

Altona Primary School

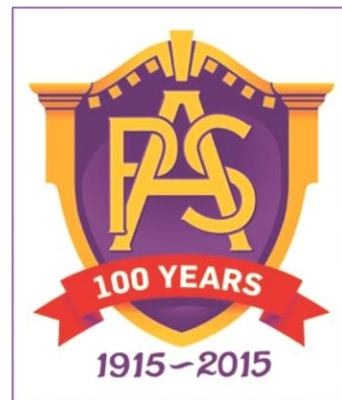
Knowledge and Nurturing by the Bay

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Upcoming Events

Saturday 28th July

Robotics Competition

Thursday 2nd August

First Aid in Schools

Monday 13th August to Wednesday 15th August

Camp Wilkin Grade 3

Principal's Corner

Welcome back to term 3. We hope everyone enjoyed a well-earned rest and was able to stay warm. Mr. Enright was back for the first 2 days of term, however he has headed off on some Long Service Leave to chase the sun and warm weather.

The staff had a productive Curriculum Day on Monday on our Strategic Plan focus area of Maths. The staff worked collectively in teams to incorporate High Impact Teaching strategies to plan rich and challenging maths tasks from P to 6. This day enabled staff to plan highly engaging Maths tasks to enhance student learning.

On Tuesday the Prep and Grade 1 students enjoyed an incursion, with a spectacular production of Sleeping Beauty. The children were amazed by the elaborate sets and costuming.

We recently received the preliminary report into the 2018 Student Attitude to School Survey. The survey was completed in Term 2 by all the Grade 4 to 6 students. The survey helps school gather data to support student wellbeing, engagement, school improvement and planning. Currently, the school leaders together with the teachers and the students in Grade 4 to 6 are analysing this data. By doing this we can celebrate the success we have since 2017 but also put in place actions to make further improvements to APS. We look forward to sharing more on this with the school community in the near future.

On Wednesday we had a number of special visitors to the school. It is not that often that you have two State Ministers visit your school. We were honoured to have Minister Jill Hennessy and Minister Lilly D'Ambrosio join in the presentation by Matt McArthur (Marine Ecologist) with a focus on the impact plastics have in our environment. All of our visitors expressed how impressed they were with our students and the school environment along with the work we are doing in the area of sustainability. A big thank you to all the staff and students involved.

Our Term 3 split assembly process will begin next week in the PAC. Monday morning Grades 4 to 6 at 9:00am and on Friday at 2:45pm Grades Prep to 3.

Our Concert preparations are well underway and it will undoubtedly be a spectacular event. Tickets went on sale this week and we are already half sold out. Please get in early to avoid disappointment. Tickets can be accessed through the Trybooking site www.trybooking.com/392390.

Have a wonderful week everyone,

Nicole Fridey Acting 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

[Community Corner](#)

Minister Honourable Jill Hennessy MP and Minister Lilly D'Ambrosio visit Altona Primary School

(Minister Hennessy – Minister for Health, Minister for Ambulance Services)
(Minister D'Ambrosio – Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change)

On Wednesday we were fortunate to have Matt McAuthur (Diver Matt) at APS on a followup visit with "Sam the Sea Dragon" in our grade 6 classes along with Minister Hennessy, Minister D'Ambrosio and other guests who took time out of their busy schedules to join us.

Matt is a Marine Ecologist who is very passionate about the work he is involved in. Drawing on twenty years' experience at sea and in the laboratory. Matt has brought his work into schools covering a range of topics.

Matt's presentation with "Sam the Sea Dragon" involved our grade 6's in the enormous problem of plastics in our oceans and the impact they have on marine life and communities. The experiment was engaging for the children in developing data to test hypothesis and taking a scientific approach to help answer questions about how the world works, in this case the problem of plastics on marine life. Our grade 6 students shared their thoughts, it was evident their attitudes have changed and certainly their actions, personally and what takes place at school.

Ms Kent who is our Environment/Sustainability Leader shared our journey including our continued efforts in recycling, reducing litter, Nude Food Days, tree planting and educating our young people about all aspects of caring for our environment.

Our distinguished guests engaged in conversation with our students and were very complimentary of our students, their level of thinking and our work in sustaining the environment.
A very big thankyou to everyone involved (staff, students and parents) for supporting this day.





On the 18th of July, Grade 6G were lucky enough to receive a visit from Diver Matt, who came to discuss the various expeditions he has been on to Antarctica and what learnt about the environment. He talked about how much rubbish and waste exists in such a remote part of our world. Later, he showed us an experiment of how animals, in particular seals get caught, injured and even killed with all the plastic and rubbish flowing into the ocean. The experiment was to show us that it is harder for animals to untangle themselves from plastic bags and other floating rubbish than it is for humans to.

After Matt did his presentation, two ministers, Lily D'Ambrosio and Jill Hennessy came in to watch the experiment one more time with Matt there as well. They also talked to us about how to protect the environment from rubbish waste and pollution. Lily and Jill talked to us during our lunch break for about half an hour to an hour. Having the two ministers in our class, taking photos and responding to questions was a huge honour and as a class, 6G were grateful for the opportunity to discuss what we as a school have been doing to reduce waste and care for our local environment.

We'd love to have them here at Altona Primary again.

Thanks,

Holly Borg and Layla Merry
Grade 6G



Friends and Families Committee

Use the link below to find out more about the Friends and Families Committee
[Link to website](#)

Altona Primary School
FRIENDS AND FAMILIES COMMITTEE

Unwell Children

There have been a number of children unwell and sent home from school this week. If your child has been vomiting or has had gastro, please keep them home for another 24 hours after their last episode.

WE WANT OUR PARENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour and student engagement. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

Approximately 30 per cent of parents will be invited to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year the Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Monday 23rd July to Sunday 26th August**.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **10-15 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. These include: Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Chin (hakha), Hindi, Japanese, Somali, Turkish, Punjabi and Greek.

The survey results will be reported back to the school at the end of September.

Please speak to the school office if you would like more information.