Dear families

It was wonderful to return from leave this week and hear that our students had settled back into routine so quickly and effortlessly after the term break. Walking through the college I observed them researching in pairs, working independently or in small groups with either the teacher or peers and actively participating in specialist programs.

Our outdoor education elective program in the middle years has been embraced by the participants. Last week they commenced a four week sailing program at the Royal Yacht Club in Williamstown. It is important that we forge links for our students into recreational opportunities in the Hobson’s Bay area. Their confidence is improving out on the water as they challenge each other to steer the vessel. A focus on water safety this week meant we picked up some wet and soggy students but with grins from ear to ear as they recalled jumping off the pier to test the life jackets. Safety drills will continue next week.

Today we will acknowledge ANZAC day with a service at the college. Our school leaders will be facilitating a poignant ceremony of remembrance. Anzac Day goes beyond the anniversary of the landing on Gallipoli in 1915. It is the day on which we remember all Australians who served and died in war and on operational service. The spirit of Anzac, with its qualities of courage, mateship, and sacrifice, continues to have meaning and relevance for our sense of national identity. This morning our student leadership group attended the student service at the Shrine of Remembrance with staff.

This week all families will have received nomination forms for the college council in the mail. One of our councillors has moved out of the area and there are now two vacancies for parent representatives on the council. Nominations close on Wednesday 27th of April. This is a wonderful opportunity to be involved in our growing college community. Meetings are held twice a term on a Tuesday evening at 6:00pm. The meeting generally concludes by 7:30pm. Details were also emailed to families.

On Wednesday evening we held parent teacher interviews for students in years 7 to 9 following the release of the mid semester report. It was pleasing to see families taking the time to build partnerships with staff and to recognise their student’s efforts. Parent involvement in education is shown to improve student learning outcomes. I thank you for taking the time to meet with us. Students will receive a full written report mid-year. Parent teacher interviews will be held early in term 3 for all families. The timeline will be available shortly.

The Altona West Kindergarten students visited us on Wednesday for a session in the gym. They loved their time balancing, jumping, throwing and catching etc. They also spent some time with our Prep students. Our Year 8 students facilitated the groups providing encouragement and modelling expectations. They did a sensational job.

Next Thursday and Friday we will have visits from Altona Meadows and Seaholme Primary School’s Year 5 students. They will be experiencing a day in the life of a year 7. This annual event certainly assists us in advertising the great programs we have at the college.

This week we welcomed Miss Samantha Tennant to the college. Miss Tennant has taken over the Humanities and English role of Mrs Neville who is on maternity leave. Mrs Elmer returned from leave last week to continue in the role of teaching and learning coach. Miss Carolina Cordeiro our garden specialist has moved out of the area. Mrs Sarah Moore a garden specialist at Point Cook College will be joining us in the next fortnight. Mrs Cathie Staunton is also leaving the college to pursue a role in international chaplaincy development. We wish Cathie every success in the future and thank her for her valued contribution to the college over a number of years.

Our partnership with Victoria University Early Childhood has enabled a continuation of the Kinda Kinder program in 2016. This is a free playgroup for children from 0 to 5 years. Parents stay with their children and join in the fun. The sessions this year will run for 2 hours. I look forward to seeing our families join in the program. Bring along a friend or two.

Julie Krause
Principal
Student Leaders Shrine visit
Altona P-9 College ANZAC Ceremony
Second Hand Uniform Shop

Second hand uniforms for sale

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Second hand uniform shop hours:
Tuesday 8.45—9.15am
Wednesday 2.45—3.15pm

Alterations, repairs and hemming to school uniforms is available at very reasonable costs by one of our school mums.
Please enquire at the office or call Kelly 0431234314

Italian word of the week

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Altona P-9 College will once again be offering students the opportunity to partake in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS). The tests are open to all students in Years 2-9. ICAS is an independent, quality skills-based assessment program which rewards and recognises achievement. ICAS gives you broad insights into your child’s performance across English, Mathematics, Science, Digital Technologies, Spelling and Writing. ICAS (sometimes referred to as the UNSW assessments) has been developed by Educational Assessment Australia (EAA) since 1981.

When your child takes part in ICAS assessments, we can track their learning as they progress from year to year. It also helps us to focus our teaching more purposefully to ensure all students achieve their best.

Each student receives:
- an engaging and challenging full-colour test booklet
- an individual diagnostic report highlighting strengths and weaknesses and year to year progression
- login details to access their online results which can be analysed and downloaded
- a High Distinction, Distinction, Credit, Merit or Participation Certificate acknowledging their level of achievement
- the chance to receive an individually-engraved UNSW medal for the highest scoring student in each year level for each subject.

Help your young ‘spelling bee’ succeed
The early years set the stage for lifelong learning. From 2016, Year 2 students will be able to sit an ICAS Introductory Spelling paper. This paper will help your little ‘spelling bee’ succeed by measuring their spelling ability and, importantly, identifying very early in their schooling where your child may need some extra help. This paper is the only Spelling paper available in advance of Year 3 NAPLAN testing.

The decision to introduce a Year 2 Spelling paper is based on 30 years’ experience in school assessments, which have allowed EAA to identify some common difficulties that children face in Year 3. This paper will help every child get the best start.

You can learn more about common spelling problems faced by Year 3 students and the new ICAS Year 2 Spelling Paper at: [www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/spelling-introductory-paper](http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/spelling-introductory-paper)

To learn more about ICAS go to [www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/about](http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/about) Remember, EAA has some very helpful tools to help your child prepare. You can access practice assessments at [www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/preparation](http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/preparation)

To enrol your child in ICAS, please complete the registration form overleaf and return it, with your entry fees, to the school no later than **Monday 19th May**. Please note no late entries will be accepted.

Kind regards,

Amanda Elmer
Teaching & Learning @ Altona P9 College
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.
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)

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Department of Education and Early Childhood Development
### 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 cash. 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:**

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**HOT FOOD**

PLEASE NOTE: Tomato Sauces will cost 20 cents extra.

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**SNACKS & COLD DRINKS**

PLEASE NOTE: If an item is "unavailable", then a substitute will be given.

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### NEW

**NEW**

**Jelly Cup**

$1.50

**NEW**

**Pastizzi**

$2.00

**NEW**

**Chicken Wings & Chips**

$5.00

### NEW

**Milk Shake**

$4.00

**Chicken Wing**

$1.50

**Chicken Burger**

Lettuce Cheese & Mayo

$4.00

Last Updated 31.01.15
Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge is now open and Altona P-9 College is excited to be participating.

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 9 September 2016.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or ‘experience’ 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and can choose to have their name included on the online Honour Roll. If you would like your child’s name to appear on the Honour Roll, please sign the attached form and return it to your school.

To read the Premier’s letter to parents, view the booklists and for information about the Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc
Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge Online Honour Roll Permission Form

Dear Parent/Guardan,

If you would like your child’s name to appear on the Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge online Honour Roll, please sign this form and return it to your school.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Definitions: Department refers to the Victorian Department of Education and Training, Person refers to the child/adult listed below in the consent declaration.

Privacy Protection
The Department takes its privacy obligations seriously and any personal information collected or used by the Department will be handled in accordance with the Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014 (Vic). This law sets out what we must do when the Department collects, uses, handles and destroys personal information. Personal includes personal details such as an individual’s name and school that could be used to identify an individual.

Collection, use, disclosure and storage of personal information
If you provide your consent your school will collect and disclose your child’s first and last name, and the name of the school to the Department. The Department will then:
Publish your child’s name on its online Honour Roll located at: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc at the completion of the Challenge with no other identifying factors such as early childhood setting name.

Accuracy, access to information and withdrawal of consent
The Department will endeavour to ensure that any personal information held about your child is up to date and accurate. You can access, correct and withdraw personal information held by the Department by written request in accordance with the Department’s Information Privacy Policy located at: http://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/privacypolicy.aspx
Consent may be withdrawn at any time by writing to the Department’s Privacy Unit on: privacy.enquiries@edumail.vic.gov.au.

If you have any questions about this form, or if you need more information, please contact the PRC Challenge Coordinator at the Department readingchallenge@edumail.vic.gov.au or (03) 9637 3624.

Yes I consent to my child’s name appearing on the online Honour roll

Name of child………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Parent Signature………………………………………………………………………………………………………………
INVITATION

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING

The Youth Mental Health First Aid Course is for people living or working with young people aged between approximately 12-18 years. This two day course is particularly suitable for parents, teachers, sports coaches and youth workers.

The course teaches adults how to assist young people who are developing a mental health problem or in a mental health crisis. Course participants learn about adolescent development and the signs and symptoms of common and disabling mental health problems in young people. They will learn where and how to get help, what sort of help has been shown by research to be effective, and how to provide mental health first aid in a crisis situation.

For more information, call Youth Services on 9932 4000 or visit: https://mhfa.com.au/courses/public/types/youth

When: Saturday 7 and Saturday 14 May 2016
Time: 9am to 5.30pm
Where: Hobsons Bay Civic Centre
115 Civic Parade
Altona
Cost: $50
Bookings: Bookings are essential as places are limited
Bookings close Friday 29 April 2016
Call 9932 4000
jnolan@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au
FREE PLAYGROUP

Every Tuesday For Children 0-5
Parents stay & engage in the fun!

Indoor & Outdoor Play
Arts & Craft
Story Time
Collecting
Nature Walks

Time: 9am - 11am
Where: Altona P-9 College
Contact: 9250 8050
ALTONA BEACH FILM FESTIVAL

A SHORT FILM COMPETITION

THEME 2016: WAVES

ENTRIES OPEN MAY 1 2016

CLOSE JUNE 30 2016

FILM SCREENINGS 20 AUG. 2016

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## Upcoming Excursions and events

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