

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

Grade 3R attended the opening of the Paisley Challis Wetlands last week. The students really enjoyed being involved in community projects.

I was very proud of Domenic and Josh at this week's assembly. With Mr. Rouse absent, both boys stepped up to organise the sound system and play the national anthem showing great leadership and initiative. I was also very proud of Netty who stepped in to replace Josh and read the awards.

The school and house captains accompany me on school tours for 2017 grade Prep families. The articulation of their insight into the school and their learning is very impressive. I am reminded on a daily basis how challenging and engaging work inspires student effort and creates powerful learning. Seeing students working individually or collaboratively in the learning street is exciting. The learning, respect, enthusiasm, cooperation and behaviour of Altona P.S. students is first class.

We received the big paper recycle bin this week. The aim is to have all paper use reduced, reused or recycled. Remember only paper goes in this large bin. Congratulations to our sustainability leaders for this initiative. I know they have even larger plans.

Congratulations to all of our students that ran in the divisional cross country at Werribee today. They all represented our school proudly in trying conditions with some going on to compete in the regional competition.

We still have pavers available to purchase to complete our centenary path. Get in quick whilst they are still available.

Have a great weekend.

Kevin Enright

2016 WHOLE SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR FAMILIES

25/5/16

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 2 WHOLE SCHOOL CALENDAR

Please note the following additions/changes: **8th June Ride/Walk to school day**

8th June – PYJAMA DAY gold coin donation

8th August – Curriculum Day

12th August – Whole school fundraiser – OLYMPIC COLOUR OBSTACLE-A-THON (TENTATIVE DATE)

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	11 th April	12 th April	13 th April	14 th April	15 th April
			Preps Zoo Excursion		Friends & Family Meeting 9am OSHC HUB
WEEK 2	18 th April	19 th April	20 th April	21 st April	22 nd April
					10:30am ANZAC DAY SERVICE at APS
WEEK 3	25 th April	26 th April	27 th April	28 th April	29 th April
	ANZAC DAY			56 Excursion Melbourne Zoo	Bookclub Issue 3 due
WEEK 4	2 nd May	3 rd May	4 th May	5 th May	6 th May
		ADSSA Cross Country 11.30 – 2.15pm	JAPANESE CULTURAL DAY	Grade 2 Incursion: CERES 'Water Cyclists' Grade 4 Incursion: 'Earth, Moon & Sun – Hands on Science'	Winter Sports R1 Mother's Day Stall High Tea for prep mums 2.15pm
WEEK 5	9 th May	10 th May	11 th May	12 th May	13 th May
		NAPLAN	NAPLAN SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING 7PM	NAPLAN	Winter Sports R2 Friends & Family 9am
WEEK 6	16 th May	17 th May	18 th May	19 th May	20 th May
			Ride/Walk to School Day		Bike Ed Grade 5 Winter Sports R3
WEEK 7	23 rd May	24 th May	25 th May	26 th May	27 th May
		Grade 1 Minibeast Incursion 9 – 1.30pm		Divisional Cross Country	Bike Ed Grade 5 Winter Sports R4 Bookclub Issue 4 due
WEEK 8	30 th May	31 st May	1 st June	2 nd June	3 rd June
		2 ND Hand Book Sale (Recess, Lunchtime & after school)	NUDE FOOD DAY		Bike Ed Grade 5 Winter Sports R5
WEEK 9	6 th June	7 th June	8 th June	9 th June	10 th June
		2 ND Hand Book Sale (Recess, Lunchtime & after school)	SRC Pyjama Day Gold coin donation, proceeds to support Latitude - homelessness charity	WMR Cross Country	Bike Ed Grade 5 Winter Sports R6 Friends & Family Meeting 9am OSHC HUB Grade 2 Incursion "Start Smart" Program
	13 th June	14 th June	15 th June	16 th June	17 th June
WEEK 10	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY		SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING 7PM Prep Incursion Ranger Libby 9.30am – 10.45am		Bike Ed Grade 5 SCHOOL DISCO
	20 th June	21 st June	22 nd June	23 rd June	24 th June
WEEK 11	Dan-Sing Concert		Dan-Sing Concert		End of Term

	Held in the PAC 6:30pm – 7:30pm		Held in the PAC 6:30pm – 7:30pm		Finish 1.30pm
	2016 TERM 3 WHOLE SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR FAMILIES				
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	11 th July	12 th July	13 th July	14 th July	15 th July
			5/6 Hooptime		
WEEK 2	18 th July	19 th July	20 th July	21 st July	22 nd July
				First Aid In School Program – whole school	
WEEK 3	25 th July	26 th July	27 th July	28 th July	29 th July
			PREPS 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL		Bookclub Issue 5 due
					Sat 30 th Regional Robotics Competition
WEEK 4	1 st Aug	2 nd Aug	3 rd Aug	4 th Aug	5 th Aug
	Woorabinda Camp Small number of Gr 4/5 students	Woorabinda Camp	Woorabinda Camp	Woorabinda Camp	Woorabinda Camp
WEEK 5 RIO OLYMPICS	8 th Aug	9 th Aug	10 th Aug	11 th Aug	12 th Aug
	CURRICULUM DAY OSHC will be available on this day. MUST be Pre- arranged. Limited numbers				Olympic Colour Crazy Obstacle-a-thon Whole school fundraiser (Tentative) 3/4 Hooptime
WEEK 6 RIO OLYMPICS 	15 th Aug	16 th Aug	17 th Aug	18 th Aug	19 th Aug
		State Robotics Competition – Melb University	SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING 7PM	APS Athletics Carnival (new date)	
WEEK 7	22 nd Aug	23 rd Aug	24 th Aug	25 th Aug	26 th Aug
	Backup - APS Athletics Carnival (new date)		GRADE 1 & PREP Incursion Hunchback of Notre Dame 9.15 – 11am	Junior Athletics Carnival (new date)	Bookclub Issue 6 due
WEEK 8 National Literacy & Numeracy Week	29 th Aug	30 th Aug	31 st Aug	1 st Sept	2 nd Sept
					Father's Day Stall Preps: BBQ Breakfast for dads Cut off day for 2017 Prep enrolments
WEEK 9	5 th Sept	6 th Sept	7 th Sept	8 th Sept	9 th Sept
		ADSSA Athletics	JUMP ROPE FOR HEART		
	12 th Sept	13 th Sept	14 th Sept	15 th Sept	16 th Sept
WEEK 10		Divisional Athletics			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
				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 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 1 st Prep Transition 2.15 – 3.15	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 2 nd 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
				Whole School Transition 2.15 – 3.15 Prep Transition Evening	
	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	
	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		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			

Finger Knitting Fun

Lunchtime Club

Calling all children from grades 3-6 who are interested in learning how to finger knit their own scarf for winter! Meet Mrs. Cain in the art room at the beginning of lunch time each Tuesday. The first session will be on the 7th June.

Wool is supplied, however any donations are welcome. A great way to keep warm and get crafty! See Mrs. Cain if you have any queries.



WOORABINDA CAMP UPDATE

We have received some information regarding our allocation for the select entry Woorabinda Camp Program. The number of selected students is yet to be finalised, as the selection process is currently being undertaken in consultation with the camp staff. Students in Grades 4 and 5 who have expressed interest in attending Woorabinda will receive further information as soon as it becomes available. Interested **Grade 4 students** and their families should be aware that Woorabinda is an additional camp offered to our students; therefore it is a prerequisite for students to attend the APS Grade 4 Camp. For any further queries, please contact Shonelle Kent.



EXCITING NEWS!

We are pleased to announce for the remainder of the term we will be trialling a new 'Chill Out Zone' in the Library that will be open to students of all ages during lunch times.

In the 'Chill Out Zone' students will be able to relax in a quiet environment and it will also encourage students to make new friends. In the 'Chill Out Zone' students will have the option of playing various card and board games, reading books or drawing pictures.

Operating each day between 1:30 & 2pm allows time at the end of lunch for all students to stretch their legs outside, have a toilet stop and a drink.

If a student visits the 'Chill Out Zone' they are not required to stay for the entire time, they can go back outside when they choose to.

A staff member will supervise the 'Chill Out Zone' each day, if a Wet Day Timetable is called the 'Chill Out Zone' will not run. Classroom teachers will be discussing the purpose of the 'Chill Out Zone' with their classes; we encourage parents to do the same.

If you have any board games no longer in use we are more than happy to take them off your hands for the 'Chill Out Zone'.

We're all looking forward to having a new space to 'Chill Out In'.

Please contact Melissa Wendt if you have any questions or games you can contribute.

Melissa Wendt
Altona Primary School

LOST UNIFORM: Noah Wiesner in 3AV has lost his new jumper. His name was written in permanent marker on the label and he thinks someone may have picked it up by mistake along the way. Please check all jumpers and return to 3AV. Thank you.



PYJAMA DAY!

Wednesday 8th June 2016

Roll out of bed and come to school in your pyjamas on Wednesday 8th June 2016.

Bring a gold coin donation to raise money for Latitude Foundation.

Latitude: Directions for Young People is a Homelessness Assistance Service providing support to young people 15-25 years with or without children who are at risk of, or experiencing homelessness in the City of Hobsons Bay. Let's help raise money to support their foundation!

Thanks in advance for your support,
SRC.



SECOND HAND BOOK SALE

Altona Primary School library will be having a second hand book sale to sell a large range of pre-loved books to new homes!



Dates: Tuesday 31st May & Tuesday 7th June 2016

Time: Recess, lunch time and after school.

Location: APS library

Cost: 50c and \$1 books

All money made will be put back into the school library, to purchase fabulous new books for the students at APS.

Come along to buy some CHEAP awesome books!

‘Opening of the Wetlands Program’ Excursion.

Bump! Bump! The bus was making bizarre sounds as we were on our way to the opening of the “Wetland Program’ at Paisley Challis Reserve in Williamstown North.

When we finally arrived, we were lucky enough to hear a speech from the President of the Conservation Program. He talked about the importance of continuing to look after our environment and how the volunteers are very much needed to maintain the local wetlands.

Next we put on bright safety vests and were split into two groups. Both the activities were very interesting.

The local ranger took us on a tour and we learnt about the different animals and plants that were living in the wetlands. We also got to eat a plant called ‘Pigface,’ it tasted very salty and quite gross! We also got to do a scavenger hunt, where we had to find some different types of birds. We could not believe how many different types of birds we could find, it was amazing! It was awesome because we were given binoculars to help see the features of the birds to identify them.

It was then time to go! We had an amazing time and we would encourage other people to go and check out wetlands or even volunteer to help out!

By Nathan Caruana and Jordan Azad 3R.





DON'T MISS OUT

This will be your very last chance to have your family's name immortalised on a paver in our beautiful Centenary Pathway.
Only 77 pavers available to complete the Pathway – be quick!

**SIGNATURE
= ENGRAVING =**

SINGLE PAVER \$50

Your donation of \$50 entitles you to have your family name/s (To a maximum of 48 letters) engraved into a paver as a permanent record of your history at Altona P.S. The paver will be permanently installed at **Altona P.S.** in the centenary entrance pathway to the front doors of the school; Size: 230 x 115 x 40mm.

Please write the **48 letters (maximum)** to be inscribed on your paver here:

Number of bricks required: _____

For Example:

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Simply fill out this form and return along with full payment by cheque, cash or phone to:

Altona P.S. 109 Blyth Street or P.O. Box 127 Altona 3018

{Call (03) 9398 2925

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Our Donation

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Closing date for orders 1st June 2016



After School Art and Craft Classes

Plants, Pots and Paper

After school art and craft classes will be held in the art room on a **Thursday** afternoon between **3.30-4.30pm** in **term 3, 2016**. The opportunity to participate is offered to children from grades 2 – 6.

The cost will be \$30 to cover materials and \$10 per session, making a total of \$110 for **8 Sessions**

Please note: Permission slips and payments must be directed to Mrs. Cain or Mrs. Barry in the art room and not the main office.

- Session 1** (21/07/16): Make your own simple terrarium
- Session 2** (28/07/16): Painted garden rocks
- Session 3** (04/08/16): Potted plants from recycled cans and jars
- Session 4** (11/08/16): Continue with potted plants
- Session 5** (18/08/16): Decorate your own terracotta pot
- Session 6** (25/08/16): Planting succulents inside interesting objects
- Session 7** (01/09/16): Create your own paper plants!
- Session 8** (08/09/16): Complete arrangement of paper plants

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 (20/06/16) 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

After School Art and Craft Classes. Term 3, 2016.

Plants, Pots and Paper

Child's name _____ Grade _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Contact Number: _____

Thank you, Mrs. Cain





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

Friends and Families Committee

Thursday, 26th May 2016

Colour Crazy Fundraiser Meeting – All welcome.

We are looking for people who are interested in helping us to develop and plan this exciting event in August. Our first meeting is tomorrow, Friday 27th, at 3.30pm in staffroom. If you have some creative ideas, areas of expertise or just want to get involved, we would love to see you there. Thank you !



Volunteers Wanted!

DATES FOR YOUR

DIARY TERM 2

Colour Obstacle-a-Thon
Committee meeting
Friday 27/05/16
3.30pm in Staffroom

Friends and Families Meeting @
9:00 in Staff Room:
Friday 10/6/16

School Disco:
Friday 17/6/2016

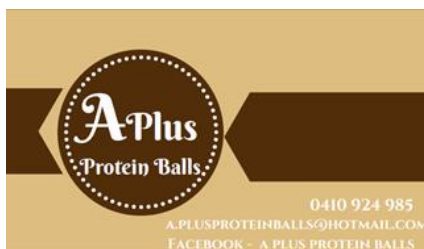
SCHOOL BANKING

Every Friday

The Friends and Family committee would like to thank everyone below that was kind enough to donate a prize for the Mother's Day raffle. Thanks too to Tom Sarros Pharmacy and Debbie Galvin.



Vanessa Jackson
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- Celebration Cakes
- Cookies
- Cake Pops
- Cupcakes
- Macarons
- And More!

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Entertainment Books – New Books Out now!

Entertainment Books are now available. Jump online to look at some of the great deals it contains! They are priced at \$65 each for either digital or hard copy. Hard copies are available at the office.



Colour Crazy Fundraiser

I will be attending the meeting on Friday 27th May

Name _____

email: _____

Contact No: _____