

Altona Primary School Newsletter



30th May 2022: Term 2 Week 6



Principal's Report

We had an exciting week at APS last week as we acknowledged Education Week with students engaging in different experiences across the school. It was wonderful to see everyone dressed up at our assembly and we warmly welcomed lots of visitors for our Grandparents afternoon.

Thanks to Jodi, Natascha, Leanne and Andrew for planning last weeks events and to all our community for your involvement.

SCHOOL COUNCIL OPEN MEETING

Our next school council meeting on Wednesday 15th June will be a public meeting, where any member of our community can attend. The school's Annual Report will be presented and there will be an opportunity for all parents to engage in focus groups and provide feedback to our council to support with school improvement. Further information will be communicated this week.

ELECTION DAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE

On election day our Friends and Families Committee ran a very successful sausage sizzle, raising over \$1600 for our 'outdoor learn and play' fundraising. My sincere appreciation to Emma our FFC president for organising this. A huge thanks to those that helped on the day: Lynda, Andrew, Anusha, Daniel, Lara, Bianca, Derek, Telly, Nicola, Andrew, Chris, Melissa, Karrie and Rob. We were also very fortunate to receive some very generous donations from parents and local businesses which assisted greatly in our fundraising efforts.

Dates to Remember

30th May - 1st June
Grade 4 Camp

6th June
Grade 5-6 Athletics

7th June
Grade 3-4 Athletics

13th June
Queen's Birthday (no school)

14th June
Student Free Day

15th June
School Council Public Meeting

24th June
Last Day Term 2
2.30pm Dismissal

TERM 3
11th July
CURRICULUM DAY
No students to attend school

12th July
Students return for Term 3



SHADE SAILS

Late last year, our school received a grant of \$25,000 from the Victorian Government to build shade sails as part of the Return to School plan. This week we will see these works commence (weather permitting). The sails will cover the area outside Rooms 12 and 13, creating a large shaded learn and play space. Students have already started to provide some ideas about what they would like to see in this area. Once the sails are completed, I will consult further with our community around developing this space.

CANTEEN PROVIDER

I am pleased to share that in the coming weeks, Just Sweets, partnered with other local businesses, will begin to provide a lunch order service for our school. Initially we will commence with a service on Thursday and Friday, then from the beginning of Term 3, lunch orders will be available every school day.

STUDENT ATTITUDES TO SCHOOL SURVEY (AtoSS)

The AtoSS is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education and Training to assist the school to gain an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Students will be asked about their thoughts and feelings in relation to their school, their learning, peer and family relationships, resilience, bullying, mental health and wellbeing, physical activity, and life in general. This year, the AtoSS will be conducted at our school on Wednesday June 8th. All Grade 4, 5 and 6 students complete this survey online during class time. Parents of students in these year levels have received information through Compass.

ROAD SAFETY

Recently I have had concerns raised by members of our community about traffic safety around our school at drop off and pick up times. I would like to remind everyone that the designated speed limit at these times is 40km/h. While I understand that parking at these times can be challenging, it is important that cars are only parked in the designated spaces if you are parking on Blyth St, Upton St or Railway Ave. Double parking creates a very dangerous situation for children getting in and out of cars.

It is always wonderful to see so many members of our community walking and riding to school, however as the weather becomes cold and wet, with more people travelling in cars, it is of the utmost importance that we all ensure the safety of our children and each other.

Have a pleasant fortnight.

Sarah

APS COMMITMENT TO CHILD SAFETY - CHILD SAFE STANDARDS

Altona Primary School is committed to safety and wellbeing of all children and young people. This will be the primary focus of our care and decision-making. Altona Primary School has zero tolerance for child abuse. Altona Primary School is committed to providing a child safe environment where children and young people are safe and feel safe, and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives. Particular attention will be paid to the cultural safety of Aboriginal children and children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, as well as the safety of children with a disability. Every person involved in Altona Primary School has a responsibility to understand the important and specific role he/she plays individually and collectively to ensure that the wellbeing and safety of all children and young people is at the forefront of all they do and every decision they make.



EDUCATION WEEK

Last week Altona Primary School celebrated Education Week recognising 150 years of public education. Students were invited to dress up as their future career on Monday to begin the celebrations. It was fabulous to see students dress up as what they aspire to be when they grow up and showcase this at assembly in front of the school community celebrating 'Imagine the Future Day.'



Students were engaged in a variety of learning tasks throughout the week in their grades celebrating 150 years in various ways during Literacy and Mathematic sessions.

Throughout the week, students across the school worked on a progressive story about education in the past, present and future. Students enjoyed writing this collaboratively with their grades and across different year levels. Three wonderful stories were collectively written which the students and teachers are proud of and we will share these in the coming days through Compass:

- Past – It was the year 1872 at APS – Written by Prep F, 1T, 2M, 3I, 4R, 5V, 6T
- Present – It was the year 2022 at APS – Written by Prep H, 1JD, 2H, 3L, 4HM, 5SW, 6MM
- Future – It was the year 2172 at APS – Written by Prep B, 1P, 2G, 2S, 3PB, 4B, 5A, 6XM



On Friday, it was lovely to have so many grandparents and special people spend time with students in classrooms. It was great to hear all the sharing of educational experiences from the past and comparing it with the present. It was also fun to hear and imagine the future of education.



Thank you to all our wonderful students, teachers and school community for celebrating Education Week at APS in 2022!



Student Voice

Last week our student voice leaders came together to discuss some ideas they have for school initiatives, along with improvements they would like made around our school grounds. The leaders have some fabulous ideas with some of them being:

- Nude Food Days across the school to reduce the rubbish in our yard
- More outside activities and sports equipment
- Outdoor instruments
- Equipment and toys for the sand pit
- A Gaga Pit

In the coming weeks, the leaders will start to work on turning some of these ideas into reality. Our outdoor area under the new shade sails will require further development and our Student Voice Leaders will gather ideas from their peers around this space.

Student Initiated Clubs

Recently, a very passionate group of Grade 3s proposed the idea of starting a sewing club at recess. They have worked through various ideas about how to run this safely while being inclusive of all students. Last week this commenced and was very popular amongst students across the school.

Since then a number of other students have shown an interest in starting their own recess and lunchtime clubs, proposing their ideas in a lunchtime meeting with the Principal. Over the coming weeks we will see a number of these commence, creating a wonderful student-led experience for everyone to enjoy.



Deductible Gift Recipient Fund

Did you know that the school has a Deductible Gift Recipient Fund (DGR)? Set up at the end of 2020, the school has a Library DGR fund and a Buildings DGR fund. Tax-deductible donations can be made at any stage, with funds going directly to library resources, or building improvements.

All donations receive a receipt and can be claimed as a tax deduction. Any donations already made will receive a receipt prior to June 30th.

These donations go a long way to building our valuable resources and supporting the learning of our students.

If you are interested in making a donation at any time, please contact our Business Manager, Karrie.



SERVICING ALTONA PRIMARY SCHOOL
AVAILABLE MONDAY and WEDNESDAY
Order ONLINE until 8.30am on the DAY LUNCH IS REQUIRED

LUNCH ITEM ONE

SALADS

- Greek Style Salad with Feta and Olives (V, GF)
- Pic(k)nic Box – Vegetarian (V, GF)
- Pic(k)nic Box with Ham (GF)
- Mexican Inspired Salad (V, GF)
- Tuna Mix with Brown Rice & Quinoa Cakes (V, GF)

SUSHI

- Teriyaki Chicken Hand Rolls (2)
- Cooked Tuna Hand Rolls (2)
- Avocado Hand Rolls (2)
- Cucumber Hand Rolls (2)
- Vegetarian Hand Rolls (2)

BAKERY

- Cheese and Bacon Roll
- Cheese and Vegemite Scroll (w/m)
- SCROLL with Ham & Cheese
- Semi Dried Tomato and Olive ROLL
- Topped with Only Cheese Roll

BAKED FRESH PIZZAS

(Thin & Crisp, Served at room temp)

- Margherita Pizza
- Ham and Pineapple Pizza
- Fresh Tomato, with Italian Herbs Pizza
- Spinach and Feta Pizza

SANDWICHES, ROLLS & WRAPS

- Turkey, Cranberry, Lettuce and Cheese Sandwich
- Gluten Free Ham & Cheese Sandwich (GF)
- Simple Salad Roll (V)
- Cucumber & Ham Sandwich (GF)
- Vegemite Sandwich (2)
- Mild Salami and Salad Roll
- Plain Cheese Sandwich (2)
- Roast Beef, Fruit Chutney, Cheese and Lettuce Roll
- Cheese and Salad Roll
- Wholegrain Cheese and Tomato Sandwich
- WRAP (GF, DF) Ham and Salad
- Wholegrain Ham and Cheese Sandwich
- Chicken and Salad Roll
- Garden Salad Wrap (GF,DF,V)

LUNCH ITEM TWO/THREE

FRESH FRUIT & VEG

- Fresh Fruit Combo
- Freshly chopped Strawberries & Grapes
- Lightly Steamed Corn wheels & Broccoli pieces
- Celery & Carrot Sticks with Sultanas
- Chopped Carrot, Cucumber, Red & Yellow Capsicum
- Apple pieces with Lemon Juice, Cinnamon & Brown Sugar
- Chia Bowl with Banana, Coconut & Strawberries
- Sugar Snap Peas, Beans & Cherry Tomatoes
- Cantaloupe & Honeydew pieces
- Edamame (Lightly Salted)
- Cherry Tomatoes with Tasty Cheese & Rice Crackers
- Freshly chopped Orange Segments
- Whole Fruit – Banana OR Mandarin

YOGHURT

- Strawberry Chobani Yoghurt
- Blueberry Chobani Yoghurt
- Passionfruit Chobani Yoghurt
- Plain Chobani Yoghurt

BAKED GOODS

- Choc Chip Cookie
- Cornflake Cookie
- Finger Bun with Sprinkles
- Hedgehog Slice
- Choc Cup Cake (GF,DF)
- Blueberry Muffin

DIPS & CRACKERS

- Tzatziki Dip with Rice Crackers
- Avocado Dip with Rice Crackers
- Spring Onion Dip with Rice Crackers

POPCORN/SNACKS

- Dried Fruit Medley with a Yoghurt Frog
- Popcorn - Lightly Salted
- Popcorn - Slightly Sweet, Lightly Salted
- Lightly salted Fav'va Beans
- Chickpeas with Lime & Black Pepper
- Balsamic & Sea Salt Fav'va Beans

DRINKS

- Apple Juice / Orange Juice
- Full Cream Milk
- Nippy's Chocolate Milk
- So Good Soy Milk
- Strawberry Milk – Lactose Free

Healthy, Interesting & Affordable Lunches Delivered to School!
More information about Our Offering including
Pricing, Ingredients and Portion Size is available on the Our Menu Page at
www.classroomcuisine.com.au



ALTONA PRIMARY SCHOOL PREP 2023

Enrolments are now open

School tours are being run for prospective families.
Times and dates are advertised on our school website.

www.altonaps.vic.edu.au

Enrolment forms are available online or at the school.



If you have any questions regarding enrolment, please contact the school
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