

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,

It is great to be back and catch up with parents, children and the staff after being away on Long Service Leave for 7 weeks. My wife Kaylene and I travelled along the coast of NSW and Queensland in our caravan. We are very lucky to live in a beautiful country like Australia.

All of our students are working very hard; Term 4 is a busy time for staff and children. We have our Remembrance Day Ceremony tomorrow, some of our students have been selling merchandise this week and we are wearing our Poppies with pride.

Our Prep to Grade 2's are enjoying their swimming program and we have the Preps for 2017 starting their Transition program soon.

Our grade 6 students have their Mystery Tour and Graduation next month; they have been practicing very hard to make sure their dance moves and singing will be amazing on the night.

On Tuesday 6th December there will be a casual dress day, bring a gold coin donation and funds will go towards Chromosome 18 Research to support families affected by chromosome abnormalities. The children always love having a casual dress day!

A lot of our children are participating in our after school programs, learning new skills and having a lot of fun. Tim Nelson's students had their annual concert on Monday night, parents and family enjoyed seeing all their children perform.

School fees will be sent home soon, these are payable by cash, credit card, or by BPay. Contact the office if you do not have your BPay details, fees need to be paid by the start of the school year.

Details will be sent home soon to the Grade 3 students regarding the Netbook program for next year.

Some families may have received notification of lost library books; these books are a valuable resource and need to be paid for if they cannot be found at home. Please send the payment to the office.

Enjoy your weekend,

Kevin Enright.

2016 WHOLE SCHOOL CALENDAR **FOR FAMILIES**

25/10/16

After School Activities:

Dan-sing Monday & Wednesday 3:20pm-4:20pm Mrs. Cain's **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 1	3 rd Oct Start Term 4	4 th Oct	5 th Oct	6 th Oct P – 2 Swimming Hobson's Bay Division Softball Lightning Premiership Mr. Fava	7 th Oct P – 2 Swimming GIRLS NIGHT OUT (parents only) Hobson's Bay Division Volleyball Lightning Premiership Mr. Corroon
WEEK 2	10 th Oct GRADE 3 CAMP	11 th Oct GRADE 3 CAMP Grade 2 Science works Excursion WMR Athletics	12 th Oct GRADE 3 CAMP	13 th Oct P – 2 Swimming	14 th Oct P – 2 Swimming
WEEK 3	17 th Oct	18 th Oct	19 th Oct 'House Colour Day' SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING 7PM	20 th Oct P – 2 Swimming	21 st Oct P – 2 Swimming Bookclub Issue 7 due SCHOOL DISCO
WEEK 4	24 th Oct	25 th Oct	26 th Oct GRADE 4 CAMP	27 th Oct GRADE 4 CAMP P – 2 Swimming	28 th Oct GRADE 4 CAMP Grade 5/6 Energy Incursion P – 2 Swimming
WEEK 5 WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH OF NOV	31 st Oct CURRICULUM DAY	1 st Nov MELBOURNE CUP DAY	2 nd Nov Grade 1 Responsible Pet Education	3 rd Nov P – 2 Swimming	4 th Nov P – 2 Swimming
WEEK 6 WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH OF NOV	7 th Nov	8 th Nov	9 th Nov	10 th Nov P – 2 Swimming	11 th Nov P – 2 Swimming Remembrance Day Service (run by Grade 3)
WEEK 7 WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH OF NOV	14 th Nov	15 th Nov	16 th Nov SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING 7PM	17 th Nov P – 2 Swimming Grade 6 Graduation Photo 9am	18 th Nov P – 2 Swimming Bookclub Issue 18 due
WEEK 8 WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH OF NOV	21 st Nov	22 nd Nov	23 rd Nov	24 th Nov P – 2 Swimming 1 st Prep Transition 2.15 – 3.15	25 th Nov P – 2 Swimming 10am – 11am Bulldog's Premiership Cup Visit
WEEK 9 WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH OF NOV	28 th Nov	29 th Nov	30 th Nov	1 st Dec 2 nd Prep Transition 2.15 – 3.15	2 nd Dec
WEEK 10	5 th Dec	6 th Dec Casual Dress day Gold coin donation	7 th Dec	8 th Dec 3 rd Prep Transition 2.15 – 3.15 Whole School Transition 2.15 – 3.15	9 th Dec
WEEK 11	12 th Dec	13 th Dec	14 th Dec APS Evening Xmas Carols 6.30pm	15 th Dec 4 th Prep Transition 2.15 – 3.15 Whole School Transition 2.15 – 3.15	16 th Dec Grade 6 Mystery Tour
WEEK 12	19 th Dec Grade 6 Graduation 6:30pm	20 th Dec End of Term Finish 1.00pm			



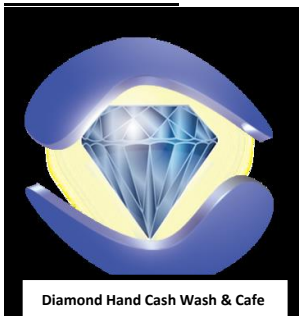
Olympic Colour Crazy Obstacle-a-thon

Thank you to all of our fabulous sponsors

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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.

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Sliver Sponsor - \$250





"You can do it"

Monday 7th November – Awards Week 6 Term 4



Prep Awards		
Leni	PK	<u>Getting Along</u> – for being a wonderful helper around our classroom. Thank you
Lilian	PK	<u>Persistence</u> – for working super hard to improve her pencil grip and make sure her writing sits on the lines. Well done Lili
Grade 1 Awards		
Erin	1F	<u>Organisation</u> – for including an incredible amount of detail in her long weekend recount. Super
Ismar	1N	<u>Organisation</u> – for being focused and organised during writing sessions and checking to make sure his writing is making sense. Well done!

Dean	1B	<u>Persistence</u> – for coming along in leaps and bounds in his reading, displaying wonderful strategies to work out unknown words!
Shelby	1PS	<u>Confidence</u> – for writing an entertaining and detailed recount about the long weekend
Grade 2 Awards		
Lily	2H	<u>Persistence</u> – for inferring character feelings throughout reading and using the text to support her answers. Great Job
Grade 3 Awards		
Lizzy	3H	<u>Persistence</u> – for showing pleasing improvements in her maths calculations. Keep up the effort
Ollie	3H	<u>Resilience</u> – for working hard to improve his reading fluency and ability to break down unknown word.
Grade 4 Awards		
Grade 5 / 6 Awards		
Saim	56J	<u>Confidence</u> – for excellent reading and comprehension when conferencing with Miss Mac, so impressive!
Samuel	56F	<u>Persistence</u> – for using descriptive language to make his writing entertaining. Well done
Deakon	56F	<u>Getting Along</u> – for getting along with different groups in and out of the classroom. Keep it up mate!

Host Families Wanted!

Japanese University students will visit APS in 2017

We are desperately looking for more families who are willing to host a Japanese student in February 2017. Students are studying Child Education at Nagoya Women's University in Japan. They will visit Altona Primary to observe classes and introduce Japanese culture. This is a wonderful opportunity for families to experience first-hand an exchange of two very different cultures and introduce the Australian way of life to an eager student. The whole experience is very rewarding.

Duration: Sunday 19th Feb to Tuesday 7th March 2017 (16 nights)

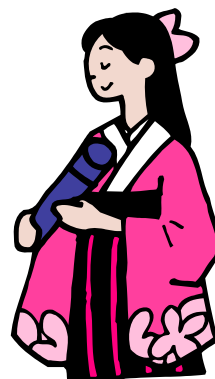
How many: One student per family

Homestay fee: Families will receive payment of \$600 for expenses.

Please provide 3 meals a day. (Breakfast, packed lunch & dinner)

If you have any questions about this matter, please contact Midori:

On 03-9572-3381 / 0418-540-865 or E-mail: midori@japan-link.com.au



Application form

Name, gender and age of all children in your family _____

Parents names: _____

E-mail address: _____

Telephone No. _____

Address: _____

Pets: _____ Method of transport to school: _____

*Please return this form to the office.

Thank you

Kellie Larter

Japanese Teacher

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ALTONA PRIMARY SCHOOL
Presents
2016 GRADE 6 GRADUATION



When: Monday, December 19th, 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.**

As we want to ensure that all families can attend this ceremony, we ask that families limit themselves to a **maximum of five tickets per family**. If for some reason you require more than five tickets please contact Laura McKendrick at school.

If there are any unsold seats available once all families have purchased seating, we may consider offering any remaining seats to families who may require extra seats. Unfortunately, we will be unable to guarantee seating with your original allocation.

This year tickets will be sold online at the following website:

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. Ticket sales will be opening online on **Friday the 7th of October**.

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.



SRC Fundraiser – Coin Trail!



On Thursday 8th 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.





Tim Nelson's Piano Concert Students

On Monday, November 7th students from Tim Nelson's piano lessons preformed in their annual concert to celebrate all their hard work learning and practicing new songs throughout 2016.

Their piano skills ranged from younger students playing simple pieces that develop fingering skills through to older students who have practiced more challenging pieces of music over many months.

Tim's annual concert is always an occasion supported by many family members who have encouraged and watched these young musicians develop over the years and is an opportunity for the younger children to see what they can achieve.

Performing in front of an audience can be very scary for some children and we are extremely proud of all these brave musicians.

Many thanks to Tim Nelson's for his hard work and endless encouragement of all students, and by providing this music opportunity to students. Another extension of Altona PS's broad extra-curricular activities.



Walk to School Month 2016

We are encouraging students along with parents to walk, ride or scoot to school to promote healthy and environmentally friendly ways to get to and from school. There will be a competition between classes with prizes for the most active class in the school over the month of November.

Walking to school can count as parking your car around the block and walking the rest of the journey with your child so all children have the chance to participate. It is also a good opportunity to talk about road safety with your children such as pointing out the designated road crossing points and ensuring students are following road rules on bikes.



LOST

Noah from 3AV has lost his windcheater, if found please bring to the office.

WOW Challenge

The Williamstown Open Water (WOW) Challenge is on again this year at Williamstown Beach on 17 December. There are swims of varying lengths including a 750m Kids Challenge and longer ones for the adults. It is a great morning out for the family with a rubber ducky derby, spot prizes, Chase the Champ and a lot more! The event also incorporates the Victorian Open Water Championships, so it's a great chance to see the best in the business including English Channel Record Holder Chloe McCardel and Rio Olympian Jarrod Poort! All funds raised by the swim go to the Williamstown S&SLC whose lifeguards work hard every summer keeping our beach goers safe. To find out more and register, visit wowchallenge.com.au





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

Friends and Families Committee

Thursday, 10th November

The Great Book Swap



Thank you to everyone who took part to raise money for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. We hope you enjoyed choosing your books to share and reading your swapped book. We raised \$354.40 for the Foundation.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Halloween Disco – we managed to raise almost \$1100. Following the success of the recent House Colour Day, it was proposed at last Friday's Friends and Family Committee meeting to buy a new barbeque for the school. The funds raised from the disco will be put towards this.



If you are interested in attending a FFC meeting, they are held regularly and all are welcome. This year's AGM will be held on Wednesday 30th November at 2 Bros on Blyth at 7pm. If you would like to come along and get involved, please RSVP to Carol at the email address below. If you have ideas for future fundraising or social events, we'd love to have your ideas and always welcome new people.

Coming Soon:

Collection of food items for
Salvation Army Christmas hampers.
More details to follow next week.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - TERM 4

Icy Poles – Every Wednesday (\$1)

FFC Meeting – 2 December @ 9am

Friends and Families Committee AGM

**Save the date – Wed 30th November 2016
@ 7pm, to be held at 2 Bros on Blyth.**

All welcome

RSVP to Carol:

Ladyplexing68@gmail.com