

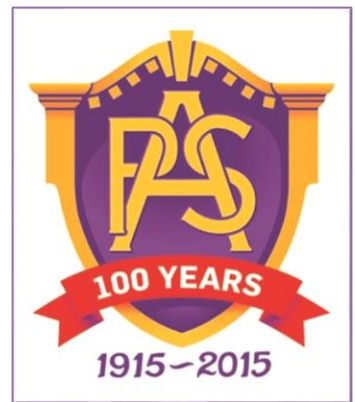
Altona Primary School

Knowledge and Nurturing by the Bay

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My final Principal's Corner,

I would like to thank everyone for their work and support over the past 19 years. The school continues to flourish, improve and grow in reputation. The fabulous students have always been at the centre of all that we do.

The community have embraced the school and been heavily involved in all aspects of the school. I thank you for your support. I have had an amazing time as principal of Altona P.S. Being principal has been the best years of my career and something I will cherish forever. The standout memories include the positive culture and amazing students, teachers and parents.

We have created a powerful learning environment and community. Having such a positive influence and impact on student social & emotional well-being and academic results has been an immense team achievement.

We have completely transformed every aspect of the school over the 19 years including the buildings, grounds and play areas. The introduction of music, IT and the netbook program for students have been significant high impact initiatives.

Almost all student achievement data and school survey data have been above the state for the past 19 years and in many cases significantly ahead. In retrospect, this is quite an achievement.

I am very proud of the sustained improvement and high achievement over 19 years. This was my hope and vision when I began at Altona P.S.

Debbie Galvin and Nicole Fridey have both played a huge role in all of these achievements. The staff: teachers, office, ES, IT technicians and OSHC, have all done an amazing job. I thank them all for their support and friendship.

It is hard to believe that this is my final newsletter. I wish the school all the very best for the future.

Kind regards,

Kevin

Principal

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 18th December

Grade 6 Graduation

Wednesday 19th December

Special Assembly for Kevin
Enright's Retirement

The office will be closed

9am – 10am

Friday 21st December

Last Day of Term 4

1pm Finish

Thursday 31st January 2019

Grade 1 – 6 Children return to
school

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.**

Whole School Special Event
Retirement Farewell at Altona Primary School
Mr Enright's official last day
9am Wednesday 19th December

Please come and celebrate with us the wonderful career of our longest standing Principal Mr Kevin Enright. Kevin has been the Principal of Altona Primary School for the past 20 years and an educator for more than 40 years, an illustrious career that is to be celebrated. He has had a significant impact on the success and culture of Altona Primary School and the lives of countless students, parents and staff.

We will be holding a whole school special assembly on Wednesday 19th December at 9am at Altona Primary School. The children, staff, Family & Friends Committee and School Council have a range of wonderful activities and gifts planned in order to honour and farewell Mr Enright.

This is a whole school community event.

We invite anyone connected with Altona Primary School throughout Mr Enright's career including past and current students, families, staff and community members to share in this auspicious occasion celebrating Mr Enright's Retirement.

At the end of the assembly, we invite people to stay and say their farewells to Mr Enright.



Leadership Speeches

The highly anticipated day had finally arrived. December the 10th. The day of the leadership speeches. Many students were restless, and nerves amongst everyone ran high. The brave first person got on the stage, and delivered a great start for what was to come in the next two hours. Some people rapped, some sang, some danced, and one student even did a Stitch impersonation. Each one was memorable and unique, and provided the students with a very difficult choice when it came to voting. We wish everyone the best for Monday (when we find out!). We believe everyone is a leader in one way or another.

Maya Barnes and Caitlyn Marshall

Thank You

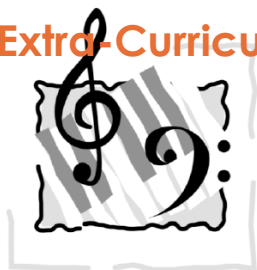


On behalf of the Salvation Army in Hobsons Bay we would like to pass on to all involved our sincere thanks & appreciation for the food items picked up from the school this morning that will assist families to have a better Christmas this year.

I understand that it was organised by the school's Friends & Family group, & driven primarily by Naomi Buckland & Karen Hutchison to whom we owe a huge thanks. We were amazed at the amount of boxes & the variety of goods in them. It was obvious that considerable thought had gone into the type of grocery item suitable.

It was an amazing effort by all classrooms & a very sincere thanks again.

Extra-Curricular Activities at APS



tim nelson music

Individual piano/keyboard & guitar lessons available at Altona Primary School.

Contact Tim on 0450 904 464.

LOST PROPERTY

Please check the lost property area before the end of this term. The basket is overflowing with children's school uniforms, drink bottles etc.



Bikes and Scooters

Please make sure that these go home at the end of the day. There has been a small (possibly Prep) bike in the rack for a number of weeks now.

Friendly Reminder - Please remember to update/check your children's/students contact details if any information has changed.

Parent Education Program 2019



Dear Parents,

In 2019 Altona Primary School will once again be offering parents the opportunity to take part in our **PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAM** (Literacy & Numeracy). We welcome all of our 2019 Prep parents/caregivers and current parents/caregivers to participate in this wonderful program.

This program is designed for parents/caregivers who wish to assist in classrooms within the Literacy and Numeracy block and/or who wish to learn some strategies for helping their own children with Literacy/Numeracy at home. Please be aware that this Education Program is a requirement for all parents who wish to assist with Literacy and Numeracy within our classrooms. Participants will have the opportunity to explore how children learn and how, together with classroom teachers, parents/caregivers can continue to support their children's Literacy and Numeracy development. The program focuses on Literacy and Numeracy learning of all students; however it is particularly beneficial to parents/caregivers of Prep – 2 students and/or new families to the school.

Previous participants have ranged from Mums and Dads to Grandparents and /or other persons supporting student learning at home. Feedback from previous participants indicated that the program gave them a valuable insight into how students learn within the current educational context and strategies they can utilise at home.

The program will run at the beginning of Term 1 over four weekly sessions as follows:

Friday 15th February 2019 (Literacy)

Friday 22nd February 2019 (Literacy)

Friday 1st March 2019 (Literacy)

Friday 15th March 2019 (Numeracy)

These sessions will be held at the Altona RSL (31 Sargood Street, Altona)

Sessions will commence at 9:15am and conclude at 11:15am.

If you are interested in participating, please fill in the expression of interest below and return it to your child's classroom teacher or the office no later than MONDAY 4th February 2019.

Please note: Unfortunately we are unable to cater for children (Toddlers and babies) during these sessions at this venue. We apologise if this causes any inconvenience.

We look forward to meeting and working with you.

Thank you, Strategic Leadership Team

Please return this slip to the office by **MONDAY 4th February 2019**

Parent Education Program – Expression of Interest 2019

I wish to participate in the Parent Education Program commencing on FRIDAY 15th February 2019.

Please circle: I am a new prep parent or a current parent

Participant Name: _____

Child's Name: _____

Child's Grade: _____

Contact phone number: _____

Email Address: _____

Christmas Sustainability Tips

By 4S!



Students in 4S have been passionate about creating a more sustainable planet this year. These are some tips they have come up with for reducing our waste impact this holiday season.

- Don't use plastic plates you can use real plates over and over.
- Get a real Christmas trees, and if you don't, use your fake one over and over again
- Don't use plastic straws in festive drinks.
- Don't chuck out your leftover food, try and eat as much as you can or keep it as leftovers. You could use it to make pizzas, casseroles or sandwiches.
- Drink tap water don't buy bottled water
- Try not to buy foods that have unnecessary extra packaging.
- Instead of wrapping paper, use reusable cloth.
- Do not keep your Christmas lights on all the time, it uses a lot of electricity.
- Get toys that will be used for a long time. Not plastic things that break easily.
- Don't go crazy with outside or inside decorations. Especially lights, they use a lot of power.
- Put any food and scraps into compost.
- Reuse your packaging waste. E.g. your RC cars, take the plastic from the box and research on YouTube DIY crafts and there is one to make a floating picture from your phone using old plastic.
- Don't buy new Christmas décor and trees every year because when you throw it out it will still be on this earth after your children's children kids die.



- If you go out to eat if there is left offers you take them back home with you.
- Don't use plastic ribbons on presents.
- Don't use sticky tape on gifts or use a biodegradable tape.
- Don't throw away your clothes if you are cleaning things out, donate them.
- BAGS- Only one thing to say, DO NOT USE PASTIC BAGS, EXTERMINATE THEM FOREVER! Felt bags are good as long as you don't break them, don't throw them out either, just mend them.
- Try decorate the real Christmas tree without plastic decorations.
- Buy stuff with not a lot of plastic packaging.
- Try to buy books for Christmas because they are sustainable and they have no packaging.
- Don't use single use cutlery for a Christmas dinner.

Principal's Awards Monday 17 December



Elissa	Jade	Ava	Xena	Alyssa
Angeline	Jasmin	Ivy	Olivia	Nicole
Kalani	Valentino	Chloe	Jackson	Jhet
Nicholas	Luke	Tyler	Clea	
Benjamin				
Sol	Audrey	Anthe	Rhys	Nylah
Tommy	Helina	Jack	Trinity	Ollie
Olivia	Leonard	Syra	Amelia	
Bailey	Leon	Myra	Ella	
Tadgh	Jodie	James	Tate	
Shirkhar	Jimí	Zali	Georgie	
Brodie	Jazmin	Lily	Layla	

2018 School value awards Term 4 weeks 9 & 10

Monday 3 December 2018

Samuel 4M
Georgia PT
Lottie PB
Mia PB
Anthony 5XJ
Donovan 4M
Evan 1K
Imarni 1K
Tyler 1K
Tara 1K
Aaliyah 1K
Phoebe 2M
Mario 2M
Nylah 2M
Caitlyn 2M
Vivienne 2M
Alex 3S
Ben 3S
Zoe 4M
Indy 6M
Eloisa 1AD
Benedict PB

Jack 5XJ
Sam 6G
James 6G
Eva 3N
Indy 6M
Anthea 6M
Magnus 6M
Milli 3PD
Chloe 3PD
Charlie 3PD
Charlotte 1H
Dean 1H
Roy 1H
Aarna 1K
Riley 1AD
Ivy PL



Monday 10 December



Each year, Mr. Tim Watts MP, visits schools in his electorate, in order to recognise the hard work and dedication of students nominated by their teachers. This year, Hannah Johns (6M) was nominated by her teacher for consistent phenomenal effort levels, contributions to the school community, and academic excellence across all learning areas. Congratulations on your fantastic achievements this year Hannah!