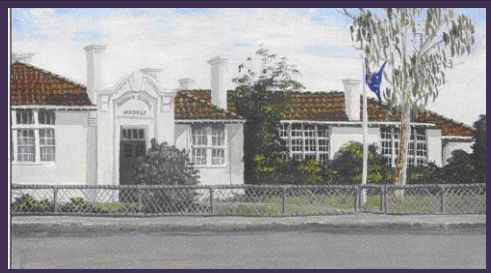


ALTONA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

Welcome back to term two. It is great to see everyone back in their classrooms learning and enjoying playing with their friends in the schoolyard.

We have a lot planned for term two. It will be another exciting term.

The teachers will continue their work on classroom instruction that works and generating a growth mindset.

If you are interested in the growth mindset concept, I recommend you look up the work of Carol Dweck. There are three relevant mindsets: 1. Growth Mindset; students are more likely to persist through challenges when they understand that intelligence is malleable, rather than a fixed trait, 2. Belonging Mindset; students who have a strong sense of belonging in their environment are more likely to succeed and persist through challenges and 3. Purpose and Relevance; when students believe that schoolwork has a purpose and relates to their life outside of school, they are more eager to learn.

As you can see, our new Strategic Plan is providing the opportunity to really enhance the lives of our students in a stimulating and research based manner.

Teachers will begin to use 'Compass' for marking their class roles next week. We are hoping to give families access to Compass in the 5th week of this term. You will be able to log your child's absence online rather than via a phone call. You will be able to track your child's attendance. All late arrivals and early departures will also be recorded. Please make sure we have your correct contact details.

All student mid year reports will be sent electronically via Compass.

I took a cleaning company representative through the school today. She was here to look at the cleanliness of the rooms but, after visiting a couple of classrooms, she was eager to have a look at the educational aspects. She has been to hundreds of schools all over the metropolitan area. She was amazed at how motivated and well behaved our students are. She could not believe the things students were learning in art, music and IT let alone the english and maths. The students and staff do such a wonderful job!

Have a great weekend

Kevin Enright



Friday 21ST APRIL

Grade 2 visit to Altona Homestead

Monday 24th April

ANZAC Day service at APS 2.30pm

Tuesday 25th April

ANZAC Day Public Holiday

Monday 1st May

Curriculum Day

CSEF PAYMENT

If you currently have a Health Care Card or DVA card please complete the attached CSEF form and bring it to the office to be submitted.

These funds can only be used for excursions or camp payments.



WHOLE SCHOOL CALENDAR (Community)

19/4/17

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

2017 TERM 2 WHOLE SCHOOL CALENDAR (PARENTS)

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Tuesday 16th May – new date for the Altona District Cross Country
Thursday 25th May – Prep -6 First Aid in Schools (incursion)
Friday 1st September – closing date for enrolments for 2018 Preps
Tuesday 15th Aug – new date for State Robotics Competition (previously incorrect date of Wed 16th Aug)

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	17 th April EASTER MONDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	18 th April Commence Term 2	19 th April	20 th April FFC – 9am APS Staff room	21 st April Grade 2 Altona Homestead Visit 9-11 2M & 2W 11.30 – 1.30 2N & 2K
WEEK 2	24 th April 2.30pm APS ANZAC DAY SERVICE	25 th April ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	26 th April State Swimming	27 th April	28 th April
WEEK 3	1 st May CURRICULUM DAY	2 nd May	3 rd May	4 th May	5 th May Winter Sports R1
WEEK 4	8 th May	9 th May NAPLAN	10 th May 7pm School Council NAPLAN	11 th May NAPLAN	12 th May Winter Sports R2
WEEK 5	15 th May APS Athletics Carnival at Newport	16 th May Altona District Cross Country	17 th May School Council	18 th May Backup Day APS Athletics Carnival at Newport	19 th May Winter Sports R3 Prep “Zoo Excursion”
WEEK 6	22 nd May	23 rd May FFC – 7:30pm APS Staff room	24 th May	25 th May First Aid in Schools – Grade 1-6	26 th May Winter Sports R4 Grade 2 StartSmart Incursion
WEEK 7 National Reconciliation Week	29 th May 9am Aboriginal Art Mural Launch at Assembly	30 th May	31 st May Divisional Cross Country	1 st June	2 nd June Winter Sports R5
WEEK 8	5 th June APS Junior Athletics Carnival	6 th June 5/6 Camp Group 1 Camp ADANAC	7 th June 5/6 Camp Group 1 Camp ADANAC	8 th June 5/6 Camp Group 1 Camp ADANAC	9 th June 5/6 Camp Group 1 Camp ADANAC Winter Sports R6
WEEK 9	12 th June QUEEN’S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	13 th June 5/6 Camp Group 2 Camp ADANAC	14 th June 5/6 Camp Group 2 Camp ADANAC	15 th June 5/6 Camp Group 2 Camp ADANAC	16 th June 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
			7pm School Council	FFC – 9am APS Staff room WMR Cross Country	SCHOOL DISCO
WEEK 11	26 th June	27 th June	28 th June	29 th June	30 th June

2017 Term 3 WHOLE SCHOOL CALENDAR (PARENTS)

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	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			29 th July Robotics Melb Regional Comp
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 Comp	7pm 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
					2018 Prep Enrolments close
WEEK 8 APS Gaelic Football Comp	4 th Sept	5 th Sept	6 th Sept	7 th Sept	8 th Sept
		Altona District Athletics	7pm 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	7pm School Council Prep Fire Ed Program 9 – 11am	FFC – 9am APS Staff room	
WEEK 3	23 rd Oct	24 th Oct	25 th Oct	26 th Oct	27 th Oct
			Prep Fire Ed Program 9 – 11am		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	6 th Nov	7 th Nov	8 th Nov	9 th Nov	10 th Nov
APS European Handball Comp	CURRICULUM DAY	MELBOURNE CUP DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	7pm School Council	WMR Hot Shots Final	APS House Colour Day
WEEK 6	13 th Nov	14 th Nov	15 th Nov	16 th Nov	17 th Nov
APS European Handball Comp					
WEEK 7	20 th Nov	21 st Nov	22 nd Nov	23 rd Nov	24 th Nov
APS European Handball Comp		FFC – 7:30pm APS Staff room (AGM)	5/6 Family Life		5/6 Family Life
WEEK 8	27 th Nov	28 th Nov	29 th Nov	30 th Nov	1 st Dec
APS European Handball Comp			5/6 Family Life		5/6 Family Life
WEEK 9	4 th Dec	5 th Dec	6 th Dec	7 th Dec	8 th Dec
			5/6 Family Life		5/6 Family Life
WEEK 10	11 th Dec	12 th Dec	13 th Dec	14 th Dec	15 th Dec
		Grade 6 Orientation Day (Govt Schools)			
WEEK 11	18 th Dec	19 th Dec	20 th Dec	21 st Dec	22 nd Dec
		Grade 6 Graduation Wyndham Cultural Centre			End Term 4

CONGRATULATIONS

A big **CONGRATULATIONS** goes to all the young artists of 2W for a well-deserved 3rd place in the 5x7 Art Prize this year.

The children created a variety of sunsets and silhouettes to reflect the theme "My Country."

Well done 2W, your creative talents, team work and perseverance is truly something special.

Mrs Cain.





Altona Primary School invites the school community to our ANZAC Day service which will be held on Monday 24th April 2017 at 2.30pm and will be run by the Grade 4 students. Lest We Forget.

The SRC will also be selling ANZAC Day Appeal merchandise before school and at the start of recess and lunch times on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and next Monday. Students will be able to purchase a range of items, including pins and pens ranging from \$1-\$10, from outside Miss Beckman/4B's classroom (LS7).



Commemorative Sunday - April 23rd 2017

Commemorative Sunday is always the Sunday before ANZAC Day, this year the Commemorative Sunday March is being held this Sunday, April 23rd. It is one of the special days in the RSL's calendar.

Students from Altona Primary School are invited to come dressed in full school uniform and march in the parade behind the service men and women. Parents must attend with their child; parents can walk beside their children in the march or along the footpath following their child in the parade. **Children are the responsibility of their parent the whole time.**

If children are wearing their parents, grandparents or great grandparent's medals, these medals must be worn on their right hand side. Only service men & women wear their medals on their left.

Many local groups, particularly Scouts, Guides and Air force & Naval Cadets **meet at 2.20pm at the Altona RSL, 31 Sargood Street**. The Commemorative Sunday **March commences at approximately 2:40pm** and travels down Pier Street to the eternal flame at the Civic Centre.

This is expected to be a big event and there will be some road closures from the RSL to the Civic Centre and this will also cause some parking problems.

The service commences at approx. 3:00pm at the eternal flame and cenotaph, at the corner of Pier St. & Civic Parade, for families wishing to go straight there. Participants hear different people speak; some people will place flowers at the base of the eternal flame and cenotaph in memory of the Army, Navy and Air force men and women who died in the wars or in support of service men & women who are serving on peace keeping missions.

A representative from Altona PS will lay flowers as our tribute to these servicemen & women on behalf of our school. If children are planning to attend the service and wish to be our representative, please come and see me prior to the end of term. The general public will also be invited to lay flowers if family wish too.

This is a very moving service that I encourage parents and their children to attend. After the service you can march back to the RSL with the service men & women and their families.

The service takes approximately an hour.

Adam McPherson



Lest We Forget

OSHC ALL DAY PROGRAM

OSHC will be running an all day program on the Curriculum Day Monday 1st May.

The cost is \$40, bookings must be made through OSHC.



2017 SCHOOL & HOUSE CAPTAIN PHOTOS

A very big thankyou to Judith Van Daalen Lavars who is a current parent and a professional photographer, for the amazing photos of our captains.

The photos of George, Sofia, Mackenzie, Luke, Charlotte, Kobe, Elisha, Illirian, Lauren, Finn, Isabel and Dylan are prominently displayed in the main hallway as you enter the school.



After School Art Class

Please note that this class is now full, therefore we cannot accept any more students.



LOST JACKET

Kyran Blake from 5/6J has lost his school bomber jacket. If found, please return to 5/6J.

Altona Primary School

FRIENDS AND FAMILIES COMMITTEE

UPCOMING FFC EVENTS

The Friends and Families Committee held their April meeting on Thursday 20 April. The Committee voted to dedicate 2017 fundraising money to support purchases of outdoor play and shade equipment.

Upcoming FFC Events

Committee Meeting: Tuesday **23 May**
7.30PM, APS Staff Room.

School Disco: Friday 23 June, PAC. Details coming soon!

MOTHER'S DAY STALL

On Friday 12 May, the Friends and Families Committee will run a Mother's Day Stall, selling succulents for students to purchase as gifts for that special person in their lives.

Plants will be \$2.

Volunteers needed to help on the day between 9am and 1pm.

Email APSfriendsandfamilies@gmail.com to offer your help.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Now available! Buy online or in the office to help raise money to support the school!

The books are \$70 and can be purchased from the school office or online through this link:

entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/1843r90



JOIN US ON FACEBOOK

The Committee has a private Facebook group and all parents are invited to join!

On Facebook: search Altona Primary School Friends and Families Committee



SINGLE PARENTS ACTIVE KIDS PROUDLY PRESENTS:



FREE FAMILY FUN DAY
LOGAN RESERVE IN ALTONA
SUNDAY 30TH OF APRIL
STARTING 1 PM

FREE BBQ, ENTERTAINMENT, ACTIVITIES AS WELL AS:
MEMBERSHIP SPECIALS AND MORE.

EVEN IF YOU CAN'T ATTEND THERE ARE PLENTY MORE OPPORTUNITIES, HERE IS A LINK TO OUR VERY ACTIVE WEBSITE

<http://www.singleparentsactivekids.org/>

LIKE MINDED SINGLE PARENTS TO CHAT WITH, ACTIVE KIDS WANTING TO PLAY WITH YOUR ACTIVE KIDS, WIN WIN!

"SINGLE DOES NOT MEAN ALONE"

PLEASE RSVP TO info@singleparentsactivekids.org or call Moush on 0430 504 119.