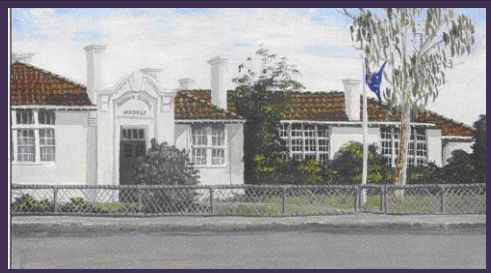


# ALTONA PRIMARY SCHOOL

*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

Thank you to students, parents and staff for a wonderful Term 1. It has been an exciting start to the year as we begin the journey of our four year Strategic Plan.

We have initiated 'Growth Mindset' as a strategy to build student resilience, grow the capacity of their brains and embrace challenges as a way of learning. It is part of the overall plan for 'Building Classroom Instructional strategies.'

The following site; Growth Mindset for Parents, is a valuable resource. Developed in collaboration with 'Raise The Bar,' it will enable parents to learn what a growth mindset is, why it is important, and best practices to support their children in developing this learning belief. I encourage all families to use this resource.

<https://www.mindsetkit.org/growth-mindset-parents>

Enjoy the Term 1 break. We look forward to the beginning of Term 2 where we can continue to provide the best possible education for all students.

A question raised by parents recently concerned students having access to hand wipes or hand cleaning gels to clean their hands prior to eating. With the various OH&S requirements for hand gels, it would be simple if, where required, students brought along their own antibacterial hand wipes to use prior to eating.

Thank you to the SRC for a wonderful dress up day. We all had a lot of fun and laughs, especially the staff.

A big thank you to Eva, our crossing lady in Railway St. for keeping our children safe while crossing the road. Eva has been there since the crossing was approved several years ago and is retiring tomorrow. We wish her well in her retirement.

Have a great holiday.  
Kevin Enright



## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

**Last day of Term 1**

**Early finish 1.30pm**

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April**

**First day of term 2**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April**

**Grade 2 visit to Altona Homestead**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April**

**ANZAC Day service**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April**

**ANZAC day Public holiday**

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April**

**State swimming**



### **POSSIBLE HAND, FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE**

There has been a possible case of Hand, Foot and Mouth disease in the grade 2 area.

Please be aware of the following symptoms:

#### **Hand foot and mouth disease - coxsackie virus**

- Hand foot and mouth disease (HFMD) is a viral infection. It is not linked to the foot and mouth disease that affect animals. HFMD is mainly seen in children under the age of 10 or in young adults. It is easily spread from one person to another. Most people have had HFMD by the time they are adults. It rarely causes further complications and is very rarely fatal.

#### **Signs and symptoms**

Symptoms usually start three to seven days after catching the infection and can last from seven to 10 days. Admission to hospital is rarely needed. The common signs and symptoms include:

- high temperature (fever)
- sore throat
- small blisters on the inside of the mouth, the sides of the tongue, palms of the hands, fingers, soles of the feet and nappy area (the blisters should not be itchy like chickenpox blisters)
- poor appetite (drinking and eating can be painful because of the mouth blisters)
- tiredness.



#### **LOST**

Yesterday Sam from 3/4H left a pack of Pokémon cards with his lunch box outside his classroom at lunchtime. At the end of lunch the cards had disappeared.

If found, please return to 3/4H.

#### **APS WINDCHEATER**

We have a windcheater at the office with no name on it.

Please see us if your child has lost one.



#### **After School Art Class**

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



#### **ICAS ASSESSMENTS**

Please see attached information and permission form.

Entries close tomorrow, no late forms will be accepted.

# WHOLE SCHOOL CALENDAR (Community)

30/03/17

**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 Ukulele Friday 3:15-4:00pm, Robotics (Snr) Wed 3:30-4:30pm,  
Robotics (jnr) Tues 3:15-4:15. Fit-tastic Mon, Fri 3:15-4:15pm

2017 TERM 2 WHOLE SCHOOL CALENDAR (PARENTS)					
<b>Please be aware of the following changes to the Calendar</b>	<b>Please be aware of the following changes to the Calendar</b> <b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May</b> – new date for the Altona District Cross Country <b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May</b> – Prep -6 First Aid in Schools (incursion) <b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September</b> – closing date for enrolments for 2018 Preps <b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> Aug</b> – new date for State Robotics Competition (previously incorrect date of Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> Aug)				
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	17 <sup>th</sup> April	18 <sup>th</sup> April	19 <sup>th</sup> April	20 <sup>th</sup> April	21 <sup>st</sup> April
	EASTER MONDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	Commence Term 2		FFC – 9am APS Staff room	Grade 2 Altona Homestead Visit 9-11 2M & 2W 11.30 – 1.30 2N & 2K
WEEK 2	24 <sup>th</sup> April	25 <sup>th</sup> April	26 <sup>th</sup> April	27 <sup>th</sup> April	28 <sup>th</sup> April
	APS ANZAC DAY SERVICE	ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	State Swimming		
WEEK 3	1 <sup>st</sup> May	2 <sup>nd</sup> May	3 <sup>rd</sup> May	4 <sup>th</sup> May	5 <sup>th</sup> May
	CURRICULUM DAY				Winter Sports R1
WEEK 4	8 <sup>th</sup> May	9 <sup>th</sup> May	10 <sup>th</sup> May	11 <sup>th</sup> May	12 <sup>th</sup> May
			School Council		Winter Sports R2
		NAPLAN	NAPLAN	NAPLAN	
WEEK 5	15 <sup>th</sup> May	16 <sup>th</sup> May	17 <sup>th</sup> May	18 <sup>th</sup> May	19 <sup>th</sup> May
	APS Athletics Carnival at Newport	Altona District Cross Country	School Council	Backup Day APS Athletics Carnival at Newport	Winter Sports R3 Prep “Zoo Excursion”
WEEK 6	22 <sup>nd</sup> May	23 <sup>rd</sup> May	24 <sup>th</sup> May	25 <sup>th</sup> May	26 <sup>th</sup> May
		FFC – 7:30pm APS Staff room		First Aid in Schools – Grade 1-6	Winter Sports R4 Grade 2 StartSmart Incursion
WEEK 7	29 <sup>th</sup> May	30 <sup>th</sup> May	31 <sup>st</sup> May	1 <sup>st</sup> June	2 <sup>nd</sup> June
National Reconciliation Week	Aboriginal Art Mural Launch at Assembly		Divisional Cross Country		Winter Sports R5
WEEK 8	5 <sup>th</sup> June	6 <sup>th</sup> June	7 <sup>th</sup> June	8 <sup>th</sup> June	9 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> June	13 <sup>th</sup> June	14 <sup>th</sup> June	15 <sup>th</sup> June	16 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> June	20 <sup>th</sup> June	21 <sup>st</sup> June	22 <sup>nd</sup> June	23 <sup>rd</sup> June
			School Council	FFC – 9am APS Staff room WMR Cross Country	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

	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 Term 3			State Cross Country	3 / 4 Hooptime
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 Staff room			29 <sup>th</sup> July Robotics Melb 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 APS Gaelic 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 Comp	School Council	FFC – 9am APS Staff room	
WEEK 6 APS Gaelic 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 Opening night (adults only)	ART SHOW After school	ART SHOW After school 56 Hooptime Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> Aug ART SHOW am
WEEK 7 APS Gaelic 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
					2018 Prep Enrolments close
WEEK 8 APS Gaelic 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 Athletics	School Council	Backup Day Altona 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 Staff room			End Term 3

	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				
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	School Council Prep Fire Ed Program 9 – 11am	FFC – 9am APS Staff 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 9 – 11am		SCHOOL DISCO (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 WMR Summer Sports Finals 30 <sup>th</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov				
WEEK 5 APS European Handball 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 DAY	MELBOURNE CUP DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	School Council	WMR Hot Shots Final	APS House Colour Day
WEEK 6 APS European Handball 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 APS European Handball 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 Staff room (AGM)	5/6 Family Life		5/6 Family Life
WEEK 8 APS European Handball 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 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 Wyndham Cultural Centre			End Term 4



# "You can do it"

Week 7, 8 & 9 – Term 1



Prep Awards		
Imogen	Prep T	<b>Persistence</b> – for persisting with challenging tasks and always trying her best.
Amelia	Prep T	<b>Persistence</b> – for displaying excellent effort and persistence when writing.
Cooper	Prep H	<b>Resilience</b> – for displaying amazing effort in all learning areas.

Grade 1 Awards		
Griffon	1PL	<b>Getting along</b> – for always showing empathy and kindness to his peers.
Valentine	1AV	<b>Persistence</b> – for experimenting with extending sentences and creating highly imaginative stories as a result.
Grade 2 Awards		
Hayden	2W	<b>Confidence</b> – for justifying his predictions during reading. Keep it up SUPERSTAR!!
Arsal	2W	<b>Persistence</b> – for having multiple tries to spell a word during editing. Keep it up!
Naser	2K	<b>Persistence</b> – for trying so hard during writing focusing on spaces, handwriting and capital letters! Keep up the good work Naser!
Migo	2K	<b>Persistence</b> – for having a red hot go at all tasks and completing homework with enthusiasm! Keep up the great work Migo!
Grade 3 Awards		
Peyton	3F	<b>Confidence</b> – for showing confidence when making a variety of connections as you read – You are a superstar!
Lily	34H	<b>Persistence</b> – for showing determination to improve her understanding of the box strategy.
Will	34H	<b>Confidence</b> – for presenting a wonderful passion project to the class. We were all impressed.
Alex	34H	<b>Resilience</b> – for showing major improvements in his co-operating group work. You are becoming a real team player!
Jesse	34H	<b>Organisation</b> – for constantly striving to extend his learning and challenge himself to improve.



Grade 4 Awards		
Nathan	4M	<b>Persistence</b> – for displaying persistence in his homework this week. Your homework is an excellent example of the high standard you always aim for. Well done!
Samuel	4M	<b>Persistence</b> – for demonstrating persistence by generating focus questions prior to researching and then writing a detailed report of his findings. Great work Sam!
Lizzy	4B	<b>Persistence</b> – for all of the amazing effort you’re putting into your work to achieve your goals. I am so proud!
Grade 5/6 Awards		
Tahlia	56J	<b>Confidence</b> – for an amazing transition into Grade 5/6; you have taken to the workload and pace like a duck to water!
Jaxi	56F	<b>Confidence</b> – for making some well thought out predictions backed up with text evidence.
Bailey	56H	<b>Persistence</b> – for making Mrs. Hudson do a “Happy Dance” when finding factors of a number! Great Maths Bailey!
Amelia	56X	<b>Confidence</b> – for confidently making valuable contributions during literacy circle discussions and using supporting evidence from the text. Well done.
Wil	56H	<b>Organisation</b> – for setting a personal goal to be more organised with his homework and diary – with success so far – very impressive!!







**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:**  
 Email: [hbas@y7mail.com](mailto:hbas@y7mail.com)  
 Phone: 0417 056 762 (Kirsten Craggs)

[hobsonsbayartsociety.org.au](http://hobsonsbayartsociety.org.au)  
[@HobsonsBayArtsSocietyInc](https://www.facebook.com/HobsonsBayArtsSocietyInc)

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



ALTONA RSL SUB-BRANCH INC.



## Commemorative Sunday - April 23<sup>rd</sup> 2017

**Commemorative Sunday** is always the Sunday before ANZAC Day, this year the Commemorative Sunday March is being held this Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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