

Altona Primary School

Knowledge and Nurturing by the Bay

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Upcoming Events

4th September 18 – Grade 5s
Transitions School Visit to
Altona P-9 College.

6th September 18 – Learning
Showcase

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

After discussions with key staff members and school council, we have decided to include the 2019 Grade 3 students in the netbook program. We believe the students are ready to use netbooks on a daily basis to extend and accelerate their learning. This is a very exciting school improvement.

Buying the netbook outright or leasing it over four years gives students an extra year of value in terms of the cost and the duration of time they use the netbook. Their IT skills and broad range of IT knowledge, by the end of Grade 6, will have them at the forefront of IT competencies when they begin secondary school.

A note regarding the Netbook Information evening, on Tuesday September 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the library, went out on Compass on Wednesday.

Thank you to all of our staff, students and families for a wonderful school concert last week. We were all so proud of the students.

Congratulations to Mr. Rouse and Mrs. O'Sullivan for writing and organising the concert. We have had so much positive feedback from parents and students. As you witnessed by the staff item, we have some teachers who are excellent dancers.

I sent my official resignation to the department last week. My final official day at school will be the last day of term 4. It has been an absolute privilege being principal of this wonderful school.

Can all families please check their children's hair this weekend? This has been a very successful strategy to eliminate head lice at the school.

Happy Father's Day to all the 'dads' in our school community. Thank you to the Friends and Families committee for organising the Father's Day Stall today. I know our families appreciated the gifts they have worked so hard to supply.

Have a great weekend

Kevin Enright

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

We now use Compass successfully for all notification and communication – the Newsletter will now be published fortnightly.

Update from Fire Emergency

Dear Parents,

Thank you to the number of parents who have contacted the school today to thank the staff for ensuring the safety of the students.

As reported in the media and directed by the Department of Education Altona Primary School is operating as per normal today. Communication regarding yesterday's events was sent out to families via Compass.

Just to recap, the following is an outline of what took place:

- Prior to school starting yesterday we were in communication with the Education Department. This continued on an ongoing basis throughout the day.
- Our instructions were to act on a 'Watch and Monitor' basis. We operated the school on a 'Restricted Movement' basis, which entailed keeping staff and children inside with doors and windows shut. Children were able to go to the toilet and there was limited movement throughout the school (only where necessary).
- We operated an inside timetable supervision for recess and lunchtimes.
- The school operated for the day in a safe and orderly manner with limited disruption.
- We communicated to staff and students where required what was taking place through the phone system and PA.
- We sent out several Compass alerts to inform parents of the information we had at hand and took hundreds of phone calls through the office.
- At approx. 2:30pm we were contacted by the Hobsons Bay City Council that they were not sending Crossing Supervisors to supervise the School Crossings. We sent a Compass alert to inform parents of this and if they would like and/or were able to pick up their children earlier they were able to. The Leadership Team supervised both school crossings to ensure student and family safety.

In such unprecedented circumstances we would like to thank the students, staff and families for their cooperation in ensuring the safety of all and minimal disruption to the school day.

Kindest regards

Nicole Fridey

Acting Principal

LOST PROPERTY

This week the lost property was overflowing. All the named items have now been sent to the classrooms to go home with the children.

Please make sure all the **clothing items are clearly labelled**, as with Spring around the corner – even more windcheaters and jackets get left in the playground and we need to be able to return them.

On Thursday September 6th, we will be running the Altona Primary School Learning Showcase. This is part of our ongoing reporting process and celebration of student achievement. This will replace the three-way conferences that have been held in previous years.

On this day, students will share prepared work samples that highlight their current goals, past achievements and proud learning moments. As parents and families, you can ask your child questions about their learning to gain a better understanding of the success they have had throughout 2018. The expected duration will be no longer than 15 minutes, this will be all the time that you are required in your child/s classroom.

With the Learning Showcase running during school time, the teachers will be running a normal classroom program. When you arrive at your child's classroom, your child will take you to a quiet spot in the room where they will share their learning with you. It will also be a great opportunity for you to see the day-to-day running of a classroom, creating a stronger home-school partnership.

A note was sent home on Friday August 3rd outlining the day. A return slip was also attached for parents to indicate the time they will be attending the Learning Showcase. We hope to see you there.



ALTONA/LAVERTON EAGLES BASKETBALL CLUB

We are looking for Girls (born in 2010 and 2009) to join our club for the upcoming basketball season which starts on the 12th October 2018.

If your daughter is interested in playing for a fun, friendly, family orientated club which prides itself on children's development please contact Renee on 0414 252 030 or Guy on 0475 309 341 for details or alternatively email the club:
altonalavertoneagles@gmail.com

2018 School Value awards Weeks 5,6 & 7

RESILIENCE

Friday 17th August-Junior Assembly

Danyal 1K
Chloe 3PL
Jaxon PH
Austin PT
Sienna PT
Audrey PB
Sebastian PL
Luke PL
Jordan 3PL
Aya 1VW
Bailey 3N
Lana 2M
Michael 2M
Valentino 2M



RESILIENCE

Monday 20th August - Senior Assembly

Annabelle 3F
Rory 5R
Jackson 5R
Sienna 5T
Rerina 6M
Jai 4M
Matthew 4K
Jasmin 4K



RESPONSIBILITY

Monday 27th August 2018

Maddi 5T
Sarah PT
Aleiah PL
Amelia PH
Angus 5XJ

