

# 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,

For two days this week Nicole, Debbie and I attended the South Western Region Principal Forum in Melbourne. The aim of the forum was to ensure high impact instructional practices and conditions are in place to maximise student learning in all schools across the region. We heard internationally acclaimed authors and speakers from England, Canada and America speak about how this has been achieved in highly successful schools and regions around the world. I firmly believe our school has accomplished this.

The four key areas, from the department's strategy 'The Framework for Improving Student Outcomes (FISO), are; Excellence in Teaching and Learning, Community Engagement in Learning, Professional Leadership and a Positive Climate for Learning. This all underpins the moral purpose of student achievement, engagement and wellbeing. The four overarching elements of the department's aim are; Breaking the Link, Pride and Confidence in our Schools, Happy, Healthy and Resilient Kids and Learning for Life.'

I am sure you recognise this work as exactly what we have been embedding at Altona P.S. The last of our whole school curriculum days on improving instruction practice is Monday June 26<sup>th</sup>. The whole staff will have the one clear strategy implemented in a consistent, high quality methodology right across the school in each and every grade. Your children will be the beneficiaries of an ever improving, stimulating and engaging education.

The grade 5/6 camps have been fabulous. Students and teachers have had the opportunity to develop positive relationships that will enhance their well-being and education.

Next week we begin a fortnight trial and hopefully the rest of the year without rubbish bins outside. Students will eat inside and take and remnants and packaging home to recycle. This is an important message and habit the world needs everyone to embrace. If we learn this in primary school, it will become a lifelong practice. Please support this by sending snacks and lunches with minimal packaging and wrapping. We need all students and families to embrace this. I am taking my 'rubbish' home too.

Have a great weekend

Kevin Enright



## **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**

Family and Friends Meeting  
APS staffroom 9am

## **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**

School Disco

## **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June**

Curriculum Day –  
OSHC will be running an all day program, cost is \$40 you Book through OSHC

## **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June**

Last day of Term 2  
**Early finish 1.30pm**

## **Reports on Compass**

Teachers are in the process of finalising Semester One Reports for all students. Reports will be published via Compass on Tuesday June 27. Please ensure that you have access to your Compass portal and if you have any issues please come and speak to the school office.

Timothy Jenkins  
Leading Teacher

# WHOLE SCHOOL CALENDAR

(PARENTS)

15/6/17

**After School Activities:** Dan-Sing Wed 3:20-4:20pm, Art Class Thurs 3:30pm-4:30pm, Science Class Wed 3:15-4:15pm  
Guitar Group Wed & Thursday 3:15-4:15, Junior Ukulele Friday 3:15-4:00pm, Robotics (Snr) Wed 3:30-4:30pm,  
Robotics (jnr) Tues 3:15-4:15.

**CHANGES:** Grade 3 & 4s Hooptime 15<sup>th</sup> June

2017 TERM 2

WHOLE SCHOOL CALENDAR (PARENTS)

**Please be aware of the following changes to the Calendar**

**Prep – Grade 2 Swimming sessions Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October – 7<sup>th</sup> December and Fridays 20<sup>th</sup> Oct – 8<sup>th</sup> December 17**

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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	17 <sup>th</sup> April	18 <sup>th</sup> April	19 <sup>th</sup> April	20 <sup>th</sup> April	21 <sup>st</sup> April
	EASTER MONDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	Commence Term 2		FFC – 9am APS Staff room	Grade 2 Altona Homestead Visit 9-11 2M & 2W 11.30 – 1.30 2N & 2K
WEEK 2	24 <sup>th</sup> April	25 <sup>th</sup> April	26 <sup>th</sup> April	27 <sup>th</sup> April	28 <sup>th</sup> April
	2.30pm APS ANZAC DAY SERVICE	ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	State Swimming		
WEEK 3	1 <sup>st</sup> May	2 <sup>nd</sup> May	3 <sup>rd</sup> May	4 <sup>th</sup> May	5 <sup>th</sup> May
	CURRICULUM DAY		Prep T incursion Playact		Winter Sports R1 Prep H incursion Playact
WEEK 4	8 <sup>th</sup> May	9 <sup>th</sup> May	10 <sup>th</sup> May	11 <sup>th</sup> May	12 <sup>th</sup> May
		NAPLAN Yr 3 and 5	7pm School Council NAPLAN Yr 3 and 5	2.15pm 1B PlayACT incursion. NAPLAN Yr 3 and 5	Winter Sports R2 Mother's Day Stall
WEEK 5	15 <sup>th</sup> May	16 <sup>th</sup> May	17 <sup>th</sup> May	18 <sup>th</sup> May	19 <sup>th</sup> May
	APS Athletics day – Grade 3/4	Altona District Cross Country		APS Athletics day – Grade 5/6	Prep "Zoo Excursion" National Walk to school day
WEEK 6	22 <sup>nd</sup> May	23 <sup>rd</sup> May	24 <sup>th</sup> May	25 <sup>th</sup> May	26 <sup>th</sup> May
		FFC – 7:30pm APS Staff room		First Aid in Schools – Grade 1-6	Winter Sports R4 Grade 2 StartSmart Incursion
WEEK 7 National Reconciliation Week	29 <sup>th</sup> May	30 <sup>th</sup> May	31 <sup>st</sup> May	1 <sup>st</sup> June	2 <sup>nd</sup> June
	9am Aboriginal Art Mural Launch at Assembly Grade 1 Mini-beast Incursion		Divisional Cross Country		Winter Sports R5
WEEK 8	5 <sup>th</sup> June	6 <sup>th</sup> June	7 <sup>th</sup> June	8 <sup>th</sup> June	9 <sup>th</sup> June
		5/6 Camp Group 1 Camp ADANAC (56X/56H/56T)	5/6 Camp Group 1 Camp ADANAC (56X/56H/56T)	5/6 Camp Group 1 Camp ADANAC (56X/56H/56T)	5/6 Camp Group 1 Camp ADANAC (56X/56H/56T) Winter Sports R6
WEEK 9	12 <sup>th</sup> June	13 <sup>th</sup> June	14 <sup>th</sup> June	15 <sup>th</sup> June	16 <sup>th</sup> June
	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	5/6 Camp Group 2 Camp ADANAC (56M/56G/56F/56J)	5/6 Camp Group 2 Camp ADANAC (56M/56G/56F/56J)	5/6 Camp Group 2 Camp ADANAC (56M/56G/56F/56J)  Grade 3 / 4 Hoop time	5/6 Camp Group 2 Camp ADANAC (56M/56G/56F/56J) Winter Sports Round Robin Finals F&F Parents Night out. Hanger 1one2
WEEK 10	19 <sup>th</sup> June	20 <sup>th</sup> June	21 <sup>st</sup> June	22 <sup>nd</sup> June	23 <sup>rd</sup> June
			7pm School Council	FFC – 9am APS Staff room WMR Cross Country	SCHOOL DISCO
WEEK 11	26 <sup>th</sup> June	27 <sup>th</sup> June	28 <sup>th</sup> June	29 <sup>th</sup> June	30 <sup>th</sup> June
	CURRICULUM DAY				End Term 2 1:30pm

	2017 Term 3 WHOLE SCHOOL CALENDAR (PARENTS)				
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEK 1	17 <sup>th</sup> July	18 <sup>th</sup> July	19 <sup>th</sup> July	20 <sup>th</sup> July	21 <sup>st</sup> July
	Commence Term 3			State Cross Country	
WEEK 2	24 <sup>th</sup> July	25 <sup>th</sup> July	26 <sup>th</sup> July	27 <sup>th</sup> July	28 <sup>th</sup> July
		FFC – 7:30pm APS Staff room			29 <sup>th</sup> July Robotics Melbourne  Regional Comp
WEEK 3	31 <sup>st</sup> July	1 <sup>st</sup> Aug	2 <sup>nd</sup> Aug	3 <sup>rd</sup> Aug	4 <sup>th</sup> Aug
				Grade 2 Werribee Zoo Excursion	
WEEK 4	7 <sup>th</sup> Aug	8 <sup>th</sup> Aug	9 <sup>th</sup> Aug	10 <sup>th</sup> Aug	11 <sup>th</sup> Aug
WEEK 5	14 <sup>th</sup> Aug	15 <sup>th</sup> Aug	16 <sup>th</sup> Aug	17 <sup>th</sup> Aug	18 <sup>th</sup> Aug
APS Gaelic Football Comp		Robotics State Comp	7pm School Council	FFC – 9am APS Staff room	
WEEK 6	21 <sup>st</sup> Aug	22 <sup>nd</sup> Aug	23 <sup>rd</sup> Aug	24 <sup>th</sup> Aug	25 <sup>th</sup> Aug
APS Gaelic Football Comp	Junior Athletics Carnival at APS		ART SHOW Opening night (adults only)	ART SHOW After school 3:30-7:00pm	ART SHOW After school 3:30-7:00pm 56 Hoop time Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> Aug ART SHOW 10am-12pm
WEEK 7	28 <sup>th</sup> Aug	29 <sup>th</sup> Aug	30 <sup>th</sup> Aug	31 <sup>st</sup> Aug	1 <sup>st</sup> Sept
APS Gaelic Football Comp			Prep – 3 Brave hearts Incursion in PAC		2018 Prep Enrolments close
WEEK 8	4 <sup>th</sup> Sept	5 <sup>th</sup> Sept	6 <sup>th</sup> Sept	7 <sup>th</sup> Sept	8 <sup>th</sup> Sept
APS Gaelic Football Comp		Altona District Athletics	7pm School Council	Backup Day Altona District Athletics	
WEEK 9	11 <sup>th</sup> Sept	12 <sup>th</sup> Sept	13 <sup>th</sup> Sept	14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	15 <sup>th</sup> Sept
			Divisional Athletics		
WEEK 10	18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	19 <sup>th</sup> Sept	20 <sup>th</sup> Sept	21 <sup>st</sup> Sept	22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept
		FFC – 7:30pm APS Staff room			End Term 3 1:30pm

	2017 TERM 4 WHOLE SCHOOL CALENDAR (PARENTS)				
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	12 <sup>th</sup> Oct	13 <sup>th</sup> Oct
	Commence Term 4				Family & Friends "Girls Night Out" Kooringal Golf Club
WEEK 2	16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	20 <sup>th</sup> Oct
		WMR Athletics	7pm School Council Prep Fire Ed Program 9 – 11am	FFC – 9am APS Staff room P-2 Swim Sessions	P-2 Swim Sessions
WEEK 3	23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	26 <sup>th</sup> Oct	27 <sup>th</sup> Oct
			Prep Fire Ed Program 9 – 11am	P-2 Swim Sessions	SCHOOL DISCO (Halloween theme) P-2 Swim Sessions
WEEK 4	30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov
	State Athletics WMR Summer Sports Finals 30 <sup>th</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov			P-2 Swim Sessions	P-2 Swim Sessions
WEEK 5 APS European Handball Comp	6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10 <sup>th</sup> Nov
	CURRICULUM DAY	MELBOURNE CUP DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	7pm School Council	WMR Hot Shots Final P-2 Swim Sessions	APS House Colour Day P-2 Swim Sessions
WEEK 6 APS European Handball Comp	13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	17 <sup>th</sup> Nov
				P-2 Swim Sessions	P-2 Swim Sessions
WEEK 7 APS European Handball Comp	20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	24 <sup>th</sup> Nov
		FFC – 7:30pm APS Staff room (AGM)	5/6 Family Life	P-2 Swim Sessions	5/6 Family Life  P-2 Swim Sessions
WEEK 8 APS European Handball Comp	27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	1 <sup>st</sup> Dec
			5/6 Family Life	P-2 Swim Sessions	5/6 Family Life  P-2 Swim Sessions
WEEK 9	4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	8 <sup>th</sup> Dec
			5/6 Family Life	P-2 Swim Sessions	5/6 Family Life  P-2 Swim Sessions
WEEK 10	11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	15 <sup>th</sup> Dec
		Grade 6 Orientation Day (Govt Schools)			
WEEK 11	18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec
		Grade 6 Graduation Wyndham Cultural Centre			End Term 4 1:00pm



## Printing & Weaving

art and craft classes will be held in the art room on a Thursday between 3.30-4.30pm in term three.

unity to participate is offered to children from grades 2 – 6.

The cost includes a deposit of \$30 to cover materials and \$10 per session, making a total of \$110 for 8 Sessions.

**Permission slips and payments must be directed to Mrs Cain in the art room and not the main office.**

**Session 1** (27/7/17): Scratch film- tea light candle wrap

**Session 2** (03/8/17): Etching designs on printing foam

**Session 3** (10/8/17): Printing multiple designs with paint

**Session 4** (17/8/17): Experimenting with sun dyes on fabrics

**Session 5** (31/8/17): Weaving and mounting small rainbow mats

**Session 6** (07/9/17): Weaving with ribbons, raffia, wool and fabrics

**Session 7** (14/9/17): Continue with weaving pieces

**Session 8** (21/9/17): Decorate a fabric carry bag

- **Please note; there will not be a class on the 24/8/17 due to the APS Artshow celebrations.**

Please complete the attached form to indicate interest in attending. I will contact you as soon as possible. A deposit of \$30 will be required by the last week of term 2 (26/06/17) to allow time for the purchase of materials.

I am delighted to offer this opportunity out of school hours and look forward to working with children who enjoy art and craft as much as I do.

Thank you, Mrs Cain

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**After School Art and Craft Classes. Term 3, 2017.**

## Printing & Weaving

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_



## **Altona Primary School Art Show 2017**

The students and staff are busy creating their art pieces for our up and coming APS Art Show.

### **Important Dates**

**Opening night** 23<sup>rd</sup> of August – Adults only auction night with entertainment and light refreshments. From past experiences a-not-to-be-missed night! Book your baby sitters now. Tickets can be purchased in Term 3.

### **Family Viewing and Gallery opening times:**

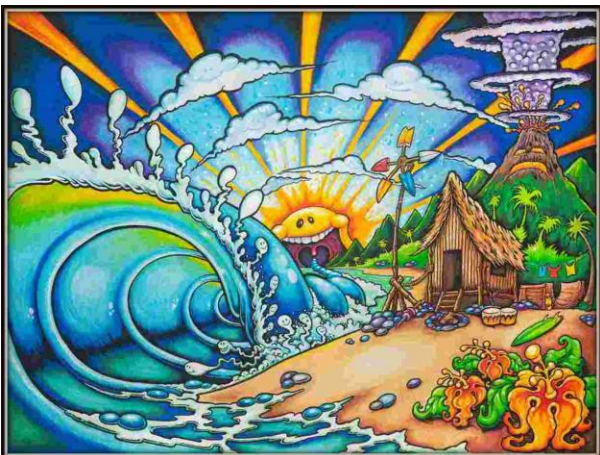
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> of August from 3:30-7:00pm

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> of August from 3:30-7:00pm

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> of August from 10:00am-12:00pm

Thanks,

**Christina Sakellarides**  
Grade 4M





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WARRIOR



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We are celebrating NUDE FOOD DAY on:

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June**

Get ready to make your valuable contribution  
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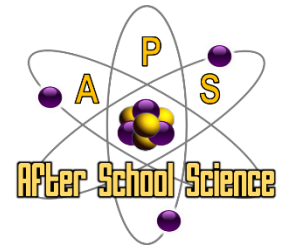
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- Ways to get your school involved •
- Activity suggestions •
- Competition & prizes •



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Beautiful

**Wednesday Session FULL!**  
**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR FRIDAY CLASSES, TERM 3**  
**'Human Biology, Engineering and Astronomy'**



Dear Parents and Students,

Our Wednesday class for Term 3 is now **full**! If there is enough interest, we will be running a **Friday** class from 3:15pm – 4:15pm. The opportunity to participate is offered to students from grade 1 to grade 6. This term our focus will be on **Human Biology, Engineering and Astronomy**.

We are excited to be involved in this fabulous science program where our hands on experiments will complement classroom learning and inspire the scientist in each student involved. Please complete the attached form below to indicate interest and we will contact you.

A deposit of **\$30.00** will be required by **Friday 23rd of June** to allow time for the purchase of materials and to secure your child's place in the program. *The cost of each session will be \$10.00. If would like to pay in full the cost is \$120 including the deposit.*

**Please note that all payments need to be made in cash, NO BPAY and sent to Mrs. Kenny in Room 15.**

**Dates: Term 3, 2017.**

- Week 1 Friday 21st of July
- Week 2 Friday 28<sup>th</sup> of July
- Week 3 Friday 4<sup>th</sup> of August
- Week 4 Friday 11th of August
- Week 5 Friday 18th of August
- Week 6 Friday 25th of August
- Week 7 Friday 1<sup>st</sup> of September
- Week 8 Wednesday 8th of September
- Week 9 Wednesday 15th of September

We will contact you if you are successful in your expression of interest. ***We will select students on a first in priority basis. So please get notes in as soon as possible. If there is not enough interest then unfortunately we will not be going ahead with the Friday session.***

Thank you,  
Mrs Kenny and Miss Hruschka

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**After School Science Program – Expression of Interest, Term 3 2017**

**Please return to Mrs Kenny with your name clearly labelled by no later than Friday 23rd of June.**

I wish to participate in the After School Science Program commencing Friday 21<sup>st</sup> of July 2017 (Week 1).

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name & Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate the arrangements for your child after the class:

PLEASE CIRCLE

My child will be picked up

My child will walk home

My child will go to OSHC





## School Council Update.

March - May 2017

### In This Issue

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- Councilor Spotlight
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### Council meeting insights

- Hot topics from our last meeting
- Next meeting

### 2017 School Council Dates

1. 15<sup>th</sup> March
2. 10<sup>th</sup> May
3. 21<sup>st</sup> June
4. 16<sup>th</sup> August
5. 6<sup>th</sup> September
6. 18<sup>th</sup> October
7. 8<sup>th</sup> November

### Kick start to the year!

Kick starting the year has been very busy for everyone and that includes the School Council. We have focussed on completing the elections and welcoming our new members into the team.

With all the changes, we have focused on getting to know each other, settling into our various roles and learning more about what has happened over the last year and what is yet to come in 2017.

Following last year's strategic review, our [Annual Implementation Plan \(AIP\)](#) and Annual Report has now been completed. The focus for this year includes:

- Improving student resilience through using the concept of the Growth Mindset.
- Numeracy as a key area of improvement for 2017 across the school.
- Increasing the year 3 – 5 growth in NAPLAN over 25 - 30% in all areas.
- Improving student attendance.
- Maintaining or improving our Student engagement and Staff survey data.

### Councilor Spotlight

Each issue we will feature some of our fantastic Councilors so you can learn more about us.

### CHELSEA HUGHES



I'm Chelsea Hughes, and my daughter Ruby is in grade 1 this year.

I'm on the School Council representing the Friends and Families Committee as their current President.

I am interested in finding new ways to engage parents in school activities and issues and want to ensure their voice is heard on school matters.

I am an active member of my community and am on the Board of West Welcome Wagon, a not-for-profit charity that provides material aid to asylum seekers in Melbourne's West. I work as a Community Engagement Librarian in a

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public library and am passionate about connecting people with information and learning opportunities.

I am proud to be an APS parent because the school administration and staff make me feel like I am very much part of a team when it comes to educating my child.

If any parents would like to contact me to discuss anything related to School Council or the Friends and Families Committee, please feel free to contact me on:

- Mob: 0416 366 962
- Email: [chelseahhughes@gmail.com](mailto:chelseahhughes@gmail.com)

### ***Hot Topics from our last meeting...***

Our last 2 meetings have covered a variety of topics. In both meetings we conducted our usual review of the reports from each sub committee and also the Principal's report (which is very similar to the messages Kevin puts into the weekly newsletter). We then also covered a number of general discussion topics, some from the Leadership Team and some that were raised by parents.

In **March**: the election of all office bearers and sub-committee members was carried unanimously.

Chelsea provided some insights into the planning for the Family & Friends Committee, which included electing their new president, goals for this year and pushing for a better attendance ahead of a very busy month of introducing themselves to the school community (prep afternoon tea, Facebook group, newsletter, F&F board). The feedback so far from the school community has been positive.

School Camps for 2017 were discussed, and decided to stay as a two week split camp due to numbers, students attending with their classroom teacher and allowing classroom programs to run smoothly. Constructive feedback related to the School swimming carnival was also tabled.

The Curriculum days for 2017 that were approved last year were discussed in more detail. Focus for each varies, from developing the relationship between school and home (Parent teacher meetings) through to full day professional development for staff based on high level instructional teaching. As we are trying to achieve low variation of instruction and learning between each grade and 'high growth' in each area of NAPLAN data the leadership team felt it was very important to have all staff enabled with one clear consistent approach adopted across the school. This is in line with our new strategic plan.

The indicative school cash budget and fundraising events for the year is underway and will be finalized for the next meeting and the Art Show dates were set (23rd-26th August).

The Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) and Annual Report were explained by Kevin to the team (focus areas highlighted at the beginning of the update) and the results of the OHS audit showed there are some areas that we will need to improve on

but nothing too big. The OH&S officer was very complementary of how well the school did. Tammy's work was highlighted by the auditor.

In **May**: we discussed the positive impact the growth mindset approach is having on their classroom activities, reinforcing the importance of investing in school wide development for the staff in the recent curriculum days. The results of this approach and training will be communicated to parents at every opportunity to celebrate the successes. The impending purchase of new school readers and the expanded robotics program including ex-students of the school was warmly received by the Council.

We briefly discussed the addition of items to the approved uniform items, such as rugby tops and fleece vests. It was agreed to check whether this type of addition is both feasible and desired by the school community before any decisions made to add an additional item.

A number of policies were discussed and re-approved for the year with some suggested inclusions about what actions parents can take should they have an issue.

Building Sustainability and Grounds sub-committee has not formed for 2017 and it would be ideal to involve members of the Friends and Families Committee (whose fundraising focus for 2017 is heavily weighted towards structural projects around the school) and parents involved in the produce swap initiative. It was agreed that a call for members for the sub-committee would be communicated through the school newsletter.

Chelsea Hughes was welcomed to School Council as the Community Member and amongst the Family and Friends Committee report and activities the upcoming school disco was briefly discussed, specifically the need to have a quiet area for children with sensory issues to go to and information provided to parent volunteers regarding assisting children with sensory issues.

An exciting activity around the school Landscaping Projects as discussed in detail, costs, contributions from a sponsor and agreement to go ahead with the project was approved with other grounds work involving footpaths, bitumen, fencing, courts going out to tender.

How the school currently obtains feedback from parents and how these processes can be improved was raised. It was noted a survey is conducted annually by the Department of Education who make a random selection of 10% of families to survey. It was also noted the Facebook group is operating as a good forum for feedback and parents are also encouraged to feedback to the school via email or in person at the office. It was agreed that further communication to parents would be useful regarding what issues are discussed by School Council and what issues could be addressed through other areas such as directly with the School Office or with teachers, as well as opportunities to provide feedback to the school.

The Compass Program has been a slow roll-out to implementation, including training of teachers. Parent information for logging in will be live in Term 2 and

add-on features will be utilised following the initial roll outs. The school newsletter will also be revamped following the introduction of Compass.

A proud moment was tabling an email received from the Hobsons Bay Council praising our students for their contact regarding safety surrounding school crossing. Similarly, it was noted prospective parent feedback was that student captains participating in school tours are knowledgeable and a great representation of the school to potential families.

#### *Who is on our School Council?*

<b>2017 School Council</b>	Finance Committee	Policy Committee	Sustainability, Building & Grounds Committee	Family & Friends Committee
<b>Alexis Beckwith</b> (President)	Aaron Hunt	Nicole Fridey	TBC	Chelsea Hughes
<b>Chris Graham</b> (Vice President)		Debbie Galvin		
<b>Rebecca Letson</b> (Secretary)		Peter Sheehan		
<b>Victoria Cushing</b>				
<b>Peter Sheehan</b>				
<b>Chelsea Hughes</b>				
<b>Monique David</b>				
<b>Aaron Hunt</b>				
<b>Kevin Enright</b>				
<b>Nicole Fridey</b>				
<b>Kerryn Rayson</b>				
<b>Laura McKendrick</b>				

#### *Our next meeting in June...*

If you have items you'd like to raise for discussion at our next meeting, we would all be pleased to talk with you.

In the meantime your child's teacher, the lovely ladies in the office, Kevin, Nicole or Debbie can also assist with any questions or enquiries. We are all here to help.

We hope you enjoyed reading more about the School Council and would love to hear any feedback or ideas that you may have.

Kind Regards,

**Alexis Beckwith**  
**School Council President**

## Pokémon Card Stall

To support the SRC and help raise money for charities, we will be selling pre-loved Pokémon cards Tuesday snack and Friday lunch times.

Cards will be 50c. Empty Tins will be \$3.

If you have any old Pokémon you can donate, please send them to 4B's classroom.

Our Pokémon stall will be set up outside Miss Beckman's classroom. We hope to see you there to buy some awesome cards and help raise money!



### Healthy Food Hub

Are you aware, of a supportive initiative with our local community?

To find out more about the Healthy Eating Hub follow the link below.

Healthy Food Hub website:

<http://www.urcommunitytimebanking.org.au/cafe/>



### PARKING REMINDERS

Parents please remember that parking in Blyth St on the school side is a drop off only zone in the morning and 10 minutes parking in the afternoon.

Also, the driveway in Upton Street must be kept clear at all times for bin access. Reversing out of this space is also a danger to pedestrians and other road users.

