Dear families,

Wow, another term has drawn to a close and we look forward to our celebration assembly tomorrow afternoon at 1:30pm. Families are welcome to join us in the old library; it would be great to see you there. It has certainly been a busy term, upon reflection, with many highlights: the book week celebration, numerous sporting achievements and activities, a show visit for the Year 3 and 4 students, commencement of Steps to Prep, footy day, 2016 Year 7 information evening, Father’s Day breakfast and stall, festival of performing arts and the early years swimming program to highlight a few of the numerous extracurricular activities.

In the classrooms we have introduced research based practice to develop of culture of thinking across prep to 9. This program is used by Bialik College, an independent school that repeatedly achieves some of the best VCE scores in the state. This is incorporated into all curriculum areas and students are introduced to a range of thinking routines that they can use in research and in making connections with their learning. Mrs Neville and Mrs Elmer are leading this learning.

Student learning was showcased in the middle years in history, geography and science in the past fortnight. The students invited their parents to the college to share their work and their feedback was particularly positive. The pride they demonstrated in their presentations either by dressing up, creating models, visual displays and through eLearning support is to be commended. I certainly look forward to watching our Year 7 students grow over the next two years, they will certainly achieve big things.

Our professional learning for staff has continued around developing a community of learners. You will see our teachers working with and learning from each other in classrooms. Our professional learning teams are certainly being established and have a strong focus on individual students and their achievements. It has been a busy term of learning for all.

Altona P-9 College has engaged the services of XUNO to manage much of our student data and communication. This term we have opened a Parent Portal and have allocated each family unique login details. The Parent Portal can be accessed via the link on the college website and each family will have a unique log in. The Middle Years team are trialling the system this term publishing mid semester reports on XUNO. Mr Kelly is leading this initiative.

Our teachers are embedding eLearning tools into learning from Prep to Year 9. The introduction of “google classroom” has enabled collaboration online for both students and teachers. The students are sharing their work with peers and other schools receiving constructive feedback on their learning. We certainly live in a technological world and we want our students to embrace it as a learning tool. It assists us to take learning outside the classroom and considerably increases student engagement. Our middle year’s learners showcased this to our new community members at our Year 7 information night last evening.

The college council has been discussing the use of laptop technology moving forward over the next three years. The current leasing arrangement concludes in December. On Monday evening the council agreed that the 1:1 laptop program should be extended from Years 4 to 9. This new policy which is a managed BYOD program was endorsed. The council has engaged JB HiFi as a provider. We will be holding an information session for 2016 Year 4 to 9 students early in term 4 to explain the program to families and new procedures with school booklists.

The fundraising group have supported our college well over these past weeks. The Bunnings Sausage Sizzle was a huge fundraiser with $1400 + taken. It was also wonderful to see our families support us on the day cooking the sausages and with sales. The group were certainly kept busy.

Our recent Father’s Day breakfast was well attended. It was great to see our youngest and even some of our secondary students enjoy a bacon and egg sandwich with their dads. Attendances were certainly well up on last year which was extremely pleasing. My appreciation goes to Mrs Giles, Mrs Jennings, Bendigo Bank, college staff and fundraising volunteers who made this possible.

The Victorian Government has called on families to have their say in the future directions of education. I encourage you to visit the website: http://educationstate.education.vic.gov.au/ and have your say.

Term 4 Uniform

Next term students should be in full summer uniform. This includes the college hat. Please do not send students in leggings, tights etc with their summer dress. If the day is unseasonably cold please dress your child in their full winter uniform.

Julie Krause
Principal
Year 3/4
Space Art
1/2A & 1/2B Art
Foam Prints
The Year 9 Geography Exhibition on Wednesday 9th September was a chance for our year 9 students to display their geographical inquiry skills. Each student selected a country at random (out of a hat) to research and analyse. Students collected as much data as possible to breakdown, enabling them to produce unbiased findings about that country’s situation. Students have been researching, GDP, GNI, IDP, infant mortality rates, crime statistics, weather charts, topographic maps, GIS mapping, unemployment rates and much more. They were also tasked to make connections between different data sets and hypothesise about possible causes and effects. It was fantastic the students demonstrated their learning and explained their findings and all students did
The year 7 - 9 History Showcase held on Thursday 10th of September was a chance for all students to share their learning over the past term and semester. Everyone that visited was exposed to a variety of topics/ concepts that occurred as global society transitioned from the ancient to the modern world. Students produced some amazing work and have again raised the bar for the next showcase in 2016. Below are just a few of the wonderful pieces of work on display.
The Year 1/2s have had a great time exploring Italian culture through a book called *Sogni d'Oro*. The story introduced the children to activities that were quintessentially Italian and others that were universal; we then explored the activities and vocabulary too. We have learnt the rules of bocce and have played the game using an indoor boulle set. Students loved the game, so if anyone has a bocce set at home they’d like to donate to the school, it would be much appreciated.

Year 5/6s playing an interactive quiz game to practise vocabulary in Italian.
Year 3/4 Royal Melbourne Show Excursion
As you know, our school has been participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. The program has now finished for this year, so a big thanks to everyone who supported our school. We’re now at the important stage of the program where the Sticker Sheets are collected and lodged as our Earn & Learn claim. We will then be able to get new educational equipment for our school. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. So this week, please send in your Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheets and any loose Earn & Learn stickers you may have. Remember to check your handbag, the car glove box or they maybe stuck on the fridge. Every little bit helps. Thanks again for all your support!
Check out our students’ Royal Melbourne Show Cookery Entries!

Congratulations to Sommer Habib, Rhiannon Chumbley, Bayleigh Habgood-Drake, Madeline Corke and Ethan Raymond for producing some beautiful biscuits to enter at the Show. Fingers crossed for some ribbons! These biscuits will hopefully be on display in the Art, Craft and Cookery Hall at the Show so please have a quick look if you’re heading to the show this year.

Have a fabulous holiday!

Cathie Staunton
Edible Garden Teacher & College Chaplain.
During term 3, Year 1 and 2 students have been busy with their science themed Inquiry Learning projects on the topic of ‘Sound’.

All students had to make a musical instrument, using only recycled or found objects and materials from their home or garage. Congratulations to all students and families. Your response to this project was amazing!

Here are some of the students as they presented their wonderfully creative and entertaining musical instruments to their year 1 and 2 classmates.
Year Prep — 4 Swimming
Altona P-9 College is dedicated and committed to being an eSmart school, where the smart, safe, and responsible use of information and communications technology is a cultural norm. Students, teachers, and the wider school community are being equipped to embrace the best that these technologies can offer, while being savvy about the pitfalls.

To help our school community achieve this aim, last week, all classes from Prep to Year 9 engaged in eSmart lessons, which were focused on staying safe online, and how to protect yourself and others.

To further promote the message, the students created and coordinated a photo showing the ‘eSmart’ logo!
Term 3: Get Ready For Some Sunshine These Holidays!

This Term we have all been very busy up at the Camp Australia After School Care Service. We have discussed and established some new Theme Weeks based on our interests and discussions and we have been learning new things about these Themes every week. We have also developed our Sustainability Wall filled with our ideas about what causes pollution and some of the ways we can help maintain our environment's health. We've done our best to keep up with our recycling habits and have been learning about our environment enthusiastically.

Our biggest Themes this Term were, Superheroes/heroiness and Villains Week, Space Week and Teddy Week. We had a Teddy Bear Picnic for which we brought in our teddies and pushies and we all chipped in to build a Teddy Bear Hospital and created medical equipment out of paper, pipe cleaners, Styrofoam cups and boxes. We did our best to ensure that all of our toys and teddies were well taken care of and healthy by the end of the week.

For Superhero/heroiness and Villains Week, we discussed some of the characteristics of well-known cartoon heroes and what powers we might like to have. We discussed some of the heroes and heroines we might encounter on a day to day basis and we shared our knowledge of some of the female cartoon superheroes out there that aren't as well recognised as other commercial cartoon heroes.

This Term we were also very lucky to receive some donations from Year Prep Makayla's grandmother. We were grateful to receive many new toys and even some aquatic snacks with plants after our Shrimp babies failed to hatch in time because of the cold environment.

During Space Week, we had a blast discussing Pluto's planetary status and NASA's Mars and Asteroid travel goals as well as how big the universe is. We were all in awe as we taught one another what we knew about the Universe and Space and picked up many new things. We also enjoyed creating many Space and Galaxy pictures on black paper using light coloured pencils to create a deeper Space look complete with our creations and depictions of the Universe.

We are all keeping as busy and productive as we can and we can never get enough of playing Octopus, Ball Tidy and the Playground. We are looking forward to the holidays and can't wait until next Term!

HOW TO GET STARTED
Before using our programs register online for an account. This enables you to make bookings, view your statements and manage your details anytime of the day. Registering is quick and easy. Visit www.campaustralia.com.au/newparents

Once registered
You can make bookings and cancellations, view your statements and manage your details anytime of the day.

Save on Care
Save 50% or more on Before and After School Care with the Child Care Rebate. Almost all families are eligible. To find out more call our Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343

Holiday Clubs
Don't forget about the Camp Australia Holiday Clubs these school holidays. Use the Holiday Club Finder on the website to find the nearest program: www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs

Healthy Snacks
Afternoon tea is served daily. Menus are tailored to children's tastes, developmental and nutritional needs. Afternoon tea includes a selection of yummy sandwiches and fruit. Children may also engage in fun cooking activities.
With the track & field season due to start on Saturday 3rd October, the Altona Little Athletics Centre had a visit from two of Australia’s brightest athletic stars, Morgan Mitchell and Luke Matthews.

Like Morgan who just returned from competing in China at the World Championships, Luke is also looking to qualify for the Australian team to compete at the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro.

Having started his career at Altona, Luke knows firsthand the benefits of competing on a grass track. “It’s widely accepted the softer grass surface helps a child’s development, sprint king Usain Bolt said “I think younger kids must always train on grass, because it is much easier on the body.”

With a weekly program of 5 events, the program starts at 9am and finishes around 11am. Club President Dan Shield says, “We run a quick program as we know how busy parents are these days”. “But for those who want more we have qualified coaches for all the disciplines, sprints, middle distance, jumps and throws”, says Dan Shield.

If you would like your child to realise their potential then why not consider joining the Altona Little Athletics Centre, where the key objectives are family, fun and fitness.

With the new season to commence on Saturday 3rd October, for more information please go to www.altonalac.com.au or call 0499 994 305.
# Our Calendar for September

## September 2015

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DEAR PARENTS, GUARDIANS AND FAMILIES,

Please find attached this year’s PIE DRIVE order form.

We are very excited this year to be using KA PIES as our supplier.

KA PIES are a family owned business and their children attend our school!

Please 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

Altona P - 9 College

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Become a Foster Carer

Ph: 03 9312 354

www.westcarecare.org.au

Westcare
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 experienced 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.
LIBRARY ILLUSTRATION PRIZE 2015

CONNECTING LITERATURE THROUGH ART
Be pART of it

For Prep to Year 12
From 10 August to 4 October
Cash prizes sponsored by Friends of Altona Libraries
Book prizes sponsored by Jillian Wood Bookseller

http://libraries.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au
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
em: altona.p9@edumail.vic.gov.au
www: altona.p9college.vic.edu.au
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
Be a STAR these school holidays!

Arts & Theatre Starz

Holiday Program

Discover what it's like to be a STAR in this 3 days workshop for kids who LOVE to PERFORM!

SPOTLIGHT on: Theatre * Drama * Dance *
Acrobatics * Art & Singing Workshops

PLUS:
Perform in SHOWCASE for your fans at the end of the workshop!

ENROL NOW!

Sept 29th - Oct 1st, Altona North.
BONUS: FREE Extended Day Care 8am - 6pm!

"It's so much fun, we made up our own plays, I can't wait to do the next one!"

Emma, 10yrs

SING + ACT + DANCE + PERFORM!

Entries now open for SunSmart’s secondary school photo competition!

Open to students Years 7–10

First prize: GoPro HD Hero4 Action Video Camera valued at $579 plus sunscreen gift pack

Second prize: Polaroid Z2300 Instant Digital Camera valued at $329 plus sunscreen gift pack

Third prize: Ollo lens clip for iPhone 6/6 Plus valued at $120 plus sunscreen gift pack

Every entry receives a certificate of participation.

Entries: Closing date for entries is 5pm EST Friday 20 November 2015. All entries to be emailed to comp@sunsmart.com.au

Winners will be notified by Friday 27 November, 2015.

For more information including competition terms & conditions and parent consent form, visit sunsmart.com.au/NSCAWcomp

To mark National Skin Cancer Action Week (November 15–21), SunSmart is asking Victorian secondary school students to create one powerful image to promote the message:

UV. It all adds up.

Ultraviolet (UV) radiation damages unprotected skin. And it just keeps adding up. It doesn’t matter if it’s deliberate tanning or unintentional exposure, the more time you spend unprotected in the sun, the greater your risk of skin cancer. The good news is that using a combination of sun protection measures (covering clothing, sunscreen, broad brimmed hat, shade and sunglasses) can reduce your risk.

The challenge: SunSmart is looking for one striking photographic image to communicate the 

UV. It all adds up message to young Victorians.

To enter, students must submit:

• One photographic or mixed media image. While not an essential requirement for entry, images can be annotated with slogans and catch phrases.

• Brief title for the entry.

• Accompanying artist statement (max 300 words) describing the intent of the photo and its linkage with the UV. It all adds up theme.

• Signed parent consent form available at sunsmart.com.au

Judging criteria: A show stopping photo that best conveys the message UV. It all adds up to young Victorians and inspires them to use sun protection measures.
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