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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

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.

Important
Message

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

	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	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			



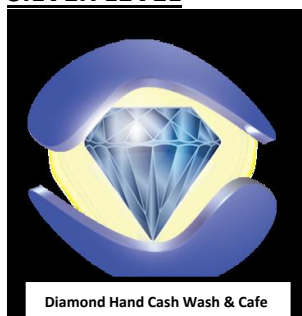
Olympic Colour Crazy Obstacle-a-thon

Thank you to all of our fabulous sponsors

GOLD LEVEL



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
photography & styling



UCCELLO
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YOUR LOCAL JEWELLERY & WATCH SPECIALIST



Sliver Sponsor - \$250



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.



SRC



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!

Semester 1	
5/6XV	Shirley Lin Zara Harnden
5/6L	Ruby Ripps 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 Hoiles Shirkhar 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

Semester 2	
5/6XV	Samantha Gianakidis Armaan Lambra
5/6L	Imogen Craggs 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 ☺

The Hobson Bay Library has activities running over the Christmas holiday period. Please refer to their website for further details:

<http://libraries.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/whats-on>

**HOBSONS
BAY CITY
COUNCIL**



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

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



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

Friends and Families Committee

Thursday, 15th December 2016



THANK YOU!

Altona Primary School Friends and Families Committee would like to thank everyone who helped with the Carol Concert last night. On top of that, a big "Thank You" to everyone who has given their time, skills, energy and commitment to all of the events we have put on this year. It has been a busy one - with a Prep Picnic, Discos, Mothers' and Fathers' Day stalls, Icy Poles, Indigenous Book Swap, Donate-a-book, Sausage Sizzles, Swimmers breakfasts, Salvation Army Collection boxes and Grade 6 Yearbooks to name just a few!

Thank you. We couldn't do what we do without all your help.

We look forward to working with you again next year and to welcoming new members and families.

Altona Primary School FRIENDS AND FAMILIES COMMITTEE



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.

2017 SHOPPERS CARD

DISCOUNTS ON FOOD, ENTERTAINMENT, SERVICES AND MORE

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!

2017 SHOPPERS LIST

DISCOUNTS ON FOOD, ENTERTAINMENT, SERVICES AND MORE

	Airodrome Altona	Doherty Road, Altona North	BUY 1 SESSION GET 1 FREE*
	Altona Bowling Club	Civic Parade, Altona	Buy 2 main meals GET 1 CHILD'S MEAL FREE
	Bakers Delight	Pier Street, Altona	10% OFF storewide
	Bezirk Altona Cafe	Millers Road, Altona	10% OFF storewide
	Birds Cafe	Harrington Square, Altona	10% OFF storewide
	Borgs Cakes	Harrington Square, Altona	5% OFF storewide
	Caratons	www.caratons.com	10% OFF Design & Illustration
	Double C Jeanery	Aviation Road, Laverton	10% OFF full priced items and \$10 OFF school shoes. Excludes uniforms.
	Hanger1One2 Cafe	Pier Street, Altona	10% OFF storewide
	Ice Cream @ 3018	Harrington Square, Altona	\$1 OFF Double Dipped Chocolate Wafer Cone
	Just Sweets	Upton Street, Altona	10% OFF storewide
	McDonald's Laverton	Lunn Court, Laverton	10% OFF storewide
	Mosaic Restaurant	Pier Street, Altona	10% OFF (does not apply to \$15 lunch menu)
	Numero Uno Pizza	Pier Street, Altona	Buy 2 large pizzas, get a FREE GARLIC BREAD – pick up only
	Runkle Dell Rouge	Pier Street, Altona	10% OFF storewide
	Sensory Oasis for Kids	inside Bay Children's Clinic sensoryoasisforkids.com.au	10% OFF storewide (Store for children with sensory difficulties)
	Spottiswoode Hotel	Hudsons Road, Spotswood	10% OFF food bill only
	Sun Theatre	Yarraville	SESSIONS AT MEMBER PRICES
	Two Bros on Blyth	Blyth Street, Altona	10% OFF storewide

*Airodrome restrictions apply: Buy 1 Get 1 Free, not available on school holidays, buy entry for 1 person, get another person in for free for 1 hour ONLY OR buy entry for 1 person, get the second hour for free.

Parent Education Program 2017



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

Please return this slip to the office by Friday 3rd February 2017

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: _____