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# 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

Congratulations to the new School and House Captains for 2017. I am looking forward to working with them all. They are privileged to be working with Ms. Laura McKendrick who facilitates the student leadership development program.

Thank you to Bunnings for donating two graduation benches to remember our grade 6 students. The grade 5/6 students had their end of year picnic at Apex Park yesterday.

Congratulations to Mrs. Leanne Hudson and Mrs. Kim Lawrie who were reappointed to Altona P.S. through the application and interview process yesterday. The staff are really pleased to have them as part of the 2017 team. They are both very good teachers and staff members.

Thank you to the School Council for another productive year. They do an amazing job behind the scenes to make sure every student has the best education possible. It has been a pleasure to work with them.

I have included this year's teacher assessed student data. We have always set ambitious targets for continuous improvement. In his book; Good to Great, Jim Collins outlines his concept 'BHAG' Big Hairy Audacious Goals. I love the concept. According to Jim;

'Greatness is not a function of circumstance. Greatness, it turns out, is largely a matter of conscious choice, and discipline.' The staff and students are motivated by the challenge of being a high performing school. We all love to challenge ourselves. The table shows the targets we set at the start of 2016, the actual percentage achieved in 2016 and the target we set at the start of our 2012 – 2016 Strategic Plan. 100% of students at the required level was an audacious target but one we all felt morally obligated to strive for. We increased some of the strategic plan targets as we achieved them along the four year journey. Hence, some of the 2016 targets are greater than the strategic plan targets. I am extremely proud of the achievements of our students and the work of teachers and families. Our belief is that effort equals achievement.

Of course academic data isn't everything. The music, art, Japanese, sport, IT, creativity and wellbeing are critical ingredients in the shaping the lives of each student. School has to be engaging and enjoyable.

The Dances concert last night was a huge success. Julie does an amazing job to develop the confidence, enjoyment and musical performance of the students. I know the families love the program.

I am looking forward to Graduation in the . This year's grade 6 students have been the highest achieving academic group since grade Prep. Their behaviour and leadership have set a high standard throughout the year. They are well and truly ready for secondary school.

Thank you to our guitar, drum, keyboard, singing, science, Fitastic and art after school providers. Our community really appreciates being able to access these programs at school.

I want to also thank our OSHC staff led by Lucy, Vanessa and now Simone. The fact that OSHC mirrors the program and culture of the school is a stunning achievement.

The Koorie art project will be presented at assembly Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December. Jenna has surpassed all of the expectations we had had at the inception of the project.

The school band performed their original song at assembly on Monday. Their performance showcased seven years of quality musical learning and teaching. Thank you to Mr. Rouse for giving up his lunchtimes every week to allow the bands to practice.

Thank you to the Family and Friends committee for their work this year. They make a huge contribution to community involvement throughout the year.

What a year we have had!

Have a great weekend

Kevin Enright

**Teacher Judgment Targets from 2012 – 2016 Strategic Plan**

**2016 Annual  
Implementation  
Plan Targets**

**Reading**

	2016 Target	2016 Actual	Strategic Plan Target
At	100%	91%	100%
6 months above	65%	61%	60%
12 months above	33%	33%	20%

**Writing**

	2016 Target	2016 Actual	Strategic Plan Target
At	100%	82%	100%
6 months above	50%	45%	50%
12 months above	20%	15%	15%

**Number**

	2016 Target	2016 Actual	Strategic Plan Target
At	100%	86%	100%
6 months above	50%	47%	50%
12 months above	20%	16%	15%

### **SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS HAMPERS**

We have received lots of goodies, thank you to all the families who have donated to this worthy cause.

If you would still like to donate any perishable food items, please send to your child's classroom or there is a box near the office.



### **CONCERT NEWS**

Our school Carols concert is next Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December starting at 6.30pm sharp.

Bring your picnic rug and some dinner, or there will be sausages on the BBQ, an ice cream van and drinks all available to purchase. You can bring a chair as long as you are seated at the back.

We still need volunteers to help on the BBQ, if you can help please fill in the slip on the Family and Friends Newsletter attached.

All helpers will be able to watch their child's performance.

### **SLAPPED CHEEK**

We have had a confirmed case of Slapped Cheek in the Grade 1 area.

Please be aware of the symptoms if your child is unwell.



# 2016 WHOLE SCHOOL CALENDAR **FOR FAMILIES**

25/10/16

## 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 **Ukelele Group** Friday's 3.15pm with Mr Rouse

## 2016 TERM 4 WHOLE SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR FAMILIES

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct <b>Start Term 4</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	5 <sup>th</sup> Oct	6 <sup>th</sup> Oct P – 2 Swimming Hobson's Bay Division Softball Lightning Premiership Mr Fava	7 <sup>th</sup> Oct P – 2 Swimming GIRLS NIGHT OUT (parents only) Hobson's Bay Division Volleyball Lightning Premiership Mr Corroon
WEEK 2	10 <sup>th</sup> Oct <b>GRADE 3 CAMP</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> Oct <b>GRADE 3 CAMP</b> Grade 2 Science works Excursion WMR Athletics	12 <sup>th</sup> Oct <b>GRADE 3 CAMP</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> Oct <b>P – 2 Swimming</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> Oct <b>P – 2 Swimming</b>
WEEK 3	17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	19 <sup>th</sup> Oct 'House Colour Day' <b>SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING 7PM</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> Oct <b>P – 2 Swimming</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> Oct <b>P – 2 Swimming</b> Bookclub Issue 7 due <b>SCHOOL DISCO</b>
WEEK 4	24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	26 <sup>th</sup> Oct <b>GRADE 4 CAMP</b>	27 <sup>th</sup> Oct <b>GRADE 4 CAMP</b> <b>P – 2 Swimming</b>	28 <sup>th</sup> Oct <b>GRADE 4 CAMP</b> Grade 5/6 Energy Incursion <b>P – 2 Swimming</b>
WEEK 5 WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH OF NOV	31 <sup>st</sup> Oct <b>CURRICULUM DAY</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Nov <b>MELBOURNE CUP DAY</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov Grade 1 Responsible Pet Education	3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov <b>P – 2 Swimming</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Nov <b>P – 2 Swimming</b>
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 <b>P – 2 Swimming</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> Nov <b>P – 2 Swimming</b> 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 <b>SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING 7PM</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> Nov <b>P – 2 Swimming</b> Grade 6 Graduation Photo 9am	18 <sup>th</sup> Nov <b>P – 2 Swimming</b> Bookclub Issue 18 due
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 <b>P – 2 Swimming</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Prep Transition 2.15 – 3.15	25 <sup>th</sup> Nov <b>P – 2 Swimming</b> 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> Prep Transition 2.15 – 3.15	2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec
WEEK 10	5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	8 <sup>th</sup> Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup> Prep Transition 2.15 – 3.15 Whole School Transition 2.15 – 3.15	9 <sup>th</sup> Dec
WEEK 11	12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	14 <sup>th</sup> Dec <b>APS Evening Xmas Carols 6.30pm</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> Dec 4 <sup>th</sup> Prep Transition 2.15 – 3.15 Whole School Transition 2.15 – 3.15	16 <sup>th</sup> Dec <b>Grade 6 Mystery Tour</b>
WEEK 12	19 <sup>th</sup> Dec Grade 6 Graduation 6:30pm	20 <sup>th</sup> Dec End of Term Finish 1.00pm			



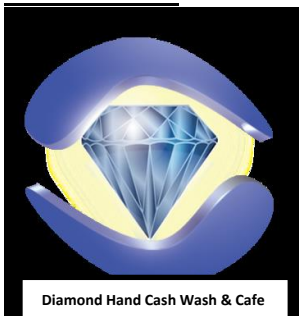
# Olympic Colour Crazy Obstacle-a-thon

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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# "You can do it"

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2016 – Awards Week 10 Term 4



Prep Awards		
<b>Gabbie</b>	Prep M	<b><u>Organisation</u></b> – for organising her ideas to write a great procedural text about how to make a Hairy Harry. Great work Gabbie
<b>Colton</b>	Prep S	<b><u>Organisation</u></b> – for demonstrating fantastic organisational skills by creating a very beautifully presented mathematics poster. Well done Colten!
<b>Henri</b>	Prep M	<b><u>Organisation</u></b> – for always organising himself and his time to complete his homework task to his best level. Great work Henri!
Grade 1 Awards		
<b>Mitchell</b>	1N	<b><u>Organisation</u></b> – for organising his wonderful ideas and creating a well-structured narrative. You entertained the whole class! Well done
<b>Ella</b>	1F	<b><u>Confidence</u></b> – for her amazing reading skills and confidence when sharing books with the grade!
<b>Jordy</b>	1F	<b><u>Organisation</u></b> – for being super organised before each task! Keep up the amazing effort.

Grade 2 Awards		
Rylan	2N	<u>Confidence</u> – for working hard to write a wonderful narrative. Well done Rylan!
Willem	2K	<u>Organisation</u> – for being super organised before each task! Keep up the amazing efforts.
John	2K	<u>Organisation</u> – for working super hard in maths. Well done John you did an amazing job at multiplication and division.
Grade 3 Awards		
Sam	34J	<u>Resilience</u> – for being so helpful and responsible. We have loved having you in our class. Keep up the great effort Willem!
Jacob	34J	<u>Getting along</u> – for always helping others willingly, showing his understanding. Keep it up!
Grade 4 Awards		
Finley	4LW	<u>Persistence</u> - for improving his spelling by putting in so much time and effort both at home and at school!
Grade 5 / 6 Awards		
Luka	Grade 56J	<u>Getting along</u> – for working well with others in group situations, you're a fabulous classmate!
Amiet	56F	<u>Getting along</u> – for being the ultimate friend by treating people with respect and always offering great advice.



*The following children were awarded a Music award*

**Giullia - Prep K**

**Valentino - Prep S**

**Lily - Prep TW**

**Emri - Prep S**

**Sienna - Prep M**



### **TIM NELSON MUSIC**

Piano, Keyboard & Guitar Lessons at School.

Tim is a very experienced, patient and qualified instrumental teacher and has been teaching at Altona PS for more than 20 years!

Contact Tim on 0450 904 464.



## 2016 & 2017 SCHOOL and HOUSE CAPTAINS



As the 2016 captains finalise their last few weeks in their role, we acknowledge their pride, enthusiasm, diligence and commitment throughout the year. The captains have worked with Miss McKendrick focusing on leadership development. We thank them all for being positive role models, engaging with their peers and the wider school community.

Once again a huge number of students stood in front of an audience, mainly their peers, and delivered their speech as to why they should be selected as a captain for 2017. We were very proud of every student as they all had the potential to be selected with their commitment to the role of school or house captain.

On Monday our 2017 captains were announced at assembly. Very proud parents and families anxiously awaited the announcement.

## Congratulations to our 2017 captains!



**SCHOOL CAPTAINS**  
**George Taylor**  
**Sofia Christou**

## 2017 HOUSE CAPTAINS



**BLUE HOUSE  
CAPTAINS**  
Mackenzie Callus  
Luke Dyke

**YELLOW HOUSE  
CAPTAINS**  
Elisha Martin  
Illirian Vladi



**GREEN HOUSE  
CAPTAINS**  
Charlotte Markby  
Kobe Flannery



**RED HOUSE  
CAPTAINS**  
Finn Puhar  
Lauren Beckwith



**PURPLE HOUSE  
CAPTAINS**  
Dylan Caruana  
Isabelle Smith





## Altona Primary School: *CHILD SAFE STANDARDS*

The safety of all students is of paramount importance at APS. It is our responsibility to ensure we are the advocates for children and do all that we can to make children feel safe and be safe from any form of child abuse. This responsibility extends to our whole school community.

The Victorian Government developed the *Child Safe Standards* in response to the recommendations of the *Betrayal of Trust* report that found more must be done to prevent and respond to child abuse in our community.

The *Betrayal of Trust* report recognised the strength of existing cultures, policies and procedures in place across Victorian government schools. The new Child Safe Standards provide a framework to build on these strengths and identify areas for improvement to further strengthen policy and practices that keep children safe.

We have completed a self -assessment on our current practices and policies and aligned these to reflect the 7 Child Safe Standards. Each of the standards has been ratified by our School Council.

The effective implementation of these standards is to take a 'whole school approach', including students, parents and families, all staff, school council and the wider school community

All staff are undertaking professional learning to develop a clear understanding of the standards and their implementation.

Key messages:

- Everyone connected to our school can help children be safe, keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility
- We have zero tolerance for any abuse of children
- We already have policies and processes in place to protect the care, safety and welfare of children.
- There are clear boundaries about how adults in our school community may interact with children.
- The Child Safe Standards apply to all school staff, school council, including volunteers, contractors, visitors, external providers, parents and family members.

### CHILD SAFE STANDARDS

**STANDARD 1** – Strategies to embed an organisational culture of child safety

**STANDARD 2** – Child Safe Policy

**STANDARD 3** – Code of conduct that establishes clear expectations for appropriate behaviour with children

**STANDARD 4** – Screening, supervision, training practices that reduce the risk of child abuse by new & existing personnel

**STANDARD 5** – Processes for responding to and reporting suspected child abuse

**STANDARD 6** – Strategies to identify and reduce or remove the risk of abuse

**STANDARD 7** – Strategies to promote the participation and empowerment of children

*All Child Safe Standards are on our school website.*



# APS Christmas Carols Concert



## BBQ

Friends and Families Committee



The FFC will be providing a BBQ and drinks for sale, next Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at the Christmas Carols Concert. We will also have the Bulla Ice Cream Van with ice creams to buy for just \$1!

The new Shoppers card will be for sale, with lots of information about all the great offers available for 2017. Great value at only \$10 each.



**Bulla Ice Cream Van –  
Ice Creams available for  
\$1\*(\*Proceeds to APS)**



We need some volunteers to help set up, run the bbq and clear away afterwards. All help will be most appreciated. All helpers will still be able to watch their children perform in the concert. Please return the slip below if you would be able to help. Thank you for your support.

Volunteer Reply Slip-I would like to support the FFC BBQ stall

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Child/ren's Grade(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Contact No \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Time (please tick)

5 – 6 pm

6 – 7 pm

7 – 8pm

8 - 9 pm