Dear families,

The college term has certainly flown past. It’s time to celebrate what has been an amazing period of learning for our students.

Our preps are about to complete their first term of school. They have grown in height, confidence and academically. I visited last week during writing time and Mrs Taylor was encouraging them to have ‘a red hot go at writing’. They certainly did! They are all aware of the purpose of writing and were certainly proud to share their attempts. They are developing competence with both early reading and writing skills and are slowly counting down to the first 100 days of school celebration. I am extremely proud of them all.

The year 6 students have definitely stepped up supporting our preps in our new Better Buddies program. This is designed to help reduce bullying and create friendly and caring school environments in line with our college values. The Framework builds strong relationships and research shows children benefit immensely - with younger students feeling safe and cared for, and older students feeling valued and respected. It was certainly a highlight of my week to visit during the wonderful morning tea the students shared yesterday morning. Each year six student was seated with their buddy sharing hot cross buns and stories. The bonds that have developed are evident during classroom meetings and in the playground. The children are looking forward to receiving their buddy bears next term and sharing their adventures with each other. They have worked together to make Easter Bonnets that they will showcase at a parade next week.

We are in the process of developing new promotional materials and information brochures. Another highlight of my week was yesterday morning when I did a tour of the Year 8 and 9 electives program with a photographer. The dance mob group were amazing, their confidence, poise and passion is commendable. I look forward to their showcase later in the year. I am so proud of how the students have grown over their 2 or 3 years with us at Altona P – 9 College. They epitomise our values of respect learn and care.

The elective ceramics group were also hard at work and keen to share their masterpieces with us. The outdoor education students were completing a review assessment after several weeks of lawn bowls. They are particularly looking forward to the sailing program in term 2. The music students were strengthening their understanding of musical notation and learning to play an instrument of choice. Last week the robotics students were programming robots to manoeuvre an obstacle course. The Masterchef group were learning different techniques for creamy el-dente pasta and competently prepared fruit for a platter for morning tea. The wood tech students were creating frames for collapsible wooden stools whilst the media students continued to explore technology. They have certainly embraced their new learning opportunities.

On Tuesday Mr McGee and Mrs Neville facilitated a planning day for our new student leaders from Years 8 and 9. I congratulate Tiana Patros and Finn Hourigan who have stepped up as college captains. Several prospective candidates presented to the middle years cohort for these roles with Finn and Tiana elected by their peers.

The athletics carnival on Wednesday was another term highlight. The staff has facilitated team meetings in breaks and during our Positive Education classes to enhance team spirit. The students certainly stepped up for their teams. The Cobras, Royals, Dragons and Phoenixes were certainly proud to rally together. We will be looking to formally name all “house” teams during 2016 via community consultation.

I take this opportunity to thank our staff for a wonderful term of learning. Mrs Neville will be leaving us early in term 2 on maternity leave. I wish her and Adam well as they await the arrival of their new edition to the family. Mrs Elmer will be returning from maternity leave in term 2 following the arrival of little Ivy. I will be on leave for the first 6 days of term 2 with Mr Kelly taking on the role of Acting Principal whilst I am on long service leave and travelling overseas.

Wishing all our families a lovely holiday break and I look forward to a productive term of learning ahead.

Julie Krause
Congratulations to the following students on being successful in their application for college leadership position. All students applying for a position had to show, within their application, the skills and attributes that they would bring to the position. All students had to also be recommended by a teacher and have their application signed by their parents/guardians.

Below are the Altona P-9 College Leadership Committees in 2016

**Major Events:** Tiana Patros, Finn Hourigan

**Communication:**
Hayley Giles, Zoe Lazos, Diala Katrib, Jennifer Bennett

**Fundraising:** Kaela Mua, Pieta Fabricius, Ebony Domesny, Jessica Lake

**Sport Recreation & Environment:** Hayley Derich, Jordan Sweeny, Balla Koko, Cassy Risteska, Ayesha Nunn-Joud

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Tiana Patros - School Captain

Finn Hourigan - Vice School Captain

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**Prep work**

We went to the Athletics Carnival.

We learnt how to be a captain.
**Easter Bonnet Parade Prep—6**

As we are quickly approaching the end of term 1, we will be celebrating the end of term with an ‘Easter Bonnet Parade’. Students will be making their bonnets during school time. If you would like to join us for the Easter Bonnet Parade, please see details below:

**Time:** 2.30pm, Wednesday 23rd March  
**Location:** Down ball court next to the playground (behind P-4 building)

In case of bad weather we will run the activity in the old library.

Thanks for your support.

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**Italian word of the week**

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<td>Il 19 marzo è la Festa del Papà in Italia</td>
<td>March 19th is Father’s Day in Italy.</td>
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<td>La mia squadra AFL è … Forza!</td>
<td>My footy team is… Go!</td>
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P-4 Update

The Prep-4 team walked to Altona library last week. They learnt all about the history of Altona library as well as how to use our library effectively. The Prep’s have also been making their Easter Bonnets with the help of their Year 6 Buddies. We are all looking forward to our parade next week!

P-4 Team
Italian Preserving workshops

Saturday 19 March
9:30am - 12:30pm or 2 - 5pm
Altona P-9 College, 103A Grieve Pde, Altona

Autumn is the time to make the most of your garden produce and stock your pantry with rows of beautiful jars to see you through winter and spring. Let Maria Ciavarella step you through tried and tested Italian preserving methods, from bottled tomatoes and fruit to jams, chutneys and relishes, plus tips on pickling your own olives. This session will be part demonstration, part hands-on workshop, with plenty of tastings of course!

Two workshops announced due to popular demand!
Bookings essential, to register please visit www.mysmartgarden.org.au
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.
In primary school, some students miss on average 3 weeks of school per year. That’s half a year of school by the end of year 6.

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child’s education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

**Why it’s important**

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

**Getting in early**

Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years, and receive lower test scores than their classmates. It’s vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school.

**What we can do**

The main reasons for absence are:

*Sickness* – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they’re ill. It’s vital that they’re only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

It’s vital that holidays are planned during school holidays where possible, and not during the term if it can be avoided.

*Day off* – Think twice before letting your child have a “day off” as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts.

*Truancy* – This is when students choose not to go to school without their parent’s permission. There can be many reasons for truancy. The best way to address this is for schools and parents to work together.

If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do with your school to ensure they don’t fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what your child needs to do to keep up.

- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

Openly communicating with your child’s school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer. A School Attendance Officer is a Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Regional Director who has authority to follow up attendance issues. Attendance issues that are escalated can lead to an infringement Notice.

If you’re having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

For more information and resources to help address attendance issues, visit: [www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/behaviour/Pages/studentattendance.aspx](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/behaviour/Pages/studentattendance.aspx)
Come and Join “Jungle Quest” Holiday Fun !!!!!

All you need is Camp Australia Account to attend .
A friendly Reminder and Invitation to all the families to attend Camp Australia’s School Holiday program and see what we have to offer in our Easter holidays theme that is “Jungle Quest”.

Basket Weaving, Making a Tie Die T- Shirt, Jewel of the Nile, Making an Erupting Volcano are few of the activities which will be held at Our various Holiday Clubs.

I would also like to mention our Excursions and Incursions like- Zootopia movie, Visit to Werribee zoo, Disco Jungle Yoga, Silent Disco Party.


Meanwhile at our service we are teaching different kinds of paintings to our children like Fork painting, Making “Owlsome” Hand painting, Leaf painting. Jayden and Yasmine have taught us to Write a Motivating Secret message on a white paper.

We are also trying to introduce sports or any activities to play with Jackson. Jackson now loves to play Downball, Hide and seek, Stick figure in person and Tiggy with all of us. The children have been really amazing to make him comfortable at our service.

P.S. Our activities are Child friendly and also Parents Friendly. Many Parents love to participate in the activities we do.

We also have been focussing on Good Behavioural skills and Table Manners. We have Introduced 3 new fishes to our service and who ever performs good behaviour gets to feed the fishes.

As we are encouraging our children to have Reading time or Homework time here, I would also like to request parents to donate (any extra) Age appropriate Chapter books or novels or any reading materials for our children to read. This help of yours will be appreciated.

I will be there on 11th April to Welcome all of you back. Enjoy your Holidays!!

Thanks and Regard

Sapna Sudan (Coordinator Camp Australia)
Stella Maris
54 Innisfail Drive Point Cook VIC 3030
0401 571 286 (07:00-18:00)

Monday 28 March 2016
No program

Tuesday 29 March 2016 $69.88
Amazing Amazon
Ready for a Jungle Quest - An awesomely WILD workshop full of fun games, imaginary exploration, adventure games and music!

Wednesday 30 March 2016 $68.88
Puzzling Animals
3D Animal Puzzles - Today we’ll be the ones getting puzzled, building and decorating our own iconic animal puzzles.

Thursday 31 March 2016 $68.88
Beats of the Jungle
Disco Jungle Yoga - You’ll have to be a part of it to believe it! Disco Jungle Yoga exists and it’s great!

Friday 1 April 2016 $83.88
Sounds of the Wild - Bundoora Park
Bundoora Park and Farm - We’re visiting Coopers Settlement where we’ll get to experience lots of park and farm life fun!

Monday 4 April 2016
Jungle Rumble
Make an erupting Volcano - Today we’re making the rumble to put in the jungle!

Tuesday 5 April 2016 $70.88
Teach me your Jungle Ways
Basket Weaving - Learn the art of basket weaving and culture and language.

Wednesday 6 April 2016 $53.88
Jewel of the Nile
There are so many special treasures hidden in the jungle. Speak to the onsite Coordinator to find out what exciting fun awaits, in a specially designed program.

Thursday 7 April 2016 $80.88
Urban Jungle
At the Movies - Zootopia: Join Judy Welcome to the mammal metropolis!

Please arrive by 8:45am

Friday 8 April 2016 $70.88
Call of the Wild
It’s time to jump, run, leap, and dance with the energy of a pack of cheetahs!

Daily Requirements: Children must bring their own lunch and refreshments (no nut products please), wet weather gear, art smock, and suitable clothing for active and sunsmart day.
An afternoon snack will be provided.
Altona P-9 College Lunch Menu 19.01.2016

Place your order, at the school, or canteen. On this form, clearly state your child’s name, grade class & tick (✓) the appropriate boxes to make your selection. Please provide correct change. You may supply your own paper bag, or we can provide one for you at the cost of 20 cents at the office or at canteen. Unfortunately, we cannot accept any responsibility for lost change.

**Name:**

**Grade/Class:**

### Sandwiches: White or Wholemeal Bread - Made Fresh Daily!

**PLEASE NOTE:** All Sandwiches are spread with Cholesterol-Free Margarine. We can supply "Additional" fillings on any Sandwich: i.e. Lettuce, Cucumber, Carrot, Cheese and Tomato, at the cost of 40 cents extra per item.

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### Hot Food

**PLEASE NOTE:** Tomato Sauces will cost 20 cents extra.

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### Snacks & Cold Drinks

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### NEW

- **Jelly Cup**
  - $1.50
- **Pastizzi**
  - $2.00
- **Chicken Wings & Chips**
  - $5.00

### MILK SHAKES

- **Milk Shake**
  - $4.00
- **Chicken Wing**
  - $1.50
- **Chicken Burger Lettuce Cheese & Mayo**
  - $4.00

**Last Updated 31.01.15**
School news

Upcoming Excursions and events

Year 5/6: Summer sport
          March 18th

Year 7 Girls: Life fit for girls
              Thursday March 24th

Years P-4: Responsible Pet ownership program
           March 18th

Year P-6: Easter Bonnet Parade
          Wednesday March 23rd

Year P-9: Last day term 1
          Thursday March 24th
          2.15pm finish

Year P-9: Whole school assembly
          Thursday March 24th
          1.30pm

Year P-9: First day term 2
          Monday April 11th