

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

The final of Altona P.S. has Talent was on Friday afternoon. We were all very impressed with the range of talent from singers to dancers to gymnasts. Congratulations to all of the contestants and to the winners in each category. Thank you to all the families who attended and the students for being such a supportive audience.

We had the boys' guitar group entertain us at Monday morning's assembly. Altona P.S. has become a very musical school.

Teachers have volunteered their lunchtimes to open the library for the remainder of the term. Mrs. Cain is also running a knitting club one lunchtime a week. We are very lucky to have such dedicated teachers who just love working with the sensational students of Altona P.S.

Our grade 5 / 6 students have had a fantastic start to the school year. Their leadership, behaviour and effort have been wonderful. It is a pleasure to take school tours through the 'learning street' and see them working hard and enjoying the challenge of their learning. We have grade 6 students working at year 7 and year 8 levels in english, maths, music, art and I. T. The robotics teams are preparing for this year's state challenge.

The first large bin full of recycled paper was picked up this morning. Well done to our enviro captains for this initiative. The Nude Food day was a big success yesterday. Thank you to all the families for their support. A number of families contacted us and suggested a weekly Nude Food day. We think this is an idea worth pursuing.

Teachers are busy writing reports at the moment. The reports will be finished by June 10th. Thank you to the teachers for the enormous amount of work that goes into the assessment and the nights and weekends spent writing each individual report.

We ask all families to please check their children's hair for lice this weekend. This strategy of checking hair for the start of each month seems to be working.

The chance to purchase a signature paver has been extended until the 24th of June.

Have a great weekend
Kevin Enright

2016 WHOLE SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR FAMILIES
30/5/16
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

2016 TERM 2 WHOLE SCHOOL CALENDAR
Please note the following additions/changes: 8th June Ride/Walk to school day
8th June – PYJAMA DAY gold coin donation
8th August – Curriculum Day
Monday 15th August – Whole school fundraiser – OLYMPIC COLOUR OBSTACLE-A-THON (NEW CONFIRMED DATE)

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	11 th April	12 th April	13 th April	14 th April	15 th April
			Preps Zoo Excursion		Friends & Family Meeting 9am OSHC HUB
WEEK 2	18 th April	19 th April	20 th April	21 st April	22 nd April
					10:30am ANZAC DAY SERVICE at APS
WEEK 3	25 th April	26 th April	27 th April	28 th April	29 th April
	ANZAC DAY			56 Excursion Melbourne Zoo	Book Club Issue 3 due
WEEK 4	2 nd May	3 rd May	4 th May	5 th May	6 th May
		ADSSA Cross Country 11.30 – 2.15pm	JAPANESE CULTURAL DAY	Grade 2 Incursion: CERES 'Water Cyclists' Grade 4 Incursion: 'Earth, Moon & Sun – Hands on Science'	Winter Sports R1 Mother's Day Stall High Tea for prep mums 2.15pm
WEEK 5	9 th May	10 th May	11 th May	12 th May	13 th May
		NAPLAN	NAPLAN SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING 7PM	NAPLAN	Winter Sports R2 Friends & Family 9am
WEEK 6	16 th May	17 th May	18 th May	19 th May	20 th May
			Ride/Walk to School Day		Bike Ed Grade 5 Winter Sports R3
WEEK 7	23 rd May	24 th May	25 th May	26 th May	27 th May
		Grade 1 Mini beast Incursion 9 – 1.30pm		Divisional Cross Country	Bike Ed Grade 5 Winter Sports R4 Bookclub Issue 4 due
WEEK 8	30 th May	31 st May	1 st June	2 nd June	3 rd June
		2 ND Hand Book Sale (Recess, Lunchtime & after school)	NUDE FOOD DAY		Bike Ed Grade 5 Winter Sports R5
WEEK 9	6 th June	7 th June	8 th June	9 th June	10 th June
		2 ND Hand Book Sale (Recess, Lunchtime & after school)	SRC Pyjama Day Gold coin donation, proceeds to support LatITUDE -homelessness charity	WMR Cross Country	Bike Ed Grade 5 Winter Sports R6 Friends & Family Meeting 9am OSHC HUB Grade 2 Incursion "Start Smart" Program
	13 th June	14 th June	15 th June	16 th June	17 th June
WEEK 10	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY		SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING 7PM Prep Incursion Ranger Libby 9.30am – 10.45am		Bike Ed Grade 5 SCHOOL DISCO
	20 th June	21 st June	22 nd June	23 rd June	24 th June
WEEK 11	Dan-Sing Concert PAC 6.30-7.30pm		Dan-Sing Concert PAC 6:30pm-7:30pm		End of Term Finish 1.30pm

	2016 TERM 3 WHOLE SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR FAMILIES					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
WEEK 1	11 th July	12 th July	13 th July	14 th July	15 th July	
			5/6 Hoopetime			
WEEK 2	18 th July	19 th July	20 th July	21 st July	22 nd July	
				First Aid In School Program – whole school		
WEEK 3	25 th July	26 th July	27 th July	28 th July	29 th July	
			PREPS 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL		Bookclub Issue 5 due	Sat 30 th Regional Robotics Competition
WEEK 4	1 st Aug	2 nd Aug	3 rd Aug	4 th Aug	5 th Aug	
	Woorabinda Camp Small number of Gr 4/5 students	Woorabinda Camp	Woorabinda Camp	Woorabinda Camp	Woorabinda Camp	
WEEK 5 RIO OLYMPICS	8 th Aug	9 th Aug	10 th Aug	11 th Aug	12 th Aug	
	CURRICULUM DAY OSHC will be available on this day. MUST be Pre-arranged. Limited numbers				3 / 4 Hoopetime	
WEEK 6 RIO OLYMPICS 	15 th Aug	16 th Aug	17 th Aug	18 th Aug	19 th Aug	
	Olympic Colour Crazy Obstacle-a-thon Whole school fundraiser	State Robotics Competition – Melb University	SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING 7PM	APS Athletics Carnival (new date)		
WEEK 7	22 nd Aug	23 rd Aug	24 th Aug	25 th Aug	26 th Aug	
	Backup - APS Athletics Carnival (new date)		GRADE 1 & PREP Incursion Hunchback of Notre Dame 9.15 – 11am	Junior Athletics Carnival (new date)	Bookclub Issue 6 due	
WEEK 8 National Literacy & Numeracy Week	29 th Aug	30 th Aug	31 st Aug	1 st Sept	2 nd Sept	
					Father's Day Stall Preps: BBQ Breakfast for dads Cut off day for 2017 Prep enrolments	
WEEK 9	5 th Sept	6 th Sept	7 th Sept	8 th Sept	9 th Sept	
		ADSSA Athletics	JUMP ROPE FOR HEART			
	12 th Sept	13 th Sept	14 th Sept	15 th Sept	16 th Sept	
WEEK 10		Divisional Athletics			End of Term Finish 1.30pm	

	2016 TERM 4 WHOLE SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR FAMILIES				
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	3 rd Oct	4 th Oct	5 th Oct	6 th Oct	7 th Oct
				P – 2 Swimming	P – 2 Swimming
WEEK 2	10 th Oct	11 th Oct	12 th Oct	13 th Oct	14 th Oct
	GRADE 3 CAMP	GRADE 3 CAMP WMR Athletics	GRADE 3 CAMP	P – 2 Swimming	P – 2 Swimming
WEEK 3	17 th Oct	18 th Oct	19 th Oct	20 th Oct	21 st Oct
			SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING 7PM	P – 2 Swimming	P – 2 Swimming Bookclub Issue 7 due SCHOOL DISCO
WEEK 4	24 th Oct	25 th Oct	26 th Oct	27 th Oct	28 th Oct
			GRADE 4 CAMP	GRADE 4 CAMP P – 2 Swimming	GRADE 4 CAMP P – 2 Swimming
WEEK 5	31 st Oct	1 st Nov	2 nd Nov	3 rd Nov	4 th Nov
	CURRICULUM DAY	MELBOURNE CUP DAY		P – 2 Swimming	P – 2 Swimming
WEEK 6	7 th Nov	8 th Nov	9 th Nov	10 th Nov	11 th Nov
				P – 2 Swimming	P – 2 Swimming Remembrance Day Service
WEEK 7	14 th Nov	15 th Nov	16 th Nov	17 th Nov	18 th Nov
			SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING 7PM	P – 2 Swimming 1 st Prep Transition 2.15 – 3.15	P – 2 Swimming Bookclub Issue 18 due
WEEK 8	21 st Nov	22 nd Nov	23 rd Nov	24 th Nov	25 th Nov
				P – 2 Swimming 2 nd Prep Transition 2.15 – 3.15	P – 2 Swimming
WEEK 9	28 th Nov	29 th Nov	30 th Nov	1 st Dec	2 nd Dec
				Whole School Transition 2.15 – 3.15 Prep Transition Evening	
	5 th Dec	6 th Dec	7 th Dec	8 th Dec	9 th Dec
WEEK 10 PLANNING WEEK				Whole School Transition 2.15 – 3.15	
	12 th Dec	13 th Dec	14 th Dec	15 th Dec	16 th Dec
WEEK 11 PLANNING WEEK			APS Evening Xmas Carols 6.30pm		Grade 6 Mystery Tour
	19 th Dec	20 th Dec			
WEEK 12 PLANNING WEEK	Grade 6 Graduation 6:30pm	End of Term Finish 1.00pm Merry Xmas			



PYJAMA DAY!

Wednesday 8th June 2016

Roll out of bed and come to school in your pyjamas on Wednesday 8th June 2016.

Bring a gold coin donation to raise money for Latitude Foundation.

Latitude: Directions for Young People is a Homelessness Assistance Service providing support to young people 15-25 years with or without children who are at risk of, or experiencing homelessness in the City of Hobsons Bay. Let's help raise money to support their foundation!

Thanks in advanced for your support,
SRC.



SECOND HAND BOOK SALE

Altona Primary School library will be having a second hand book sale to sell a large range of pre-loved books to new homes!

Dates: Tuesday 7th June 2016

Time: Recess, lunch time and after school.

Location: APS library

Cost: 50c and \$1 books



All money made will be put back into the school library, to purchase fabulous new books for the students at APS.

Come along to buy some CHEAP awesome books!



DON'T MISS OUT

This will be your very last chance to have your family's name immortalised on a paver in our beautiful Centenary Pathway.
Only 77 pavers available to complete the Pathway – be quick!

**SIGNATURE
ENGRAVING**

SINGLE PAVER **\$50**

Your donation of \$50 entitles you to have your family name/s (To a maximum of 48 letters) engraved into a paver as a permanent record of your history at Altona P.S. The paver will be permanently installed at **Altona P.S.** in the centenary entrance pathway to the front doors of the school; Size: 230 x 115 x 40mm.

Please write the **48** letters (maximum) to be inscribed on your paver here:

Number of bricks required: _____

For Example:

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Simply fill out this form and return along with full payment by cheque, cash or phone to:

Altona P.S. 109 Blyth Street or P.O. Box 127 Altona 3018

{Call (03) 9398 2925

Contact Name

Phone (Mobile preferred)

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Street

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City

State

Post Code

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Our Donation

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Closing date for orders 24th June 2016



After School Art and Craft Classes

Plants, Pots and Paper

After school art and craft classes will be held in the art room on a **Thursday** afternoon between **3.30-4.30pm** in **term 3, 2016**. The opportunity to participate is offered to children from grades 2 – 6.

The cost will be \$30 to cover materials and \$10 per session, making a total of \$110 for **8 Sessions**

Please note: Permission slips and payments must be directed to Mrs. Cain or Mrs. Barry in the art room and not the main office.

- Session 1** (21/07/16): Make your own simple terrarium
- Session 2** (28/07/16): Painted garden rocks
- Session 3** (04/08/16): Potted plants from recycled cans and jars
- Session 4** (11/08/16): Continue with potted plants
- Session 5** (18/08/16): Decorate your own terracotta pot
- Session 6** (25/08/16): Planting succulents inside interesting objects
- Session 7** (01/09/16): Create your own paper plants!
- Session 8** (08/09/16): Complete arrangement of paper plants

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 (20/06/16) 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

After School Art and Craft Classes. Term 3, 2016.

Plants, Pots and Paper

Child's name _____ Grade _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Contact Number: _____

Thank you, Mrs. Cain



FOSTER CARERS NEEDED



If you have thought about foster care, please get in touch and ask the questions you have always wanted to.

Ring Key Assets 1800 932 237 or 1800 WE CARE

Email: info@keyassets.com.au
www.keyassets.com.au

PREP ENROLMENTS

We are now taking enrolments for 2017, if you have a sibling already attending APS, please collect an enrolment pack from the office.



WOORABINDA CAMP UPDATE

We have received some information regarding our allocation for the select entry Woorabinda Camp Program. The number of selected students is yet to be finalised, as the selection process is currently being undertaken in consultation with the camp staff.

Students in Grades 4 and 5 who have expressed interest in attending Woorabinda will receive further information as soon as it becomes available.

Interested **Grade 4 students** and their families should be aware that Woorabinda is an additional camp offered to our students; therefore it is a prerequisite for students to attend the APS Grade 4 Camp.

For any further queries, please contact Shonelle Kent.

PAVER ORDERS EXTENDED

Paver orders have been extended until the end of Term 2, 24th June 2016.

Please get your orders in to avoid disappointment.



School Council Update

May 2016

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2016 School Council Dates

1. 11th May
2. 15th June
3. 17th August
4. 19th October
5. 16th November
6. TBC December

Contact Us

altona.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

The role of School Council

A School Council is a legally formed group given power to set the direction of a school. It is the major governing body of the school and plays an important role in accountability and improvement processes. The School Council operates within a framework set out by the Department of Education.

The objectives of any School Council are to assist in governing the school, ensure students' best interests are primary, enhance the education opportunities for students, and ensure compliance with relevant legislation and regulations.

The School Council does not run the school, that's the role of the Principal and Leadership Team. They manage the day-to-day operations of the school and everything to do with teachers, classes and individual issues. We do however assist in setting overall direction, developing and monitoring the strategic plan and endorsing, evaluating and reporting on things like the school budget and annual report. We also review school policies and results and support a range of activities through sub committees such as the Family & Friends Committee.

Our most privileged role is representing the school community, the students, parents and families of our school.

Who is on our School Council?

The School Council is made up of elected Parent Members and Department of Education employee members (the Principal and Teachers).

2016 School Council	Finance Committee	Policy Committee	Sustainability, Building and Grounds Committee	Family & Friends Committee
Alexis Beckwith - President	Kevin Enright	Debbie Galvin	Kevin Enright	Kylie Farr
Peter Roberts - Vice President	Shelley Golz	Nicole Fridey	Claire Carson	Rebecca Letson
Claire Carson	Ekrem Jeka	Rebecca Letson	Karen Hudson	Prats Chebolu
Ekrem Jeka	Peter	Karen Hudson		Debbie Galvin
Karen Hudson	Roberts	Julie Giles		
Prats Chebolu		Liz Brown		
Rebecca Letson				
Tim Hargreaves				
Nicole Fridey				
Debbie Galvin				
Kevin Enright				

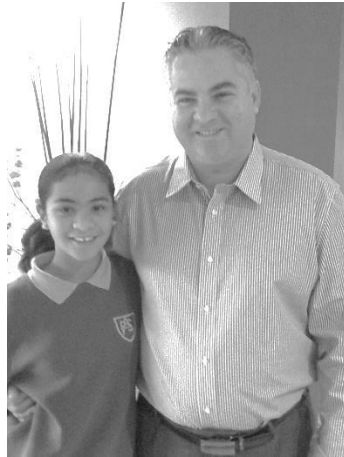
We are all part of the School Council because we are passionate about our school and all the families we represent. When we get together at our council meetings it's a chance to ask questions and discuss issues on your behalf.

Our commitment this year is ***to further encourage communication amongst the whole school community.***

2016 is an important planning year for the school so now is a great time to ensure you know who we all are, what our role is and how you can reach out to any of us to talk about issues or provide feedback on the things that matter to you.

Councilor Spotlight

Each issue we will feature some of our fantastic Councilors so you can learn more about us.



EKREM JEKA is the proud Dad of daughter Amiet from Grade 5/6F. Ekrem is a Court Registrar and very knowledgeable about Legal matters and dealing with the public. He's also a musician and undertakes voluntary work at local Aged Care facilities with his wife Afano.

"I love the high standard of educational service provided at APS, at both an individual and collective class level. The numerous extracurricular opportunities available such as the after school Arts program that Amiet loves & so looks forward to each week is one example. The open mindedness of school management to welcome the whole school community into the day to day running of the school is brilliant. I wanted to be involved in the school Council to try and give something back to this amazing school that has given so much to our family and others, a happy, safe and successful school time"



KAREN HUDSON moved from England to Australia with her family in 2010 and has loved living here ever since. She and her husband Matt have two boys, Sam age 12 and Tom age 9. When they first arrived in Altona in 2013, Sam started APS in Grade 4 and Tom in Grade 1. Tom is now in Grade 4 and Sam has since graduated from APS and started High School. Karen is a Hydrologist and works for the Bureau of Meteorology. "What I really love about APS is the sense of community. We were a new family to the area, but made to feel very welcome by everyone. The school has a lovely atmosphere and it was clear as soon as Kevin gave us a tour that it was the right school for Sam and Tom. They both settled in very quickly and have made some great friends. Being a member of the School Council has been both enlightening and rewarding, and I would recommend it to any parent."

Hot Topics from our last meeting...

The meeting in May had a very full agenda. Apart from our usual review of the reports from each sub committee and also the Principals report (which is very similar to the messages Kevin puts into the weekly newsletter), we also covered a number of general discussion topics, some from the Leadership Team and some that were raised by parents.

The next dates for curriculum days were agreed to be the 8th of August and 31st October and we learned the Murdoch Children's Institute from the Royal Children's Hospital has asked APS to participate in some research about social skills. Parents of some Grade 1's and Grade 2's will be provided further detail and invited to participate.

We reviewed the overall Naplan results for our region and discussed areas that the school will focus on over the coming year. It is interesting to see the areas of improvement over the years and provides fabulous insights into the work Leadership Teams undertake when planning the curriculum.

We talked about processes relating to student safety and reporting of incidents including Cyber Safety. You will have noticed recent reminders to students and families have occurred in varying forms following that discussion.

Sports team selection processes and recognition for the broad range of extra curricular activities our children are involved in was highlighted with some great ideas put forward to improve visibility across a range of activities and provide an inclusive way to celebrate involvement and achievements in a consistent way.

There was a long discussion about camps. A number of enquiries had come through asking how camps were planned for and run. APS runs camps on alternate years for Grades 3/4 and Grades 5/6. In addition to these school run camps, we also promote any opportunities for additional regional or Education Department run camps. If you would like to know more about camps; when they will be, or what year your child will be eligible to attend...please pop into the office or ask your child's teacher for more information. If you have any specific requests or suggestions regarding camps, please let us know.

Student toilet facilities were also raised following some parent enquiries and concerns. Everything from keeping them clean, to soap and the ratio of toilets for the growing number of children we have at the school was up for discussion. Since then, Kevin and Claire have reviewed the the Building Code of Australia. The requirement for the current student numbers and staff numbers show both the student and staff toilet facilities are within regulation. We do recognise however the challenges that the traffic of children bring to these facilities so reminders to the students to keep the areas clean for others and more regular staff checks will be implemented. The school will also ensure this issue is monitored more regularly.

Our last and lively topic was related to school fundraising. Now that the centenary celebrations are over, some decisions about what to focus on in 2016 need to be made. There were some great ideas put forward on behalf of some enthusiastic individuals, however before any decisions are made we'd like to ask all the families what you think...

Have your say...

We will discuss fundraising again at the next meeting and prioritise the ideas on how to spend any money available:

What would you like to see school fundraising efforts introduce or improve at the school during 2016 - facilities, buildings, equipment, and programs?

Please contact one of the councilors to let us know your thoughts either at school if you see us or you can also email us through the school email address.

All suggestions are welcome and we will **include your input at the next meeting on the 15th June**, after which we will work closely with the Family & Friends Committee and the Leadership Team to bring the agreed and endorsed ideas to life.

Any other items you'd like to raise for discussion are also welcome. We would all be pleased to talk with you, as would your child's teacher, the lovely ladies in the office, Kevin, Nicole or Debbie. We are all here to help.

We hope you enjoyed reading more about the School Council and would love to hear any feedback or ideas that you may have.

Kind Regards,

Alexis Beckwith
School Council President



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

Friends and Families Committee

Thursday, 2nd June 2016

Get your dancing shoes on!

**The Friends and Family
Committee are hosting a
Fancy Dress Disco!**



Friday 17 June 2016

Junior (prep-grade 3)	6.30-7.30
Senior (grade 3-6)	7.45 -9.15

You can only attend 1 disco.

Tickets: \$5 per child

Families with 3 or more children: \$10 per family
Return ticket money with the RSVP slip below
by 15 JUNE.

On the night we will be selling popcorn, icy
poles and snakes for \$1. Water provided.

The disco is for children only and only children enrolled at
APS can attend. Flashing lights will be used.

**DATES FOR YOUR
DIARY TERM 2**

Friends and Families Meeting @
9:00am in Staff Room:

Friday 10/6/16

School Disco:
Friday 17/6/2016

SCHOOL BANKING
Every Friday

**Entertainment
Books –
New Books
Out now!**

Entertainment Books
are now available.
Jump online to look
at some of the great
deals it contains!
They are priced at
\$65 each for either
digital or hard copy.
Hard copies are
available at the
office.



School Fancy Dress Disco RSVP – Return before 15 June 2016

Number of tickets required: _____ Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Child/ren's name: _____ Grade/s: _____

Circle the session your child/ren will attend: 6.30-7.30 or 7.45-9.15

Parent volunteers required. Can you help?

Name: _____ Mobile/email: _____

Would you like to be notified of other Friends and Family events? YES / NO