Dear families

I do hope you are enjoying the lovely weather we have been experiencing. As one of the staff said today, it feels like we have progressed from a freezing winter straight to summer. Our students have certainly been sun smart since the commencement of the term and there is a sea of hats in the playground which is pleasing. Please continue to encourage them to apply sunscreen particularly on these much warmer days.

We have certainly had a very busy start to the term with all our students settling back quickly into classroom routines. It is great to see the commitment to their learning as I have toured a number of families around the college in the past fortnight.

I sent families an email yesterday regarding two information sessions on the 1:1 laptop program Mr Kelly and I will be facilitating this coming week. In 2016 there will be change to current leasing arrangements with families taking responsibility for supplying laptops for their children from Years 4 to 9. Schools in our network are facilitating similar programs with a range of suppliers. In this way we will be able to improve technology support when there are issues with devises as there is guaranteed next day service. We shared this information recently with our Year 7 parents who were pleased with the durability and quality of the devices the school has selected for the program. Our College Councillors represent a broad range of year levels across the school enabling us to consider a range of opinions in finalising our decision. School Council and the finance sub-committee have endorsed and fully support this program after in depth discussions regarding the current leasing arrangements and the need to provide up to date equipment moving into the future. The venues and times for the information sessions are included in this newsletter.

Mr Moore and some of his students will attend these sessions to demonstrate how we integrate eLearning into our teaching and learning programs. We are certainly fortunate at Altona P – 9 with our Year 7 and 8 students taking on the role of mentor to our primary year’s students. With their support the skills of our current year 3 to 6 students has increased substantially and will continue to grow into the future.

College Council have also endorsed online purchasing for our book packs for 2016. Families will need to order packs online from Maxim. Booklists with details will be sent out to families following our information sessions.

Our middle year’s parents were introduced to our XUNO Parent Portal at the end of term 3. The mid semester reports were published on this portal and were accessed by families using the link on our webpage and a unique family code. Mr Kelly will be sending home passwords to our early years families this week. Please keep this in a safe place. All school reports will be distributed via this portal and individual student data will be available in the future.

On Wednesday we farewelled Mrs Amanda Elmer who has commenced maternity leave. Our best wishes go to the Elmer family as they await their new arrival. Mrs Leslie Tulloch our consultant will support the school during Mrs Elmer’s leave. Our congratulations also go to Mr Rhett Dadswell, Kara and family on the arrival of their bouncing baby girl, Tilly. What wonderful news for the Dadswell family.

Mr Jayson Cooper has resigned from the DE & T. The position will be advertised for 2016 and we are in the process of organising a replacement for the remainder of 2015. We were delighted to receive the results of the parent opinion survey this week. The feedback endorsed strongly that we are heading in the right direction. I would like to thank all families who took time to complete the survey and provide this invaluable feedback. Our school results are certainly higher than schools similar to ours.

I look forward to our whole college “Day for Daniel’ acknowledgment on the 30th October. Mrs Giles has provided details on the day in today’s newsletter.

Enjoy a relaxing weekend.

Julie Krause
Principal
Dear families

School Council has endorsed arrangements for our 1:1 laptop program and online booklist processes for 2016 and beyond.

The original lease agreement set up in 2014 expires at the end of November and all current laptops will be returned to the provider. New arrangements have been put in place for 2016 and beyond.

One significant change is that in 2016 students in Year 4 will also be included in the 1:1 laptop program extending it from Year 4 to 9.

School Council has endorsed a managed 1:1 laptop program that will be facilitated through JB HiFi Education. Families will need to either lease or purchase their child’s laptop directly from JB HiFi Education.

Mr Kelly and I cordially invite our families to one of two information sessions available next week. We have arranged two sessions to cater for families working and non-working.

**Session 1:** Tuesday October 20 at 9:00am in the Italian Room

**Session 2:** Wednesday October 21st at 6:00pm in the Sadie McCarthy Professional Learning Centre – Enter carpark via Civic Parade. 227 Civic Parade (Brown Brick Building on site)

I envisage the sessions will run for approx. ½ hour.

Information on how to purchase the laptop and the book box will be shared at this meeting. The laptops chosen have been selected to ensure quality and durability.

Please note: Families in Year 7 who attended the Year 7 information evening will not need to attend.

I look forward to meeting with you.

Julie Krause
Principal
Celebrating all things Italo-Australian
Sunday 25th October – 11am – 9pm
Piazza Italia - Cnr Lygon St & Argyle Place, Carlton

If you’ve got some time on your hands and want to give your kids a taste of Italy, why not jump on a train and join in the festivities at this year’s Carlton Italian Festa? There are always lots of fun things going on and Italian language to be heard – not to mention yummy food to eat!

If you need to know more, visit the following website for event details and program:

www.carltonitalianfesta.org.au
Starting this week, 8A will commence working with 1/2 B. Each Thursday, in our English session, we will prepare a presentation for our 1/2 buddies, to teach them how to be safe both online and in real life.

Week 1 saw the introduction of 1/2 B to their 8A partners. Together, we sat outside with them in pairs, eating lunch together, and got to know our buddies! In week 2 we will be showing them the basics of the Google applications that we use every day. We will teach and assist them in using various programs that we ourselves utilise, such as Gmail and Google Docs.

Weeks 3 and 4 will involve ‘Stranger Danger’. Week 3 will be predominantly concerned with cyber safety, while week 4 will centre on safety in real life.

In order, the following weeks will focus on:
- Household safety
- Creating blog pages to show teachers their progress in class
- Fire safety
- Water safety
- Being Sunsmart
- Healthy Eating.

These weeks will see a multitude of activities completed. The 1/2 students will, with assistance from Year 8 students, complete tasks on Google Drawings, Google Docs, Google Sheets and Google Forms. Ideally, the Year 8 students will be able to demonstrate their proficiency in using Google applications to 1/2 B, which will, in turn, allow 1/2 B an introduction to programs that they will use in the future.

Most 8A students appear to have established a good rapport with their 1/2 B buddies! This will most certainly continue to be the case as we work with 1/2 B over the coming weeks. :)

Bon Mineur and Zoe Lazos – 8A
The College will be acknowledging the ‘Day for Daniel’ with a whole school event on Friday, 30th of October. The day is to educate children and adults about keeping kids safe through child safety and protection initiatives. It aims to help empower our children to Recognise, React and Report if they feel something is not right. The College will also be focusing on building the students sense of community and team building skills.

To acknowledge this day, we have organised a full day event with a range of fun, exciting and engaging activities for all of our students.

The day’s timetable will be as follows:

9.00am – 11.00am
   A ‘Life Be In It’ incursion (1 hour session run by the ‘Life Be In It’ team to develop team work and communication skills through fun, hands-on activities)
   A 30 minute jujitsu session with a focus on stranger danger and self-defence.
   A class session teaching students to ‘Recognise, React and Report’.

11.30am – 12.00pm
   All students will be walking with their class teachers to Logan Reserve on Pier St.

12.00pm – 1.00pm
   Students will be completing a range of fun, team building activities in their class groups.
   The Hobson Bay Youth Services workers will also be running a tug-of-war activity.

1.00pm – 1.30pm
   Sausage Sizzle organised by our Year 9 Leadership Team (Sausages on bread with sauce with a juice box.)

1.30pm – 2.00pm
   Students walk back to school

2.00pm – 3.00pm
   All students back to their classes for some mindfulness and ‘chill out’ activities.

On the day, the students will need a:
   Hat
   Sunscreen
   Drink bottle

A note for the sausage sizzle and the ‘Life Be In It’ incursion was sent home with all students last week. (The cost is $6 to be paid to the office.)

We are encouraging all students to wear RED on the day in support of the Day for Daniel

Parents are welcome to join us at Logan Reserve
Year prep work

Eating healthy makes us strong like the Hulk.
What we are doing!

On the 8th of October, both Year 7 classes visited a local organisation called Latitude (http://www.latitudedirections.org.au/). This is located near Somers Parade. This organisation provides support for youths who may be struggling with family issues and have nowhere to turn if they run into trouble at home. With the help of Latitude, young people are able to gain the skills to live independently.

The Year 7s are going to be participating in this program by preparing Christmas hampers. We are going to help the team at Latitude by creating hampers which would include food, toys, toiletry products and other items that young people would enjoy having for Christmas. We will be emailing different companies such as Coles, Woolworths and many more corporations to help us out by donating anything they would like to add to the hampers.

How you can help!

For the hampers, we are hoping to collect the following:

- Food (2 minute noodles, rice cups, canned spaghetti/soup, et cetera)
- Toiletries and sanitary products.

We are basically after anything that would make a young person’s Christmas a whole lot better.

We are looking for quick foods similar to Cheezels, two-minute noodles and little lollies such as Starburst that have an interesting shape that children can play with. Hopefully we are able to gather toiletry items such as shampoo, conditioner, shampoo for babies, roll-on deodorant, soap, body wash, razors and shaving cream.

If you are wanting to contribute food for the hampers, please make sure that the meal is quick and easy to make with a short preparation time. For instance, a packet of noodles or a meal that can be cooked in the microwave or in hot water. Drinks such as cordial and soft drinks are also much appreciated.

If you would like to donate to our Christmas hampers, please contact ebony.dumesny@altonap9college.vic.edu.au or pieta.fabricius@altonap9college.vic.edu.au.

If you would like to contact the teacher-in-charge, call Altona College’s number, 9250 8050, and ask for Joshua Moore (moore.joshua.e@edumail.vic.gov.au). We are grateful and looking forward to all great donations.

Thank you.

Check out the Latitude website as well as their Facebook page, where we are mentioned in a post!

https://www.facebook.com/Latitude-Directions-for-Young-People-226359067481792/timeline/

Ebony Dumesny and Pieta Fabricius - 7B
Dear Parents,

Welcome to Camp Australia and thank you for the privilege of working with your children!

We hope you enjoyed the holidays, and are ready to get back into school life. After having a fantastic holiday, we are back on board and excited to see familiar faces returning – as well as some new faces.

My name is Sapna Sudan and I am the new Coordinator for Altona P-9 College. I believe that children learn best through play. I try to keep our activities as fun as possible for them because I want them to enjoy their time here and they also learn the concepts much better. We will provide a fun and engaging program, focusing on children’s interests.

We will also be focusing on educational topics. Some of the topics will include;

1) Maintaining Hygiene – Including sharing and discussing ideas, demonstration of good hygiene practices and colouring sheets.
2) Good Eating Habit - We will be discussing good eating habits along with the worksheet.
3) Sustainability- Keeping linked to the environment is essential. We will be exploring elements in the environment to understand our impact.
4) Arts and Crafts activities as requested by children.
5) Outside play everyday!!

To find out more about our program, view fees and to register visit www.campaustralia.com.au or call our Customer Care Team on 1300 105 343

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Sapna Sudan
Altona P-9 College Coordinator
The Camp Australia Team.
## Our Calendar for October

### October 2015

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- **29**: Day for Daniel
Not returning next year or changed your address?

Please let the College office know if you are not returning to Altona P9 College in 2016.

If you have moved recently or changed your phone number, please advise the office so we have up to date details on file.

Please consider donating outgrown or no longer required uniforms to the office for those in need.

Thank you.

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Keyboard & Guitar Music Program at School

Dear Parents and Students,

ABC Music Group is seeking new enrolments for students interested in joining the INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM in TERM 4. Lessons are during school day and the program provides a fun introduction to music and also assists students thinking to continue their music education in secondary school.

PROGRAM FEATURES

- 30 minute group lessons
- Keyboard & guitars are provided for each student during lessons (not band instruments)
- Parent/Guardian will be invoiced for the cost of the lessons

Keyboard – Guitar ($135 per term plus 2 keyboard books $35 or guitar book $20)

To enrol please go on our website or pick up a form at the school office

www.abcmusicgroup.com.au then to “Enrol Now” then to “During School Program” or phone 9427 8049

“I would teach the children music, physics and philosophy; but the most important is music, the patterns of music are the keys to all learning” - Plato
Building Social Confidence
For Teenagers

Do you
- Often feel uncomfortable or awkward in social situations?
- Feel nervous when you have to speak up or ask for something?
- Feel worried that social anxiety is holding you back?
- Want to learn ways to better assert yourself?

Everyone experiences a lack of self-confidence from time to time. Whether you have struggled with social anxiety or you just find it hard to relate with others.

Learning to develop stronger communication and social skills can assist you in feeling more confident and accepting of who you are.

“Building Social Confidence” is a group designed to assist you in developing your self-esteem, self-confidence and interpersonal skills. Each week we will be discussing new topics designed to address areas in which you feel need improving.

Benefits of this program include:
- Improved Self Esteem
- Improved confidence
- Communication techniques
- Conflict resolutions skills
- More connected friendships

We are also providing in school programs. Call us to discuss.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION
Duration: Six Week Program for 2 hours per week.

Starts: Friday 6th November 2015 5:00pm – 7pm

Where: 34A Mason Street Newport, VIC 3015

Cost: $120.00 for all sessions

This program is suited for people aged between 16 and 20 and numbers are limited

Please contact reception on (03) 9391 9866 to register or to find out further information
Parenting After Separation - Helping Kids Thrive

Successful parenting following separation minimises the known risk factors to children such as ongoing parental conflict, and provides children with a secure and co-operative parental alliance. Topics include:

- The effects of ongoing conflict on children
- Strategies to reduce conflict
- Ways to connect positively with their children
- How to understand the emotional needs of each child in the family
- Types of parenting relationships after separation
- Mindfulness techniques for managing emotions
- Strategies for effective goal setting

This is a 4 week program with a weekly session of 2 hours.

Fees apply based on a sliding scale according to income and ability to pay.

Term 4 Timetable

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For more information, please visit www.mediation.com.au

Call 1800 639 523 phone number and call to book!
Entries now open for SunSmart’s secondary school photo competition!

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.
MILO in2CRICKET introduces girls and boys, aged 5 - 8, to Australia's favourite sport. It’s available for kids of all abilities and it’s great fun, safe and teaches basic skills - helping kids learn to play just like their Australian Cricket heroes.

ALTONA ROOSTERS CRICKET CLUB JUNIORS

SEASON 2015/2016

THIS YEAR OUR JUNIOR PROGRAM WILL BE:

U11'S - U13'S - U15'S - U17'S & MILO

PLEASE CONTACT JUDY NOLTON 0425 610 826

Visit PLAYCRICKET.COM.AU to find out more