

# ALTONA PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Knowledge and Nurturing by the Bay*

**MOTTO:** *Be True*  
**VISION:** *Knowledge and Nurturing by the Bay*  
**MISSION:** *To provide a positive, challenging, innovative, caring and safe environment for our children, enabling them to learn academically, creatively, socially and emotionally in all aspects of life.*

## Principal's Corner

At Monday's assembly, we had a ceremony to unveil the plaque celebrating the students' aboriginal paintings, displayed near the netball court. The paintings are also featured in the May edition of the Education Department update, which is distributed to all school in Victoria. The paintings are superb.

Can all families check the children's hair this weekend so that we can start June with clean hair throughout the school?

Congratulations to our cross-country runners who competed in the divisional finals at Presidents Park yesterday. Altona P.S. were well represented in the under eleven boys: Magnus (1<sup>st</sup>), Rylie (2<sup>nd</sup>), Henry (6<sup>th</sup>) and Zac O (8<sup>th</sup>). Zac M came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 12/13 year old boys. I attended the event and was very proud of the boys. The boys all qualified for the regional finals. Former student, Natasha Rourke, also came first in her race. Thank you to Lynda Giles for transporting and supervising four of the boys. Thank you also to Jenny Marsh and David Woods for their support on the day.

Ms. Christine Sperling has included further information on 'Growth Mindset' for parents to understand and help develop in their own children. It would be fantastic to have all families encouraging their children to have a growth mindset. A reminder that Monday 26<sup>th</sup> of June is the next Curriculum Day on High Quality Instructional Practice.

A quick revisit to absenteeism reveals the following; 199 students have been here every day and 61 students been absent for over 3 weeks during the 17 weeks so far, almost a day a week. This also equates to over 6 weeks absent for the year or over half a term. If you multiply this by 7 years, it could result in 3 1/2 terms or almost a year over the primary school life of a student. It is easy to see why attendance is so important.

We have begun a Quiet Zone during lunchtime in the grade 4-6 building. Teachers have volunteered their lunchtimes to supervise the students. The students have been brilliant and very appreciative of a quiet, warm space to share with friends at lunchtime. The caring culture at the school is something very special.

Have a great weekend  
Kevin Enright  
Principal



## **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June**

Camp Adanac 5/6 Group 1  
(56X/56H/56T)

## **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June**

Public holiday - Queen's Birthday

## **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June**

Camp Adanac 5/6 Group 2  
(56M/56G/56F/56J)

## **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June**

Grade 3/4 Hooptime

## **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**

FFC Meeting 9am APS Staffroom

## **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**

School Disco

## **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June**

Curriculum Day



## **OSHC ALL DAY PROGRAM**

OSHC will be running an all-day program on our Curriculum Day Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June.

The cost is \$40 and you must book in through OSHC.

# WHOLE SCHOOL CALENDAR

(PARENTS)

30/5/17

**After School Activities:** Dan-Sing Wed 3:20-4:20pm, Art Class Thurs 3:30pm-4:30pm, Science Class Wed 3:15-4:15pm  
Guitar Group Wed & Thursday 3:15-4:15, Junior Ukulele Friday 3:15-4:00pm, Robotics (Snr) Wed 3:30-4:30pm,  
Robotics (jnr) Tues 3:15-4:15.

**CHANGES:** Grade 3 & 4s Hooptime 15<sup>th</sup> June

2017 TERM 2

WHOLE SCHOOL CALENDAR (PARENTS)

Please be aware of the following changes to the Calendar

**APS JUNIOR ATHLETICS – the date of Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June is incorrect, a new date will be scheduled in Term 3**

**\*\* F&F Parents Night out - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at Hanger1one2**

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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	17 <sup>th</sup> April	18 <sup>th</sup> April	19 <sup>th</sup> April	20 <sup>th</sup> April	21 <sup>st</sup> April
	EASTER MONDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	Commence Term 2		FFC – 9am APS Staff room	Grade 2 Altona Homestead Visit 9-11 2M & 2W 11.30 – 1.30 2N & 2K
WEEK 2	24 <sup>th</sup> April	25 <sup>th</sup> April	26 <sup>th</sup> April	27 <sup>th</sup> April	28 <sup>th</sup> April
	2.30pm APS ANZAC DAY SERVICE	ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	State Swimming		
WEEK 3	1 <sup>st</sup> May	2 <sup>nd</sup> May	3 <sup>rd</sup> May	4 <sup>th</sup> May	5 <sup>th</sup> May
	CURRICULUM DAY		Prep T incursion Playact		Winter Sports R1 Prep H incursion Playact
WEEK 4	8 <sup>th</sup> May	9 <sup>th</sup> May	10 <sup>th</sup> May	11 <sup>th</sup> May	12 <sup>th</sup> May
		NAPLAN Yr 3 and 5	7pm School Council NAPLAN Yr 3 and 5	2.15pm 1B PlayACT incursion. NAPLAN Yr 3 and 5	Winter Sports R2 Mother's Day Stall
WEEK 5	15 <sup>th</sup> May	16 <sup>th</sup> May	17 <sup>th</sup> May	18 <sup>th</sup> May	19 <sup>th</sup> May
	APS Athletics day – Grade 3/4	Altona District Cross Country		APS Athletics day – Grade 5/6	Prep "Zoo Excursion" National Walk to school day
WEEK 6	22 <sup>nd</sup> May	23 <sup>rd</sup> May	24 <sup>th</sup> May	25 <sup>th</sup> May	26 <sup>th</sup> May
		FFC – 7:30pm APS Staff room		First Aid in Schools – Grade 1-6	Winter Sports R4 Grade 2 StartSmart Incursion
WEEK 7	29 <sup>th</sup> May	30 <sup>th</sup> May	31 <sup>st</sup> May	1 <sup>st</sup> June	2 <sup>nd</sup> June
National Reconciliation Week	9am Aboriginal Art Mural Launch at Assembly Grade 1 Mini-beast Incursion		Divisional Cross Country		Winter Sports R5
WEEK 8	5 <sup>th</sup> June	6 <sup>th</sup> June	7 <sup>th</sup> June	8 <sup>th</sup> June	9 <sup>th</sup> June
		5/6 Camp Group 1 Camp ADANAC (56X/56H/56T)	5/6 Camp Group 1 Camp ADANAC (56X/56H/56T)	5/6 Camp Group 1 Camp ADANAC (56X/56H/56T)	5/6 Camp Group 1 Camp ADANAC (56X/56H/56T) Winter Sports R6
WEEK 9	12 <sup>th</sup> June	13 <sup>th</sup> June	14 <sup>th</sup> June	15 <sup>th</sup> June	16 <sup>th</sup> June
	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	5/6 Camp Group 2 Camp ADANAC (56M/56G/56F/56J)	5/6 Camp Group 2 Camp ADANAC (56M/56G/56F/56J)	5/6 Camp Group 2 Camp ADANAC (56M/56G/56F/56J) Grade 3 / 4 Hoop time	5/6 Camp Group 2 Camp ADANAC (56M/56G/56F/56J) Winter Sports Round Robin Finals F&F Parents Night out. Hanger 1one2
WEEK 10	19 <sup>th</sup> June	20 <sup>th</sup> June	21 <sup>st</sup> June	22 <sup>nd</sup> June	23 <sup>rd</sup> June
			7pm School Council	FFC – 9am APS Staff room WMR Cross Country	SCHOOL DISCO
	CURRICULUM DAY				End Term 2 Early finish 1:30pm

	2017 Term 3 WHOLE SCHOOL CALENDAR (PARENTS)				
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEK 1	17 <sup>th</sup> July	18 <sup>th</sup> July	19 <sup>th</sup> July	20 <sup>th</sup> July	21 <sup>st</sup> July
	Commence Term 3			State Cross Country	
WEEK 2	24 <sup>th</sup> July	25 <sup>th</sup> July	26 <sup>th</sup> July	27 <sup>th</sup> July	28 <sup>th</sup> July
		FFC – 7:30pm APS Staff room			29 <sup>th</sup> July Robotics Melbourne Regional Comp
WEEK 3	31 <sup>st</sup> July	1 <sup>st</sup> Aug	2 <sup>nd</sup> Aug	3 <sup>rd</sup> Aug	4 <sup>th</sup> Aug
WEEK 4	7 <sup>th</sup> Aug	8 <sup>th</sup> Aug	9 <sup>th</sup> Aug	10 <sup>th</sup> Aug	11 <sup>th</sup> Aug
WEEK 5	14 <sup>th</sup> Aug	15 <sup>th</sup> Aug	16 <sup>th</sup> Aug	17 <sup>th</sup> Aug	18 <sup>th</sup> Aug
APS Gaelic Football Comp		Robotics State Comp	7pm School Council	FFC – 9am APS Staff room	
WEEK 6	21 <sup>st</sup> Aug	22 <sup>nd</sup> Aug	23 <sup>rd</sup> Aug	24 <sup>th</sup> Aug	25 <sup>th</sup> Aug
APS Gaelic Football Comp			ART SHOW Opening night (adults only)	ART SHOW After school 3:30-7:00pm	ART SHOW After school 3:30-7:00pm 56 Hoop time
					Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> Aug ART SHOW 10am-12pm
WEEK 7	28 <sup>th</sup> Aug	29 <sup>th</sup> Aug	30 <sup>th</sup> Aug	31 <sup>st</sup> Aug	1 <sup>st</sup> Sept
APS Gaelic Football Comp			Prep – 3 Brave hearts Incursion in PAC		2018 Prep Enrolments close
WEEK 8	4 <sup>th</sup> Sept	5 <sup>th</sup> Sept	6 <sup>th</sup> Sept	7 <sup>th</sup> Sept	8 <sup>th</sup> Sept
APS Gaelic Football Comp		Altona District Athletics	7pm School Council	Backup Day Altona District Athletics	
WEEK 9	11 <sup>th</sup> Sept	12 <sup>th</sup> Sept	13 <sup>th</sup> Sept	14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	15 <sup>th</sup> Sept
			Divisional Athletics		
WEEK 10	18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	19 <sup>th</sup> Sept	20 <sup>th</sup> Sept	21 <sup>st</sup> Sept	22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept
		FFC – 7:30pm APS Staff room			End Term 3 1:30pm

	2017 TERM 4 WHOLE SCHOOL CALENDAR (PARENTS)				
	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 "Girls Night Out" Kooringal Golf Club
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	7pm School Council Prep Fire Ed Program 9 – 11am	FFC – 9am APS Staff room	
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
			Prep Fire Ed Program 9 – 11am		SCHOOL DISCO (Halloween theme)
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 WMR Summer Sports Finals 30 <sup>th</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov				
WEEK 5 APS European Handball Comp	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 DAY	MELBOURNE CUP DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	7pm School Council	WMR Hot Shots Final	APS House Colour Day
WEEK 6 APS European Handball Comp	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
WEEK 7 APS European Handball Comp	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
		FFC – 7:30pm APS Staff room (AGM)	5/6 Family Life		5/6 Family Life
WEEK 8 APS European Handball Comp	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
			5/6 Family Life		5/6 Family Life
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		5/6 Family Life
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 Orientation Day (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 Graduation Wyndham Cultural Centre			End Term 4 1:00pm



## Printing & Weaving

After school art and craft classes will be held in the art room on a Thursday afternoon between 3.30-4.30pm in term three.

The opportunity to participate is offered to children from grades 2 – 6.

The cost includes a deposit of \$30 to cover materials and \$10 per session, making a total of \$110 for 8 Sessions.

**Permission slips and payments must be directed to Mrs Cain in the art room and not the main office.**

**Session 1** (27/7/17): Scratch film- tea light candle wrap

**Session 2** (03/8/17): Etching designs on printing foam

**Session 3** (10/8/17): Printing multiple designs with paint

**Session 4** (17/8/17): Experimenting with sun dyes on fabrics

**Session 5** (31/8/17): Weaving and mounting small rainbow mats

**Session 6** (07/9/17): Weaving with ribbons, raffia, wool and fabrics

**Session 7** (14/9/17): Continue with weaving pieces

**Session 8** (21/9/17): Decorate a fabric carry bag

- **Please note; there will not be a class on the 24/8/17 due to the APS Artshow celebrations.**

Please complete the attached form to indicate interest in attending. I will contact you as soon as possible. A deposit of \$30 will be required by the last week of term 2 (26/06/17) to allow time for the purchase of materials.

I am delighted to offer this opportunity out of school hours and look forward to working with children who enjoy art and craft as much as I do.

Thank you, Mrs Cain

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**After School Art and Craft Classes. Term 3, 2017.**

## Printing & Weaving

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Pokémon Card Stall

To support the SRC and help raise money for charities, we will be selling pre-loved Pokémon cards Tuesday snack and Friday lunch times.

Cards will be 50c. Empty Tins will be \$3.

If you have any old Pokémon you can donate, please send them to 4B's classroom.

Our Pokémon stall will be set up outside Miss Beckman's classroom. We hope to see you there to buy some awesome cards and help raise money!



### LOST FOOTBALL

Evan Schweikert from PK left his AUSKICK red football near the monkey bars a couple of weeks ago.

If found, please return to Evan.

### UNIFORM UPDATE

Parents please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform to school. We are seeing a number of children in clothing that is not the APS uniform. A letter will be given to your child asking families to explain why they are out of uniform, this needs to be filled in and returned.

We realise that sometimes this cannot be helped due to circumstances, however we always have pre-loved uniform for sale at \$1 per item.

You can view this uniform before and after school.

Please see the office for payment and any questions.

### LOST PROPERTY

Parents please be sure to check lost property regularly, it is overflowing at the moment.

It is important to name all uniform items, lunch boxes etc.

All named items will always be returned to your child if found in lost property.



## Celebrating the unveiling of our Aboriginal Paintings





## **Altona Primary School Art Show 2017**

The students and staff are busy creating their art pieces for our up and coming APS Art Show.

### **Important Dates**

**Opening night** 23<sup>rd</sup> of August – Adults only auction night with entertainment and light refreshments. From past experience this is a-not-to-be-missed night! Book your baby sitters now. Tickets can be purchased in Term 3.

### **Family Viewing and Gallery opening times:**

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> of August from 3:30-7:00pm

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> of August from 3:30-7:00pm

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> of August from 10:00am-12:00pm

Thanks,

**Christina Sakellarides**  
Grade 4M





# Growth Mindset

Altona Primary is focused on developing students Growth Mindset.

We encourage our parent community to talk to children about this concept and understand the part all of us play in creating a growth mindset among young people. The earlier the better!

## Fixed Mindset

Carol Dweck

Intelligence is static.  
Leads to a desire to LOOK SMART and therefore a tendency to:

- ✓ AVOID CHALLENGES
- ✓ GIVE UP EASILY DUE TO OBSTACLES
- ✓ SEE EFFORT AS FRUITLESS
- ✓ IGNORE USEFUL FEEDBACK
- ✓ BE THREATENED BY OTHERS' SUCCESS

## Growth Mindset

Carol Dweck

Intelligence can be developed  
Leads to a desire to LEARN and therefore a tendency to:

- ✓ EMBRACE CHALLENGES
- ✓ PERSIST DESPITE OBSTACLES
- ✓ SEE EFFORT AS PATH TO MASTERY
- ✓ LEARN FROM CRITICISM
- ✓ BE INSPIRED BY OTHERS' SUCCESS

Source: Rosenthal Tolisano - @langwitches

To find out more why not try the parent resources through the PERTS website.

<https://www.mindsetkit.org/growth-mindset-parents>

## A Parent's Guide to ENCOURAGING A GROWTH MINDSET

**What is a growth mindset?**

A **growth mindset** is a concept developed by Carol Dweck, a Professor of Psychology at Stanford University. It is the belief that a person's abilities and intelligence can be developed through practice, hard work, dedication, and motivation.

**What is a fixed mindset?**

A **fixed mindset** is the notion that intelligence and talent alone will lead to success. People with a fixed mindset believe that these things are "fixed" and cannot be developed or improved upon. They believe that you are either born with it or not, and nothing can change that.

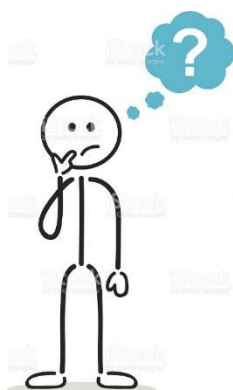
**Why is having a growth mindset important?**

**Research has shown that children who have a fixed mindset are more likely to:**

- Fear failure
- Give up on tasks they feel are too difficult
- Ignore feedback
- Avoid challenges
- Feel threatened by the success of others

**Children who have a growth mindset are more likely to:**

- Learn from their mistakes
- Be motivated to succeed
- Put forth more effort
- Take challenges head on
- Take risks
- Seek feedback
- Learn more
- Learn faster

## The Learning Pit

**Facing a Challenge**  
You may feel anxious, nervous, scared, excited or comfortable.

**Having a Go**  
You may feel interested, hooked and use prior knowledge.

**Problem Solving**  
You may feel anger, distraction, frustration, challenge, confusion or uncomfortable.

**Deep Learning**  
You may learn a sense of collaboration and concentration.

**Successful Learning**  
You should feel achievement and pride.

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# FRIENDS AND FAMILIES COMMITTEE

## Winter Food Drive throughout June!



**Items needed:**

- UHT milk
- Oil
- Flour
- Sugar
- Rice (basmati or long grain)
- Tea or coffee
- Diced tomatoes
- Dry chickpeas or lentils
- Tinned legumes (4-5 bean mix or red kidney, chickpeas or lentils)
- Tinned veg (corn, peas or carrots)
- Tinned tuna or sardines
- Dishwashing liquid /All purpose cleaner
- Bars of soap
- Disposable Nappies 10kg+



Throughout the month of June, the Friends and Families Committee will be collecting food and toiletries to contribute to the West Welcome Wagon winter food drive.

Collection boxes are located in each classroom and in the Administration Office.

West Welcome Wagon (WWW) is a team of 200+ core volunteers run by volunteer managers. WWW currently assists over 500 households of asylum seekers from over 30 different countries. WWW primarily provides material aid (good quality donated items) directly to asylum seekers in Melbourne's West eg furniture, bedding, clothing, children's toys, appliances and kitchenware.

*Connect with the Wagon:*

[donate@westwelcomewagon.org.au](mailto:donate@westwelcomewagon.org.au)  
[www.westwelcomewagon.org.au](http://www.westwelcomewagon.org.au)

**Thank you for your  
generosity!**



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# FRIENDS AND FAMILIES COMMITTEE



## Win a family pass to A Winter Wonderland! 14-15 July, Seaworks, Williamstown

Ride the Chairlift, Giant Ice Slide, Hot Chocolate Cups, Wild Snowboard and more. Build a snowman and throw snowballs in a real snow play area and experience Snow falling from the sky!

To enter, join the APS Friends and Families Facebook Page and comment on the Winter Wonderland Competition post telling us your dream holiday destination! Winner will be randomly drawn on 10 June.

[www.facebook.com/groups/APSFriendsandFamilies](http://www.facebook.com/groups/APSFriendsandFamilies)



## Parents' Night Out Friday 16 June Hangar 1One2

Let's get together for dinner and a drink!

Join us from 7pm on Friday 16 June for a parents' dinner at Hangar 1One2 (Pier St).

Dinner packages (2-course meal) are \$45 (payable on the night)

RSVP to the Facebook event (posted on the APS Friends and Families Facebook Page) or email us at [APSfriendsandfamilies@gmail.com](mailto:APSfriendsandfamilies@gmail.com).

Hope to see you there!