

Altona Primary School

Knowledge and Nurturing by the Bay

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Principal's Message

In 2018 we will have straight grades throughout the school no grade 5/6s or 3/4. The student numbers at each year level now allow this.

What a fabulous night on Wednesday for the opening of the Art show. Lots of fun, laughter and a brilliant community get together. Thank you to Mrs. Barry, Mrs. Cain and their committee for the beautifully organised and constructed art gallery. Proceeds from the art show will go towards financing the new landscaped area.

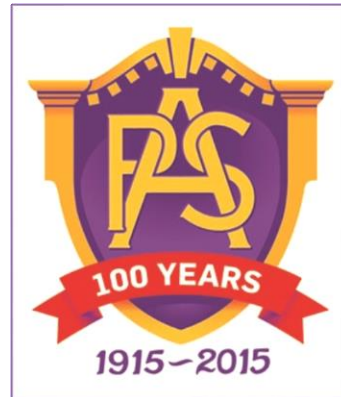
On Wednesday evening, Mrs. Barry announced her intended retirement at the end of this year. Pam has taught art here for 27 years including 24 years travelling daily from Bentleigh. What a magnificent legacy she has created. The students have been fortunate to have such an incredible art program and teacher for so many years. On behalf of the community, I would like to congratulate Pam and wish her all the best in 2018.

Many parents are asking who will be our new Principal from term two 2018, when is the position advertised and what is the process. I am assuming it will be advertised in term one 2018. I could be wrong. The region decides this.

Congratulations to our girls' AFL 9s teams. One team came runners up and the other sixth. They had a superb day, which is the most important thing.

The form for parents to provide any relevant information regarding next year's grade placement will go out shortly. Students nominate 4 friends they would like to be in their grade in 2018. Students are guaranteed at least one friend from their list. It is a healthy experience and challenge to make new friends each year and learn how to do this. This is especially useful for transitioning into secondary school where our students disperse into many different secondary schools. We have a very thorough grade compilation process by teachers and the school leadership team to construct the grades for 2018. Each grade is composed of a range of students.

As you would be aware, Student-led Conferences are taking place during week 8. We are aiming for 100% attendance across the school. So far, booking numbers are looking great. Bookings can be made through Compass (web browser). One thing to



Upcoming Events

August 30

Bravehearts Incursion

September 5

Altona District Athletics

August 22

End Term 3 early finish
1.30pm

Important Links

The links below will give you access to important information relating to our school. To view these please click on the relevant link.

[Altona Primary School Compass](#)

[Altona Primary School Website](#)

[School Calendar](#)

Community Corner (New)

The community corner is a section on our website which contains advertisements for activities happening around the APS Community. To view these click on the link below:

[Community Corner](#)

remember when selecting a time, when the status changes to 'Booked' that means you have secured that time and not that someone has booked that time. If you need any help with your booking, please contact the office.

For those families randomly selected to participate in the Parent Opinion Survey for 2018, the survey will close on Sunday August 27. It would be fantastic to have all the families selected complete the survey by this date. The information from this survey is valuable for the decisions we make as a school in the future.

Book Club orders are due by Friday September 1st. Please have all orders in by this date. Netbook payments are now overdue so please contact the office ASAP. Grade 6 Windcheaters for 2018 are now available. Please come to the office for sizing and payments.

Kevin Enright

What's happening at APS?

Junior School Council

The preparation for Junior School Council comes into play as we sit in Mrs. Helen's classroom. Coming up with a question, our brains think intently. Preparing for our monthly meetings, we start by selecting major events our school has been a part of. This shows what we have been involved in for the past month. As a part of the criteria, we were asked to come up with a proposal to make our community a better place.

We witnessed a bunch of school leaders walking in, a rush going through our bodies. A big responsibility hovered above our heads as we take our seats. Being part of the school leadership team, we are asked to attend Hobson's Bay City council meetings. This helps us with our confidence and leadership skills. It inspires us to be future leaders.

When attending these monthly meetings, we come up with proposals for the council. Two this year have already been approved.

1. A new lollipop person for Upton Street.
2. We will also be getting new eating benches for Weaver Reserve.

These proposals will be put into the 2018/2019 budget. This is a very big achievement for the school leaders of Altona Primary School and the community.

By Lauren and Sofia



Student Leader Corner

Thank you to Kobe Flannery's mum, Dani, for her employers generous donation that paid for the Student Voice Boxes that are now in classrooms. The donation also bought stickers that will go on the boxes. The Voice Boxes will be placed around the school for feedback, questions, and suggestions on how to make APS even better. Please start leaving your comments so we as School Leaders can begin to take some action.

Friends and Families Committee

The Father's Day Stall is next Friday 1 September, and bookings are now open for getting Family Portraits. Learn more and get information on other Friends and Families Committee activities at the link below.

[Friends and Families Committee Link](#)



FATHER'S DAY STALL

FRIDAY 1 SEPTEMBER

3 GIFTS MAX PER CHILD

PRICES ARE \$1, \$3 OR \$5 EACH

VIEW LIST OF GIFTS ON FRIENDS AND

FAMILIES PAGE ON APS WEBSITE

Altona Primary School
**FRIENDS AND FAMILIES
COMMITTEE**

Altona Primary School 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

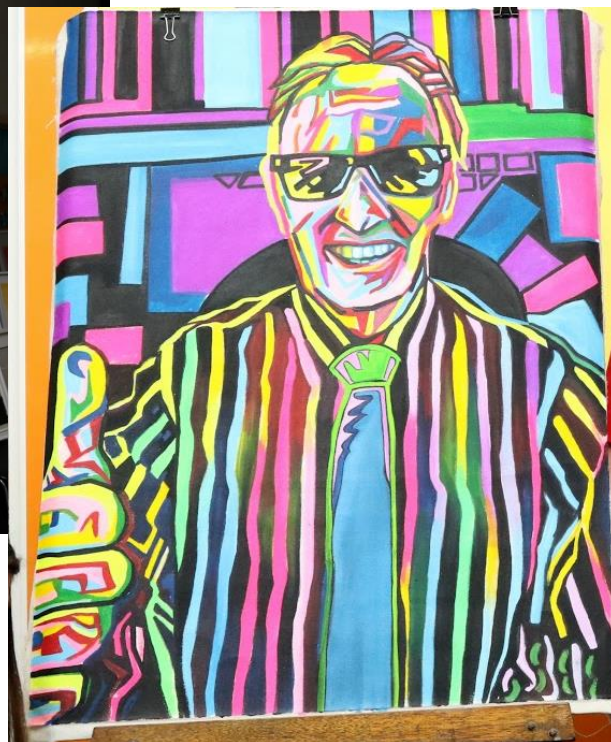
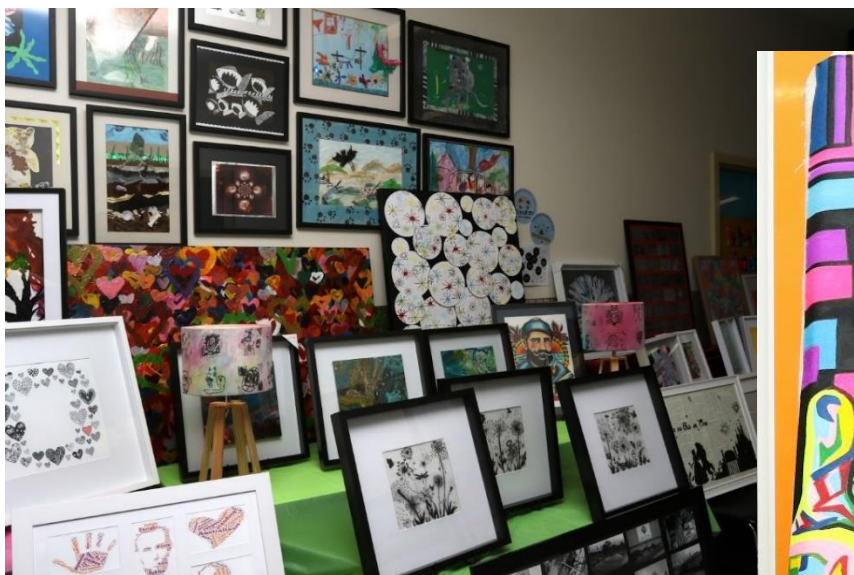
Robotics (Snr) Wed 3:30-4:30pm,

Robotics (Jnr) Tues 3:15-4:15

APS ART SHOW PHOTO GALLERY

Use the link below to view all APS Art Show Photos

<https://goo.gl/photos/9Gy9gP21a6yNYth8A>



Aspiration School Value awards

Aspiration

*Having high expectations and taking accountability for your own learning.
Being self-motivated.
Continually seeking to improve and accomplish something worthy.
Having Enthusiasm*

SENIOR

Alyssa – 56T
John – 56H
Tom – 56M
Jazzy – 4B
Caitlyn – 4M
Adam – 56M
Phoebe – 56M
Angelina – 56G
Elin – 56F
Paris – 56F



JUNIOR

Ted – 1PL
Lilah – 1PL
Kiara – Prep B
Faris – Prep B
Bhumika – 2N
Cruz – Prep T
Lewis – Prep T
Gabby – Prep K
Sai – 2K
Lily – 3F
Remy – 2K
Will – 1F
Naomi – 1F
Polly – 1B
Jaylea – 34H
Imogen – 2W
Ashley – 2W
Leni – 1AV

