

Altona Primary School Newsletter



2nd May 2022: Term 2 Week 2



Principal's Report

Welcome back to Term 2. Despite last week being a short week, students across the school were excited to reconnect with their classmates, share their holiday stories and quickly get back into their learning routines. This term albeit short, is a very busy one with NAPLAN, swimming, zoo excursions and Grade 4 camp just a few of the upcoming events.

CURRICULUM DAY – 26th APRIL

Last Tuesday, our staff engaged in a day of learning, with a focus on Mathematics. As a priority in our Annual Implementation Plan, we are focused on improving our outcomes in Number. Staff spent time looking at learner dispositions, mathematics anxiety and ways in which we can ensure that students feel positive about themselves and have success in all maths lessons. At home, engaging in positive discussions around maths can be of great support, along with highlighting the use of maths in everyday life to enable your children to see the application of concepts in the real world.

COVID-SAFE MEASURES

Maintaining a covid-safe environment continues to be a priority even with the easing of restrictions. Up to date information around this will continue to be posted through Compass. The best measure is to monitor for any symptoms, use the rapid antigen tests as recommended and keep your child home from school if they are unwell.

Dates to Remember

2, 9, 16, 23, 30th May
Grade 3 Swimming

4th May
Grade 6 Zoo Excursion

6th May
Mother's Day Stall

9th May
Grade 2 Zoo Excursion

10th May
Grade Prep Zoo Excursion

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)

24th June
Last Day Term 2
2.30pm Dismissal



ANZAC DAY SERVICE

On Monday 25th, Millie Goodin (Grade 5) proudly attended the dawn service at the Altona War Memorial as a representative of Altona Primary School. Sincere appreciation to Millie and her family who laid a wreath on behalf of our community. Upon return to school on Wednesday, some of our Grade 4 students led the school in an assembly to acknowledge Anzac Day, taking time to pause and reflect on the significance of this day.



NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be conducted from the 10th - 20th of May. All students in Grade 3 and 5 will complete 4 separate assessments: Writing, Reading, Language Conventions and Numeracy. All tests will be completed online this year, except for the Grade 3 Writing test. Further information has been communicated through Compass to Grade 3 and 5 families and the schedule of assessments is below:

	Tue 10 th May WRITING Grade 3 paper Grade 5 online	Wed 11 th May READING Grade 3 online	Thu 12 th May READING Grade 5 online	Fri 13 th May LANGUAGE Grade 3 online
Mon 16 th May LANGUAGE Grade 5 online	Tue 17 th May MATHS Grade 3 online	Wed 18 th May MATHS Grade 5 online	Thu 19 th May Make up assessments	Fri 20 th May Make up assessments

STUDENT VOICE LEADERS

This term, a new group of student voice leaders have been appointed from classes across the school. It was wonderful to see how proudly each of these students accepted their badges at our assembly. Chosen by their peers, these students will come together each week with the leadership team to share their thoughts and opinions on what is happening across the school. They will act as the representative from their class, canvas the ideas of their peers on upcoming events and have an active voice in school improvement. Future newsletters will include information from this group.

A reminder that if you have any feedback or queries at any stage, please don't hesitate to get in touch through the office. Classroom teachers are often the first point of contact, however you can always get in touch with members of our administration or Principal team: Lisa, Liz or Leanne in the office, Karrie our Business Manager, Nicole or Tim our Assistant Principals, or myself.

Have a great fortnight.
Sarah



PARENT PAYMENTS

A reminder to any families who have not yet actioned their contribution that you can do so at any time through Compass. These payments cover the cost of student book packs, stationery and curriculum materials, and support us to provide first aid products and purchase equipment for our PE, Art and Music programs. They also help to maintain and improve our school's buildings and grounds and replenish and renew classroom and digital resources. Without your contributions, many of these things may not be possible. Thanks to those of you who have already finalised these. We greatly appreciate your contribution.

MOTHERS DAY STALL

On Friday the 6th of May, our Friends and Families committee will be running a Mother's Day stall for our students to purchase gifts. Further details about this have been posted through Compass.

GRADE 6: SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACEMENT

Last week, parents of Grade 6 students received information about the placement process for government secondary schools. Parents will need to ensure they are aware of the timeline and dates that forms need to be returned to school. It is imperative that these dates are met.

YOUNG ENGINEERS

The term, Young Engineers will continue to run their program on Monday and Thursday afternoons. There are still places left in their Thursday session for any students who would like to join this program. If you are interested you can contact them directly. An information flyer features on the coming pages.



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.



Student Voice

Presenting our Term 2 Student Voice Leaders

PREP F: Mateo

PREP H: Barkot

PREP B: Ella

1T: Evie

1JD: Jake

1K: Leila

1P: Sophie

2M: Brae

2GG: Zoe

2S: Amelia

2H: Maiya

3I: Owen

3L: Amelia

3PB: Ana

4R: Aarav

4HM: Anthe & Ryan

4B: Audrey

5V: Alistar

5SW: Zali

5A: Imogen

6T: Sunny

6MM: Wes

6XM: Rachael





Build Your Tomorrow. Today!

Engineering & Robotics Advanced Robotics

Altona Primary School

Every Thursday from 5th May to 23rd June 2022

Eligibility	Program Name	Time	Fee	Dates	Book online at
Yr 1 - 2	Build-Up	3:30 to 4:45 pm	\$185	10/02 - 31/03	www.trybooking.com/865208
Yr 3 - 6	Engineering & Robotics	3:30 to 4:45 pm	\$185	10/02 - 31/03	www.trybooking.com/865208



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From Sustainable farming to self-driving cars, **Advanced Engineering & Robotics** model a range of real-world situations that teach students a complete understanding of how the technology works and used to solve the issue at hand. The engineering lessons engage kids with a hands-on learning environment and immerse them in the applications and possibilities of modern technologies. Through PBL (Project-based learning), students combine hardware, Lego® compatible building blocks, and coding to create a prototype and solve real-world problems. The projects are designed to encourage students to invent other viable solutions to these real-world issues and explore ways to utilize existing technology. The completion of these projects will boost confidence and create problem solving ability in students to overcome any challenge from working in their future jobs to solving our world's current or future problems.

Engineering & Robotics Program provides theoretical knowledge in software and mechanical engineering combined with mathematics and physics.

Build-Up Program is designed for little children where they start from learning the basics of building Lego Models including improving them and end up building models independently with a friend and enjoying group game.



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OPEN EVENING

Thursday 5th May, 4.30pm - 7pm



- **Gates open: 4.30pm**
- **Year 7 Information Sessions:**
5.00pm, 6.30pm
- **Senior Pathways & Course Selection Session: 6.00pm**
- *Explore our facilities*
- *Meet staff and students*
- *Interactive learning displays*
- *Subject guidance*
- *Community displays*
- *Sausage Sizzle*