

# Altona Primary School

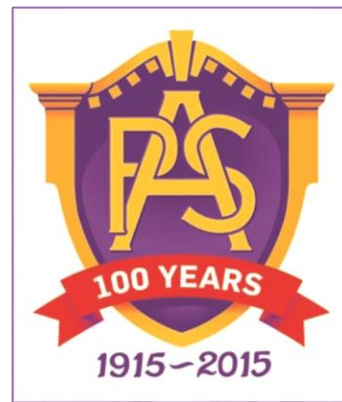
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## Upcoming Events

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November 18**

**Curriculum day**

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 18**

**Melbourne Cup Day**

**13<sup>th</sup> November 18**

**Grade 6 Graduation photo 9am**

Hello Everyone,

What a fabulous few weeks of events, milestones and achievements at APS. The entire school community both past and present joined us in celebrating the wonderful careers of Lee Ogden and Maree Wilson. Lee and Maree were overwhelmed by the amazing send off they received, with lots of visits to the office, hugs and beautiful gifts. They were particularly overwhelmed with the handmade gifts from the children and have enjoyed taking the time over the last week to look at them all in detail.

Leanne Davies is relishing her new role in the office and getting to know all of the children and families. Please come and introduce yourself to Leanne when you are in the school next.

Congratulations and thank you to our Friends and Family Committee for another highly successful Disco. The Halloween theme was enjoyed by the children and so too was the range of music. Thank you to the staff who attended to support this event and to all of the parents involved in making it such a success.

On Wednesday students from grades 3 & 4 competed in the AFL 9s competition for Hobsons Bay schools. All of the students were fantastic competing in the right spirit. We entered three teams, two boys and a girls' team, it was a highly successful day over all winning both the boys and girls sections. Congratulations to all of the children involved and thank you to Mr. Morris and Mr. Jenkins for supporting them on the day.

We are having many students arriving at school again extremely early, in the interest of student safety please remember that the school gates are not open until 8:30am and that a teacher is not on yard duty until 8:50am. Please remember Monday is a Curriculum Day and Tuesday is a Public Holiday for the Melbourne Cup. Students are not required on either of these days. Staff will be taking this time to begin the Assessment and Reporting process.

Mr. Enright is back next Wednesday after his Long Service Leave, we welcome him back for the remainder of the year and look forward to his retirement celebrations.

I have thoroughly enjoyed the role of Acting Principal and would like to thank the Leadership Team, staff, students and school community for your support during this time.

Wishing all families a wonderful long weekend, safe travels if you are heading away and enjoy this time with your families.

**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

***Our Newsletter will now be published fortnightly.***

### New or reviewed

#### APS Policies

<http://altonaps.vic.edu.au/page/321/Policies-and-School-Documents>

- Sun & UV Protection

## HOUSE ACTIVITY DAY



As you hopefully all know, one of the main things that the School and House Captains have been trying to do this year has been to make our houses mean a little bit more to the school. We have been trying to do this so that every student has more of a connection to the school and their houses.

Our first task was to come up with names for our houses and as you know, we now have **ENRIGHT HOUSE**, **BLYTH HOUSE**, **FLEMING HOUSE**, **BORRACK HOUSE** and **BROMLEY HOUSE**, but we felt that we needed to do more so that everybody would remember these names and use them.

At the end of Term 2 and beginning of Term 3 we ran a competition to get students to design banners and we selected from all of these fantastic entries, tidied them up so that we could get them printed and had these banners made, so that we can have them displayed at our future house events. Our House Captains are holding these banners at Assembly so that you can see them. We would like to give a special thanks to one of our House captains, Elyssa Jeka, who did a lot of work organising these to be made.

We also wanted to have mascots so that the students of APS could better identify with their houses. The school kindly gave us some money to purchase costumes, so that we can have people dress as our mascots for future House events.

Having the banners and mascots is pretty exciting we think, but we need an event this year so that we can all share in the House spirit. We would like to tell you all that we have organised a whole school **HOUSE ACTIVITY DAY**, which will be happening on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December**. We have organised what we think are a whole bunch of fun activities for everyone to participate in. We are encouraging everyone to come dressed up in their house colours for this day of fun (and that includes the teachers too) and bring a gold coin donation that will go towards funding some surprises that we have for everyone on the day.

More information will be given at Assembly over the next few weeks, but we are looking forward to providing you with the House Activity Day as we think everybody will enjoy it.

**Heath and Sierra**



# Remembrance Day at Altona PS

## 'We Will Remember Them'



Remembrance Day, is a nationally recognized day of commemoration held each year on November 11<sup>th</sup>, when we pause for one minute of silence at 11:00am to remember the service and sacrifice of men and women who been involved or gave their lives in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations. This year marks the centenary of the Armistice, when the First World War ended.

APS's Grade 3 students will be conducting the **Remembrance Day Service** for the whole school on Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, on the turf area facing the flagpole, outside 3F & 3N's classrooms commencing at approx. 10:40am to ensure we are silent at 11:00am and concluding with the National Anthem.

Parents and family members are welcome to join us, please arrive at 10:30am.

**Students may wish to bring flowers for the service to lie at the bottom of the flagpole during the service.**



APS's SRC students will be selling Poppies and other poppy embellished items (wristbands, badge tags, pens), ranging in price from \$1.00 to \$5.00, commencing next week, (Wed. Nov 7<sup>th</sup> to Fri. 9<sup>th</sup>), leading up to Remembrance Day and we encourage our students to wear their poppies on Monday, Nov 12<sup>th</sup>.

The Altona RSL gives Altona PS tremendous support and by acknowledging their service to our nation is just small way we support them.

We have a small number of students who have a direct connection to service men and women currently serving somewhere in the world either in conflict or on important peacekeeping missions.

To the Students and Parents of APS,

I was truly overwhelmed by your good wishes and the gifts you gave me on my retirement. The send off last Friday was amazing and something that I will never forget.

I have had time this week to look through and read all my cards and to go through the wonderful gifts from each grade. There has been laughter and tears as I read through each one.

Thank you for 28 amazing years at APS. I have been truly blessed to know all of you and to be a part of your lives.

Even though it was not an easy decision to leave APS, I know it was the right time to do so and now have the time to truly enjoy our life on the farm and new adventures.

I will be visiting Altona frequently to catch up with family and friends, so I will hopefully catch up with you soon.

With Love  
Maree

### **A Big Thank You - APS**

All week since my retirement, my thoughts have been reflecting on my time at APS and how fortunate I was to have had such a wonderful time, being a parent and then a staff member for the last 25 years.

Maree and my retirement celebrations just topped off how fantastic the parents, students and staff members are at APS.

You all made our last few days so wonderful. Thank you all for the beautiful flowers, plants, gifts, cards, hugs and kisses.

The gifts from the grades were so special and I will treasure them forever.  
I look for to the new chapter in my life but I will miss you all so very much.  
Thank you all again

Lee Ogden

## 2018 School Value awards Term 4 week 4

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Leia 2M  
Logan 2M  
Esther PB  
Karin PB  
William 4K  
Ella 4K  
Hayden PL  
Lucy 5T  
Chloe PL  
Brianna PL  
Noah 2M  
Gabriel Prep T  
Henri 2W  
Kobi 2R  
Xavier 3PL  
Emmy 6M  
Noah 6M  
Tjay 5XJ  
Eliza 1VW  
Clancy 2R  
Georgia 3PL  
Ben 5R  
Sebastian 1AD  
Preyasi Prep H  
Ryan Prep T  
Ryan 1K  
Louie 3N



### **LOST PROPERTY**

The lost property cupboards are over-flowing.  
PLEASE can you take the time to ensure all your children's clothes are CLEARLY labeled – we hand back all labelled clothing.