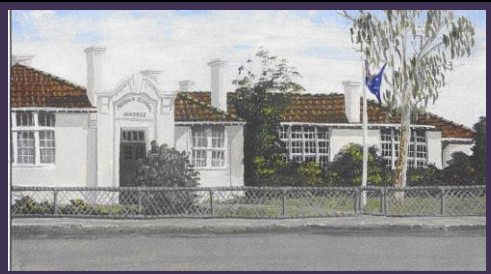


ALTONA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

It's great to be back for third term. I had an extra week of long service leave so I could finish moving and unpacking into our new home. Once I locate somewhere to store my caravan, we are all in and packed away. The grade 5/6 Hooptime teams did really well last week. Mr. McPherson and Mrs. Kenny were very proud of their teamwork, behaviour and achievements. Thank you to Mr. McPherson and Mrs. Kenny for the time they took to train the teams. This week they are coaching the grade 3/4 teams.

Next Wednesday 27/7/16, we will be having two Parent Forums facilitated by Julie Chandler, an external consultant. Julie is an expert in school reviews and high level school improvement and leadership.

We are looking for an in depth, critical analysis of the last 4 years at Altona P.S. I will open up and do the introductions but won't be part of the conversations. I know the parents who attend will enjoy the consultation process. The forums are at 9:15 – 10:15 am and 7:00 – 8:00 pm. We are hoping parents can attend either the morning or evening session. Julie will be conducting an information gathering session to inform the Triennial review and form the new strategic plan.

So far we have had only 2 responses. It is extremely important to have parents involved in the planning for the next 4 years. Parents, teachers and students will all be involved in forming the new strategic plan. I know families are really happy with the learning and teaching but this is your chance to have a say and influence the future. There will be areas you desperately want the school to continue with i.e. Physical Education, IT, Music, Art, Japanese, after school activities etc. We need to know this as we plan our curriculum and staffing into the future. Julie Chandler will compile a report of what parents would like the school to keep doing, start doing and stop doing for the next four years.

If you are going to attend either forum could you please fill out the attached form and return it to the office by Tuesday but preferably by Monday. I am desperately hoping Julie has a large group to work with. Have a great weekend,

Kevin Enright

PARENT FORUM

I/We will be attending the Parent Forum on Wednesday 27th July at 9.15am – 10.15am or 7pm – 8pm.

Please circle the appropriate time.

Family Name.....Number attending.....



2016 WHOLE SCHOOL CALENDAR **FOR FAMILIES**

21/7/16

After School Activities:

Dan-sing Monday & Wednesday 3:20pm-4:20pm Mrs. Cain's **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

2016 TERM 3 WHOLE SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR FAMILIES

Please note the following additions/changes:

Preps 100 Days of School: Tuesday 26th July (not 27th)

Thursday 8th September 3-Way Student Led conferences

Family & Friends Meeting 5/8/16 9am

Grade 56 Family life Incursions 22/8, 29/8, & 12/9

TRANSITION DATES: Please note a change to these dates (moved one week forward, commencing on 24/11 not 17/11)

| | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|--|--|---|---|---|---|
| WEEK 1 | 11 th July Start Term 3 | 12 th July | 13 th July 5/6 Hooptime | 14 th July | 15 th July |
| WEEK 2 | 18 th July | 19 th July | 20 th July | 21 st July First Aid In School Program – whole school (no cost) | 22 nd July |
| WEEK 3 | 25 th July Grade 1 Werribee Park Excursion | 26 th July PREPS 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL | 27 th July School Review Parent Sessions: 9.15am or 7pm Students: 10.30am 2.30pm | 28 th July | 29 th July Bookclub Issue 5 due Sat 30 th Regional Robotics Competition |
| WEEK 4 | 1 st Aug Woorabinda Camp Small number of Gr 5 students | 2 nd Aug Woorabinda Camp | 3 rd Aug Woorabinda Camp | 4 th Aug Woorabinda Camp | 5 th Aug Woorabinda Camp Family & Friends meeting 9am Staff room |
| WEEK 5 RIO OLYMPICS  | 8 th Aug CURRICULUM DAY OSHC will be available on this day. MUST be Pre-arranged. Limited numbers | 9 th Aug AFL Primary School Challenge (girls) 9.30 – 2.30 Burbank Oval, Williamstown | 10 th Aug Australian Girls' Choir auditions 12.30pm onwards | 11 th Aug | 12 th Aug 3/4 Hooptime |
| WEEK 6 RIO OLYMPICS  | 15 th Aug Olympic Colour Run Obstacle-a-thon Whole school fundraiser | 16 th Aug State Robotics Competition – Melb University | 17 th Aug SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING 7PM | 18 th Aug APS Athletics Carnival | 19 th Aug |
| WEEK 7 | 22 nd Aug Backup - APS Athletics Carnival 56 Incursion Family Life | 23 rd Aug Grade 3 Road to Rio Incursion 9am - 12.15pm | 24 th Aug GRADE 1 & PREP Incursion Hunchback of Notre Dame 9.15 – 11am | 25 th Aug Junior Athletics Carnival | 26 th Aug Bookclub Issue 6 due |
| WEEK 8 | 29 th Aug 56 Incursion Family Life | 30 th Aug | 31 st Aug | 1 st Sept School Review day Grade 2 Extended Stay 3.15pm – 7pm | 2 nd Sept Father's Day Stall Preps: BBQ Breakfast for dads Cut off day for ALL 2017 Prep enrolments |
| WEEK 9 | 5 th Sept | 6 th Sept ADSSA Athletics | 7 th Sept JUMP ROPE FOR HEART | 8 th Sept 3-Way Student led conferences | 9 th Sept |
| WEEK 10 | 12 th Sept 56 Incursion Family Life | 13 th Sept Divisional Athletics | 14 th Sept | 15 th Sept | 16 th Sept End of Term Finish 1.30pm |

| | 2016 TERM 4 WHOLE SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR FAMILIES | | | | |
|-----------------------------|--|--|-----------------------------------|--|--|
| | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
| WEEK 1 | 3 rd Oct | 4 th Oct | 5 th Oct | 6 th Oct | 7 th Oct |
| | Start Term 4 | | | P – 2 Swimming | P – 2 Swimming |
| WEEK 2 | 10 th Oct | 11 th Oct | 12 th Oct | 13 th Oct | 14 th Oct |
| | GRADE 3 CAMP | GRADE 3 CAMP Grade 2 Scienceworks Excursion WMR Athletics | GRADE 3 CAMP | P – 2 Swimming | P – 2 Swimming |
| WEEK 3 | 17 th Oct | 18 th Oct | 19 th Oct | 20 th Oct | 21 st Oct |
| | | | SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING 7PM | P – 2 Swimming | P – 2 Swimming Bookclub Issue 7 due SCHOOL DISCO |
| WEEK 4 | 24 th Oct | 25 th Oct | 26 th Oct | 27 th Oct | 28 th Oct |
| | | | GRADE 4 CAMP | GRADE 4 CAMP P – 2 Swimming | GRADE 4 CAMP P – 2 Swimming |
| WEEK 5 | 31 st Oct | 1 st Nov | 2 nd Nov | 3 rd Nov | 4 th Nov |
| | CURRICULUM DAY | MELBOURNE CUP DAY | | P – 2 Swimming | P – 2 Swimming |
| WEEK 6 | 7 th Nov | 8 th Nov | 9 th Nov | 10 th Nov | 11 th Nov |
| | | | | P – 2 Swimming | P – 2 Swimming Remembrance Day Service |
| WEEK 7 | 14 th Nov | 15 th Nov | 16 th Nov | 17 th Nov | 18 th Nov |
| | | | SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING 7PM | P – 2 Swimming | P – 2 Swimming Bookclub Issue 18 due |
| WEEK 8 | 21 st Nov | 22 nd Nov | 23 rd Nov | 24 th Nov | 25 th Nov |
| | | | | P – 2 Swimming 1 st Prep Transition 2.15 – 3.15 | P – 2 Swimming |
| WEEK 9 | 28 th Nov | 29 th Nov | 30 th Nov | 1 st Dec | 2 nd Dec |
| | | | | 2 nd Prep Transition 2.15 – 3.15 | |
| | 5 th Dec | 6 th Dec | 7 th Dec | 8 th Dec | 9 th Dec |
| WEEK 10 PLANNING WEEK | | | | Whole School Transition 2.15 – 3.15 Prep Transition Evening | |
| | 12 th Dec | 13 th Dec | 14 th Dec | 15 th Dec | 16 th Dec |
| WEEK 11 PLANNING WEEK | | | APS Evening Xmas Carols 6.30pm | Whole School Transition 2.15 – 3.15 | Grade 6 Mystery Tour |
| | 19 th Dec | 20 th Dec | | | |
| WEEK 12 PLANNING WEEK | Grade 6 Graduation 6:30pm | End of Term Finish 1.00pm Merry Xmas | | | |

"You can do it"

Awards Week 1 Term 3



| Prep Awards | | |
|----------------|---------|--|
| Aiden | Prep TW | <u>Persistence</u> – for persisting with writing sounds he hears in words. |
| Rinor | Prep M | <u>Organisation</u> – for organising his ideas, stretching his words and recording the sounds to write interesting sentences. Well done Rinor! |
| Kaydence | Prep M | <u>Organisation</u> – for organising her ideas and using her “Good writer” strategies to write interesting sentences. Great start to Term 3 Kaydence! |
| Bill | Prep K | <u>Organisation</u> – for making a positive start to his learning in Term 3. Well done |
| Grade 1 Awards | | |
| Francesca | 1PL | <u>Getting along</u> – for an excellent start at her new school. Welcome to our grade |
| Jasmine | 1N | <u>Persistence</u> – for approaching every task with determination and enthusiasm. Your hard work and focus is outstanding. Well done Jasmine! |
| Naoise | 1F | <u>Confidence</u> – for a great first week at APS and demonstrating amazing confidence when reading a story to her new grade. |

| Grade 2 Awards | | |
|------------------|------|---|
| Natalia | 2K | <u>Resilience</u> – for coming to school with a big smile and a positive attitude! Keep up the great work Natalia. |
| Tanya | 2N | <u>Confidence</u> – for writing a fantastic and engaging recount about the holidays – Well Done! |
| Jarra | 2W | <u>Confidence</u> – for demonstrating some interesting strategies when working out area during Maths. |
| Garry | 2H | <u>Confidence</u> – for writing a fantastic and engaging holiday recount with a lot of detail and adjectives. Keep up the great work! |
| Grade 3 Awards | | |
| | 3R | <u>Persistence</u> – for an amazing start to their learning in Term 3! |
| Arthemis | 3AV | <u>Persistence</u> – for excellent concentration in class this past week and achieving wonderful results as a result. Well done Arthemis! |
| Olivia | 34J | <u>Organisation</u> – for starting the term in an organised way ensuring she is ready to learn! Keep it up! |
| Harlee | 3H | <u>Persistence</u> – for showing determination to improve her knowledge of arrays to help with multiplication – Well done Harlee |
| Grade 4 Awards | | |
| Tom | 4F | <u>Persistence</u> – for continuously working so hard to improve your handwriting. You should be very proud of yourself Tom. |
| Stephen | 4LW | <u>Persistence</u> – for always challenging himself in Maths and sharing his new found knowledge. |
| Shirkhar | 4B | <u>Organisation</u> – for being so responsible and organised when you set up the interactive whiteboard with the correct links while I was away. Thank you!! |
| Henri | 4B | <u>Getting along</u> – for an outstanding start to your schooling at APS. We love having you in our Grade! |
| Grade 5/6 Awards | | |
| Paige | 56XV | <u>Confidence</u> – for being a confident and creative writer who aims to engage her audience when writing. Well done |
| | 56AC | <u>Getting along</u> – for all the thoughtful cards and gifts for my family. We appreciate the love. You guys are the best! |
| Wil | 56F | <u>Persistence</u> – for writing a “Sizzling Start” to capture the reader’s attention. |
| Natasha | 56J | <u>Getting along</u> – for working so well with those around you – You are a fabulous role model for your peers. |



Olympic Colour Crazy Obstacle-a-thon

MONDAY 15TH AUGUST 2016

We hope you have saved the date for this fantastic event and are bringing all the family along. The children are eagerly anticipating what the day will look like and are excited to be involved.

Clothing

We encourage all families to start preparing for the day with appropriate clothing, gathering old clothes that can be worn on the day and disposed of if needed. To get the full effects of the coloured powder the children may prefer to wear white or light coloured clothing. Please note, the coloured powder is non-toxic (*made from cornstarch and food grade dyes*) and washable but may not fully come out of clothes. Old clothes are the preferred option, ***school uniforms are not to be worn on this day. Children in school uniform will not be able to participate in the event.*** If students wish they can get into the spirit of the event and dress up in color crazy costumes eg; multi colours, tutus, mascots etc. Please note: the colour may not wash out of these items.

Sponsorship

Sponsorship forms came home last week and many children have indicated they have been actively seeking sponsorship for the event. As this is a major fundraiser we encourage all children to seek as much support as they can. (Please note the first \$10 of sponsorship will cover the costs for each child to participate in this event). *As an added bonus to participating in the event the children who raise the most money in each grade and an overall highest money raiser will get to be involved in a "colour bomb" the teacher event at the end of the day.*

Permission forms

Every child has to have a signed permission form on the day for them to be able to participate. Please return these forms back to the class teacher as soon as possible. Spare forms are available on the website.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

Volunteers - set up on Sunday 14th August 2016 from 9am - 12 noon

In order to create this fun-filled event for the children we need to set up on the day before (Sunday). As they say many hands make light work and we really need the assistance of as many adults as we can. We need assistance with pumping up balls, putting out cones, erecting some of the obstacles, decorating the play equipment, layout of courses, pegging down tarps and stakes in to the ground, zip tying and okky-strapping some of the obstacles - if you can please bring along any tools you think might be of use we would appreciate it.

Parent Helpers on the day

On the day each grade will require 2 parent helpers to rotate around each obstacle in order to assist with the activities. A note from each individual grade will be sent out in the coming weeks.

*Some of the **Colour Crazy** events*

Freestyle Frenzy

Kids crawl and slide on their fronts through coloured powder & liquid (*no more tears baby shampoo*)



Trike Challenge

Kids race each other on designated track on tiny tricycles



Rope Wrestling

Kids make their way through a maze of ropes under/over etc.



EQUIPMENT REQUIRED FOR Colour Crazy

Thank you to those families who have already donated items your generosity is much appreciated. We still require the following items - If you have access to any of the items below, please bring them to the Assistant Principal office as soon as possible.

- Small toddler trikes that we can borrow or can be donated (we really need these)
- No more tears Shampoo or bubble bath (*Do you know how to make a home-made, cost effective version of this??*)
- Pool Noodles – any colour
- Army or Cargo nets – extra large
- Rolls of black plastic tarp
- Blue plastic tarps
- Plastic blow up pools – approx. 4
- Coloured plastic balls (the ones that fill ball pits) large quantities
- Large rolls of thick elastic
- Tent Pegs
- Coloured cans of spray paint, Green, yellow, blue, black, red



Olympic Colour Crazy Obstacle-a-thon

Volunteer

Set up on Sunday 14th August 2016 from 9am – 12 noon

I/We would like to help with set-up on SUNDAY 14th AUGUST 2016 between 9am – 12 noon

Name(s) _____

Contact Numbers: _____

Child(ren) Name & Grade: _____

Number of adult helpers: _____

Please return this slip to the office.

SCHOOL REVIEW – PARENT FORUMS

This year our school is undergoing a review process where we reflect on our current practices and set new strategic goals for the next four years.

We would like to invite all parents to attend one of our two forums, whereby parents will have an opportunity to provide input into “What the school has achieved over the past four years” and “What parents would like to see the school achieve in the next four years; the school vision, values and the strategies for the strategic plan.”

The two sessions will be held on Wednesday 27th July from 9.15am to 10.15am and 7pm until 8pm. The forums will be independently facilitated by Julie Chandler.



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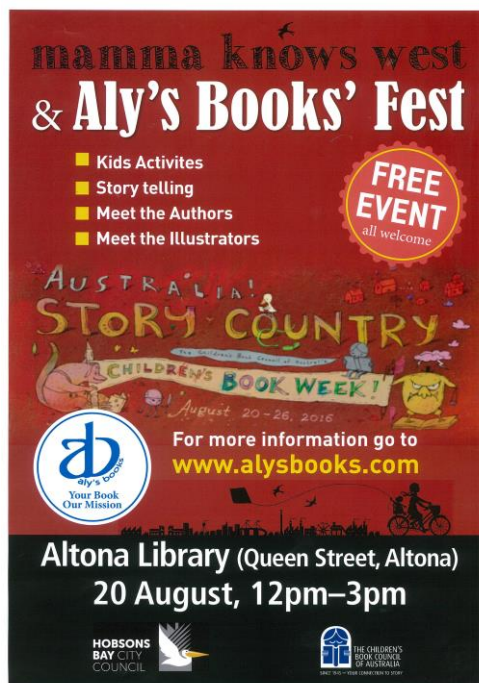
The Royal Children's Hospital

Flemington Road Parkville Victoria 3052 AUS

T: (03) 9936 6227

www.mcri.edu.au

The researchers for the PEERS study will be assessing the children who have returned their consent forms on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday of next week.



PARENT OPINION SURVEYS

Parent Opinion Survey has been sent out to 40 families this week. Please return this form by the 29th of July 2016. All responses are collated anonymously by an independent organisation and results are collated and returned to the school.

APS Student Leadership Update



School Tours

Over the past semester the House and School captains have been assisting in the tours of future Altona Primary School community around our school. By doing so, we have gained more confidence and have immensely enjoyed celebrating our schools avid learning resources and opportunities. We are looking forward to the many tours to come this semester!

By Luke and Alex

Junior School Council

Day after day, planning finally pays off; the leaders find themselves at Junior School Council. With one main question and many topics about the school, you wait to have your question answered. It's also our chance to speak among the other leaders from different primary schools within our community. We get through to the community to make our school an even better place. At the end of it all, the weight falls on the council to make the final decision and hopefully take on board our ideas and opinions.

By Darshan and Jemima

Becoming Buddies

This year, one of our goals as a leadership team is to build greater relationship between the grade 5/6 students and our Preps. To do this, we have proposed a buddy system, which if goes forward, will hopefully build the preps confidence to talk to us and create greater friendships within the school. We are hoping to start off our idea with buddy reading, where the grade 5/6's will read a picture storybook to our bubbling preps.

By Philip and Kayla

House colours being seen

Why do our sublime house colours stay inside the purple and yellow borders? Our leadership team have been working on promoting the house colours to a whole other level. To embrace these colours we have decided to create a day full of colours of the rainbow. We wanted to acknowledge the arts, the sports and the overall brilliance of the students at A.P.S. Therefore a day full of activities would fit perfectly with the agenda. We know we can't wait till we can see all of the APS students representing their house.

By Netty and Tolga



Colourful Bins

In the yard you may have seen the brightly coloured bins that were crafted and coloured by the School and House Captains. These were made to promote students using them, instead of littering on the ground. Since term two when we made them, we have seen a substantial decrease of litter because of this. The spectacular colours aren't just for decoration; they link into our school colours and values. Overall, we hope this change will make our school more eco-friendly for many years to come.

By Josh and Fran

Friday Sport

For the past few years, the grades 3-6 have been working hard in the last hour on Fridays (term 3) for the preparation of the massive event, the athletics carnival. But this year, everything is going to change. There have been a lot of wonderful improvements made in our school and community, and the last hour on Friday has accepted in a new change. This hour now has now been reserved for interschool sports practice. Not only is it great to excise and have some fun in preparation for the weekends, it also builds precious skills like cooperation, teamwork and sportsmanship. This great change in another contributing factor that makes this year so fantastic and we hope you like it.



BOOKCLUB ISSUE 5

All Issue 5 orders are due next Friday, July 29th.

If your order is for a gift, please note this on the envelope and you can collect it from the office.



The Australian Girls Choir are visiting Altona PS on the 10/8/16 to audition any girls that want to try out for the Choir. A pamphlet will be sent home with all girls, this needs to be completed and returned if your child is interested. It's for girls in Grades 1-6.

A Visit from Sniffer Dogs in Training

Silently waiting in the Pac was 5/6L, 5/6XV and 5/6J awaiting the dogs' arrival. Five prison officers from Corrections Victoria by the names of Peter, Tanya, Nathen, Paul and Justin explain all about the training process of the sniffer dogs, what the training is for and how they do it. The training process is a thirteen week long and a very expensive process. It is \$7,500 per dog and \$60,000 per dog when they have completed the training stages. Starting with nine dogs in their first week of training, they ended up with four in their twelfth week. The four Labradors are named Zen, Oscar, Quidar and Odin.

After a quick speech about the hard working dogs, the officers got us to line up in a straight formation with fifteen to twenty students. One of us had the target odour in our pocket. The dogs would sniff out the target odour and sit when found. This process was repeated with all four dogs and then we moved on to Yang. Yang is an operational sniffer drug dog who searched every one of us at the same time and found the target odour. Fortunately all the dogs succeeded and had a good play after the job was done.

At the end of the presentation the officers brought in two adorable Belgium Shepard puppies named Boomer and Stoya. The classes had a lot of fun playing with these puppies and this was a great activity for the end of the presentation. The puppies seemed to enjoy the affection and attention as well. This was definitely a great experience for the three classes and the teachers.

-By Angelina Culic, Olivia Chilcott and Selina Trustrum.





ALTONA PRIMARY SCHOOL CENTENARY DVD



Learning from the Past.....Exploring the Present....Shaping our Future

Altona Primary School is honoured to reach its milestone of one hundred years. To celebrate this momentous occasion we have brought together our community and captured it on a magnificent ***Centenary DVD***.

Our Centenary DVD '*Learning from the Past...Exploring the Present...Shaping our Future*' showcases the events of our year long centenary celebrations. The DVD is being sold for the bargain price of **\$5**. All proceeds of the DVD sales will go towards our centenary playground.

The DVD is currently in its final stages of production and will be completed in term 1, 2016. To ensure the families of our grade 6 students don't miss out on the wonderful memento of their final year at primary school we are offering you the opportunity to purchase the DVD now and we will call you when the DVD is available. Simply fill out the form below and return it along with full payment by cheque, credit card details or cash to Altona P.S

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Altona Primary School Centenary DVD

'Learning from the Past... Exploring the Present... Shaping our Future'

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

Friends and Families Committee

Thursday, 21st July 2016

OLYMPIC COLOUR CRAZY OBSTACLE-A-THON FUNDRAISER MONDAY 15TH AUGUST 2016

VOLUNTEERS for set-up

We are looking for volunteers to help set up the obstacles and apparatus for the Colour Crazy Obstacle-a-thon. As it is an all-day event, we will be setting it up the day before and are looking for volunteers to come and help set up this fun-filled event.

If you are available on SUNDAY 14th August from 9 – 12, please fill in the slip in the newsletter and come along and help – you may even get to do a test run!

BUSINESS SPONSORSHIP

We are also looking for business sponsorship; a letter will be coming out shortly. There will be three tiers of sponsorship – Gold, Silver and Bronze in keeping with our Olympic theme. Look out for the information and if you are interested, please ask any member of the FFC for more information. Benefits will include signage on the school fence, on obstacles around the course and in the school newsletter.

All money raised will be put towards new classroom outdoor shelters, awnings and outdoor furniture.

Thank you for your support!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TERM 3

Friends and Families Meeting @
9:00am in Staff Room:

5/8/16

9/9/16

7/10/16

15/08/16 Olympic Colour Run
Obstacle-a-thon

02/09/16 Fathers' Dav Stall

SCHOOL BANKING

Every Friday

Entertainment Books – New Books.Out now!

Entertainment Books are now available to buy, packed with hundreds of up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers from many local popular businesses. For every book bought through us, Altona Primary school will receive a percentage of the profit. Jump online to look at some of the great deals it contains -

<http://www.entertainmentbooks.com.au/>

They are priced at \$65 each for either digital or hard copy. If you are interested in buying one, enquire at the school office.

