Altona Primary School

30th October: TERM 4 WEEK 5

PS



Principal's Report

On Friday last week we acknowledged World Teachers Day. Whilst this is not the only day we acknowledge the hard work of our staff, it did provide an opportunity for us to celebrate the team of amazing educators we are fortunate to have at APS. Their work is reflected in our positive outcomes, but more importantly, their commitment and dedication to our learners is what makes APS such a unique place to be. I feel privileged to work alongside such an experienced and passionate group of teachers.

MODERNISATION PROJECT

You may recall the announcement that our school has received \$1.2 million in funding to upgrade our fences and playground space. Over the last month Smith+Tracey Architects has been appointed to the project and they have commenced planning for the improvements. At this stage, along with replacing sections of our fence, the key areas of development will be the area outside Room 12-13 and the current spider playground space (see below map priority Area 1) and the area around the current Grade 3/4 classrooms (see map priority Area 2 and 3). A combination of

play spaces, gathering areas and passive play options are being explored. This is an exciting time for APS and I welcome any suggestions or input from interested members of our community. If you'd like to engage in discussion around this, please let me know.



Dates to Remember

31st October Halloween dress up day

> 6th November Curriculum Day

7th November Cup Day Public Holiday

10th November School Skip-a-thon

10th-11th November Grade 3 Sleepover

> 17th November Canteen Day

> 21st November Prep Excursion

24th November Student Free Day

7th December Xmas Concert

12th December Grade 6 Graduation

20th December Last Day of Term 4 1.30 Dismissal



UNIFORM

Recently we have seen an increase in the amount of students attending school in clothing that is not a part of our compulsory school uniform. Our school uniform policy exists to ensure students are able to present themselves neatly and uniformly with pride. It aims to reduce student competition on the basis of clothing and enhance the profile and identity of the school and our students within the wider community. Items such as jeans, hoodies (with the exception of Grade 6 jumpers) and branded clothing items must not be worn to school. We have a wide variety of tops available from our uniform provider, and pants or shorts that are worn must be grey or purple. Your cooperation with this is appreciated.

XMAS CONCERT

Thursday the 7th of December is the night of our Xmas Concert. All classes will perform a Xmas song, along with the finals of Altona's Got Talent. We are providing an opportunity for local businesses to set up stalls at the event to sell their products and goods. Information about this has been posted to Compass. We will also have some offerings of food trucks onsite. The afternoon/evening will be a great opportunity for our community to come together. Keep an eye on Compass for further details closer to the event.

SPORT - REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Last week two teams represented our school at the Western Regional Championships. Our girls basketball team represented our school with great pride and played a great tournament. Our boys Volleyball team also had a successful tournament and finished Runners Up. A great achievement against divisions from across the whole Western Region. Thanks to the staff who have coached these teams: Tiffany, Jim and Robyne, along with parents who travelled to the games with the teams.

2024 PLANNING

Our preparations for 2024 are well underway with our staff currently working to form our 2024 classes. This is a timely and well thought through process. Many variables are taken into consideration in pursuit of ensuring our learners are placed into grades that take into account academic, social, emotional and behavioural needs, while also looking at friendship requests and input that was sought from parents. Please be aware that any specific requests from parents/carers at this point in time will be very difficult to accommodate. If you do have concerns, please organise a time to meet with a member of the principal team.

The remaining seven weeks of school are set be busy with lots on. As always we will continue to provide updates and reminders through our communication channels.

Please have it noted that this coming Monday (6th November) is a Curriculum Day with no students at school. Their Care will provide a service on this day for those that need to access this.

Have an enjoyable fortnight with a public holiday in the mix. Sarah.



Respect Gratitude Responsibility Aspiration Resilience Collaboration



School Council News

OSHC PROVIDER

Our school council has recently undertaken an Expression of Interest process for our OSHC provider, as the current licence agreement expires in January 2024. I am pleased to share that Their Care will continue to provide the OSHC service at our school for the coming three years. Fees will remain the same in 2024 and families that attend the service will benefit from the continuity of the same provider. Thanks to our school council members who were involved in a rigorous selection process.

PARENT CONTRIBUTIONS 2024

At our recent meeting, our Finance committee approved the Parent Payment arrangements for 2024 and there will be no increase in cost for curriculum contributions in 2024. Further information around payments will be provided to our community in the coming month and parents/carers will be able to make payments in the new year.

UNIFORM

Our school council is currently reviewing our student dress code policy, along with our uniform items. Recently, we have approved for the embroidered school logo to be updated to reflect our current logo (pictured below). The uniform provider will continue to sell 'old logo' stock and we will begin to see the new logo appearing on items over the coming year. 'Old logo' items will continue to be acceptable uniform indefinitely.

School Council have also approved the addition of a half zip purple windcheater (pictured to the right) as another option for students. This will have an embroidered yellow logo.





COMMUNICATION AT APS

COMPASS: Ongoing communication. Newsfeed items contain reminders and timely information. All payments and consent for events and activities are made through Compass.

NEWSLETTER: Reports what is happening and coming up at APS. Published fortnightly via Compass and the school website.

YEAR LEVEL NEWSLETTERS: Outlines the learning program of each year level. Published twice per term. SCHOOL WEBSITE: Information about the school, parent info and whole school calendar.

INSTAGRAM: Visual reminders and photographic updates. Posts updated weekly.





OCKEY EGINN

For kids aged 5 - 17 years Learn the basics of hockey & play some mini games When: Monday nights Time: 5.30pm - 6.30pm Starts: October 9th Ends: December 11th Cost: Free!

To register, please email Tiff with your (or your child's) name and age at juniors@altonahc.org.au.

NEWPORT CALISTHENICS CLUB **OPEN DAYS**



WESTERN WAREIORS LAWN BOW

DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

AUSTRALIAN PATHWAY Western Warrior

- Victorian U18 Team
 - Victorian U25
 - Victoria Team
- **Emerging Jackaroos** Jackaroos
 - Australia
- **Commonwealth Games**



aron Wilson Singles Gold Medallis OLD COAST COMMONWEALTH GAMES 2018 & 2022

- WESTERN WARRIORS REGISTRATION DAY AT THE ALTONA SPORTS CLUB
- OPEN TO ALL BOWLERS UNDER 18yo IN THE METRO WEST BOWLS REGION NEW BOWLERS WELCOME FREE COACHING AVAILABLE ON THE DAY
- . FREE BRO SUNDAY 8 OCTOBER 2023 10AM-3PM

Skilled coaching provided + All boys and girls U18 welcome • No prior bowling experience necessary For further details contact Garry | Mobile: 0410 306 039 Email: metrowestbowls@gmail.com

WESTERN WARRIORS HEADQUARTERS: Altona Sports Club, 11 Altona Road, Altona, Vic, 3018

