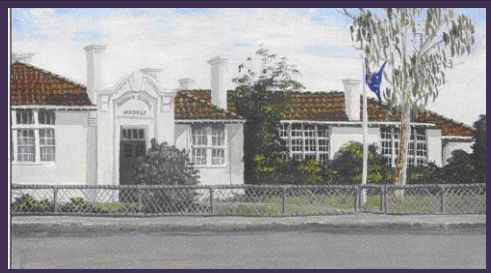


ALTONA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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 had a very successful Curriculum Day on Monday. You will have noticed changes being reflected in classrooms, the daily foci on the whiteboards, the work occurring on positive mindsets, student and teacher feedback and the cooperative group work structures.

We are very lucky to have staff who embrace enhancing their practice for the improvement of student learning. We are using the online collaborative tool 'See Saw' to share our ideas and work. It is very exciting watching our Strategic Plan in action.

Absences so far this year total 1,143 and late arrivals 194. Grade Three have the best record with 99 days and Grade Two the worst with 222 days. This is a big difference. The grade numbers so far; Prep 181, One 159, Two 222, Three 99, Four 171, Five 154 and Six 154. Only 4 grade three girls and 5 grade 6 boys were absent this week!

Congratulations to the 127 girls and 133 boys who have been here every day. This is a total of 260 or 41% of the school.

Congratulations to Ben Ng who won the Australian Flick football competition in Sydney recently. It is amazing the opportunities available to compete in.

Have a great weekend.

Kevin Enright



NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Wednesday 29th March

Fresh Produce Swap

Thursday 30th March

SRC Fundraiser for World Autism Day - gold coin donation – free dress day

Friday 31st March

End of term one – early finish
1.30pm

STUDENT INFO UPDATES

Updated student details and permission forms were sent home 2 weeks ago. These must be back by Friday 24th, thank you to those families who have already returned theirs.

Important
Message

After School Art Class Term 2

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



WHOLE SCHOOL CALENDAR (Community)

23/03/17

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

Tuesday 16th May – new date for the Altona District Cross Country

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 Swimming Trials FFC – meet and greet before school at the flagpole	8 th Feb	9 th Feb FFC – meet and greet after school at the flagpole	10 th Feb Summer Sports R
WEEK 3	13 th Feb	14 th Feb Altona District Swimming Carnival	15 th Feb School Council	16 th Feb Parent Education Program Session 1 – Literacy FFC – 3:15-4:15 Afternoon tea for Preps and their parents	17 th Feb Summer Sports R2
WEEK 4 Japanese Homestay Students all week	20 th Feb	21 st Feb FFC – 1 st meeting of the year (Staff room)	22 nd Feb Parent Education Program Session 2 – Literacy	23 rd Feb	24 th Feb 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 Japanese Cultural Day- whole school Shrove Tuesday	1 st March Starting the Learning Partnership Meetings Grades 1 – 6 11am – 7.20pm Student Free Day for all students	2 nd March APS Cross Country	3 rd March Summer Sports R4 Nude Food Day (rubbish free day)
WEEK 6 Shonelle & Jayme Somers Camp Finalised EOL Gr 1 & 2	6 th March School & House Captain photos 3pm (for office area)	7 th March Somers Camp	8 th March Somers Camp Parent Education Program Session 3- Numeracy	9 th March Somers Camp	10 th March Somers Camp Summer Sports R5
WEEK 7 Shonelle & Jayme Somers Camp	13 th March LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	14 th March Somers Camp	15 th March Somers Camp School Council	16 th March Divisional Swimming Parent Education Program Session 4 - Literacy (from 1 st March)	17 th March Summer Sports R6
WEEK 8 Planning Week	20 th March CURRICULUM DAY	21 st March FFC – 7:30pm APS Staff room	22 nd March 5/6 Sovereign Hill Excursion	23 rd March WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTOS	24 th March Summer Sports Round Robin Finals
WEEK 9 Planning Week	27 th March	28 th March WMR Swimming	29 th March FFC - Produce Swap 8:20am-8:45am 3:15pm-3:45pm	30 th March SRC Fundraising for AMAZE Gold coin donation	31 st March 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
	APS ANZAC DAY SERVICE	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 NAPLAN	NAPLAN	NAPLAN	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 Prep “Zoo Excursion”
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
					2018 Prep Enrolment 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	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 Commence Term 4	10 th Oct	11 th Oct	12 th Oct	13 th Oct
WEEK 2	16 th Oct	17 th Oct WMR Athletics	18 th Oct School Council Prep Fire Ed Program 9 – 11am	19 th Oct FFC – 9am APS Staff room	20 th Oct
WEEK 3	23 rd Oct	24 th Oct	25 th Oct Prep Fire Ed Program 9 – 11am	26 th Oct	27 th Oct SCHOOL DISCO (Halloween theme)
WEEK 4	30 th Oct State Athletics WMR Summer Sports Finals 30 th – 3 rd Nov	31 st Oct	1 st Nov	2 nd Nov	3 rd Nov
WEEK 5 APS European Handball Comp	6 th Nov CURRICULUM DAY	7 th Nov MELBOURNE CUP DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	8 th Nov School Council	9 th Nov WMR Hot Shots Final	10 th Nov 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 FFC – 7:30pm APS Staff room (AGM)	22 nd Nov	23 rd Nov	24 th Nov
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:
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 Phone: 0417 056 762 (Kirsten Craggs)

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PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY:

Qenos  *Hobsons Bay Arts Society* **ATELIER** ART SUPPLIES **HOBSONS BAY CITY COUNCIL** 

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.

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

Dear Parents,

Below are the Venues, Teams and Teachers who will be involved in the Interschool Sport Finals on Friday 24th March 2017.

Basketball – Altona College – Boys & Girls – Jayme Morris & Andrew Gilpin

Softball – Altona Dog Obedience Oval – Boys & Girls – Erin Douglas & Steven Fava

Hotshots – Altona Primary School – Boys & Girls – Laura McKendrick

Volleyball – Altona Primary School – Boys – Jess McDonald

Games will commence at 9:30am and conclude at 2pm.

Mr. Morris



Altona Primary School Art Show 2017

The students and staff are excited to announce that 2017 is an APS Art Show year!

As per previous years, there will be a few session times and days throughout the Art Show week in August for you to come along and view what the students at Altona Primary School have been working hard on throughout the year.

Thanks,
Christina Mantello
Grade 4S



Safety of children from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds

Victoria is a culturally diverse community made up of many different nationalities, cultural backgrounds, language and religious groups.

In Victoria, mandatory child safe standards have been introduced to help protect children from abuse in organisations. In complying with the standards, organisations must promote the cultural safety of children from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

Like other aspects of child safety, creating and maintaining an organisation in which the cultural safety of children from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds is kept safe requires effort.

Steps to ensure cultural safety include sharing knowledge, raising awareness, developing understanding that leads to cultural sensitivity and finally, cultural competence. This ongoing and dynamic process leads to sustainable philosophies and values within an organisation that promotes cultural safety for children from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and benefits all children, families, staff and managers.

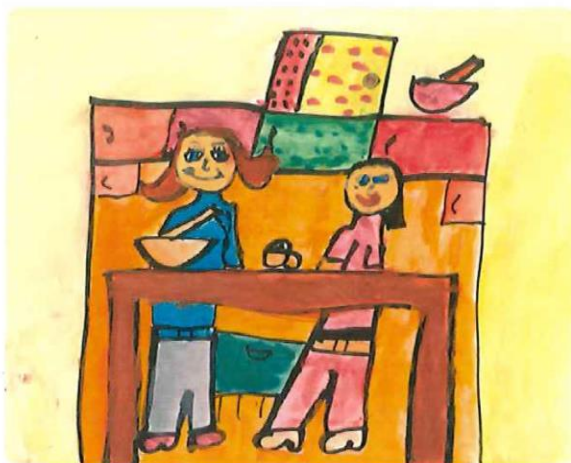
Cultural competency is characterised by a set of behaviours, attitudes and skills, policies and procedures that help staff to work effectively and efficiently in a cross-cultural context at all levels within the organisation.

Multicultural Mental Health Australia

Organisations can demonstrate that they value diversity by accepting, respecting and welcoming the differences between and within cultures. Such an inclusive environment acknowledges differences between cultures, but does not value one over another.

You can promote the cultural safety of children from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds by:

- ensuring your organisation clearly demonstrates a zero tolerance of discrimination
- ensuring your policy and procedures specifically address cultural inclusion, sensitivity and competency
- providing training and development on cultural sensitivity and competency
- being respectful, inclusive and welcoming of families from a range of backgrounds
- asking children and families about their culture and cultural support needs
- recognising occasions which are important to different cultures and dietary requirements
- ensuring the physical environment reflects a positive and welcoming approach to diverse cultures, through decoration and artwork
- employing staff that are representative of the diversity of your local community



Safety of children from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds

- employing staff who display cultural sensitivity and cultural competency
- actively seeking out and talking to families about how they would like to be involved
- asking families about their preferred format for the provision of information, including translation or interpreting into community languages and audio-visual formats
- ensuring complaint and grievance processes are easily understood and provided in culturally relevant and sensitive ways.

Discrimination

Is treating, or proposing to treat, someone unfavourably because of a personal characteristic, such as gender, race, culture or religion, age or sexual orientation.

In Victoria, the *Equal Opportunity Act 2010* protects people from discrimination and harassment in areas of public life such as workplaces, schools, clubs, shops or places that provide services.

Racial, cultural and religious abuse

Is conduct that demonstrates contempt, ridicule, hatred or negativity towards a child because of their race, culture or religion. It may be overt, such as direct racial vilification or discrimination, or covert, such as demonstrating a lack of cultural respect (attitude and values) and awareness (knowledge and understanding) or failing to provide positive images about another culture.

Useful resources

The Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission <<http://www.humanrightscommission.vic.gov.au/>>

Office of Multicultural Affairs and Citizenship <<http://www.multicultural.vic.gov.au/about-us/office-of-multicultural-affairs-and-citizenship>>

Centre for Multicultural Youth <<http://www.cmy.net.au/>>

Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia <<http://fecca.org.au/>>

The Australian Institute of Family Studies <<https://aifs.gov.au/>>

Early Childhood Australia, *Understanding cultural competence*, available at: <http://www.earlychildhoodaustralia.org.au/nqsplp/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/EYLFPLP_E-Newsletter_No7.pdf>

Multicultural Mental Health Australia, *National Cultural Competency Tool for mental health services*, available at <<http://servicedelivery.dss.gov.au/2012/03/05/national-cultural-competency-tool-ncct-for-mental-health-services/>>



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

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!!

Supported by the APS Friends and Families Committee



SRC FUNDRAISER - APS

Dress-up Day!

Cost: Gold Coin Donation

Date: Thursday 30th March 2017

Dress Up Theme: Anything Goes!

Charity: Amaze Victoria, in celebration of
World Autism Awareness Day (2nd April every
year)

Amaze raises awareness and influences
positive change for people on the autism
spectrum and their families. Amaze provides
independent, credible information and resources to
individuals, families, professionals and the wider
community.

**We look forward to seeing your creative and
unique costumes!**





Term 2
Spots Available
7-week Program

Multi Sports Program that focuses on additional sports training across a number of different activities and sporting codes. The children 65 children currently enrolled have been having a fantastic time developing new skills, practising and improving their sporting abilities.

The program and activities will vary from week to week, constantly developing and challenging the children's gross and fine motor skills as well as their sport specific skills.

Altona Primary School Grade 1-6

Mondays and Fridays 3.15pm to 4.15pm

The program will an hour long, inclusive of a 10 min break with fruit provided for participants.

Each session is \$10 per child. (invoice payable in FULL 7 weeks \$70)

You will then receive further information via email to confirm your child's place.

The fee payable for the term will be calculated individually for each child – due to how many sessions per week, public holidays, any school closure days etc. (at \$10 per session)



Child's Full Name: _____

Gender (Please Circle)

Male/ Female

Year Level (Please circle) Year 6

Year 5

Year 4

Year 3

Year 2

Year 1

Day/s of the Week (Please circle)

Monday

Friday

Parent Name: _____

Email Contact: _____

**** Please ensure that your email address and contact number are written clearly above to avoid any confusion or miscommunication.*

Phone contact number: _____

Altona Primary School

FRIENDS AND FAMILIES COMMITTEE

FFC NEWS

The Friends and Families Committee held their March meeting on Tuesday 21 March. Elections were held during the meeting and the 2017 officers are:

President: Chelsea Hughes
Secretary: Kylie West
Treasurer: Justine Daly

Congratulations to the new committee officers!

The next committee meeting will be on Thursday 20 April at 9am in the APS Staff Room.

SHOPPER'S CARD

Shopper's Cards are still available for purchase in the school office.

Cards are \$10 and provide discounts on food, entertainment, services and more at many local businesses.



ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

COMING SOON!

The Friends and Families Committee will once again be selling Entertainment Books as a fundraiser. For every book bought through us, APS will receive a percentage of the profit.

Stay tuned for more details!

JOIN US ON FACEBOOK

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

On Facebook: search Altona Primary School Friends and Families Committee





WILLIAMSTOWN
HIGH SCHOOL

*Parents and prospective students are
warmly invited to attend our*

WILLIAMSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

BAYVIEW CAMPUS

Open Night

Tuesday 2 May 2017 6:30pm

6:30pm—7:00pm Welcome & Presentation by Campus Principal

7:05pm—8:30pm Student led tours & workshops

Bayview Campus Bayview Street, Williamstown 3016

Phone 9399 9228

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