

# Altona Primary School

*Knowledge and Nurturing by the Bay*

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## Upcoming Events

### July 27

APS has got Talent Finals

### July 29

Robotics Melbourne Regional Competition

### July 31

Grade One Yarrabee Excursion

## Principals Message

Welcome back everyone. It was lovely to hear all about what families got up to over the holidays and see children return with enthusiasm. The winter chill has really set in this week, a reminder to make sure you wear warm clothing.

Term 3 is an extremely busy term with many grades involved in excursions, the finals of APS has Talent, Robotics Competitions, Hobsons Bay Voice Performance, school working bee, Student-led Conferences, 5/6 Hooptime and the Art Show.

In order to ensure the comfort and safety of students, teachers and parents we are splitting assembly into 2 different time slots during Term 3. This is due to our growth as a school creating a very tight squeeze in the PAC. Assembly times will be; **Monday 9am Grade 4 – 6 and Friday 9am Prep – Grade 3**. The Prep – Grade 3 assembly was initially planned for Friday afternoon, however, further consultation with staff resulted in it being moved to Friday morning.

On Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July we have our first Working Bee for the year from 9 – 12pm. This is a great opportunity for families to meet each other and work together on making the grounds of APS safe and tidy. Please come along for whatever time you can commit to on the day. No doubt, Mr. Enright will have a long list of jobs! Pizza and soft drinks will be supplied at 12pm. Please complete the Working Bee attendance form, which you can get from the office or through Compass.

Last term we trialed 'a radical new plan to eliminate litter in the schoolyard'. The feedback from staff, students and families has been very positive and as such, we will continue its implementation and monitor its effectiveness. Please be mindful we are addressing an environmental issue alongside healthy eating habits. We thank families for taking on the challenge. I would like to share an email sent through from one of our parents which encapsulates our position, "I just wanted to contact you and pass on my praise for the new litter initiative at the school. There has been a noticeable reduction in the litter around all areas of the school grounds since it was introduced and I feel it has been a positive for the school / wider environment". (Michael - Grade 1 dad)

Have a great weekend. – Debbie Galvin

## Important Links

Use the links below to access important information relating to our school

[Altona Primary School Compass](#)

[Altona Primary School Website](#)

[Altona Primary School Values](#)

[Child Safe Standards](#)

[Family and Friends Committee](#)

[School Calendar](#)

## What's happening at APS?

A very big thank you to Behare Jeka for coordinating the rejuvenation of the planter boxes near the spider playground. The beginning of the process was painting the school colours on the boxes and we thank Sammi Dobinson from Paint Spot Sunshine for donating the paint. The next stage of the process involved planting. Staff, students and parents worked together to create a garden of plants, herbs and possibly vegetables. We look forward to see how this grows in the future.



On Wednesday we had the ABC filming for a new comedy series, one of the episodes is 'True Story at Altona Primary School'. It is based on the relationship of a new teacher to the school and his way of engaging with the children. Cacee, Tom, Heath, Amy and Jackson put an enormous amount of effort into preparing for their interview and were very excited on the day. Congratulations and we look forward to viewing the episode.

On Thursday, Magnus Woods and Ryley Giles-Holmes competed in the State Cross Country for 11-year-old boys. On a rainy and windy day, the boys put in a great effort with Magus finishing 12th and Ryley finishing 51st. Well done!

### Values and Awards

We have adjusted how we acknowledge student contributions to Altona Primary school by aligning our school values to our school awards. Our values are what define us as a school and it is important that we develop a collective understanding of what this means to everyone at Altona Primary School. Therefore, from the beginning of this term, we will be focusing on a value each week and the awards given at assembly will reflect the students demonstrating these values. This week our focus value has been RESPECT.

The focus for the weeks to follow will be; Week 2 – Responsibility, Week 3 – Cooperation, Week 4 – Honesty, Week 5 – Aspiration and Week 6 – Resilience.

After this, teachers will continue to acknowledge students demonstrating the school values through the weekly awards. We would really appreciate your support in helping promote the school values and contributing to the fantastic school community we have here at Altona Primary School. If you would like more information on the values click on the link in the 'Important Links' section of the newsletter.



### Student Leader Corner

Welcome to the Student Leader Corner. An idea developed by the Students Leaders. This section of the school newsletter will contain information, questions and stories about the staff at Altona Primary School. As School and House Captains, we think this will help create even stronger connections between everyone in our school community. Enjoy our first installment next week.

#### School Captains:

George Taylor  
Sofia Christou

#### Red House Captains:

Finn Puhar  
Lauren Beckwith

#### Blue House Captains:

Luke Dyke  
Mackenzie Callus

#### Yellow House Captains:

Illirian Vladi  
Elisha Martin

#### Green House Captains:

Kobe Flannery  
Charlotte Markby

#### Purple House Captains:

Dylan Caruana  
Isabel Smith

# **ALERT! ALERT! ALERT!**

## **For the safety of everyone**

- Please be aware that children should not have any medication in their bags, these must go through the office and an oral medication form be completed.
- Recently a child had a hand sanitiser sprayed in his eyes, although an accident, this resulted in the Poison's Hotline being called and immediate action taken to relieve the extreme pain caused. Students should not be bringing any type of sprays to school.

## **APS WORKING BEE**



We would love to have your help at the working bee! If you are available, BUZZ on down on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July from 9am – 12pm, bring the whole family! Enjoy pizza & a soft drink at the end of your hard work. Please complete the below information *if you are able to attend*, this will give an indication of numbers for catering.

**Parent/s Name attending:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Children's Name/s & grade attending:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Bring along any of the following if possible on the day - shovels, outdoor brooms, outdoor blowers, mowers, gardening gloves**

**Please complete the form and return this form to the office by Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July**

# ENVIRO NEWS



Thank you for your support of the 'Nude Food Day' and 'Rubbish Free Yard' trial at the end of Term 2. **Our Nude Food Day Champions were 1PL** – congratulations for bringing the least amount of rubbish on the day. We have received compliments from members of the school community about how wonderful our school grounds have been looking. Because of our collective effort, we have significantly reduced the waste around the school and are continuing with our 'NO BINS IN THE YARD' and 'Waste Reduction' initiatives this term.

## It is timely that we clarify a few points about rubbish & food:

- It is not expected that we have zero waste at APS. However, it **is expected that we are significantly reducing the amount of waste that the school sends to landfill**. Food waste and single use packaging is a major contributor.
- **No bins outside means there is to be no food taken outside**. Children are given ample time to eat their snack and lunch inside their classrooms.
- **Wherever possible, any UNEATEN food will be taken home**. This not only reduces the amount of food waste children are throwing into the bins, but also alerts parents to how much food children are eating (or not eating!).
- Classroom teachers and children will be using their best judgement about what is taken home and what is thrown away. For example, a half-eaten, open tub of yoghurt, a sticky fruit core or tin of tuna is probably not the best thing to be sitting in a lunch box all day and then taken home!
- **Classroom bins** – Each classroom will still have a classroom waste bin (in addition to paper recycling). Grades are trying their best not to fill the rubbish bin each day.

## This is a great time to start a conversation at home about:

- How much food is appropriate to be sending to school each day
- Involving children in packing their own lunches
- Investing in reusable containers or packaging
- More sustainable ways to bring food to school - eg: buying a large tub of yoghurt to put in reusable containers, rather than single use packaging
- How some children in junior grades are bringing their own little 'rubbish bag' or storing all rubbish in an empty container – what a great idea!

## In the long term, what we are trying to achieve is two-fold:

**1. Reducing** the amount of waste sent to landfill (redirecting money saved to other areas) and;

**2. Educating** the APS community about the amount of waste sent to landfill and its impact on the environment.

Thank you for your ongoing support and efforts. Remember, to be sustainable means **“there is enough, for everyone, forever.”**



Here is an example of a rubbish free lunch box

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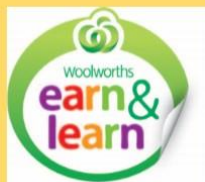
# FRIENDS AND FAMILIES COMMITTEE

## Scouts Monster Raffle tickets ON SALE NOW!



Ticket books (of 10 tickets) have been sent home. Please return completed ticket stubs and money to your student's teacher before 19 August. If you'd like to help us sell more than 10 tickets, please visit the School Office to request more books. Alternatively if you don't wish to participate, please return blank tickets to your teacher.

75% proceeds back to school and more than 100 prizes are up for grabs, including a Kia Sportage SUV. The prize draw will take place on 15 September.



## Woolworths Earn and Learn is BACK!

We are excited to be taking part in the 2017 Woolworths Earn & Learn program.

From now until September 19th 2017, you can collect stickers at Woolworths that go towards Earn & Learn points.

For every \$10 you spend at Woolworths (excluding the purchase of tobacco, liquor and gift cards), you will receive a sticker. These stickers can then be given to your children to collect on a special sticker card. Once it is completed, you can simply drop it in the collection box in the school office!

The more points we earn, the more we can redeem the stickers to purchase art supplies for our wonderful art program!

We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please ask at School.

## Calling all Makers and Bakers

The FFC has created a new Facebook group for APS parents who are makers of things and are handy with sewing, cooking, baking, woodworking, etc.

The purpose of the group is to have a place for general discussion about various crafty projects parents may get involved in (eg creating items to sell at the Mother's and Father's Day stalls). Join us by searching APS Makers and Bakers on Facebook or go to this link—> <https://facebook.com/groups/APSMakersandBakers/>

**2017 Term 3 WHOLE SCHOOL CALENDAR**

**PLEASE READ: In the future this calendar will be located in the newsletter in IMORTANT LINKS**

|   | <b>Monday</b>   | <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>Wednesday</b>  | <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>Friday</b>   |
|---|---|--|---|--|---|
| <b>WEEK 1</b>   | <b>17<sup>th</sup> July</b>   | <b>18<sup>th</sup> July</b>  | <b>19<sup>th</sup> July</b>   | <b>20<sup>th</sup> July</b>  | <b>21<sup>st</sup> July</b>   |
|   | Commence Term 3<br>9am Assembly   |  |   | State Cross Country  |   |
| <b>WEEK 2</b><br>Change to<br>Assemblies<br>for Term 3                          | <b>24<sup>th</sup> July</b>   | <b>25<sup>th</sup> July</b>  | <b>26<sup>th</sup> July</b>   | <b>27<sup>th</sup> July</b>  | <b>28<sup>th</sup> July</b>   |
|   | 9am Assembly for<br>grade 4 – 6 in PAC  | FFC – Staff room<br>7.30pm   |   | Finals of APS has<br>Talent 9am – finish.<br>Held in the PAC                             | 9am Assembly for<br>Prep – 3 in PAC<br>Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> July<br>“APS WORKING<br>BEE” 9 – 12pm<br>Robotics Melb.<br>Regional Comp  |
| <b>WEEK 3</b>   | <b>31<sup>st</sup> July</b>   | <b>1<sup>st</sup> Aug</b>  | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Aug</b>   | <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Aug</b>  | <b>4<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>   |
|   | 9am Assembly for<br>grade 4 – 6 in PAC<br>Grade 1 Yarrabee<br>Yesterdays World<br>Excursion |  | PREPS 100 DAYS OF<br>SCHOOL   | Grade 2 Werribee<br>Zoo Excursion  | 9am Assembly for<br>Prep – 3 in PAC   |
| <b>WEEK 4</b>   | <b>7<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>   | <b>8<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>  | <b>9<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>   | <b>10<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>   | <b>11<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>  |
|   | 9am Assembly for<br>grade 4 – 6 in PAC  |  |   | Free Whole school<br>Enviro Incursion<br>“Help Save Sam<br>Seadragon”                    | 9am Assembly for<br>Prep – 3 in PAC<br>Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup><br>HOBSONS VOICE<br>PERFORMANCE  |
| <b>WEEK 5</b><br>APS Gaelic<br>Football<br>Comp                                 | <b>14<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>  | <b>15<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>   | <b>16<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>  | <b>17<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>   | <b>18<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>  |
|   | 9am Assembly for<br>grade 4 – 6 in PAC  | Robotic State Comp<br>AFL 9’s Football<br>Challenge (Gr 5/6<br>boys/mixed division | School Council  | FFC – Staff room<br>9am  | 9am Assembly for<br>Prep – 3 in PAC   |
| <b>WEEK 6</b><br>APS Gaelic<br>Football<br>Comp                                 | <b>21<sup>st</sup> Aug</b>  | <b>22<sup>nd</sup> Aug</b>   | <b>23<sup>rd</sup> Aug</b>  | <b>24<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>   | <b>25<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>  |
|   | 9am Assembly for<br>grade 4 – 6 in PAC  |  | ART SHOW<br>Opening night<br>(adults only)                          | ART SHOW<br>After school<br>AFL 9’s Football<br>Challenge (Gr 5/6<br>girls division      | ART SHOW<br>After school<br>9am Assembly for<br>Prep – 3 in PAC<br>5/6 Hooptime<br>Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> Aug<br>ART SHOW 10am-<br>12pm |
| <b>WEEK 7</b><br>APS Gaelic<br>Football<br>Comp                                 | <b>28<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>  | <b>29<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>   | <b>30<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>  | <b>31<sup>st</sup> Aug</b>   | <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sept</b>  |
|   | 9am Assembly for<br>grade 4 – 6 in PAC  |  | Prep – 3<br>‘Braveheart’s’<br>Incursion in PAC                      | 3-Way Conferences<br>Night 2<br>3:30pm-7:30pm  | 9am Assembly for<br>Prep – 3 in PAC   |
| <b>WEEK 8</b><br>Literacy<br>Numeracy<br>Week<br>APS Gaelic<br>Football<br>Comp | <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>  | <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>   | <b>6<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>  | <b>7<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>   | <b>8<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>  |
|   | 9am Whole School<br>Assembly for<br>Lit/Num Week  | Altona District<br>Athletics   | 3-Way Conferences<br>Night 1<br>3:30pm-7:30pm<br>School Council 7pm | 3-Way Conferences<br>Night 2<br>3:30pm-7:30pm<br>Backup Day Altona<br>District Athletics | No Assembly   |
| <b>WEEK 9</b>   | <b>11<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>   | <b>12<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>  | <b>13<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>   | <b>14<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>  | <b>15<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>   |
|   | 9am Assembly for<br>grade 4 – 6 in PAC  | Prep & Grade 1<br>Incursion: Alpha<br>Show Production<br>‘CINDERELLA’              | Divisional Athletics  | Grade 2’ Extended<br>Stay at school’<br>3.15pm – 7.30pm+                                 | 9am Assembly for<br>Prep – 3 in PAC   |
| <b>WEEK 10</b>  | <b>18<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>   | <b>19<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>  | <b>20<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>   | <b>21<sup>st</sup> Sept</b>  | <b>22<sup>nd</sup> Sept</b>   |
|   | 9am Assembly for<br>grade 4 – 6 in PAC  | FFC – Staff room<br>7.30pm   |   |  | End Term 3<br>No Assembly   |

| 2017 TERM 4 WHOLE SCHOOL CALENDAR |  |   |   |   |   |
|-----------------------------------|--|---|---|---|---|
|                                   | MONDAY   | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY  |
| WEEK 1                            | 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct  | 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct                                | 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct                                  | 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct                            | 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct  |
|                                   | Commence Term 4  |   |   |   | Family & Friends<br>"Girls Night Out"   |
| WEEK 2                            | 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct   | 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct                                | 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct                                  | 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct                            | 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct  |
|                                   |  | WMR Athletics                                       | Prep Fire Ed<br>Program<br>9 – 11am<br>School Council | FFC – Staff room<br>9:00am<br>P-2 Swim Sessions | P-2 Swim Sessions   |
| WEEK 3                            | 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct   | 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct                                | 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct                                  | 26 <sup>th</sup> Oct                            | 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct  |
|                                   | APS Junior<br>Athletics Carnival<br>9am-11am   |   | Prep Fire Ed<br>Program<br>9 – 11am                   | P-2 Swim Sessions                               | Whole School<br>Child Safety -<br>"Keeping Kids<br>Safe" Daniel<br>Morcombe<br>Foundation<br>SCHOOL DISCO<br>Halloween theme<br>P-2 Swim Sessions |
| WEEK 4                            | 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct   | 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct                                | 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov                                   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov                             | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov   |
|                                   | State Athletics<br>WMR Summer<br>Sports Finals 30 <sup>th</sup> –<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov |   |   | P-2 Swim Sessions                               | P-2 Swim Sessions   |
| WEEK 5                            | 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov  | 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov                                 | 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov                                   | 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov                             | 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov  |
|                                   | CURRICULUM<br>DAY  | MELBOURNE CUP<br>DAY<br>PUBLIC HOLIDAY              | School Council  | WMR Hot Shots<br>Final<br>P-2 Swim Sessions     | APS House Colour<br>Day<br>P-2 Swim Sessions  |
| WEEK 6                            | 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov   | 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov                                | 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov                                  | 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov                            | 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov  |
|                                   | APS<br>European<br>Handball<br>Comp  |   |   | P-2 Swim Sessions                               | P-2 Swim Sessions   |
| WEEK 7                            | 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov   | 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov                                | 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov                                  | 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov                            | 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov  |
|                                   | APS<br>European<br>Handball<br>Comp  | FFC – Staff room<br>7.30pm<br>AGM                   | 5/6 Family Life                                       | P-2 Swim Sessions                               | 5/6 Family Life<br>P-2 Swim Sessions  |
| WEEK 8                            | 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov   | 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov                                | 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov                                  | 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov                            | 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec   |
|                                   | APS<br>European<br>Handball<br>Comp  |   | 5/6 Family Life                                       | P-2 Swim Sessions                               | 5/6 Family Life<br>P-2 Swim Sessions  |
| WEEK 9                            | 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec                                 | 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec                                   | 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec                             | 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec   |
|                                   |  |   | 5/6 Family Life                                       | P-2 Swim Sessions                               | 5/6 Family Life<br>P-2 Swim Sessions  |
| WEEK 10                           | 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec   | 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec                                | 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec                                  | 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec                            | 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec  |
|                                   |  | Grade 6<br>Orientation Day<br>(Govt schools)        |   |   |   |
| WEEK 11                           | 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec   | 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec                                | 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec                                  | 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec                            | 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec  |
|                                   |  | Grade 6<br>Graduation<br>Wyndham Cultural<br>Centre |   |   | End Term 4  |