

Altona Primary School

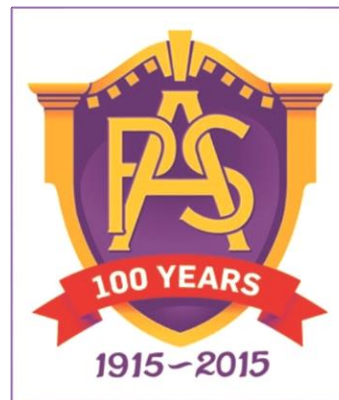
Knowledge and Nurturing by the Bay

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Upcoming Events

Tuesday 20th November 18

Junior Athletics Morning

Wednesday 21st November 18

Nude Food Day

Friday 21st December 18

Last Day of Term

1pm Finish

Principal's Corner

I have been on long service leave for the past 4 weeks. It is fantastic to be back and see the smiling faces of the students.

The next 5 weeks will be my last after 19 years as principal. It has been an honour and a privilege. It is a role that I have enjoyed immensely. I count myself very lucky to have worked with so many talented staff, fabulous students and lovely families for such a long period. I will be very sad to leave but happy to move to the next phase of life. It is a weird feeling slowly becoming redundant in a high performing organisation you have built and lead for so many years.

My resignation is effective at the end of 2018. It is anticipated that the new principal will be appointed in December before the end of the school year.

Applications closed last Friday.

The grade three students did a wonderful job running Monday's ceremony for Remembrance Day. We were very proud of all of the students. They are so respectful. Thank you to Mrs. Mathrick for her outstanding community and school work for Remembrance Day. Thank you to Rhiannon, Larissa, Jamie, Conor and Holly who laid the wreath, on behalf of the school, at the Altona RSL ceremony on Sunday.

I was asked a number of questions this week and I would like to share the answers. All families have the opportunity to talk with their classroom teacher or approach any of the leadership group with any question or issue they might have. I am happy to discuss anything at any time.

There have been grade splits throughout the year when teachers are absent. This is a budget issue. Mr. Jenkins and Mr. McPherson manage this process. For every three teacher absences, one grade is split. The grades that are split are recorded and varied. Funding to schools is a very complicated process with the socio economic rating of the school, student numbers and the years of experience of teachers being major influencers. The school's financial responsibility is to keep within the 2018 budget. The replacement teacher budget has cost over \$135,000 so far this year.

Netbooks for grade 3 students: the netbook program has been very popular and is very successful. Our students are well and truly 21st century learners. We presumed all families would be in favour. Grade three students had had netbooks previously when we had a 3/4 class. There is an option not to be involved. Student not leasing a netbook will always have the use of a school netbook during the day. Families experiencing financial difficulty can contact me to work out an alternative arrangement. We do this every year. It is our duty of care to look after our students and families. This is something we are deeply committed to. Have a great weekend.

Kevin Enright - Principal

School Links

Use the links below to access important school information

[APS Compass](#)

[APS Website](#)

[APS Calendar](#)

Community Corner

Use the link below to see what is happening in and around Altona

Our Newsletter will now be published fortnightly.



PADDLE for the PADDOCKS

Mr Corroon and Mr Fava are about to embark on an amazing challenge to achieve their 2018 personal goal by literally **paddling up the Murray River**, thank goodness they have firmly gripped their paddles.

They will be **paddling 404kms of the Murray River from Yarrowonga to Swan Hill, over 5 days**, starting on **Monday, November 19th** as a two-man relay team. They are raising money for drought relief through **Rural Aid's 'Buy a Bale'**, who support farming communities struggling to pay the bills.

Our **APS's Student Representative Committee (SRC) members** have teamed up with **Mr Corroon and Mr Fava** supporting their '**Paddles for the Paddocks**' challenge by organising a student free dress day. This was held on Wednesday 14 November.

Students **donated a gold coin** for their free dress. The phrase '**A fiver for a farmer!**' was also suggested.

FUNDS RAISED FOR EACH HOUSE GROUP:

Blue House – Blyth House	\$261.70
Yellow House – Fleming House	\$224.25
Purple House – Bromley House	\$217.10
Red House – Enright House	\$208.30
Green House – Borrack House	\$207.20

Total amount raised \$1,118.55

Families wishing to know more or make a larger family donation can click on the link below. They certainly have their work cut out for them and the whole APS school community wishes them well.

<https://give.everydayhero.com/au/paddle-for-the-paddocks>

Thank you

SRC Members



UPDATING MEDICAL PLANS AND INFORMATION



Dear Families,

It is vital for APS to have up to date medical information on all children. Children with Asthma, Allergies, Anaphylaxis and any identified medical condition will receive a new plan which needs to be completed in consultation with a GP or specialist.

Could you please check your child's bag for these plans.

To support having all information up to date and ready for the commencement of 2019, could you please have the information completed and returned to school by Monday 3rd December 2018.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the office or Debbie Galvin.



IMPORTANT REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS / GUARDIANS

Please use the school crossing at the front of the school in Blyth Street and the back of the school in Railway Street South together with your children. School children must also be encouraged to use the school crossings instead of walking across the road on their own, with other children or with adults.

Riley 1H
Elissa 1H
Rachael 6M
Miranda 3S
Aaron 3S
William 6F
Neena 6M
Leon 2R
Kira Prep B
Ishika Prep B
Tom Prep L
Jenna 5XJ
Jacob 5XJ
Remy 3PL
Chloe 3PL
Jazzy 5R
Ethan 4K
Duarte 4K
Amelia 4K
Iris Prep T
Charlotte Prep T

2018 School Value Awards Term 4 Weeks 5 & 6

Monday 12 November 2018

