Principal’s Corner
Thank you to everyone who attended the Christmas Carols last night. It was a wonderful community celebration. We were very proud of all the students, their performances, their enthusiasm and their enjoyment of the night.

A big thank you to Mr. Rouse for organising the whole event and the staff for each grade’s performance. Thank you also to the Family and Friends for the sausage sizzle, raffle and their support. Thank you to everyone who helped set up and pack up.

Thank you to Bulla ice-cream for supplying the ice creams and Jacqueline Carter for organising the ice-cream van for us. Bulla were happy to leave the leftovers for our students to enjoy.

Thank you also to the Bigolin family for donating the sausages for the barbeque last night.

I wish all of our grade 6 students all the very best as they leave us for secondary school. They have been magnificent all year. Thank you to our School and House Captains for their leadership and support over the year.

To all the families that are leaving the school good luck and all the very best for the future.

Thank you also to the School Council for their tireless work this year. It has been a busy year with many achievements.

Thank you to our OSHC staff. They do a fabulous job. I know our working families really appreciate the way they look after the students.

Merry Christmas and a safe, happy and healthy New Year

Kevin Enright

**FIRST DAY OF TERM 1 2017**
The date for all students to start school in 2017 is Wednesday 1st February.
### 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

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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.

**Platinum Sponsors - $1500**  
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**Gold Sponsor - $500**

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FRESH PRODUCE SWAP

Thank you to everyone who supported the fresh produce swap last week. It was wonderful to see so many students and parents enjoying all the fruit, vegetables, flowers and other amazing produce.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Parents please make sure that you pay for all after school activity programs with cash only. Your payment can be given directly to the program provider or placed in an envelope and left at the office.
Altona Primary School Christmas Carols

Thank you to all of the families and friends that attended the carols night last night, it was a fantastic turn out.

Our Friends and Families Committee did a wonderful job selling sausages, lollies, drinks, raffle tickets and shoppers cards. Thank you to all of the volunteers who made this happen. Bulla sent along an ice cream van and donated the ice creams to the school. Thank you to Jacqueline Carter for organising the ice cream van for us. A big thank you also to the Bigolin Family for donating the sausages for our BBQ. Your support of our school is much appreciated.

A big thank you to Tim Rouse for recording all of the students and for running the night.
On behalf of the SRC, I’d like to thank all of the families for supporting our fundraisers this year. We have had lots of fun raising money throughout the year with great events such as Wacky Hair Day, hot cross bun orders, PJ Day, casual clothes days and Bandanna Day.

Our latest charity event last week was the coin trail where we raised a whopping $2526.85. This money has been donated to SOFT Australia who support families that are affected by chromosomal abnormalities. With your support throughout the whole year, we have raised a total of $8,173.15 that has gone to many deserving charities.

A special thank you goes to the SRC reps from semester 1 and semester 2 who are listed below. I have loved working with all of these students and have been inspired by their enthusiasm and creative fundraising ideas!

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| 5/6L  | Ruby Rippens  
Finn Puhar |
| 5/6J  | Mackenzie Callus  
Zane Balfoort |
| 5/6F  | Jesse Wilson  
Matilda Bozovic |
| 5/6 AC| Charlie Reeve  
Melissa Krstevska |
| 5/6G  | Georgie Christou  
Asher Curtain |
| 4B    | Sascha Holles  
Shirikhar Ramkilawan |
| 4LW   | Bailey McLean  
Layla Merry |
| 4F    | Bridget Corluka  
Ruby Keeghan |
| 3/4J  | Amy White  
Angus Bonnici |
| 3AV   | Amir Najib  
Liam McKenzie |
| 3H    | Sabine Harnden  
Damian McAinch |
| 3M    | Georgie Christou  
Ryder Mayberry |

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Charlotte Comodromos |
| 5/6J  | Spencer Curwood  
Karli Robinson |
| 5/6F  | Dylan Caruana  
Nadia Zgrdja |
| 5/6 AC| Crystal Galea  
Naomi Charter |
| 5/6G  | Adam Gatt  
Charlotte Markby |
| 4B    | Evie Tait  
Zara Sammut |
| 4LW   | Madison Cody  
Neena Taueki-Stevens |
| 4F    | Chloe Mathews  
Lucca Grego |
| 3/4J  | Jade Longmuir  
Jaymi Robins |
| 3AV   | Emily Bozovic  
Angeline Ang |
| 3H    | Jack Johnson  
Kaylea Blake |
| 3M    | Nathan Caruana  
Charlie O’Connor Moreira |

I look forward to working with many more of the brilliant leaders at APS in 2017!

Miss Beckman 😊
Movies by the Bay

Free outdoor cinema returns to Hobsons Bay at two waterfront locations. Enjoy great films under the stars at this popular free family event series. Bring your own picnic or stop at a local restaurant before the screening and enjoy a delicious dinner. Movies commence approximately 8.45pm (or when dark).

*Secret Life of Pets* (PG)
Friday 6 January
Logan Reserve, Altona

*Fantastic Beasts and Where to find them* (M)
Friday 13 January
Commonwealth Reserve, Nelson Place, Williamstown

*The Jungle Book* (PG)
Friday 20 January
Logan Reserve, Altona

For more information call 9932 1000 or visit [www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au](http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au)

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**OSHC News** – the last day for OSHC is the 20th of December. The Vacation Program will begin on the 9th of January 2017. Bookings are essential. Ph: 9398 8310
This group consists of friends and families of students at Altona Primary School in Altona, Victoria. The purpose of this group is to provide an online forum to discuss matters related to the APS Friends and Families Committee. The Committee and this Facebook group are open to all friends and family of APS students who wish to get together and contribute to the school community. For more information, head to Facebook and have a look and please join us. We already have over 100 members and look forward to seeing that number grow.

We have just set up a Facebook Page to increase awareness and involvement in the Altona Primary School Friends and Families Committee activities. This group consists of friends and families of students at Altona Primary School in Altona, Victoria. The purpose of this group is to provide an online forum to discuss matters related to the APS Friends and Families Committee. The Committee and this Facebook group are open to all friends and family of APS students who wish to get together and contribute to the school community. For more information, head to Facebook and have a look and please join us. We already have over 100 members and look forward to seeing that number grow.

Our new Shoppers Card is available now – great value for only $10. Cards can be purchased from the school office until Tuesday and will be available to buy in the New Year. Get in now and enjoy savings over the holidays.

Have a look at the great offers available
Support local businesses and save!
Dear Parents,

In 2017 Altona Primary School will once again be offering parents the opportunity to take part in our PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAM (Literacy & Numeracy). We welcome all of our 2017 Prep parents/caregivers and current parents/caregivers to participate in this wonderful program.

This program is designed for parents/caregivers who wish to assist in classrooms within the Literacy and Numeracy block and/or who wish to learn some strategies for helping their own children with Literacy/Numeracy at home. Please be aware that this Education Program is a requirement for all parents who wish to assist with Literacy and Numeracy within our classrooms. Participants will have the opportunity to explore how children learn and how, together with classroom teachers, parents/caregivers can continue to support their children’s Literacy and Numeracy development. The program focuses on Literacy and Numeracy learning of all students; however it is particularly beneficial to parents/caregivers of Prep – 2 students and/or new families to the school.

Previous participants have ranged from Mums and Dads to Grandparents and/or other persons supporting student learning at home. Feedback from previous participants indicated that the program gave them a valuable insight into how students learn within the current educational context and strategies they can utilise at home.

The program will run at the beginning of Term 1 over four weekly sessions as follows:

- Thursday 16th February 2017 (Literacy)
- Wednesday 22nd February 2017 (Literacy)
- Wednesday 1st March 2017 (Literacy)
- Wednesday 8th March 2017 (Numeracy)

These sessions will be held at the Altona RSL (31 Sargood Street, Altona)
Sessions will commence at 9:15am and conclude at 11:15am.

If you are interested in participating, please fill in the expression of interest below and return it to your child’s classroom teacher or the office no later than Friday 3rd February 2017.

Please note: Unfortunately we are unable to cater for children (Toddlers and babies) during these sessions at this venue. We apologise if this causes any inconvenience.

We look forward to meeting and working with you.

Thankyou, Strategic Leadership Team

Parent Education Program – Expression of Interest 2017

I wish to participate in the Parent Education Program commencing on Thursday 16th February 2017

Please circle: I am a new prep parent or a current parent

Participant Name: ___________________________________________
Child’s Name: ________________________________________________
Child’s Grade: ________________________________________________
Contact phone number: _______________________________________
Email Address: _______________________________________________