



# ALTONA COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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## Key Dates

### 2019 Curriculum Days

Mon 24 June  
Mon 4 November  
Thurs 19 December

### Prep student free day

Wednesday Feb 27

### 5/6 Sports

#### Friday's 9 – 11am

1 March Bayside P9  
8 March St Mary's PS  
15 March Seaholme PS  
22 March Sacred Heart  
29 March Sports Finals

### Year 7 Camp

Wed 27 Feb – Fri 1 March

### Year 9-10 Volleyball

Fri 1 March

### Year 9 Summer Sports

Fri 1 March

### P-6 Assembly

Thurs 7 March 2.30pm

### Labour Day Public Holiday

Monday 11 March

### Year 8 Volleyball

Fri 15 March

### SSV Lawn Bowls

Mon 18 March

### Y7–10 District Swimming

Tues 19 March

### School Council meeting

Tues 19 March 5.30

### Year 7 Volleyball

Thurs 21 March

### P-6 Assembly

Thurs 7 March 2.30pm

### 2020 Year 7 Information evening & tour

Thurs 21 March 5.30pm

### Athletics Carnival Y5-10

Wed 27 March

### Yr 5 –10 Interim Reports

Monday 1 April

### Y 5-10 Parent teacher

Interviews (TBC)  
Wed 3 April

### WMR Swimming

Thurs 4 April

### End of term assembly

Friday 5 April 1.15pm

### Last day term 1

Friday 5 April 2.15pm finish

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Dear families

**Parents** play a vital role at all stages of a child's education, and a supportive role in education can improve achievement. This week our Early Years parents engaged with our "Meet the Teacher" interviews. I commend those parents who spent time sharing information about their child with their new teacher, this is vital to assist a smooth transition early in a new school year. The staff valued your input and offers of support in the learning process. Thank you for committing to a successful 2019.

Meet the Teacher for Years 5 to 10 will be held later in the term when staff can provide feedback to parents / guardians on their child's achievements to date. Students in Years 7 to 10 will be dismissed at 12:30pm on that day.

Our 2020 year 7 2020 Information Night will be held at 6:00pm on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March. The school will be open from 5:30 for parents to view the facilities. Parents of students in Year 5 and 6, I encourage you to attend the information session with your child. Mr Guthridge will outline the secondary program and our vision for the later years with planning well underway.

### ALTONA EARLY YEARS OPENING

The official opening of the Altona Early Years Hub took place on 14<sup>th</sup> February. The Honorary Jill Hennessey, Attorney General opened the facility. The positive comments from the Councillors, Early Childhood Management Services and Jill Hennessey on the college contribution to the facility planning and development was very much appreciated. Jill spoke highly of the college and the quality of the educational programs we offer, it was a massive endorsement of our school and was also shared on social media. Our site now offers educational programs from 3 months until students finish Year 12.

### COLLEGE COUNCIL ELECTIONS

I am delighted to announce that we have filled the current College Council vacancies with the number of candidates matching the number of vacancies. I look forward to our election of office bearers at our first meeting in March.

Newly appointed College Council members for the next two years are:

Con Alexopoulos –	Parent of Sam (Year 6) and Thomas (Year 2)
Annette McQuarrie -	Parent of Lachlan (Year 6) and Lily (Year 6)
Amanda Elmer-	Department of Education representative
Ailis Power-	Student Representative

### COLLEGE NAME

We have received official confirmation from the Department of Education of the change of the college name from Altona P – 9 College to Altona College. Our email address and education sites have been updated accordingly. Our new email address is:  
[altona.co@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:altona.co@edumail.vic.gov.au)

### CONFIRMED CURRICULUM DAYS FOR 2019 as endorsed by the Altona College Council are:

Tuesday January 29<sup>th</sup> 2019  
Monday June 24<sup>th</sup> 2019  
Monday November 4<sup>th</sup> 2019  
Thursday December 19<sup>th</sup> 2019

### PREP ENROLMENTS 2020

We are now taking enrolments for Prep 2020. I ask all parents of current students who wish to secure a prep placement for next year to obtain an enrolment form from the office. We have had significant interest in the college moving forward and we need to ensure that we can plan appropriately for students who are within our designated neighbourhood or have siblings currently at the college.

Wishing all our families a relaxing weekend.

Julie Krause  
College Principal

## Assistant Principal Report

### Year 7 camp

So much excitement ahead as we prepare for year 7 camp next week. Our new year seven students have for the most part settled in well and some excellent work is already being produced. I am pleased as I walk through our classrooms to see students embracing the new challenges that high school brings. I am eager to spend three days away with our year 7 cohort to ensure I can learn more about them both as individuals and as a cohort in general. Year 7 camp is a great chance to break down any remaining barriers between newly arrived students and also provides time to reflect on the fast pace at which our students have entered their secondary education.

### Hands off

With each new year there are always challenges and I openly share a small amount of disappointment at the fact that there has been some tension between a small group of boys in the yard. We expect year sevens to experience some disturbance as they arrive in a new school, suddenly the youngest after being graduates. It certainly takes some time to adjust to having much larger bodies around the yard, though we are very proud of the compassion and care that our older students afford their younger peers. This has not been the case for a select group of students and to ensure our community are accurately informed, I address the issues here. A very small number of year seven and eight students have pursued some aggressive means of conflict resolution in recent days. I have personally attended to a number of restorative conversations, some with families, others between students. Our community should be made well aware that although we treat each circumstance on a case by case basis, I will continue to take a very firm approach to any antisocial or threatening conduct. It is simply not welcome in our College. Learning in a safe environment is an absolute priority for every member of the College and I have been pleased with the parent support I have received in quickly dealing with these incidents. I encourage families to discuss these issues together and focus on positive conflict resolution skills. The consequences for not learning these skills at a young age are frightening. Visit **[stoponepunchcankill.org](http://stoponepunchcankill.org)** to access further resources and information.

### Hands on

On a far more positive note, over 45% of our year ten students have launched into accelerated learning this year through either VCE or VET. It is my hope to see this head towards 100% next year and I will begin working with year 9 students in term two about how they can make the leap. Hospitality, Music, Engineering, Plumbing, Electro technology, Building and Construction as well as VCE Psychology are all running with positive feedback from our students. For those attending offsite courses, it has been great to hear that the chance to explore our neighbouring schools has been a positive one. I look forward to welcoming students from neighbouring schools into our exciting VET courses in 2020 (I will keep them secret for now!).

Overall, our secondary school is flying and in particular, the quality of writing that our students are starting to produce is a huge positive. The work is challenging, sometimes frustrating but the results are speaking for themselves. I encourage everyone to ask their children about the various tasks they are working on and celebrate the growth that is occurring.

Nathan Guthridge  
Assistant Principal

## Assistant Principal Report

What a big couple of week in the primary school. Students are beginning to settle in to the routines of school life again after the summer break. Our prep class will be here on Wednesdays from March onwards meaning its full steam ahead. They have settled in very well. Keep those routines going.

The most important after school routine is the home reading. In the Early Years, students will come home with up to 5 books in their reader bags, some of these will be easy to read or interact with, others will be more challenging. Talk to your child about the book, ask questions and get them to make predictions about the characters and the story line. It is important that you establish a time to read with your child and try to stick to it. It may be straight after school, while dinner is cooking or before bed. Be sure to sign off their reading, as this is being monitored in the Star Reading program here at school. There are some certificates and awards linked to this so 'watch this space'.

Our first P-6 Assembly was conducted yesterday with many families attending to see our first batch of outstanding classroom achievers and college value award winners receive their recognition. Well done to all. Our Year 1/2's performed the Spikey Echidna song to wrap up the assembly and certainly enjoyed it. We look forward to the contributions of other year levels during assemblies going forward.

Parents in Prep to 4 had to opportunity to meet their classroom teacher earlier this week. It is great for both parties to be able to put a face to the name and build that home-school partnership early on. Lots of valuable information was exchanged. An opportunity for parents of students in Years 5/6 will be provided closer to the end on term 1.

Teachers are busily analysing testing data to identify strengths and weaknesses within our current practices. Student results will provide this information at a class and cohort level, this is particularly useful as it allows us to target our teaching to the current needs of the students.

Our Kitchen-Garden program is in need of more volunteers to assist in the kitchen on Tuesdays and Thursdays, particularly for the younger students. If this is something you are interested in and you have a current 'Working with Children' check, please contact the office to register your interest.

Have a great weekend.

Mathew Kelly  
Assistant Principal

## Primary District Swimming



### Can \$500 help with school expenses?

Back to school can be an expensive time for many families. The Smith Family and ANZ run a program called Saver Plus, a program that teaches people good savings and money management tools. Eligible families save \$50 / month over ten months and attend a short money management workshop in the local area. At the end of the program, ANZ provides \$500 funding for school and extracurricular expenses. The program has been running for 16 years and has many fantastic outcomes, including helping and encouraging parents to talk to their children about money from a young age – as early as preschool and primary school, right through the high school years. When parents role model good money behaviours and have open conversations about the household budget, this helps children be better equipped to manage their money as they grow, and [can help establish good money habits for life](#).

To be eligible, you must have children at school or studying yourself, have regular income (either your or your partner) and have a current Health Care card or concession card.

Our local co-ordinator is Tina McElligott 0439 585 702.





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### What We Have Been Doing in OSHC

We have been having a blast in OSHC! The children attending our program have already made great new friendships, learnt more than ever before and best of all, have been having heaps of fun. There's been a variety of different activities and games that children of all ages have been engaging in.

The children have been painting wooden a Merry-Go-Around, creating dream catchers, celebrated the Chinese New Year with dumpling making and red gift money envelope folding. They have also been decorating heart shaped photo frames for valentines day, dressing up play with paper fans they have drawn and constructing lego blocks.



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Every day we aim to deliver a high-quality program that interests and engages your child, whilst getting to know them. That's why our program is tailored to and guided by the needs of the children attending our service. In OSHC, your child can enjoy and engage in activities ranging from indoor and outdoor play time fun, constructive and manipulative play, as well as creative time. There's also quiet time for homework, reading and relaxation.

#### Meet Our Team

We're here to make OSHC the best experience possible for your child and family. If you have any questions about the program, feel free to drop by, meet our team and see what happens in our program first hand.

#### Program Details

To find out more about our program, view our fees and to register, visit [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au) and search for your school.

We look forward to seeing you and your family soon!

From the Team at Camp Australia

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# Little River Country Fair

Sunday 17th March, 2019.

10.00am - 3.00pm

Auction, Open Air Market, White Elephant,  
Devonshire Tea, Animal Farm, Book Fair,  
House of Horrors, Games & Competitions,  
Jams & Produce and Dancing



Little River  
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# Altona P-9 College Lunch Menu 01.01.2019

Please write Student's Name, Class & Lunch Order on a Paper bag. Please send correct money in a secure Bag. We cannot accept any responsibility for loss of change.

- Vegemite & Butter Sandwich \$2.50
- Hot Dog Skinless \$3.50
- Hot Dog Beef \$3.50
- Steamed Dim Sims Each \$1.00
- Noodles – Chicken \$3.00
- Noodles – Beef \$3.00
- Beef Lasagne \$4.50
- Pizza Roll with Tomato & Cheese \$1.50
- Chicken Wrap ( Chicken Strips, Lettuce & Mayo) \$5.00
- Chicken Burger Lettuce, Cheese & Mayo \$5.00
- Beef Burger Lettuce, Cheese, Tomato & Mayo \$5.00
- Fried Rice with Vegetables \$4.00
- Lettuce, Cucumber, Tomatoes, Carrot & Beetroot Roll or Sandwich \$4.00
- Beef Pie \$4.00
- Tomato Sauce 20 Cents
- Party Pie \$1.50
- Sausage Roll \$4.00
- Party Sausage Roll \$1.50
- Baked Chicken Strips \$1.00
- Pastizzi \$2.00
- Fish Fillet (Flathead Tails) Each \$1.50
- Fish Fillet X2 & Chips \$5.00
- Hot Chips \$3.00

## Toasted Sandwiches

- Cheese & Tomato \$3.30
- Vegemite & Cheese \$3.00

- Cookie 50 Cents
- Gingerbread Man \$1.00
- Popcorn \$1.20
- Red Rock Honey & Soy \$2.00
- JJ Chips Chicken \$2.00
- JJ Chips Salt & Vinegar \$2.00
- JJ Chips Pizza \$2.00

## Drinks

- Big M Strawberry 250ml \$2.50
- Big M Chocolate 250ml \$2.50
- Fruit Box Orange \$2.50
- Fruit Box Apple \$2.50
- Bottled Water \$2.00
- Lipton Ice Tea Peach \$4.00
- Lipton Ice Tea Raspberry \$4.00
- Lipton Ice Tea Mango \$4.00
- Lipton Ice Tea Lemon \$4.00
- Sparkling Ice Strawberry & Kiwi \$4.00
- Sparkling Ice Orange & Mango \$4.00
- Sparkling Ice Grapefruit \$4.00
- Sparkling Ice Blackcurrant \$4.00

## Ice-cream

- Zooper Dooper \$1.00
- Calippo Raspberry & Pineapple \$1.50
- Paddle Pop Icy Twist \$1.50
- Paddle Pop Shaky Shake \$2.50
- Milk Shake, Caramel, Vanilla, Strawberry & Chocolate \$4.00