the 2016 Australian Championships. Attendance at all sessions is advised to improve your selection opportunity.

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School Holiday
Basketball Camp 2015

Skill Level: ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME
Age Group: 9 to 14 years – boys and girls

The camp is designed for boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 14 who are just starting to play basketball or who are playing and would like to develop/improve their basic skills.

Students will participate in basic drills to develop their fundamental basketball skills including dribbling, passing, shooting, defence and conditioning. Student will also participate in team drills, followed by a team match.

Session Details

When: Monday 21 September
      Tuesday 22 September
      Wednesday 23 September
      Thursday 24 September

Where: Williamstown High School - Bayview Street, Williamstown
Time: 9am - 3pm (early drop-off / late pick is available)
Costs: $195.00 (or $55.00 per day)

For complete details and to register email: BTR_Australia@yahoo.com.au
"It's so much fun, we made up our own plays, I can't wait to do the next one!"
Emma, 10 yrs

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ALTONA PRIMARY SCHOOL
CENTENARY WEEK
MONDAY OCTOBER 19TH - SATURDAY OCTOBER 24TH

SATURDAY 24TH
OPEN DAY: 10AM - 1PM

Miss anything during the week?
Now is your chance to look around and relive some of the activities of the week and watch some of our kids in some special performances

DISPLAY AREAS OPEN
10am - 1pm

http://www.altonaps.vic.edu.au OR CALL 9398 2925 for details