2015 Key Dates

Yr9 Adventure Park
Monday 14th December

Year 6 Luna Park
Tuesday 15th December

Year 7—9 Wyncity
Tuesday 15th December

Final school assembly
Thursday 17th December
9.15am in gym

Year 9 Graduation Dinner
Thursday 17th December

Last day of term 4
Friday December 18th
1pm finish.

Book Box & lap top Collection and fee payment day.
Wednesday 27th January 2016

First day of term 1
Thursday 28th January 2016

Dear families

It's hard to believe the school year is drawing to a close. The students are enjoying their last days with friends and our Year 9 graduates are certainly excited about their upcoming graduation celebration next Thursday night. It is always a lovely evening and reflects the close friendships they have developed over the years. This week they have attended orientation programs in their future schools which they have embraced. We wish each and every one of them every success in the future. I am sure they are looking to the future with trepidation but also with great excitement about what lies ahead. I know they will all do us proud.

On Tuesday we welcomed our new Year 7 students to the college. We have two classes for 2016. The students spent time sharing their interests with their future classmates and getting to know a little about each other and their new teachers. The feedback from the families at the end of the day was extremely positive regarding the welcome they had received.

Our confirmed staff for 2016 is:

**Primary Years Prep to 6:** Mrs Jayne Taylor, Mrs Chris Tseriotis, Miss Grace Vining, Mrs Melinda Tadic, Ms Casey Paten, Mr Paul Trambulo, Miss Caitlin Walker

**Secondary staff:** Mrs Kate Wiffen, Mr Josh Moore, Mr Hamish McGee, Ms Megan Blackman

**Specialist teaching staff:** Mrs Simone Costello (Italian), Mr Ian Vening (Art / Wood Tech / Elective program), Mrs Cathie Staunton (Kitchen Garden program), Ms Megan Blackman (Music / Performing Arts / Elective program), Mr Rhett Dadswell (Physical Education / elective program), Miss Laura Shelton (Food Technology, TBA) (Science / Maths)

**Support:** Mrs Ann Ginis (Intervention – specific funding) and Nikki Visaj (Elective program Dance Mob semester 1)

**Leadership:** Mrs Amanda Elmer, Pedagogical Coach (Returning term 2), Mrs Julie Giles (Student Wellbeing), Mr Hamish McGee (Middle Years), Mr Mathew Kelly (Assistant Principal)

**Garden program** Ms Carolina Cordeiro

**Integration:** Mrs Rhonda Patros, Mrs Priya Govender, Mrs Lynne Johnson, Mrs Amy Kirkup, Ms Dee O’Brien, Ms Jane O’Toole and additional support staff, Mrs Thashnee Ramikilawan, Ms Jacqueline Staropoli and Ms Lauren Swift.

We will be holding a step up day in the last week of term so that the children can meet their new class teachers. Ms Paten and Ms Vining will be attending on that day. Ms Blackman met with the middle years students this week. Mrs Rachel Cauchi will be on leave for 2016 as will Mrs Kylie O’Sullivan. Mrs Megan Penny and Mrs Yasmine Latiffe will not be returning to the college in 2016. I thank them both for their contribution to our college during their time with us and our very best wishes go with them both for their future endeavours.

We are in discussions with companies regarding an update to the playground. This is hopefully being installed in the holiday break.

On behalf of the college community I pass on my appreciation to all the staff for their dedicated efforts during 2015. I wish all families a wonderful Christmas and I look forward to seeing everyone in 2016.

A special thank you to Simone for diligently producing the newsletter each fortnight.

I encourage all families to attend our final school assembly at 9:15am on Thursday 17th December. The school will close at 1:00pm next Friday for the Christmas vacation. I will send out a brief newsletter in the last week.

Julie Krause
Principal
Last week it was such a pleasure to see year 6 students and their parents sit down and eat a beautiful meal that the students had prepared out of produce harvested from our garden. The students decided to hold a celebratory dinner to mark their moving on from the Edible Garden Program. Next year these students will be involved in our Year 7-9 Food Technology program. It was a lovely evening where the students decorated the dining room with a garden party feel and served delicious food, made all from scratch, to the background tunes of jazz music...much to the students’ disgust!

The students involved certainly stepped up to the occasion and I was proud they were able to showcase the skills they have developed over the last 18 months. Congratulations to the following students who contributed to an amazing night:

Alexandra Hanley  James Vandenberg
David De Las Casas Berlanga  Keelie Phillips
Jake Fox  David Zipievski
Nathan Klapsas  Luke Fox
Nathan Treadway-Hoare  Dominik Achermann

Special thanks also to teachers Megan Penry and Jayne Taylor who spend the night away from their own families to cook with our students. A very big thanks to our loyal parent helper Tracy Habgood who helped the kids make some gorgeous beetroot chocolate muffins.

Hope you have a beautiful festival season with lots of love, laughs and good food!

Cathie Staunton
Edible Garden Teacher/Chaplain.
Year 6 Edible Garden Parent Dinner
Morning tea Invite to all parents, grandparents and friends of our school community who have helped out at the College over the year. Our school would not be the same without you! **Come for scones and a cuppa in the Food Tech Dining Room on Tuesday 15th December @11am.**

Please RSVP to the front office 9250 8050 Or to Cathie Staunton Staunton.cathie.l@edumail.vic.gov.au

**Calling all Interested Edible Garden Volunteers!**

If you think you might be interested in volunteering in our kitchen or garden in 2016 let me know! You don’t have to be a super good cook. You just have to like kids and food! We have parents, grandparents, friends of friends and even our lollipop man helping us in the program – so come and join the fun!

Staunton.cathie.l@edumail.vic.gov.au
Year 5/6 Christmas party
Thursday 17th December
Students may bring snacks if they wish.

Our Christmas tree by 1/2A
As 2015 comes to an end, the amazing students of 1/2B have had a very busy year. We have had excursions, incursions, dress up days, author visits, worked with buddies, used a variety of ICT and much more. All students have achieved a great deal throughout the year and should all be very proud of themselves. Below are some comments from the students about their year in 1/2B.

Have a great Christmas break, stay safe and we will see each other in the New Year.
On Day for Daniel we had hotdogs. I like it because we had fun. (Chelsea Hudson)
We learnt lots about Safety. (Sam Alexopoulos)
I had so much fun this year in PE because the ball octopus. (Noah Stone)
We learnt about Cyber Safety. I learnt to be safe online. (Phyllia Yerolemou)
We did some learning with Mr Moore. (Sam De Las Casas Berlanga)
We use different programs. (Lincoln Bergman)
I liked Music because we got to dance. (Blake Donaldson)
I like Sport because we played and learned some new games. (Ava Manuell)
I liked Sports Day because we raced. (Jack Bartlett)
This year was fun. (Eva Tolley)
I like when we work in groups. (Amelie Fox-Worn)
School was fun. (Mitchell Carabott)
The school excursions were fun. (Changmi Pirri-Trifilo)
This year was fun and amazing. (Sofia Mirzayeva)
School is epic. (Devon Rego)
My favourite part this year was the 5-8 poems on bullying. (Oliver Vandenberg)
I liked Sport Day. (Jonas Giannakopoulos)
This year we celebrated Day for Daniel. It was fun. (Emily Cucanic)
During the year, our Preppies have had many opportunities to work with Year 8 students. This term, they participated in online Italian Kahoot quizzes that were created for them by Year 8s and also made biscotti. Seeing the interaction between these students is wonderful; the Preppies enjoy the collaboration and the Year 8 students show their maturity and make great role models.

Buon Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo!

A presto,
Prof Simona

I Biscotti

Working together on a Kahoot quiz
La Befana pin art
Hands on Italian!
Students in Year 9 have created some excellent work this semester. Students chose a ceramic artist as inspiration for their pieces.
Year prep—4 end of year celebration
Book fair

Thank you to the school community for supporting our Christmas book fair.

Sales exceeded the $1000 target. The early years classes will get a nice gift of books for their collection.

Congratulations to all the prize winners and see you all at next years book fair.

Winners:

Prep: Oliver D, Aidan R, Hayden M
1/2: Arley S, Tiani B, Sam A, Sofia
3/4: Charlie M, Kynan G
School news

Upcoming Excursions and events

Year 9 Adventure Park excursion: Monday December 14th
$35 Due Monday 7th December to the Office
Bring Lunch and water bottle
Optional spending money
Swimwear and towel

Year 7-9 Wyncity Bowling excursion: Tuesday December 15th
Bring Myki card
$11 for bowling on the day
Extra spending money for snacks/games

Year 6 Luna Park excursion: Tuesday December 15th
$25 Due Monday 7th December to the Office
Bring Packed lunch & water bottle
Spending money optional
Wear full uniform and hat

Year 9 Graduation dinner: Thursday 17th December
$26 per person
Due Friday 4th December to the Office

Final school assembly: Thursday 17th December
9.10am in the gym

Last day of term 4: Friday 18th December 2015
1pm finish

Book collection & fee payment day: Wednesday 27th January 2016
Fee payment due
Online pre purchased book pack & computer collection
A-J 9.30—12.30
L-Z 1.30—3.00

First day of term 1 2016: Thursday 28th January
8.55am
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 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 27\textsuperscript{th} 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.
# Our Calendar for December

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### Stella Maris
PO Box 6405 Point Cook VIC 3030
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<td>Construct your very own robot that spins and makes awesome patterns and designs. Now that’s COLOURific!</td>
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| Tuesday 19 January 2016 | $83.88 | **Catch a Rainbow**                           | Trampoline Centre - What better way to try and catch a rainbow than with some awesome aerial manoeuvres?!
| Please arrive by 8:45am |        |                                               |                                                                        |
| Wednesday 20 January 2016 | $79.88 | **A Tinge of Time Travel**                    | At the movies - The Good Dinosaur                                      |
| Please arrive by 8:45am |        |                                               |                                                                        |
| Thursday 21 January 2016 | $68.88 | **Global Construction with Texture and Tone** | Build your own solar powered windmill!                                 |
| Friday 22 January 2016  | $53.88 | **What a Colourful World!**                   | Where will we go? Speak to the onsite Coordinator to find out what exciting fun awaits, in a specially designed program.|
| Monday 25 January 2016  | $53.88 | **Wild Animal Patterns**                      | Ready for a colourful safari? Speak to the onsite Coordinator to find out what exciting fun awaits, in a specially designed program.|
| Tuesday 26 January 2016  |        | **No program**                                |                                                                        |
| Wednesday 27 January 2016 | $70.38 | **Summer Fun**                                | Get ready, get set - for a colour run of fun!                         |
| Thursday 28 January 2016  | $53.88 | **Green and Gold**                            | Who's favourite season is Summer? Speak to the onsite Coordinator to find out what exciting fun awaits, in a specially designed program.|
| Friday 29 January 2016  | $68.88 | **Bronzed Bounty**                            | Create your own Egyptian cartouche!                                   |

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