

# 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 Compass

During week five, we began our Compass rollout to families. All families have received a letter containing their unique sign in information. Just over 50% of families have accessed their accounts. Thank you to those who have notified the office to update their personal details. This has greatly supported the effectiveness of the rollout. For the families using Compass, you would have noticed that we published a Compass Handbook. This will help you navigate your personal Compass account.

As part of our Strategic Plan we are aiming to improve our overall school attendance data. To support this and to ensure our records are correct, we are asking parents and families to update and rectify any absences through Compass. Any absences that need to be rectified (which could be a school error) are accessible from your home screen. The office staff are happy to assist you with any queries.

We are aiming to have all parents and families on Compass by the end of week 8. If you are yet to attempt this, could you please do so at your earliest convenience? If you have not received your letter or are having difficulties when signing in, can you please contact the office so we can support you.

Over the coming weeks and months, more features will become available with Compass. We will notify you when this occurs. Details on how to enter absences into the Compass App provided in the near future. Thank you for your support.

Another exciting week! On Monday morning my daughter's second child, her new daughter Sadie was born. We are thankful that they are both healthy.

I have mentioned my retirement. A number of families have inquired about the date. The first day of term two 2018 will be my official last day. I have some long service leave that I need to use prior to retirement.

Thank you to everyone involved with the athletics days last week. Everyone enjoyed both days.

I attended the Friends and Families meeting on Tuesday night. There are some exciting events planned. I am pleased to see so many parents involved with the Friends and Families committee via their various methods of communication. Feedback from the Mother's Day stall was discussed. It will be incorporated in future events. The school disco on June 23rd is the next big event.

I highly recommend the PERTS website; <https://www.perts.net/resources> It has fantastic resources for learning about Growth Mindset and ideas to use at home. It is advantageous for both children and adults.

I have been regularly taking tours for prospective 2018 grade Prep students. The school and house captains, who accompany me in pairs, have been wonderful ambassadors for the school and terrific communicators. The parents have been amazed at the high standard of behaviour, the range of work and specialist programs and the work ethic of the preps and students throughout the school.

We will unveil the plaque for the Aboriginal art pieces at Monday morning's assembly celebrating the work of our students, guided by our artist and parent Jena Galvin. They form a stunning display on the side of the building.

Have a great weekend  
Kevin



**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May**  
StartSmart Incursion  
Grade 2

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> MAY**  
Mini Beast Incursion  
Grade 1 students

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May**  
Aboriginal Art Mural  
Launch at assembly

**Wednesday**  
**31st May**  
Divisional Cross  
Country

# WHOLE SCHOOL CALENDAR

(PARENTS)

25/5/17

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

**CHANGES:** Grade 3 & 4s Hooptime 15<sup>th</sup> June

2017 TERM 2

WHOLE SCHOOL CALENDAR (PARENTS)

**Please be aware of the following changes to the Calendar**

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|  | MONDAY  | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY   |
|--|---|--|--|--|--|
| WEEK 1                                 | 17 <sup>th</sup> April<br>EASTER MONDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY  | 18 <sup>th</sup> April<br>Commence Term 2                                  | 19 <sup>th</sup> April   | 20 <sup>th</sup> April<br>FFC – 9am APS Staff room   | 21 <sup>st</sup> April<br>Grade 2 Altona Homestead Visit 9-11 2M & 2W<br>11.30 – 1.30 2N & 2K                  |
| WEEK 2                                 | 24 <sup>th</sup> April<br>2.30pm APS ANZAC DAY SERVICE  | 25 <sup>th</sup> April<br>ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY                         | 26 <sup>th</sup> April<br>State Swimming                                   | 27 <sup>th</sup> April   | 28 <sup>th</sup> April   |
| WEEK 3                                 | 1 <sup>st</sup> May<br>CURRICULUM DAY   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> May  | 3 <sup>rd</sup> May<br>Prep T incursion<br>Playact                         | 4 <sup>th</sup> May  | 5 <sup>th</sup> May<br>Winter Sports R1<br>Prep H incursion<br>Playact   |
| WEEK 4                                 | 8 <sup>th</sup> May   | 9 <sup>th</sup> May<br>NAPLAN Yr. 3 and 5                                  | 10 <sup>th</sup> May<br>7pm School Council<br>NAPLAN Yr. 3 and 5           | 11 <sup>th</sup> May<br>2.15pm 1B PlayACT incursion.<br>NAPLAN Yr. 3 and 5   | 12 <sup>th</sup> May<br>Winter Sports R2<br>Mother's Day Stall   |
| WEEK 5                                 | 15 <sup>th</sup> May<br>APS Athletics day – Grade 3/4   | 16 <sup>th</sup> May<br>Altona District Cross Country                      | 17 <sup>th</sup> May   | 18 <sup>th</sup> May<br>APS Athletics day – Grade 5/6  | 19 <sup>th</sup> May<br>Prep "Zoo Excursion"<br>National Walk to school day                                    |
| WEEK 6                                 | 22 <sup>nd</sup> May  | 23 <sup>rd</sup> May<br>FFC – 7:30pm APS Staff room                        | 24 <sup>th</sup> May   | 25 <sup>th</sup> May<br>First Aid in Schools – Grade 1-6<br>Winter Sports R3 – change of date from 19 <sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May | 26 <sup>th</sup> May<br>Winter Sports R4<br>Grade 2 StartSmart Incursion                                       |
| WEEK 7<br>National Reconciliation Week | 29 <sup>th</sup> May<br>9am Aboriginal Art Mural Launch at Assembly<br>Grade 1 Mini-beast Incursion | 30 <sup>th</sup> May   | 31 <sup>st</sup> May<br>Divisional Cross Country                           | 1 <sup>st</sup> June   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> June<br>Winter Sports R5   |
| WEEK 8                                 | 5 <sup>th</sup> June<br>APS Junior Athletics Carnival   | 6 <sup>th</sup> June<br>5/6 Camp Group 1<br>Camp ADANAC (56X/56H/56T)      | 7 <sup>th</sup> June<br>5/6 Camp Group 1<br>Camp ADANAC (56X/56H/56T)      | 8 <sup>th</sup> June<br>5/6 Camp Group 1<br>Camp ADANAC (56X/56H/56T)  | 9 <sup>th</sup> June<br>5/6 Camp Group 1<br>Camp ADANAC (56X/56H/56T)<br>Winter Sports R6                      |
| WEEK 9                                 | 12 <sup>th</sup> June<br>QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY  | 13 <sup>th</sup> June<br>5/6 Camp Group 2<br>Camp ADANAC (56M/56G/56F/56J) | 14 <sup>th</sup> June<br>5/6 Camp Group 2<br>Camp ADANAC (56M/56G/56F/56J) | 15 <sup>th</sup> June<br>5/6 Camp Group 2<br>Camp ADANAC (56M/56G/56F/56J)<br>Grade 3 / 4 Hoop time  | 16 <sup>th</sup> June<br>5/6 Camp Group 2<br>Camp ADANAC (56M/56G/56F/56J)<br>Winter Sports Round Robin Finals |
| WEEK 10                                | 19 <sup>th</sup> June   | 20 <sup>th</sup> June  | 21 <sup>st</sup> June<br>7pm School Council                                | 22 <sup>nd</sup> June<br>FFC – 9am APS Staff room<br>WMR Cross Country   | 23 <sup>rd</sup> June<br>SCHOOL DISCO  |
| WEEK 11                                | 26 <sup>th</sup> June   | 27 <sup>th</sup> June  | 28 <sup>th</sup> June  | 29 <sup>th</sup> June  | 30 <sup>th</sup> June<br>End Term 2 1:30pm   |
|  | CURRICULUM DAY  |  |  |  |  |

## 2017 Term 3 WHOLE SCHOOL CALENDAR (PARENTS)

|                                       | 2017 Term 3 WHOLE SCHOOL CALENDAR (PARENTS) |                                |  |   |  |
|---------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|--|---|--|
|                                       | Monday                                      | Tuesday                        | Wednesday                                  | Thursday                                | Friday   |
| WEEK 1                                | 17 <sup>th</sup> July                       | 18 <sup>th</sup> July          | 19 <sup>th</sup> July                      | 20 <sup>th</sup> July                   | 21 <sup>st</sup> July  |
|                                       | Commence<br>Term 3                          |                                |  | State Cross Country                     |  |
| WEEK 2                                | 24 <sup>th</sup> July                       | 25 <sup>th</sup> July          | 26 <sup>th</sup> July                      | 27 <sup>th</sup> July                   | 28 <sup>th</sup> July  |
|                                       |   | FFC – 7:30pm APS<br>Staff room |  |   | 29 <sup>th</sup> July<br>Robotics Melbourne<br>Regional Comp   |
| WEEK 3                                | 31 <sup>st</sup> July                       | 1 <sup>st</sup> Aug            | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aug                        | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aug                     | 4 <sup>th</sup> Aug  |
|                                       |   |                                |  |   |  |
| WEEK 4                                | 7 <sup>th</sup> Aug                         | 8 <sup>th</sup> Aug            | 9 <sup>th</sup> Aug                        | 10 <sup>th</sup> Aug                    | 11 <sup>th</sup> Aug   |
|                                       |   |                                |  |   |  |
| WEEK 5<br>APS Gaelic<br>Football Comp | 14 <sup>th</sup> Aug                        | 15 <sup>th</sup> Aug           | 16 <sup>th</sup> Aug                       | 17 <sup>th</sup> Aug                    | 18 <sup>th</sup> Aug   |
|                                       |   | Robotics State<br>Comp         | 7pm School Council                         | FFC – 9am APS Staff<br>room             |  |
| WEEK 6<br>APS Gaelic<br>Football Comp | 21 <sup>st</sup> Aug                        | 22 <sup>nd</sup> Aug           | 23 <sup>rd</sup> Aug                       | 24 <sup>th</sup> Aug                    | 25 <sup>th</sup> Aug   |
|                                       |   |                                | ART SHOW<br>Opening night (adults<br>only) | ART SHOW<br>After school<br>3:30-7:00pm | ART SHOW<br>After school<br>3:30-7:00pm<br>56 Hoop time<br>Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> Aug<br>ART SHOW<br>10am-12pm |
| WEEK 7<br>APS Gaelic<br>Football Comp | 28 <sup>th</sup> Aug                        | 29 <sup>th</sup> Aug           | 30 <sup>th</sup> Aug                       | 31 <sup>st</sup> Aug                    | 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept   |
|                                       |   |                                | Prep – 3 Brave hearts<br>Incursion in PAC  |   | 2018 Prep Enrolments<br>close  |
| WEEK 8<br>APS Gaelic<br>Football Comp | 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept                        | 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept           | 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept                       | 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept                    | 8 <sup>th</sup> Sept   |
|                                       |   | Altona District<br>Athletics   | 7pm School Council                         | Backup Day Altona<br>District Athletics |  |
| WEEK 9                                | 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept                       | 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept          | 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept                      | 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept                   | 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept  |
|                                       |   |                                | Divisional Athletics                       |   |  |
| WEEK 10                               | 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept                       | 19 <sup>th</sup> Sept          | 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept                      | 21 <sup>st</sup> Sept                   | 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept  |
|                                       |   | FFC – 7:30pm APS<br>Staff room |  |   | End Term 3<br>1:30pm   |

|   | 2017 TERM 4 WHOLE SCHOOL CALENDAR (PARENTS)   |  |  |                             |  |
|---|---|--|--|-----------------------------|--|
|   | MONDAY  | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY                    | FRIDAY   |
| WEEK 1  | 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct   | 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct                             | 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct                                   | 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct        | 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct   |
|   | Commence Term 4   |  |  |                             | Family & Friends<br>"Girls Night Out"<br>Kooringal Golf Club |
| WEEK 2  | 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct  | 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct                             | 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct                                   | 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct        | 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct   |
|   |   | WMR Athletics                                    | 7pm School Council<br>Prep Fire Ed Program<br>9 – 11am | FFC – 9am APS Staff<br>room |  |
| WEEK 3  | 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct  | 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct                             | 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct                                   | 26 <sup>th</sup> Oct        | 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct   |
|   |   |  | Prep Fire Ed Program<br>9 – 11am                       |                             | SCHOOL DISCO<br>(Halloween theme)                            |
| WEEK 4  | 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct  | 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct                             | 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov                                    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov         | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov  |
|   | State Athletics<br>WMR Summer Sports<br>Finals 30 <sup>th</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov |  |  |                             |  |
| WEEK 5<br>APS<br>European<br>Handball<br>Comp | 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov   | 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov                              | 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov                                    | 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov         | 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov   |
|   | CURRICULUM<br>DAY   | MELBOURNE CUP DAY<br>PUBLIC HOLIDAY              | 7pm<br>School Council                                  | WMR Hot Shots Final         | APS House Colour<br>Day                                      |
| WEEK 6<br>APS<br>European<br>Handball<br>Comp | 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov  | 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov                             | 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov                                   | 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov        | 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov   |
|   |   |  |  |                             |  |
| WEEK 7<br>APS<br>European<br>Handball<br>Comp | 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov  | 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov                             | 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov                                   | 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov        | 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov   |
|   |   | FFC – 7:30pm APS<br>Staff room (AGM)             | 5/6 Family Life  |                             | 5/6 Family Life  |
| WEEK 8<br>APS<br>European<br>Handball<br>Comp | 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov  | 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov                             | 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov                                   | 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov        | 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec  |
|   |   |  | 5/6 Family Life  |                             | 5/6 Family Life  |
| WEEK 9  | 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec   | 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec                              | 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec                                    | 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec         | 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec  |
|   |   |  | 5/6 Family Life  |                             | 5/6 Family Life  |
| WEEK 10                                       | 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec                             | 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec                                   | 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec        | 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec   |
|   |   | Grade 6 Orientation<br>Day (Govt Schools)        |  |                             |  |
| WEEK 11                                       | 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec                             | 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec                                   | 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec        | 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec   |
|   |   | Grade 6 Graduation<br>Wyndham Cultural<br>Centre |  |                             | End Term 4<br>1:00pm   |



# "You can do it"

Week 5 Term 2



| Prep Awards |        |  |
|-------------|--------|--|
| Tyler       | Prep H | <b>Persistence</b> – for putting so much effort into his writing and using the Thrass chart to spell tricky words. |
| Emma        | Prep K | <b>Persistence</b> – for always putting in a super star effort to do her personal best.                            |
| Tate        | Prep B | <b>Persistence</b> – for persisting when working and never giving up! Excellent work!                              |
| Josh        | Prep H | <b>Persistence</b> – for using finger spaces between his words and reading the sounds he hears.                    |
| Iona        | Prep T | <b>Persistence</b> – for persisting with writing the sounds she hears in words.                                    |
| Jack        | Prep T | <b>Confidence</b> – for confidently using a range of strategies to work out unknown words when reading.            |

| Grade 1 Awards |     |   |
|----------------|-----|---|
| Olivia         | 1AV | <u>Persistence</u> – for using lots of great strategies to improve her reading.   |
| Kobi           | 1B  | <u>Confidence</u> – for using outstanding vocabulary to enhance his writing. Your use of “disgusting” and “demolish” was AMAZING!   |
| Jade           | 1PL | <u>Confidence</u> – for showing confidence when spelling challenging words – Keep up the good work!!!   |
| Grade 2 Awards |     |   |
| Will           | 2K  | <u>Confidence</u> – for being super excited and enthusiastic about presenting his Ultimate Community Project. I loved your “Water Distillation Plant” and how you explained it to everyone. Well done Will! |
| Rico           | 2N  | <u>Persistence</u> – for using a variety of reading strategies and having a “red-hot-go” at tricky words. Well done Rico!   |
| Grade 3 Awards |     |   |
| Eden           | 3F  | <u>Confidence</u> – for the enormous effort you have been putting into sporting activities. Your confidence at athletics and during PE shows that this effort has certainly paid off. Keep it up Eden!      |
|                |     |   |
| Grade 4 Awards |     |   |
| Kate           | 4B  | <u>Confidence</u> – for consistently demonstrating high quality learning in all areas of the curriculum!  |



| Grade 56 Awards |      |  |
|-----------------|------|--|
| Wade            | 56XV | <u>Persistence</u> – for researching a world famous structure and working out how to construct it using 3D shapes.                             |
| Alexander       | 56J  | <u>Confidence</u> – for always having the confidence to share your thinking with the class, your input is incredibly valuable and appreciated. |
| Amilia          | 56XV | <u>Confidence</u> – for displaying greater self-confidence in mathematics and persisting with new concepts – Well done1                        |
| Ayla            | 56H  | <u>Persistence</u> – for blitzing her Term 2 Times-Trial! Your multiplications skills are brilliant – Well done                                |
| Ryley           | 56T  | <u>Getting Along</u> – for showing great sportsmanship at Athletics day.   |
| Amy             | 56M  | <u>Confidence</u> – for having an amazing first week at Altona Primary School. We are so lucky to have you here at APS.                        |





# Printing & Weaving

After school art and craft classes will be held in the art room on a Thursday afternoon between 3.30-4.30pm in term three.

The opportunity to participate is offered to children from grades 2 – 6.

The cost includes a deposit of \$30 to cover materials and \$10 per session, making a total of \$110 for 8 Sessions.

**Permission slips and payments must be directed to Mrs Cain in the art room and not the main office.**

**Session 1** (27/7/17): Scratch film- tea light candle wrap

**Session 2** (03/8/17): Etching designs on printing foam

**Session 3** (10/8/17): Printing multiple designs with paint

**Session 4** (17/8/17): Experimenting with sun dyes on fabrics

**Session 5** (31/8/17): Weaving and mounting small rainbow mats

**Session 6** (07/9/17): Weaving with ribbons, raffia, wool and fabrics

**Session 7** (14/9/17): Continue with weaving pieces

**Session 8** (21/9/17): Decorate a fabric carry bag

- **Please note; there will not be a class on the 24/8/17 due to the APS Artshow celebrations.**

Please complete the attached form to indicate interest in attending. I will contact you as soon as possible. A deposit of \$30 will be required by the last week of term 2 (26/06/17) to allow time for the purchase of materials.

I am delighted to offer this opportunity out of school hours and look forward to working with children who enjoy art and craft as much as I do.

Thank you, Mrs Cain

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**After School Art and Craft Classes. Term 3, 2017.**

## Printing & Weaving

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_





## **Altona Primary School Art Show 2017**

The students and staff are busy creating their art pieces for our up and coming APS Art Show.

### **Important Dates**

**Opening night** 23<sup>rd</sup> of August – Adults only auction night with entertainment and light refreshments. From past experiences a-not-to-be-missed night! Book your baby sitters now. Tickets will be available in Term 3.

### **Family Viewing and Gallery opening times:**

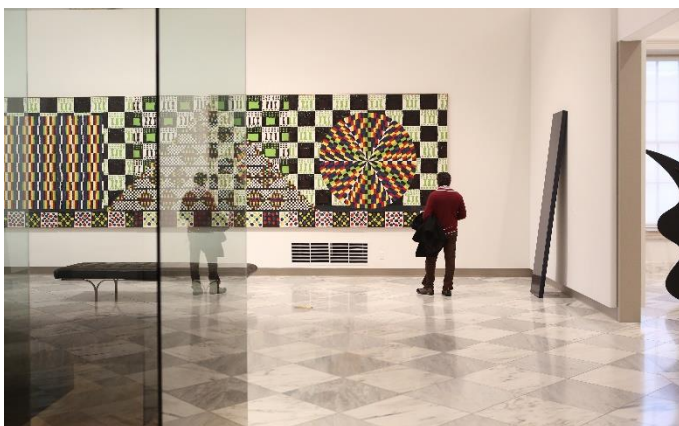
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> of August from 3:30-7:00pm

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> of August from 3:30-7:00pm

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> of August from 10:00am-12:00pm

Thank you,

**Christina Sakellarides**  
Grade 4M





# **ENVIRO NEWS**

I met with our 2017 Enviro Captains in April to discuss what they wanted to focus on for the remainder of the year. They unanimously agreed that we should introduce co-mingled recycling at APS. This is something that we are now investigating and hope to have in place in the near future. There has been a huge reduction in landfill waste since we started paper recycling, so this seems like a logical next step.

## **WHY TURN OFF THE LIGHTS?**



The reason why the enviro captains and I would like to send this message to everyone is because we would all like to save electricity, here are our reasons why. Turning lights off is very important because that is wasting a valuable source of energy. Hence, if you turn it on before you go to bed at night and leave it on when you are leaving you are wasting usable energy and it's also adding more money to your electricity bills. So these are our reasons why the enviro captains and I think that YOU should turn off your lights.  
(Paige – Enviro Captain 5/6F)



## **TAKE A RESUABLE BAG**

Australians use billions of plastic shopping bags every year. The picture shows the number of plastic bags found inside a whale's stomach over one year. When shopping, take along your own reusable bags.

## **ATTENTION GARDENERS – We need your help!**

The school veggie garden needs a bit of TLC. We have an enthusiastic group of students wanting to get this up and running again so grades can participate in growing and harvesting crops. We are seeking any community members who would be willing to volunteer a small amount of their time (and expertise) to help us out. Any cuttings, compost, worm tea would also be appreciated once we get going. Please contact Shonelle Kent (Prep K) or the office.

☺ Miss Kent and Enviro Captains

### **LOST PROPERTY**

Parents please be sure to check through the lost property regularly. It is currently overflowing.

It is important to name all uniform items, lunch boxes etc.

All named items will always be returned to your child if found in lost property.



### **UNIFORM UPDATE**

Parents please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform to school. We are seeing a number of children in clothing that is not the APS uniform.

We realise that sometimes this cannot be helped due to circumstances, however we always have pre-loved uniform for sale at \$1 per item.

You can view this uniform before and after school.

Please see the office for payment and any questions.



### **CONTAGIOUS DISEASES**

There has been a case of Hand, foot and mouth disease at school.

We have also had students with gastro, measles, nits and slapped cheek.

Please be aware of any symptoms your child may have.

You can check for exclusions and notifiable conditions on the following website:

[www.health.vic.gov.au/notify](http://www.health.vic.gov.au/notify)

### **NETBOOK PAYMENTS**

Netbook payments for this term are now overdue.

Please pay the amount due to avoid your child's netbook being removed.

Thanks you to those parents who have already paid.

### **West Welcome Wagon Mid-Winter Food Drive**

Our Friends & Family Committee will be organising a mid-winter food drive similar to the annual Salvation Army food drive run at the end of Term 4. The drive will benefit the West Welcome Wagon, a not-for-profit charity in the West that aims to provide household items to asylum seekers living in Melbourne's West.

The drive will run for the entire month of June, with boxes dropped into each classroom, along with information about the charity and a list of requested food items. Discussing the purpose of this charity with your children will support them in understanding why we are supporting this charity.



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### QUIET ZONE

Building on the success of our Chill Out Zone last year and through interest from students, parents and staff as of Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> we will be implementing a new 'Quiet Zone' every lunch time in the Learning Street. The purpose of the 'Quiet Zone' is for students to have a quiet internal space to go to at lunchtimes if they choose to play a quiet board game, read a book or another quiet activity of their choice.

The Zone will be fully supervised by a staff member and will run every day from 1:30pm-2:00pm with students having an opportunity to go outside for the last 15 minutes of lunch to go to the toilet, get a drink or get some fresh air. Students from grades Prep- to 6 will have access to 'Quiet Zone' and will need to *bring along their own quiet activity such as a game or book*. The supervising teacher on the day at their discretion will determine the maximum number of students in the zone at one time. Individual classroom teachers are in the process of speaking to their grades about the purpose and expectations around the Zone. We are sure students will appreciate this as another wonderful opportunity offered to them at APS.





## **WELL DONE!**

Eva Mifsud from 2M continued to read over our Summer school holidays setting a personal reading challenge to read 100 books. She asked her family and friends to sponsor her to raise money for the Royal Children's Hospital.

Eva was invited to present her cheque in person at the Good Friday Appeal.

At approximately 2 o'clock on Friday, April 14th, Eva was interviewed by one of the TV hosts live on air.

She spoke confidently, explaining how she raised \$769.00 over the holidays.

We congratulate Eva for achieving her goal and raising so much money for a worthy cause. What an amazing effort Eva!



## **Pokémon Card Stall**

To support the SRC and help raise money for charities, we will be selling pre-loved Pokémon cards Tuesday snack and Friday lunch times.

Cards will be 50c. Empty Tins will be \$3.

If you have any old Pokémon you can donate, please send them to 4B's classroom.

Our Pokémon stall will be set up outside Miss Beckman's classroom. We hope to see you there to buy some awesome cards and help raise money!





Altona Primary School

# FRIENDS AND FAMILIES COMMITTEE

## West Welcome Wagon Food Drive

The FFC will be coordinating a mid-winter food drive to support West Welcome Wagon (WWW), a not-for-profit charity run by volunteer managers that currently assists over 500 households of asylum seekers from over 30 different countries.

WWW primarily provides material aid directly to asylum seekers in Melbourne's West e.g furniture, bedding, clothing, toys, appliances and twice-yearly food hampers.

SUPPORTING  
LOCAL ASYLUM  
SEEKERS



Drop boxes will be placed in each classroom and will run the entire month of June, and a wishlist of food and toiletry items will be sent out next week.

## Scouts Monster Raffle coming in June!



The FFC will sell tickets for the very popular Scouts Monster Raffle from early June.

75% proceeds back to schools and community groups, that's \$1.50 for every \$2 ticket sold! More than 100 prizes to be won including a car as first prize – A Kia Sportage SUV valued at \$33,535 (including on-road costs).

Every family will receive 1 book of 10 tickets to sell! More info coming soon!

## Let us ENTERTAIN YOU!

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](http://entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/1843r90)



## Parents' Night Out - Friday 16 June

Let's get together for dinner and a drink! Join us from 7pm on Friday 16 June for a parents' dinner at Hangar 1One2 (Pier St). Dinner packages (2-course meal) are \$45. RSVP to the Facebook event (posted in the APS Friends and Families Facebook Page) or email us at [APSfriendsandfamilies@gmail.com](mailto:APSfriendsandfamilies@gmail.com). Hope to see you there!