

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

Last weekend was one of those special times for Altona P.S. There was much to enjoy and celebrate as a school community.

Last weekend Mr. Corroon took Matilda and Shirikhar to a Victorian I.T. Competition called Young ICT Explorers. Shirikhar won 2nd place in the Grade3/4 category and Matilda Bozovic received a merit award in the Grade 5/6 category. Matilda had to execute a digital project and complete a ten minute interview in front a panel of three experts from the IT industry. Matilda created her own website from scratch. Shirikhar made an android game called Falling Letters. The game works similar to Tetris; as letters fall down the screen you have to keep matching them to cancel them out. If the screen fills with letters you lose.

The teaching and support given by Mr. Corroon to the I.T. teams and students across the school is quite extraordinary. Their level of knowledge, thanks to Eoin, is substantially above and beyond the required level. Eoin spends lunchtimes every week working with the IT enthusiasts.

The girls' football team came third in last week's round robin. A great effort considering they don't play football. Thanks to Mr. Morris for entering the team and training the girls.

On Sunday I was lucky enough to hear the school choir sing at 'Hobson's Voice' in the Williamstown Town Hall. Their voices filled the town hall and sounded magnificent. I thought their performance was a standout. The choir is very lucky to have Ms. Jess Nichols teaching them to sing and perform. Thank you also to Mrs. Kaela Jeselnik for assisting all day. The teachers and students were there from 8:30 a.m. through until 5:00 p.m.

Monday is Color Crazy day. We are setting up the obstacles on Sunday morning. If you can come along to help you are most welcome. It is going to be an awesome day. I'm looking forward to getting covered in color on Monday. If you have a prep student to enrol for 2017 please do so ASAP. Enrolments are now filling up quickly. Enrolments close on September 2nd.

The education department required 2 grades from Altona P.S. to sit an extra NAPLAN test online. This is a pilot study to test the effects of doing NAPLAN online on student achievement. The department would like to eventually have all NAPLAN tests completed on line.

Today was a very sad day at Altona P.S. This morning Mrs. Trisha O'Driscoll passed away after a short illness. Trish will be greatly missed by us all. Trish was a beautiful lady, a great friend and a fantastic teacher. She was loved by all and had a special connection with everyone who had the pleasure of knowing her. Many, many students benefitted by having Trish as their teacher. She made them all feel special and believe in themselves. We may need some support from families in the near future to enable staff to attend the funeral. A late start or early finish, if possible, would be greatly appreciated. School will operate as normal for those students who attend.

Have a great weekend

Kevin Enright

2016 WHOLE SCHOOL CALENDAR **FOR FAMILIES**

11/8/16

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 3 WHOLE SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR FAMILIES

Please note the following additions/changes:

Friday 5th August: Jeans for Genes Day

26th August: Summer Sports Finals at APS

Tuesday 13th Sept - Camp Quality Puppet Show – whole school

Thursday 8th September CURRICULUM DAY 3-Way Student Led conferences

TRANSITION DATES: Please note a change to these dates (moved one week forward, commencing on 24/11 not 17/11)

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	11 th July Start Term 3	12 th July	13 th July 5/6 Hooptime	14 th July	15 th July
WEEK 2	18 th July	19 th July	20 th July	21 st July First Aid In School Program – whole school (no cost)	22 nd July
WEEK 3	25 th July Grade 1 Werribee Park Excursion	26 th July PREPS 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL	27 th July School Review Parent Sessions: 9.15am or 7pm Students: 10.30am 2.30pm	28 th July	29 th July Bookclub Issue 5 due Sat 30 th Regional Robotics Competition
WEEK 4	1 st Aug Woorabinda Camp Small number of Gr 5 students	2 nd Aug Woorabinda Camp AFL Primary School Challenge (BOYS)	3 rd Aug Woorabinda Camp	4 th Aug Woorabinda Camp	5 th Aug Woorabinda Camp Family & Friends meeting 9am Staff room Jeans for Genes Day – gold coin donation Sun 7 th HOBSON'S VOICE
WEEK 5 RIO OLYMPICS 	8 th Aug CURRICULUM DAY OSHC will be available on this day. MUST be Pre-arranged. Limited numbers	9 th Aug AFL Primary School Challenge (girls) 9.30 – 2.30 Burbank Oval, Williamstown	10 th Aug Australian Girls Choir auditions 12.30pm onwards	11 th Aug	12 th Aug 3/4 Hooptime
WEEK 6 RIO OLYMPICS 	15 th Aug Olympic Colour Run Obstacle-a-thon Whole school fundraiser	16 th Aug State Robotics Competition – Melb University	17 th Aug SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING 7PM	18 th Aug APS Athletics Carnival Gr 3- 6 Newport Athletics track	19 th Aug
WEEK 7	22 nd Aug Backup - APS Athletics Carnival 56 Incursion Family Life	23 rd Aug Grade 3 Road to Rio Incursion 9am - 12.15pm	24 th Aug GRADE 1 & PREP Incursion Hunchback of Notre Dame 9.15 – 11am	25 th Aug Junior Athletics Carnival held at APS	26 th Aug Bookclub Issue 6 due SUMMER SPORTS FINALS held at APS 9.30 – 2.30
WEEK 8	29 th Aug 56 Incursion Family Life Dedicate a book	30 th Aug Dedicate a book	31 st Aug Dedicate a book	1 st Sept School Review day Dedicate a book Grade 2 Extended Stay 3.15pm – 7pm	2 nd Sept Father's Day Stall Preps: Breakfast for dads Cut off day for ALL 2017 Prep enrolments
WEEK 9	5 th Sept	6 th Sept ADSSA Athletics	7 th Sept JUMP ROPE FOR HEART	8 th Sept 3-Way Student led conferences CURRICULUM DAY	9 th Sept
WEEK 10	12 th Sept 56 Incursion Family Life	13 th Sept Divisional Athletics CAMP QUALITY Puppet Show -whole school	14 th Sept SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING 7PM	15 th Sept	16 th Sept 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
	Start Term 4			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 Grade 2 Scienceworks Excursion 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	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 1 st 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
				2 nd Prep Transition 2.15 – 3.15	
	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 Prep Transition Evening	
	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	Whole School Transition 2.15 – 3.15	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			

"3 WAY STUDENT LED CONFERENCES"

When: Thursday 8th September 2016(11am – 7:15 pm)

Where: Classrooms

Who will participate: The student, parents/carers and the classroom teacher

It is crucial for every family to participate to support your child's learning

Dear Parents/Carers,

On Thursday 8th September 2016 3-Way Student Led Conferences" will be held for all students from Prep – Year 6. **As this is a Curriculum Day students will not be required to attend school, other than their scheduled conference time with their parents. Out of Hours Care will be running a full day program.**

At Altona Primary School we aim to give the learner increasing responsibility and ownership for their learning so they can develop into independent, life-long learners. A 'Student-Led Conference' is a way to encourage students to take responsibility for their own learning, actions and decisions. It also demonstrates that, together, we will support their learning and celebrate their achievements.

Roles & Responsibilities:

Students:

- Students plan and prepare their work for discussion with the support of their teacher. During the conference students demonstrate their learning goals with evidence of their learnings. This enables students to share their work in a confident and articulate manner.

Parents:

- Parents are expected to attend the conference with their child. Parents can offer support and encouragement, be active listeners and praise their efforts.

Teachers:

- Teachers support students develop their confidence to share their work and understandings effectively. They play a crucial role in supporting students to plan and prepare the work they choose to present as evidence of their learning. Teachers support students in selecting effective presentation skills. Teachers will also assist with other information for parents regarding their child's learning.

The conference will take approximately 15 minutes. The structure of the conference may differ across year levels, however, this opportunity allows for students, parents and teachers to meet and continue a partnership that will produce the best possible learning environment for your child and to celebrate their achievements.

With thanks

Leadership Team



Book School Interviews Online

Dear Parents and Carers, (Grade Prep-6)

Altona Primary School “3-Way Conferences” (Parent/Teacher/Student)
interviews will be held from **11:00am to 7.15pm** on
Thursday 8th September 2016

You can now book interviews at times that suit **YOUR FAMILY BEST**.
Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

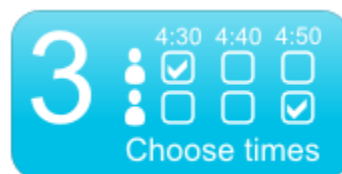
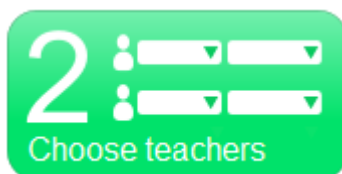
BOOKINGS CLOSE Wednesday 7th September 2016 at 3:15pm



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Go

Enter the school
event code.
Then follow the 3 simple steps.



When you click **finish**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - **check your junk mail folder** if you do not receive your email immediately.
You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

For parents that don't have access to the internet at home, at work, at a friend's house or on their phones, please contact the school office and we can help you. Interviews are strictly 15 mins and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements for another day.

Parents can change their interview bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code.

Remember to use the same name and email address, you used when you made your original booking.

Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date, should contact the school directly on: 9398 2925

APS Community Sports Reports & News

School/District/Divisional/Regional/State Sports Events:

APS Athletics Carnival (3-6) – August 18th, Newport Athletics Track: 9am – 3pm

APS Junior Carnival (P-2) – August 25th, Altona Primary: 9am – 11am

Summer Interschool Sport Finals – August 26th, Altona Area: 9am – 3pm

District Athletics – September 6th, Newport Athletics Track: 9am – 3pm

Jump Rope for Heart (P-6) – September 7th, Altona Primary: 9am – 11am

With the upcoming Athletics carnival only a week away, we still require parent volunteers to help run events. If you are able to help please contact Mr. Morris.

Interschool/District/Divisional/Regional/State Sport Results:

AFL 9's Girls Competition – APS finished 3rd out of 8 schools across 3 School Sport Victoria Divisions. Congratulations to Lily Sheehan & Brooke Dyke on receiving sportsmanship/leadership medals on the day. Excellent achievement Girls!

Community Sporting Achievements:

Congratulations to Hunter Graham (Spotswood U/12B) and his team who WON their Football Grand Final over the weekend.

If you have any community sports achievements that you'd like mentioned in the school newsletter please email Mr. Morris.

morris.jayme.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

NETBOOKS – Term 3 Netbook lease payments are due by 12/8/16. Statements were emailed earlier this term. Please contact the office if you did not receive your statement.



PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2017

Please note that Prep enrolments for 2017 close on Friday 2nd September. All sibling enrolments must be in by this date.

OSHC – SEPTEMBER 8th – Please contact OSHC on 9398 8310 to book in for the all day program.



Olympic Colour Crazy Obstacle-a-thon

MONDAY 15TH AUGUST 2016

Let the Games begin....

**Excitement is at fever pitch for the APS event of the
Year !**

8:45am

Children straight to classrooms

On arrival on Monday morning children to please go straight to their classrooms and not touch the equipment that will be set up around the school.

9:15-10:15am

Opening Ceremony (Olympic Village - Assembly Area),
Each grade will present their own flag and mascot.

10:15-10:30am

Snack and Toilet

10:30-12:30pm

Start Rotations (13 Rotations)

12:30-1:00pm

Lunch *(Remember no lunch orders on this day)*

1:00-2:50pm

Rotations (12 Rotations)

2:50pm - 3:15pm

Closing Ceremony (Olympic Village - Assembly Area).
Highest money raisers "Colour bomb" the staff event.

**Thank you to all those involved in putting this event together it is going to
be a fun filled day**

REMINDERS

Uniform

Send your child in clothes you happy to be covered in coloured powder, consider a white or light coloured top.

CHILDREN IN SCHOOL UNIFORM WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS SPECIAL DAY

Fairy Floss, Lolly bags & Wrist Bands

Extra items will be available for purchase on the day at the office.

We are also selling Altona Primary School Centenary Merchandise that we have left over from last year at discounted prices. These items will be sold from the office window which looks over the Assembly area.

Permission Forms

Every child must have a signed permission form on the day for them to be able to participate.

Visit our onsite Coffee & Snack Van

Drinks and small snacks throughout the day. You can also purchase items for your children to consume on the day (*please note, these can only be consumed by children at lunchtime or the end of the day*).

LUNCH

Children will eat lunch with their teacher and class during the lunch break. You may like to bring along a picnic lunch to enjoy with your child on the day. *No lunch orders* are available on the day.

OSHC

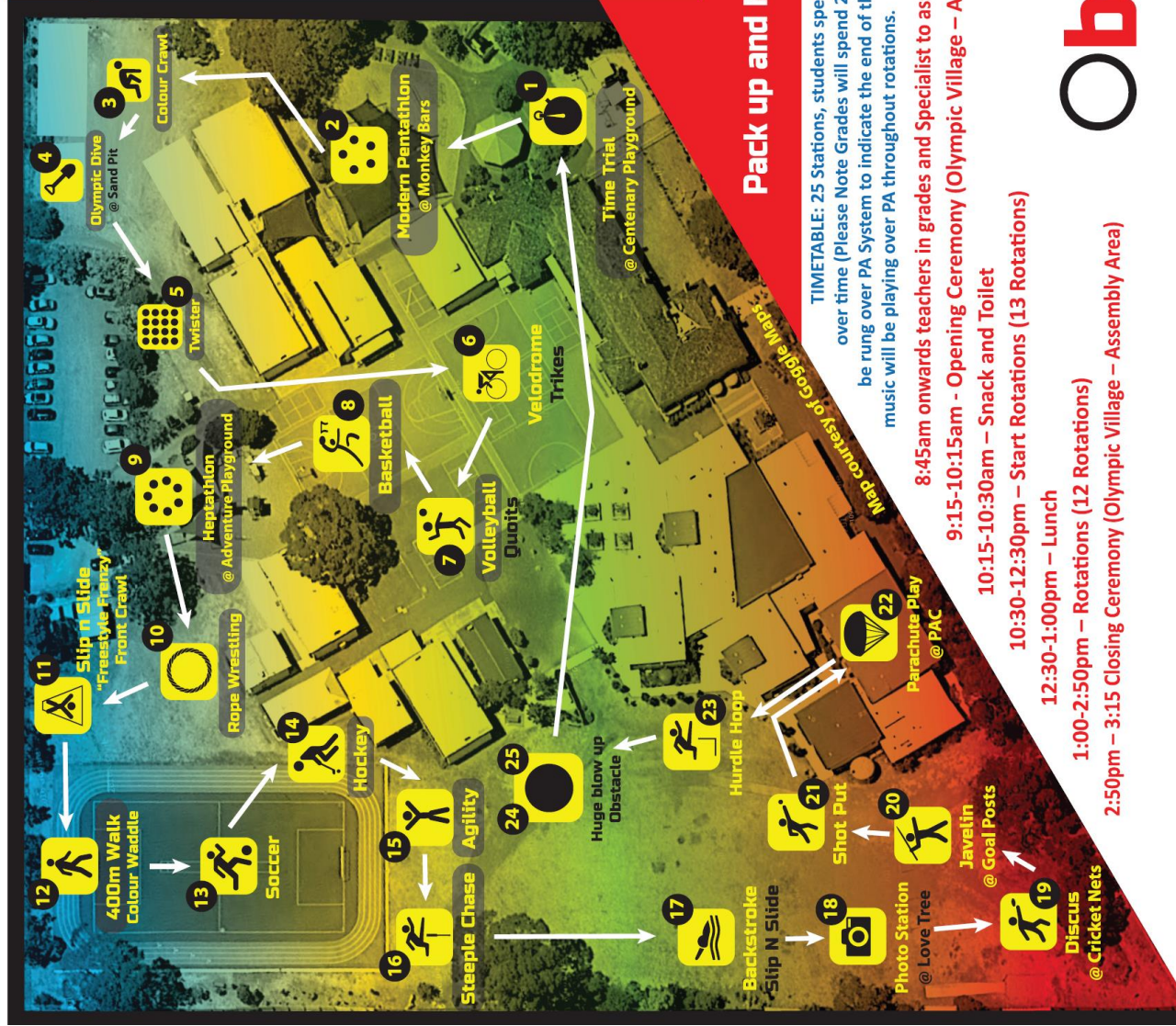
If your child will be attending OSHC on Monday afternoon please pack spare clothes.

Photos

If you are following your child's grade around with the obstacles and taking photos - we would really appreciate a copy of all photos taken on the day. Please pop them on a USB and give them to Liz in the office

SUNDAY HELPERS

Thank you to all those families who have offered their assistance on Sunday morning between 9am and 12 in order to set up the obstacle course. We will meet at the PAC 9am sharp. We thank you in anticipation - your assistance is gratefully appreciated



STARTING POINTS		Grade	Staff
Obstacle			
1	Time Trial	Prep TW	Tammie
2	Modern Pentathlon	1B	Leanne
3	Colour Crawl	2H	Natascha
4	Olympic Dive	3AV	Marfina
5	Twister	34J	Kaela
6	Velodrome	56J	Jess
7	Volley Ball	Prep M	Joanne
8	Basketball	1F	Megan
9	Heptathlon	2L	Jodi
10	Rope Wrestling	3H	Tim H
11	Freestyle Frenzy	4B	Kate
12	Colour Waddle	56G	Andrew
13	Soccer	Prep S	Christina
14	Hockey	1N	Jess N
15	Agility	2N	Nicole N
16	Steeple Chase	3R	Kelli / Kerryn
17	Backstroke	4F	Nikki
18	Photo Station	56A	Adam
19	Discus	56F	Stephen
20	Javelin	1PS	Athena
21	Shot Put	2W	Melissa
22	Parachute Play	4LW	Robyne
23	Hurdle Hoop	Prep K	Shonelle
24	Huge blow up obstacle	56X	Tiffany
25	Huge Blow up obstacle	56L	Laura

Pack up and MOVE ON immediately at 8 MINUTE BELL

TIMETABLE: 25 Stations, students spend 8 minutes at each station with a 1 minute pack up and change over time (Please Note Grades will spend 2 rotations at the Hired Inflatable Obstacle Course). Bell/Chimes will be rung over PA System to indicate the end of the 8 minutes, grades pack up and move on immediately. Background music will be playing over PA throughout rotations.

8:45am onwards teachers in grades and Specialist to assist with final set up
 9:15-10:15am - Opening Ceremony (Olympic Village – Assembly Area)

10:15-10:30am – Snack and Toilet

10:30-12:30pm – Start Rotations (13 Rotations)

12:30-1:00pm – Lunch

1:00-2:50pm – Rotations (12 Rotations)

2:50pm – 3:15 Closing Ceremony (Olympic Village – Assembly Area)

**Colour
Crazy
Obstacle athon**



Altona Primary School Dedicate a Book 2016



Would you like to support Altona Primary School's library? We are looking to add new books to the school library collection. We would like to offer you the opportunity to purchase a book for the school library. A dedication will be placed inside the cover of the book acknowledging who donated it. If you would like to choose a book, we will be holding a stall where you can select the book(s) you would like to donate. Books will be available to view and buy in the library, before and after school (8.30- 9 am and 3.15-3.45pm), from Monday 29 August to Thursday 1st September.

If you are unable to make the selection in person, you can still support us by giving a donation. Your donation will go directly to purchasing a book for the library which we will select for you. You will be informed which book you have donated and your dedication will be placed inside. If you would like to donate a book and cannot attend the stall, please fill in the reply slip below and return it to school. Thank you.

I would like to make a donation and buy a book for the school library:

Please tick the value of the book you wish to donate:

☐ \$5.00 ☐ \$10.00 ☐ \$15.00 ☐ \$20.00

Please tick the age group of the book you would like to donate:

Junior
(Grades P - 2)

Middle
(Grades 3 - 4)

Senior
(Grades 5 - 6)

A book will be selected for you to the value of your gift and a note sent home with your child letting you know which book has been chosen and dedicated to you.

Please fill out the dedication below and return to school with your donation.

The dedication will be typed up and placed inside the front cover of the book.

This book has been generously donated to Altona Primary School by:

(Please print names to ensure correct spelling when dedication is printed onto bookplate.)

Name/s that will appear on the inside cover of book. (e.g. Family name, individual children's names or your own name.)

If donating more than one book, please fill out a dedication for each book you would like to donate.

Your Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____



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

Friends and Families Committee

Thursday, 11 August 2016



LAST CHANCE:

ALTONA PRIMARY SCHOOL
OLYMPIC COLOUR CRAZY OBSTACLE-A-THON
FUNDRAISER
MONDAY 15TH AUGUST 2016



Can you help us fundraise for a new undercover area and landscaping?
There are opportunities for your family and/or your business to sponsor
the upcoming Olympic Obstacle-a-thon. Below are the three tiers of
sponsorship. We invite you to support this exciting event, whether you're
sponsoring on behalf of your own family or your business.

SPONSOR GOLD LEVEL (min. \$300)



- Prominent signage on external fence of school to be produced at sponsor's. *Dimension and material of sign to be confirmed by school*
- Sponsorship of an individual obstacle of your choice; company signage displayed next to sponsored obstacle (provided by sponsor) in the form of a company flag, pop-up signage or A-frame
- Family name or business logo advertised in the school newsletter and on the Obstacle-a-thon page on the APS website until the end of 2016

SPONSOR SILVER LEVEL (min. \$150)



- Sponsorship of an individual obstacle of your choice; company signage displayed next to sponsored obstacle (provided by sponsor) in the form of a company flag, pop-up signage or A-frame
- Family name or business logo advertised in the school newsletter and on the Obstacle-a-thon page on the APS website until the end of 2016

SPONSOR BRONZE LEVEL (min. \$50)



- Family name or business logo advertised in the school newsletter and on the Obstacle-a-thon page on the APS website until the end of 2016

If you would like to take advantage of these sponsorship opportunities, please contact FFC member,
Chelsea Hughes via the school office on 93982925 or email altona.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

Your sponsorship is greatly appreciated

FATHERS DAY RAFFLE
WIN A BRAND NEW BBQ
TICKETS ONLY \$5.

Available to buy on Monday
at the Colour Crazy Obstacle-a-thon.
More information about Fathers Day stall
and raffle in next week's newsletter.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - TERM 3

Friends and Families Meeting @ 9:00am in Staff

Room:

9/9/16

7/10/16

15/08/16 Olympic Colour Run Obstacle-a-thon

02/09/16 Fathers' Day Stall

