

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.*

Principals Corner

What an exciting start to the week with our Grade 3 students heading off to Camp Wilkin for 3 days. There was definitely a lot of excitement as they waved goodbye to their families. Mrs Fridey and myself delighted the students with a surprise visit on Tuesday. The students were rotating through a range of activities including the flying fox, archery and a ropes course. Wow, that a fabulous camp environment. A big thank you to the teachers and volunteers that attended. Your time and care was much appreciated by all. Let's hope everyone had a good night sleep.

Congratulations to the students who participated in the WMR Athletics on Tuesday. A great effort by all.

As follow up to the recent Peer Study Research, staff undertook professional learning facilitated by Professor Vicki Anderson from the Murdoch Children's Research Institute. The research is based on the development of a forth coming app which will measure student's social skills.

Anaphylaxis can be a life threatening condition and as such all staff are trained in Anaphylaxis Management. Staff were recently involved in an Anaphylaxis Briefing session which focussed on the key components of symptoms, triggers and emergency management of anaphylaxis. Thank you to Ms. Athena Petalas and Mrs. Lisa McKay for facilitating this session as our new trained Anaphylaxis Supervisors. These briefing sessions are held twice a year over and above full training.

At the end of Term 3 the interview process was finalised for two graduate teacher positions. Joining us next year will be Yolanda Bircher and Kate Nikolic. Both of these graduates will be an asset to APS.

The 'Girls Night Out' function held last Friday night was a huge success with over 150 mums and their friends dancing the night away to 80's and 90's music. Events like this involve planning, a commitment of time and lots of organising. A very big thank you to Terri Jackson and her team of helpers for holding this event.

The Leadership Team have been involved in finalising our School Review Self Evaluation in preparation for our review in November. Throughout this process it highlighted APS has so much to celebrate in terms of achievements across the school by staff, students and the community.

Debbie Galvin
Assistant Principal

2016 TERM 4 WHOLE SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR FAMILIES

2016 WHOLE SCHOOL CALENDAR 10/10/16

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

2016 TERM 4 WHOLE SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR FAMILIES

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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 Science works 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
			'House Colour Day' 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 Grade 5/6 Energy Incursion 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 10am – 11am Bulldog's Premiership Cup Visit
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	
WEEK 10	5 th Dec	6 th Dec	7 th Dec	8 th Dec	9 th Dec
				Whole School Transition 2.15 – 3.15	
WEEK 11	12 th Dec	13 th Dec	14 th Dec	15 th Dec	16 th Dec
			APS Evening Xmas Carols 6.30pm	Whole School Transition 2.15 – 3.15	Grade 6 Mystery Tour
WEEK 12	19 th Dec	20 th Dec			
	Grade 6 Graduation 6:30pm	End of Term Finish 1.00pm			



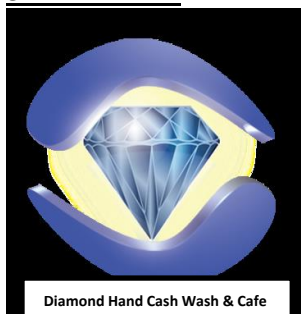
Olympic Colour Crazy Obstacle-a-thon

Thank you to all of our fabulous sponsors

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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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Gold Sponsor - \$500



Mandy Couzens
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Sliver Sponsor - \$250



GIRLS NIGHT OUT

What an amazing night, thank you to all involved, congratulations to all the raffle prize winners.

We have had some very excited families coming to collect their prizes.

Thank you again to our wonderful sponsors.

Remember ladies, what happened at the GNO stays at the GNO!!!



Undookai

On 10th of October in Japan there is a nationwide sports festival which celebrates the anniversary of the opening ceremony of the 1964 Olympic Games in Tokyo. It is called Undookai. It is a fun day of races and novelty events. We celebrated with our own Undookai this week in Japanese classes. Students participated in lots of fun relay events and really enjoyed themselves.

Banzai!! Larter Sensei (Ms Larter)



Host Family Wanted!

Japanese University students visit your school 2017

They are studying Child Education at Nagoya Women's University in Japan.
They will visit your children's school/kindergarten to observe classes and introduce Japanese culture.

Duration: 19st Feb(Sun) to 7th March (Tue)2017 for 16 nights.

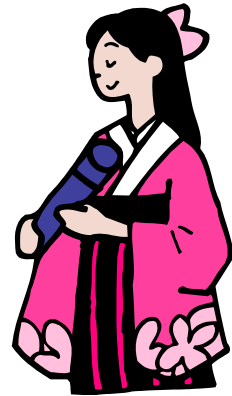
How many: One student per family

Homestay fee: Payment of \$600 for your expenses.

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

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

On 0407-994-080 or E-mail: yweaver1@optusnet.com.au



Application form

Name and age/gender of all children _____

Parents name/gender _____

E-mail address: _____

Telephone No. _____

Address: _____

Pet/s: _____ Method of transport to school: _____

*Please return this form to your school

Thank you for your cooperation.

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APS Community Sports Report & News



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

Congratulations to Hunter Graham and Sharla Eddleston on placing 4th in their respective events at Regional Athletics.

Congratulations to Magnus Woods on winning Bronze in the Regional Athletics 800m Final.

Well done to all the other students who participated.

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



On Thursday the 6th of October, the Girls Softball Team went to compete in the Divisional Interschool Sport Finals. At the end of the day it didn't matter if we won or lost, as long as we represented APS and ourselves well, then were already winners. We did exactly that. We played to the best of our abilities and are very happy to announce that from the games we played, we came second! Although these were the last games together, we are very happy with how we have played over the three terms and how much we have improved. From the start of the year most of us couldn't catch a ball but now we almost know everything there is to know about softball. On behalf of the Girls Softball Team, I would like to congratulate Altona Meadows PS for making it to regionals and we would like to give a big THANK YOU to Mr Fava and Ms McDonald for coaching us.

Vivienne Price 5/6AH





canteen

| national bandanna day

National Bandanna Day is CanTeen's largest fundraiser and will be held on Friday 28th October 2016. This year, CanTeen are aiming to raise \$1.25 million to support young people living with cancer. Altona Primary School is jumping on board to help them achieve this.

Students can purchase merchandise (bandannas, pens etc) off SRC representatives before school, at recess and at lunch from **Monday 24th October until Friday 28th October** outside Miss Beckman's classroom. Students will be able to wear their groovy bandannas at school throughout the whole week.

Thank you for your support!

Term 4 Grade 5/6 Incursion – The Mobile Energy Classroom.

As part of our Term 4 Integrated Studies unit, Essential Energy, the grade 5/6 students will have the opportunity to take part in an interactive learning experience that offers an alternative classroom, demonstrating future energy solutions.

The session will explore renewable energy technologies as students generate their own energy, see solar panels making electricity to power common appliances and learn how to be part of the solution.

Permission forms have been handed out to students in the first week of Term 4.

The 5/6 Team ☺

House Colour Day 2016

On **Wednesday the 19th of October** we will be having a '**House Colour Day**'. This day is all about our five house colours (red, yellow, purple, blue and green).

Students will need to come to school dressed in their allocated house colour.

During the day each year level will take part in 5 different activities with their house colour group for one hour, that will be run by our 2016 House Captains. The day is all about having a go and celebrating each house colour.

To make the day even more special we will be having a free sausage sizzle for all students. Each student will be given one sausage in bread. So if this is not enough for your child please ensure you pack a small lunch for them as well.

If your child has any dietary requirements please fill in the form below and send it back to your child classroom teacher no later than,
Friday the 14th of October.

If you have any future questions please ask your child's classroom teacher.

Laura McKendrick and the 2016 House and School Captains

My child _____ **in grade** _____

has the following special dietary requirement:

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.



Fitastic Kids Club started this week.

The children that have attended reported back about what a fun & active time they had.

Spots still available please contact the office for forms or email fitastickidsclub@gmail.com

TERM 4 – HATS MUST BE WORN

Now is the time to search for your purple school uniform hats. Hats must be worn in Term 4 or you must play in the shade.

Hats must be the bucket type purchased from Double C jeanery in Laverton.

Please make sure that school uniform is worn at all times, we have had a lot of students wearing casual clothes, remember to look





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

Friends and Families Committee

Thursday, 13th October 2016

ICY POLES ARE BACK FOR TERM 4!

Icy poles will be back on sale on a Wednesday for term 4. If you would like your child to have an icy pole, please send them to school with \$1. Money to be handed to the class teacher no later than second bell. No late orders. If you would like to help Friends and Family with Icy Poles, please meet at the flag pole at 9am.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - TERM 4

SCHOOL DISCO - 21/10/16

Coming soon – The Great Book Swap
An event to raise money for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. More information to follow next week.



Let's BOOGie!



The Friends and Family
Committee are hosting
a **Halloween** disco!

Friday 21st October

Jnr prep-grade 3 6.30-7.30

Snr grade 3-6 7.45 -9.00

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 by Tuesday 16 October

On the night we will be selling snacks for \$1.

Water provided.

The disco is for children only and only children enrolled at APS can attend.

Flashing lights will be used.

Return ticket money with the RSVP by Tuesday 18th October

DISCO RSVP - Due 18th October

Number of tickets required: _____ Amount of \$ enclosed: _____
Child/ren's name: _____ Grade/s: _____
Circle the session your child/ren will attend: 6.30-7.30 or 7.45-9.00

Parent volunteers required. Can you help?

Name: _____ Mobile/email: _____

Would you like to be notified of other Friends and Family events?

YES / NO

