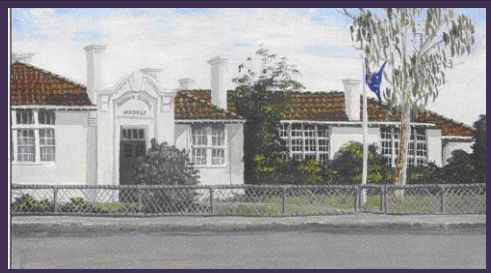


ALTONA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

We wish Ms. Jess Nichols all the very best as she begins her maternity leave today. Jess will return part time in 2017.

Welcome to our new School Council: Alexis Beckwith (President), Chris Graham (Vice President) Rebecca Letson (Secretary), Peter Sheehan, Monique David, Victoria Cushing, Aaron Hunt, Laura McKendrick, Kerryn Rayson and Nicole Fridey. We will enjoy working together for the benefit of all students and families.

Welcome back to our campers from Somers. They really loved the camp, meeting students from other schools and forming new friendships. Thank you to Mr. Morris and Ms. Kent for attending with our students.

On Monday we begin the first of three separate days of professional development on building classroom instructional practice. We have hired a consultant to work with the staff on a consistent, high quality learning and teaching practice which builds on our existing practice and focuses on Robert Marzano's nine high impact instructional strategies. The reason it is this Monday is that this was the first available date. We wanted to begin early in term one to implement it thoroughly across the year.

Individual teachers have a profound influence on student learning as does a good school. The three elements of effective pedagogy are; instructional strategies, management techniques and curriculum design. John Hattie's research 'Visible Learning' also informs our practice <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/about/research/ravisablelearning.pdf>

One of the aims of the 2017 – 2020 Strategic Plan, as evidenced by NAPLAN data from grade 3 to grade 5, is to increase high student academic growth, in numeracy and literacy, to above 25% of students and decrease low growth to below 20%.

High growth is seen as a defining factor illustrating improvement in student learning between grades three and five.

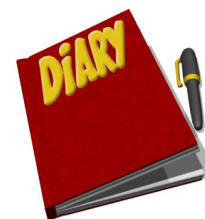
We believe that having all staff learning and working together will create a unified approach throughout the school and benefit all students.

Last week Mrs. Fridey, Mrs. Galvin and I attended the Hobson Bay Principals' conference. The professional learning was based on The Victorian Curriculum; Critical and Creative Thinking; <http://victoriancurriculum.vcaa.vic.edu.au/critical-and-creative-thinking/introduction/scope-and-sequence>

Critical and Creative Thinking is organised into three interrelated strands: Questions and Possibilities, Reasoning and Meta-Cognition. We will be using this learning to enhance this area into our classrooms. It is exciting to be continuously improving what we do for the benefit of the students.

Absences calculated to 16/3/17: Grade Prep 156, One 142, Two 199, Three 90, Four 140, Five 139 and Six 142. The total is 1,006 days of absence. 38 students have had over 20% of the school year absent, 19 students have had 15-20% absent and 64 students have had 10 – 15% absent. We have had 150 late arrivals. Teachers begin the focus of their instruction at approximately 9:00 and are working with their focus group by 9:20. Late students interrupt the teachers teaching and effect the learning of the whole grade. Help us to keep these numbers as low as possible and improve your child's schooling.

Have a great weekend, Kevin Enright



Next Week's Events

Monday 20th March

Curriculum Day

Wednesday 22nd March

Grade 5/6 excursion to Sovereign Hill

Thursday 23rd March

School photos – full school uniform must be worn

The school will be moving across to Compass this year. Staff Training will commence in Term 2. Further details will be provided to families next term.

WHOLE SCHOOL CALENDAR (Community)

16/03/17

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

Please be aware of the following changes to the Calendar

Thurs 16th March – new date for session 3 of the Parent Education Program (change from 1st March)

Friends and Family meetings have been added into calendar – note the various times.

Some School Council dates have changed – new dates - 21st June, 6th September, 8th November 2017

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1	30 th Jan	31 st Jan	1 st Feb	2 nd Feb	3 rd Feb
	CURRICULUM DAY	CURRICULUM DAY	Students commence		
WEEK 2 FFC Icy pole day Wednesdays all term	6 th Feb	7 th Feb	8 th Feb	9 th Feb	10 th Feb
		Swimming Trials FFC – meet and greet before school at the flagpole		FFC – meet and greet after school at the flagpole	Summer Sports R
WEEK 3	13 th Feb	14 th Feb	15 th Feb	16 th Feb	17 th Feb
		Altona District Swimming Carnival	School Council	Parent Education Program Session 1 – Literacy FFC – 3:15-4:15 Afternoon tea for Preps and their parents	Summer Sports R2
WEEK 4 Japanese Homestay Students all week	20 th Feb	21 st Feb	22 nd Feb	23 rd Feb	24 th Feb
		FFC – 1 st meeting of the year (Staff room)	Parent Education Program Session 2 – Literacy		Summer Sports R3 GRIP Student Leadership Program (House & School Captains) Grade Prep & Grade 1 “Marvellous Me” Incursion
WEEK 5 Japanese Homestay Students all week	27 th Feb	28 th Feb	1 st March	2 nd March	3 rd March
		Japanese Cultural Day- whole school Shrove Tuesday	Starting the Learning Partnership Meetings Grades 1 – 6 11am – 7.20pm Student Free Day for all students	APS Cross Country	Summer Sports R4 Nude Food Day (rubbish free day)
WEEK 6 Shonelle & Jayme Somers Camp Finalised EOL Gr 1 & 2	6 th March	7 th March	8 th March	9 th March	10 th March
	School & House Captain photos 3pm (for office area)	Somers Camp	Somers Camp Parent Education Program Session 3- Numeracy	Somers Camp	Somers Camp Summer Sports R5
WEEK 7 Shonelle & Jayme Somers Camp	13 th March	14 th March	15 th March	16 th March	17 th March
	LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	Somers Camp	Somers Camp School Council	Divisional Swimming Parent Education Program Session 4 - Literacy (from 1 st March)	Summer Sports R6
WEEK 8 Planning Week	20 th March	21 st March	22 nd March	23 rd March	24 th March
	CURRICULUM DAY	FFC – 7:30pm APS Staff room	5/6 Sovereign Hill Excursion	WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTOS	Summer Sports Round Robin Finals
WEEK 9 Planning Week	27 th March	28 th March	29 th March	30 th March	31 st March
		WMR Swimming			End Term 1 1.30pm finish

	2017 TERM 2 WHOLE SCHOOL CALENDAR (PARENTS)				
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	17 TH April	18 TH April	19 TH April	20 TH April	21 ST April
	EASTER MONDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	Commence Term 2		FFC – 9am APS Staff room	
WEEK 2	24 TH April	25 TH April	26 TH April	27 TH April	28 TH April
		ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	State Swimming		
WEEK 3	1 ST May	2 ND May	3 RD May	4 TH May	5 TH May
	CURRICULUM DAY				Winter Sports R1
WEEK 4	8 TH May	9 TH May	10 TH May	11 TH May	12 TH May
		Altona District Cross Country			Winter Sports R2
WEEK 5	15 TH May	16 TH May	17 TH May	18 TH May	19 TH May
	APS Athletics Carnival at Newport		School Council	Backup Day APS Athletics Carnival at Newport	Winter Sports R3
WEEK 6	22 ND May	23 RD May	24 TH May	25 TH May	26 TH May
		FFC – 7:30pm APS Staff room		GRADE 2 “Start Smart Incursion”	Winter Sports R4
WEEK 7	29 TH May	30 TH May	31 ST May	1 ST June	2 ND June
			Divisional Cross Country		Winter Sports R5
WEEK 8	5 TH June	6 TH June	7 TH June	8 TH June	9 TH June
	APS Junior Athletics Carnival	5/6 Camp Group 1 Camp ADANAC	5/6 Camp Group 1 Camp ADANAC	5/6 Camp Group 1 Camp ADANAC	5/6 Camp Group 1 Camp ADANAC Winter Sports R6
WEEK 9	12 TH June	13 TH June	14 TH June	15 TH June	16 TH June
	QUEEN’S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	5/6 Camp Group 2 Camp ADANAC	5/6 Camp Group 2 Camp ADANAC	5/6 Camp Group 2 Camp ADANAC	5/6 Camp Group 2 Camp ADANAC Winter Sports Round Robin Finals
WEEK 10	19 TH June	20 TH June	21 ST June	22 ND June	23 RD June
			School Council	FFC – 9am APS Staff room	SCHOOL DISCO
WEEK 11	26 TH June	27 TH June	28 TH June	29 TH June	30 TH June
	CURRICULUM DAY				End Term 2

	2017 Term 3 WHOLE SCHOOL CALENDAR (PARENTS)				
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEK 1	17 th July	18 th July	19 th July	20 th July	21 st July
	Commence Term 3			State Cross Country	3 / 4 Hooptime
WEEK 2	24 th July	25 th July	26 th July	27 th July	28 th July
		FFC – 7:30pm APS Staff room			
WEEK 3	31 st July	1 st Aug	2 nd Aug	3 rd Aug	4 th Aug
WEEK 4	7 th Aug	8 th Aug	9 th Aug	10 th Aug	11 th Aug
WEEK 5 APS Gaelic Football Comp	14 th Aug	15 th Aug	16 th Aug	17 th Aug	18 th Aug
			Robotics State Finals School Council	FFC – 9am APS Staff room	
WEEK 6 APS Gaelic Football Comp	21 st Aug	22 nd Aug	23 rd Aug	24 th Aug	25 th Aug
			ART SHOW Opening night (adults only)	ART SHOW After school	ART SHOW After school 56 Hooptime Sat 26 th Aug ART SHOW am
WEEK 7 APS Gaelic Football Comp	28 th Aug	29 th Aug	30 th Aug	31 st Aug	1 st Sept
WEEK 8 APS Gaelic Football Comp	4 th Sept	5 th Sept	6 th Sept	7 th Sept	8 th Sept
		Altona District Athletics	School Council	Backup Day Altona District Athletics	
WEEK 9	11 th Sept	12 th Sept	13 th Sept	14 th Sept	15 th Sept
			Divisional Athletics		
WEEK 10	18 th Sept	19 th Sept	20 th Sept	21 st Sept	22 nd Sept
		FFC – 7:30pm APS Staff room			End Term 3

	2017 TERM 4 WHOLE SCHOOL CALENDAR (PARENTS)				
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	9 th Oct	10 th Oct	11 th Oct	12 th Oct	13 th Oct
	Commence Term 4				
WEEK 2	16 th Oct	17 th Oct	18 th Oct	19 th Oct	20 th Oct
		WMR Athletics	School Council	FFC – 9am APS Staff room	
WEEK 3	23 rd Oct	24 th Oct	25 th Oct	26 th Oct	27 th Oct
					SCHOOL DISCO (Halloween theme)
WEEK 4	30 th Oct	31 st Oct	1 st Nov	2 nd Nov	3 rd Nov
	State Athletics WMR Summer Sports Finals 30 th – 3 rd Nov				
WEEK 5 APS European Handball Comp	6 th Nov	7 th Nov	8 th Nov	9 th Nov	10 th Nov
	CURRICULUM DAY	MELBOURNE CUP DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	School Council	WMR Hot Shots Final	APS House Colour Day
WEEK 6 APS European Handball Comp	13 th Nov	14 th Nov	15 th Nov	16 th Nov	17 th Nov
WEEK 7 APS European Handball Comp	20 th Nov	21 st Nov	22 nd Nov	23 rd Nov	24 th Nov
		FFC – 7:30pm APS Staff room (AGM)			
WEEK 8 APS European Handball Comp	27 th Nov	28 th Nov	29 th Nov	30 th Nov	1 st Dec
WEEK 9	4 th Dec	5 th Dec	6 th Dec	7 th Dec	8 th Dec
WEEK 10	11 th Dec	12 th Dec	13 th Dec	14 th Dec	15 th Dec
WEEK 11	18 th Dec	19 th Dec	20 th Dec	21 st Dec	22 nd Dec
					End Term 4



5X7 ART PRIZE

5X7 ART PRIZE 2017
1ST - 20TH APRIL

JOEL GALLERY
 Louis Joel Centre
 5 Sargood St, Altona 3018

Artists from Melbourne's Western Region and Hobsons Bay Schools have created artworks in a 5" x 7" format to present to you the 3rd annual 5X7 ART PRIZE.
 This year's theme is **MY COUNTRY**

EXHIBITION HOURS:
 10am - 4pm daily
 Closed Public Holidays

LAUNCH
 Friday 31st March at 7pm
 All welcome

CONTACT:
 Email: hbas@y7mail.com
 Phone: 0417 056 762 (Kirsten Craggs)

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PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY:

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Altona Primary School is taking part in the *5x7 ART PRIZE* this year with an entry by Grade 2W. This is a wonderful opportunity for family and friends to celebrate the artistic achievements of children from our local community. We hope to see you there!
 Mrs. Cain.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY IS COMING

SCHOOLPIX will be here on
THURSDAY 23RD MARCH 2017

(Next Thursday)

PHOTO DAY TIPS:

Dress: *Clean and tidy with full uniform.* Usually (weather depending) we have no windcheaters/jackets on for the photos except for Grade 6 students who can choose to wear their special Grade 6 jumper or not

Hair: Neat and swept off face

Online Orders: To pre-order online, take your personal Order and ID Numbers found on your order form and go to www.schoolpix.com.au. Orders can be placed online up to 2 working days after photography. *You do not need to return the order form if you order online.*

Remember: All orders placed online before midnight on photography day will receive a free 20cm x 25cm black and white portrait print.

Manual Orders: Complete your order form and return with payment to school on photography day.

Sibling Orders: For a special photo of your children together order online by **10am** on photography day. Alternatively collect a Sibling Order Form from the office or download it from the SchoolPix website and return it on photography day. **Only siblings that place an order will be photographed.**

PO Box 5222, Hallam VIC 3803
Ph: 1300 766 055
Email: enquiries@schoolpix.com.au

PS – A note has been sent home but just as a reminder - Could all School, House Captains and Robo-Techs please arrive to school for 8:45am on this day for their group photos to be taken- thank you

FAMILY AND FRIENDS COMMITTEE

We have our FFC meeting this coming Tuesday 21st March at 7.30pm in the staff room.

Shoppers cards are available at the office, \$10 each



LOST

Aimee from 3/4H has lost a silver necklace with a pink flower on it. It is very special to her. Please hand in to the office if found.

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Altona Primary School will again be implementing ICAS over the coming year. ICAS is a comprehensive skills-based program that assesses higher order thinking and problem-solving skills.

HOW ICAS IS DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHER ASSESSMENTS YOUR CHILD WILL TAKE:

1. ICAS can tell us whether students really understand what they are being taught.
2. ICAS can help us discover student talents and student weaknesses that don't always get picked up by the curriculum testing framework.
3. ICAS will not add extra workload to a student's study or homework regime because ICAS is an assessment they can't study for. It evaluates thinking and problem-solving ability, not memory.
4. ICAS's diagnostic reports provided with each exam result, will give all of us (teachers and parents) far more insight into your child's strengths and weaknesses. At school, we can act on that by tailoring our teaching and learning programs; at home, you will know where to direct more encouragement.
5. ICAS will also give us an external benchmark we can rely on to ensure our school is keeping pace with national and international standards—ICAS is the most comprehensive international assessment program, with schools in over 20 countries participating every year.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

If you would like your child to participate, please complete the permission slip and return it, with payment to the school no later than **March 31st**.

PLEASE NOTE LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Please note that due to the fact students participate from a range of year levels, in scheduling these exams your child may miss a specialist subject. Unfortunately, this is unavoidable.

Kind regards,
Mr. Corroon



2017 ICAS Permission Form

Please return this form with your payment, to your school no later than March 31st

I give permission for my child, _____ of _____
Child's name *Class*

to participate in the following 2017 ICAS assessments.

Please select the subjects you would like your child to participate in:

Subject/Paper	School Years Eligible	Official Sitting Date	Participation Fee	Fee Enclosed
Digital Technologies	3 - 6	23 May 2017	\$8.80	
Science	2 - 6	30 May 2017	\$8.80	
Writing	3 - 6	12-16 June 2017	\$18.70	
Spelling	2 - 6	14 June 2017	\$12.10	
English	2 - 6	1 August 2017	\$8.80	
Mathematics	2 - 6	15 August 2017	\$8.80	
TOTAL				

Students must sit on the official sitting date for each subject; students absent on the exam day are not eligible for refunds as exam papers are purchased in advance.

Please find _____ enclosed for payment of the total fee.
Amount

Name of Parent/Guardian

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian



SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISORS

Dear Principal,

We are currently seeking to increase our school crossing supervisor relieving pool and would like to request your assistance by way of including an expression of interest in your school's newsletter.

Ideally we would like parents/grandparents of children that attend the school to have an opportunity to provide relief crossing duties for the school your child/grand child is attending. The appropriate training, uniform, equipment, pay (\$33.00 per hour) etc would be provided by Council.

Shift times vary but are usually 45 minutes and could be advertised as per your schools current time allocation.

We also have vacancies for permanent crossing positions in other locations (2 shifts 5 days a week – except school holidays) as well as the relieving pool (covering for people on leave or off sick).

If you have parents interested further information can be obtained by contacting Lyn McIntyre on 9932 1051 or email locallaws@hobsonsby.vic.gov.au

Lyn McIntyre
Liaison Officer Parking and Local Laws Coordinator

Art Show Requirements

Dear Parents / Guardians,
We are in need of a ten pin bowling ball as well as lawn bowls. If you have any lying around or know of anyone who does not require these items, please send them along to Mrs. Helen in 5/6XV. We will require these items to create our Art show masterpiece.

Kind Regards,
Helen Xinomilakis



PREP ENROLMENTS 2018

Enrolments are now open for Prep students for 2018. If you already have a child attending APS and have a Prep for next year, please collect an enrolment pack from the office.

School and House Captains Report - March 2017

During February, all House and School Captains visited every classroom in the school. Before we made our visits we had to write a speech about ourselves and to let the students know that they can come up to us and we can help them at any time. We were split into two groups: Group 1 - Blue, Red and Green House Captains, Group 2 - School, Yellow and Purple House Captains. But we all went to the Preps together. The visits went for twenty minutes and took roughly two weeks to complete. Each group also read a book to the class which they really enjoyed and all the students had a big laugh. We then moved on to some question time and this is what some of the students asked: Why do you wear a badge? How do you become house or school captain? How does it work? and many more. All of the House and School Captains had so much fun going into all the different classes and meeting many new people. We all wish we could do it all again next year.

The School and House Captains along with Mr. Enright have been taking parents on school tours. Some of the things that we do on school tours are introduce ourselves to the parents and kids, show them everything in the school and tell them about our experiences at Altona Primary School. The parents love asking us questions and they can ask us anything they want. They mainly want to know about current issues like bullying which we say we have a zero tolerance towards bullying. We also show them all the year levels and the preps so they can get an idea of what to expect for their children.

On Wednesday the 8th of March, the School Captains went to the Altona Council to talk about our school and community. Many schools across Hobson's Bay attended this meeting in an orderly fashion. We had to explain the school events that have happened this past term, such as Cross Country and Japanese Cultural Day.

We also updated the council on issues across the community, so we introduced the problem of not having a lollipop person on Upton street. After a couple of days, we got an email informing us that they will be placing someone there for the safety of the school and community. We are very proud of ourselves and look forward to continuing our involvement in these meetings in the future.

The School and House Captains have also put up posters in the learning street as a way to show the school community who we are. Anyone can come and see them and learn more about us. They are up there all the time Parents can see them before and after school too.

Altona Primary School School and House Captains 2017



Produce Swap!



BYO home grown:

- **FRUIT**
- **VEGETABLES**
- **FLOWERS**
- **SEEDS**
- **WORM FOOD**
- **Homemade
sauces & jams**

To Swap!!



Wednesday 29th March

Before school 8.20 to 8.45am

After school 3.15 to 3.45pm

(On the basketball court)

**No produce? No
worries. Make a gold
coin donation.**

Please join us for our schools' next produce swap. Just bring along things from your garden to swap or make a gold coin donation.

Helping our School to Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!!

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