

ALTONA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Knowledge and Nurturing by the Bay



MOTTO:

Be True

VISION:

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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

Happy New Year and welcome back to all students and families. A special welcome to the new preps and new students across the school. It is so uplifting to walk around the school, be greeted by students and parents and see the students enjoying their learning in their classrooms.

Welcome to our 3 new staff members; Mr Tim Jenkins (Leading Teacher), Yolanda Bircher (Grade Prep) and Kate Nikolic (Grade 3). Tim, Yolanda and Kate are excellent additions to our staff.

We are also very happy to welcome back Mrs. Lainee Barwise.

The Grade 4 & 3/4 netbooks will be given out on Monday. Thanks to Leigh and Thi for getting them ready during January. It is a huge job preparing so many student netbooks.

Former student; Gavin Scholes, will be at this Monday's assembly to donate and present two netbook scholarships and two sporting scholarships. Gavin will also give our grade 5/6 students the opportunity to come up with a business idea and win a \$500 entrepreneur scholarship. The scholarship, along with Gavin, will help to launch their idea. See this link for more information re Gavin's business entrepreneurial skills; <https://exchange.telstra.com.au/author/gavin-scholes/>

We are anticipating the grade 3/4 portable will be ready at the end of next week. I had hoped it would be ready tomorrow. The concrete outside has to cure before the handrail can be installed. The inside has been repainted and recarpeted. We have purchased new modern, colourful furniture to make it a stimulating environment. Mr. Hargreaves can't wait to get into the 'new' room.

The new Preps have settled in beautifully. It was lovely to have them at the first assembly. I had to laugh when, as I introduced myself as Mr. Enright, one young prep called out no you're Kevin.

A huge thank you to Peter Stephens for paving the final section of the pathway entrance to the school. Peter and the Galea family have been laying the paving in sections since the centenary in 2015. Peter is Cade Galea's grandfather. Many families and local residence stop to read the names on the pavers.

Congratulations to Ms. Tammie Thompson on her recent engagement and to Mrs. Hannah Wilkinson on the birth of her son Reeve.

The 2017 Staff and grades list will be included in this newsletter.

The school swimming squad started training on Tuesday. We wish them all the best.

School Council elections will begin at the end of next week. Nomination forms will be available at the office from Friday. We have 6 vacancies. Four of these vacancies will be for 2 years and two for one year. I encourage any interested parent to consider applying. Ring me through the office if you would like to discuss this or require further information. School Council meets twice a term on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Family voice in the governance and direction of the school is vitally important.

Can every family check their child's hair this weekend so we can start the year head lice free.

Have a great weekend

Kevin Enright
Principal

2017 STAFFING	
Grade 5/6	Team Leader: Andrew Gilpin Laura McKendrick Jess McDonald Helen Xinomalakis/Tiffany Verwoert Steve Fava Leanne Hudson/Erin Douglas Robyne Twyerould
Grade 4	Team Leader: Christine Sperling Adam McPherson Kate Beckman Christina Mantello
Grade 3/4	Tim Hargreaves 3/4H
Grade 3	Team Leader: Kerry Rayson Nicole Nicolin Nikki Farrow
Grade 2	Team Leader: Jodi Kenny Kate Nikolic Melissa Wendt Jo Mathrick
Grade 1	Team Leader: Laine Barwise Athena Petalas/Maree Lynch Martina Aird/Tiffany Verwoert Megan Farrow
Prep	Team Leader: Tammie Thompson Shonelle Kent Natascha Hruschka Yolanda Bircher
SPECIALISTS	LOTE – Kellie Larter PE - Jayme Morris PE – Eoin Corroon ICT – Eoin Corroon ART – Pam Barry ART – Brooke Cain MUSIC – Tim Rouse Full time MUSIC – Marie Lynch





"You can do it"

2017 - Week 2 Term 1

Prep Awards		
Prep T		<u>Getting along</u> – for making lots of new friends! Miss Thompson
Grade 1 Awards		
1F		<u>Getting along</u> – a fantastic start to the year. You have all settled in so well and I am so excited for an amazing year with you all! Miss Farrow
1AV		<u>Confidence</u> – for a wonderful start to Grade 1.
Grade 2 Awards		
		<u>Resilience</u> – for coming to school with a big smile and a positive attitude! Keep up the great work Natalia.
2K		<u>Organisation</u> – for starting Grade 2 in 2017 with such a positive attitude. I can't wait to have fun teaching and learning with you all. – Mrs Kenny
Grade 3 Awards		
3F		<u>Getting along</u> – for an absolutely fabulous start to the year. I can't wait for the rest of the year. Keep up the amazing effort. Ms Nikki
3R		<u>Getting along</u> – for the amazing start they have made in Grade 3! I can't wait for the rest of the year! – Mrs Rayson
Grade 4 Awards		
Fred	4S	<u>Persistence</u> – for taking on the challenge!
Grade 5/6 Awards		
56J		<u>Persistence</u> – for a fabulous first few days of the 2017 school year. I'm amazed at how much you have accomplished in such a short time! – Miss McDonald



Dear Parents

After the success of last year's "DANSING" program, I will again be offering the program in 2017. **This class is open to children from grades 1,2 & 3 who love to sing and dance!!**

Last year due to high numbers I ran a class on Wednesdays and Mondays. If the numbers are high this year I will organize a Monday class to be taken by Mel White who ran the Dansing program on a Monday last year while I was absent.

The classes offer singing tuition and vocal technique, developing skills in singing Harmony.

Children will learn basic dance steps and simple movements to perform whilst singing. They will sing a variety of songs from different styles of music to develop their appreciation of a wide range of music.

Children will learn to sing using a microphone and will have the opportunity to sing on their own if they are confident and capable.

This program is designed to develop confidence and self esteem in a non threatening environment.

The free concert at the end of the program is very low key with very little costuming and cost to families.

Term one will commence on **Wednesday February 22nd** through to March 29th. Then classes will re commence the first week of school in term 2, Wednesday **April 19th** until **June 28th**.

The class will be for 1 hour and will commence straight **after school** and will finish at **4.20pm**. The classes will be held in the old music room near the bike shelter. (I will allow the children to have a drink and snack before we start the class so you may want to pack an extra snack that day).

Once children begin the program it is hoped they will continue until the concert so a quality performance can be achieved. If your child is not confident about performing they can simply attend classes and enjoy singing and dancing as long as this is expressed a few weeks before the performance as children will be partnered up for some items.

The Dansing concert will be held on that last week of Term 2, **Wednesday June 28th** in the PAC centre at the school. More information will follow regarding this event.

Each session will cost \$10 and can be paid weekly when children attend. I would appreciate the money being enclosed in an envelope that the children can hand me at the beginning of the lesson or at the end if you are collecting your child. Alternatively you can pay by the term. This term being 6 weeks.

Please email me jenright@iprimus.com.au or send me a text message on 0409366607 with your child's name, grade, and a contact number.

Priority will be given to students who participated in the program last year.

Please indicate if your child would prefer the Monday class to be taken by Mel White.

Sincerely Julie Enright 0409 366 607

CSEF FORM

If you hold a current Health Care card or pension card, you may be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund, (CSEF). Forms are available from the office or online.

Forms cannot be accepted after 20th June 2017.

CAN YOU HELP?

Do you have any old or new edition Maths books!

We are looking for Year 7 and 8 Maths curriculum books.

If you do, please donate to the office and they will be passed onto the Grade 5/6 Team.

Regards,

Robyne Twyeroald



OFFICE NEWS

If your child arrives at school after 9am, you must sign a late arrival form for your child, which is given to the teacher.

You must sign in to the visitors book if you are taking your child to their class and sign out when you leave.

It is best if your child goes to their classroom on their own, however if you take them over we ask that you do not enter the classroom as this disrupts the other students.



PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAM

Just a reminder for those attending the Parent Education Program, the first session is next Thursday 16th February.



Tim Nelson Piano lessons

0450 904 464

During or after school hours



After School Science Term 1 2017 - Outline

Dear Parents,

Please see below an outline of the topics that will be covered this term.

Week 1- Introduction into Biology – Living and non-living things

Week 2- Making a compost bin/Wriggly worms

Week 3- Classifying foods – fruits/vegetables and dehydration experiment

Week 4- Living organisms and trees

Week 5- NO CLASS

Week 6- Introduction into Physics – The Earth is a magnet/jar compass experiment

Week 7- Different pitched sounds

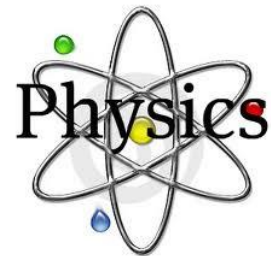
Week 8- Discovering everyday magnetic objects

Week 9- Investigating the energy of static energy and electricity

We look forward to working with our new scientists and having fun experimenting this term in Mrs Kenny's room (Room 15).

Thank you,

Mrs Kenny and Miss Hruschka





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 skill, 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 6th February 2017(Term 1) and running until Friday 2nd June 2017 (Term 2).**

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

Each session is \$10 per child.

If you would like your child to continue to be involved in this exciting and energizing program, please complete the tear off booking form below and return it to school

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: _____

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LUNCH ORDER PRICE LIST 2017

Please supply a lunch bag with Childs Name, and Grade number and amount of money in the bag.



Please send correct money in a secure bag.

REGRETTABLY WE CANNOT ACCEPT ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOST CHANGE

If you require a bag please include an extra 10cents. If there is not enough money in your lunch order, 1 item will be deleted.

SANDWICHES

If you would prefer a roll please add an extra .90cents

Ham	\$3.50
Tuna Mayo Lettuce	\$4.00
Turkey	\$3.60
Fresh Chicken	\$3.60
Egg	\$3.50
Cheese	\$2.80
Salad Only	\$3.90
Vegemite	\$2.50
Egg Mayo Lettuce	\$4.00
Ham (Fat Free) & Salad Plate	\$6.00

Note: Salad includes lettuce, cucumber, carrot and tomato. Any salad items added .40c, cheese 50c.

HOT FOOD

Hot Dogs (97% fat free)	\$3.30
Chicken Burger (Chicken Fillet)	\$3.80
Lasagne (lean meat)	\$4.50
Spaghetti Bolognaise (lean meat)	\$4.00
Hot Chicken roll (Chicken fillet)	\$4.50

With light cheese

SAUCE with any of the above .20

Cheese & Tom toasted	\$3.30
Ham & light cheese toasted	\$4.40
Focaccia with fresh chicken and cheese	\$4.50
Cheese only	\$3.00

Tomato Sauce .20



SNACKS

Plain Popcorn	\$1.10
Snack pack (A) (2 carrots, 2 celery, 2 light cheese sticks)	\$2.50
Small garden Salad (B) (fat free dressing)	\$3.50
Snack Pack (C) (2 corn cakes, 1 boiled egg, 2 carrot sticks and 1 light cheese stick)	\$3.30



FRUIT

Fresh Fruit (piece of fruit seasonal)	\$2.00
Fresh Fruit Salad	\$3.70
Fresh Fruit Jelly	\$2.90

DRINK

Bottled Water	\$2.20
Golden Circle 200ml	\$1.70

Orange Or
Apple & Blackcurrant

Frozen Fruit stick (99% fruit juice)	\$1.00
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MILK

Plain milk 300ml	\$1.60
Calci yum milk 250ml	\$2.50
Chocolate or strawberry	