

# 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

On Monday we will announce the School and House Captains for 2017. We had so many worthy applicants, their speeches were tremendous. We have so many leaders throughout the school. It makes the process a real celebration but very difficult. The Captains are chosen exclusively via student votes. We believe this is a verification of the qualities our students, enables student voice and demonstrates how the school values all students.

I thought I would clarify the grade 3/4 class for 2017. We have well over 60% of the 2016 grade 2 students who are more than 6 months ahead academically. A large percentage of these students are 12 – 18 months ahead.

The grade 2 students going into the grade 3/4 next year are a small group of this larger sub set.

Each of next year's grade 3 classes will contain a significant group of student 6 – 18 months ahead. The program for the grade 3s and the grade 3s in the grade 3/4 will be planned to continue to increase and improve the education of all of these students. The 3/4 is not an accelerated grade. The primary reason for forming this grade is to lower the numbers in each grade 3 and grade 4. A by product is the opportunity to have some students work alongside the grade 4s. The grade 4 students within this grade also need to be and will be academically challenged at their level. Every grade within the school has a large percentage of students 6 – 12 months ahead academically and therefore must have learning and teaching targeted at this higher level, catering for the needs of each individual student. A challenging, stimulating environment is one of the key pre conditions for effective learning.

Yesterday we spent the day with the Leadership team, our reviewer, our critical friends; Sue Vermezovic, Principal of Albanvale P. S., and Sally Naylor, Principal of North Melbourne P.S. and the reviewer. We wrote the first draft of the 2017 – 2020 Strategic Plan incorporating student, parent and staff input. The reviewer commented on how difficult it was to review a school which was performing so well. The panel was also very impressed with the staff and their input. It was very evident how knowledgeable, committed and enthusiastic our teachers are. What motivates all of the staff is creating the best possible education for all students.

Can all families please check and/or treat their children's hair for head lice and this weekend. We have had cases of head lice recently particularly in grade Prep.

The Indigenous art project is almost complete. The six large art works are very impressive. A big thank you to Jenna Galvin, Pam Barry, Brooke Cain and Irene Lutze for donating their time and effort to make this happen. The students involved have been fantastic. The six art pieces will form a large display near the seating behind the assembly area.

Vanessa Vermezovic worked her final day at after school care (OSHC) yesterday. Vanessa has completed her university course and heads to Mildura for her new job. On behalf of all families I would like to thank Vanessa for her leadership and 5 years work at the OSHC. I know the staff and students will miss her.

Have a great weekend


Kevin Enright

# 2016 WHOLE SCHOOL CALENDAR **FOR FAMILIES**

23/11/16

## After School Activities:

**Dan-sing** Monday & Wednesday 3:20pm-4:20pm Mrs Cains **Art Class** Thursday 3:30pm-4:30pm  
 Mr Corroon **Robotics** Wednesday 3.30pm -4.30pm **Guitar** with Tim R, Andrew G & Leigh E Wed & Thurs. 3:15-4:15pm  
**Music Production** with Tim R Tues 3:15-4:00pm. **Singing** with Tim Henwood Tuesdays 3:15-4:15  
 Carl Manuel **Drums** (also *during school*) Thurs & Fridays until 4:30pm. Tim Nelson – **Piano** Wed & Thurs – till late  
**Science Program** with Mrs Kenny & Miss Hruschka each Thursday in Term 4 from 3:15 – 4:30pm  
**Fitastic Kids Club** Mon, Wed & Fridays 3:15 - 4:15pm  
**Ukulele Group** Friday's 3.15pm with Mr Rouse

	2016 TERM 4 WHOLE SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR FAMILIES				
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 6 WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH OF NOV	7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	11 <sup>th</sup> Nov
		Indigenous Book Swap		P – 2 Swimming	P – 2 Swimming Remembrance Day Service (run by Grade 3)
WEEK 7 WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH OF NOV	14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	18 <sup>th</sup> Nov
			SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING 7PM	P – 2 Swimming Grade 6 Graduation Photo 9am	P – 2 Swimming Bookclub Issue 18 due Salvation Army Gift Boxes Delivered to classrooms
WEEK 8 WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH OF NOV	21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	25 <sup>th</sup> Nov
			Netbook Information evening Grade 3/4 & 4 6:30pm in the Learning Street  Softball State Finals	P – 2 Swimming 1 <sup>st</sup> Prep Transition 2.15 – 3.15 Transition Information evening 6:30pm (current Grade 5s)	P – 2 Swimming 10am – 11am Bulldog's Premiership Cup Visit
WEEK 9 WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH OF NOV	28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec
			Family & Friends AGM for Family to be held at 2 Brothers Cafe 7pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prep Transition 2.15 – 3.15	Family Friends meeting – Staff Room BER
WEEK 10	5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9 <sup>th</sup> Dec
	2017 School & House Captains announced at assembly		Bunnings visit -Grade 6 students Individual name plaques on 2 new bench seats  APS PRODUCE SWAP 8.20am – 8.45am 3.15pm – 3.45pm Basketball Court  School Council	SRC Coin Trail Casual Dress day (gold coin donation) Chromosome 18 Research 3 <sup>rd</sup> Prep Transition 2.15 – 3.15 Whole School Transition 2.15 – 3.15	
WEEK 11	12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	16 <sup>th</sup> Dec
			 6.30pm APS Evening Xmas Carols BBQ and Raffle by Family and Friends	4 <sup>th</sup> Prep Transition 2.15 – 3.15  Whole School Transition 2.15 – 3.15	Grade 6 Mystery Tour
WEEK 12	19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2017 – Term 1		
	Grade 6 Graduation 6:30pm	End of Term Finish 1.00pm  Merry Christmas	Students return Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2017 Whole school photos Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2017		



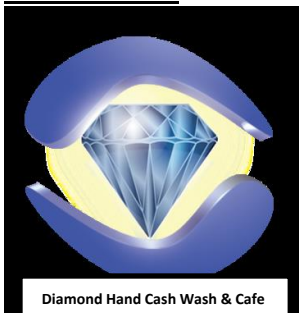
# Olympic Colour Crazy Obstacle-a-thon

Thank you to all of our fabulous sponsors

## GOLD LEVEL



## SILVER LEVEL



## BRONZE LEVEL





We would like to thank our Sponsors for their support with the Girls Night Out event. Their generosity is greatly appreciated within our school community.

**Platinum Sponsors - \$1500**

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**Gold Sponsor - \$500**



*Mandy Couzens*  
photography & styling



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# SRC Fundraiser – Coin Trail!



On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2016, Altona Primary School will be having a coin trail to see which grade has the longest line of coins. Each grade will be given a jar on Monday to start collecting coins for the coin trail. The grades will then line up their coins on 08/12/16 and measure the length of their trails. The winning grade will get a trophy for their fundraising efforts.

On this day, students who have donated coins are invited to wear casual clothes to school.

All money raised will go towards the Chromosome18 Research and Registry Society to support families affected by chromosome abnormalities.





**ALTONA PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
Presents  
**2016 GRADE 6 GRADUATION**



**When:** Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**Time:** 6:30pm – 9:00pm (*Student arrival 5:15pm*)

Altona Primary School invites families of the '2016 Grade 6 graduating class' to attend our Graduation Ceremony at the Wyndham Cultural Centre. The graduation begins at 6:30pm sharp, so make sure you don't miss a second. We ask that families drop students who are graduating off at 5:15pm (where their teachers will be waiting for them). Feel free to grab a bite to eat or a drink nearby while you wait. **Wyndham Cultural Centre is located at 177 Watton Street Werribee and is surrounded by many food and beverage venues. It is a five-minute walk from Werribee Train Station for those of you who are taking public transport.**

**Extra Graduation tickets now available for sale  
– hurry only a few left**

This year tickets will be sold online at the following website:  
[http://www.wyncc.com.au/whats\\_on/schoolsandcommunities](http://www.wyncc.com.au/whats_on/schoolsandcommunities)

Wyndham Cultural Centre can also take personal bookings at their Box Office counter or phone bookings (8734 6000) if you are unable to book online. Both VISA and Mastercard are accepted.

After the Graduation Ceremony, light refreshments will be served in the foyer until 9pm.

We are looking forward to a fantastic evening celebrating your child's time at Altona Primary School.

Kind Regards,  
The 5/6 Team.

## **TERM 4 NETBOOK PAYMENTS DUE**

Netbook payments for our current grade 4, 5 and 6's are now overdue.

If you have not already sent your payment to school, **please do so immediately to avoid the removal of your child's netbook.**



## *New system for all the **LOST PROPERTY***



Dear Families,

We are constantly inundated with massive amounts of lost property and have put some new procedures in place. Please ensure that all items that come to school are clearly named so if items are lost we can return them. This includes all clothing items and equipment. **Lost Property** will now be stored for easy access in the undercover area out the front of the Library. We ask families to please check this weekly to ensure items are returned to students. At the end of each week any items not collected will be disposed of (eg. Lunch boxes with rotting food) and any other items will be cleared away and donated. We thank you for your assistance in this area.



## Now Taking Enrolments for 2017

Limited  
Spots  
Available



Fitastic Kids Club is back in 2017. Multi Sports Program that focuses on additional sports training across a number of different activities and sporting codes. The children 72 children currently enrolled have been having a fantastic time developing new skills, practising and improving their sporting abilities.

Fitastic Kids Club will be returning to Altona Primary School in Term 1 and 2 2017.

The program and activities will vary from week to week, constantly developing and challenging the children's gross and fine motor skills as well as their sport specific skills.

The Fitastic Kids Club will continue to be offered to students at Altona Primary School (Grade 1-6) on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays (3:15-4:15pm), starting **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017 (Term 1)** and running until **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2017 (Term 2)**.

The program will be an hour long, inclusive of a 10 min break with fruit provided for participants.

**Each session is \$10 per child. (invoice payable in FULL before Term 4 2016 ends for all session to be attended in 2017)**

If you would like your child to be involved in this exciting and energizing program, please complete the tear off booking form below and return it to school to **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December (spots are limited)**

You will then receive further information via email to confirm your child's place.

*The fee payable for the term will be calculated individually for each child – due to how many sessions per week, public holidays, any school closure days etc. (at \$10 per session)*



Child's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Year Level (in 2017): \_\_\_\_\_

Gender (Please Circle) ☐ Male ☐ Female

Year Level (Please circle) Year 6 Year 5 Year 4 Year 3 Year 2 Year 1

Day/s of the Week (Please circle) Monday Wednesday Friday

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

\*\*\* Please ensure that your email address and contact number are written clearly above to avoid any confusion or miscommunication.

Phone contact number: \_\_\_\_\_





Altona Primary School Friends and Families ...  
"Always there with a helping hand"

## Friends and Families Committee

Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> December 2016



### APS Evening Christmas Carols – 14 December

#### Volunteers Needed

We are planning on running a sausage sizzle on the evening of the Christmas Carol Concert and need volunteers to help set up, run the stall and clear up afterwards. If you are willing to help out, even if just for half an hour (or more!), please email Carol who will organise a rota. Anyone volunteers will still be able to watch their children's performances and enjoy the show.

Please email Carol at: [Ladyplexing68@gmail.com](mailto:Ladyplexing68@gmail.com) with your name, child's grade and when you are available (between 5.30 and 9pm).  
Thank you.

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - TERM 4

Icy Poles – Every Wednesday (\$1)

FFC Meeting – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December @ 9am

Christmas Hamper Collection –to be collected 9<sup>th</sup>  
Dec - (Boxes in classrooms now)

Volunteers needed for APS Evening Christmas  
Carols Sausage Sizzle – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>  
December

Once again, we will be supporting local families in need with our Christmas Hamper collection in conjunction with The Salvation Army and the Community Information centre of Hobsons Bay. Boxes are now in each classroom and will be collected in a week's time on 9<sup>th</sup> December. We are asking for donations of non-perishable food such as canned goods, pasta, sauces, sugar or drinks. The leaflet lists requested items for donation. As it is the festive season, as well as the goods listed, sweeter treats such as biscuits, Christmas cakes, chips and lollies are also much appreciated. Please ensure that foods donated are within the expiry date. Thank you very much for your support.

Today we welcomed new Prep parents and told them of the great work that the Friends and Families Committee at APS. We have created a brochure to share what we do and how all family members can get involved. We handed these out today and there is a copy of it in this week's newsletter. This brochure is an example of how it is possible to get involved and help the work of the FFC. Earlier in the year, a parent with Graphic Design skills emailed to offer her skills which we recently took her up on! She was given the information put together by a sub-committee and produced this fantastic looking brochure. Thank you to Cara King.

If you have a skill that you may be able to offer or just a little time at some point over the year, please consider offering your help – many hands make light work! There is  
Please take a look at the brochure (sneak preview below!) and by giving us your details, you can be informed of what is coming up and how you may help.



## Christmas Hampers



For the Salvation Army and  
Community Information Centre

Help the Salvation Army and the Community Information Centre of  
Hobson's Bay provide food for families in need this Christmas.

Donation boxes will be placed in classrooms from  
18 November to 9 December

### REQUESTED DONATIONS

Canned Fruit	Pasta Sauce
Tinned Tuna	Long life milk
Chips and Lollies	Biscuits
Cereal	Fruit juice
Sugar	Spreads
Milo/Tea/Coffee	Christmas Pudding/Cake
Cordial/Soft Drink	Long life Custard
Pasta/Rice	Canned Vegetables

**Thank you to all of you that have  
already donated items!**