

# Altona Primary School Newsletter



15th September: TERM 3 WEEK 10



## Principal's Report

Time flies, and today marks the end of another school term. Attending our showcases of learning this week, it has been evident that much has been achieved in our classrooms over the past 10 weeks. Our teachers have spent time this week planning for next terms learning experiences, and looking at student data we continue to see great gains for our learners across all curriculum areas.

### MATHS OLYMPIADS

In Term 2 and Term 3 we have had a team of Grade 6 students participating in the APSMO Mathematical Olympiads. Each week, the team has gathered with Mr Gilpin to practice their problem solving skills and along with 38,000 students from across Australia, the team has participated in 5 online 'competition' tests. Our students' efforts have been remarkable and I am very proud to share that the team placed in the Top 10% of all participating schools. This is a great achievement.

Congratulations to Luke, Josh, Alistair, Aarna, Dawid, Aaron, Hazel, Tyler, Imogen, Hayley, Violet, Astrid, Max, Michael, Thomas, Ryan, Nicolas and Zali. Thanks also to Mr Gilpin for enabling this experience.



### HATS

When students return to school next term, it is an expectation that everyone has a school hat to wear for all outdoor activities, including recess and lunch. Students must have a school hat, however on any occasion that they do not they will be directed to play under covered spaces. Hats can be purchased from the school office for \$12 or directly from the uniform shop.

## Dates to Remember

2nd October  
First Day of Term 4

2nd October  
Grade Prep Swimming commences

3rd October  
Grade 1 Swimming commences

5th October  
Grade 5 excursion

9th -13th October  
Dental Van at APS

6th November  
Curriculum Day

7th November  
Cup Day Public Holiday

24th November  
Student Free Day

7th December  
Xmas Concert

12th December  
Grade 6 Graduation

20th December  
Last Day of Term 4  
1.30 Dismissal



## DIVISIONAL ATHLETICS

In the past fortnight, a group of our students participated in the Divisional Aths Carnival which was held at Newport Aths Track. Our students were awesome and we are so proud of their efforts:

Max (11 year old boys) placed 2nd in Hurdles  
Spencer (11 year old boys) placed 4th in the 800m and 3rd in the 200m  
Kalani (10 year old girls) placed 3rd in the 800m and 3rd in Triple Jump  
Delilah (10 year old girls) placed 3rd in Hurdles and 2nd in Shot Put.  
Genta (11 year old girls) placed 2nd in Discus and 2nd in Shot Put  
Felix (11 year old boys) placed 2nd on Long Jump and 4th in the 1500m

Mr Fava is to be acknowledged for the time he has spent working with this group of students in preparation for their events. I would also like to thank the parents/carers who supported their children at the carnival. 4 of our students who placed in the top 2 in their event will head off to the Western Region Athletics Championships on the 17th of October which will be held in Keilor Park.

## 2023 PAYMENTS

This is a reminder that families can still pay for 2023 Curriculum Contributions through Compass. This will appear on your Compass Newsfeed if you have not attended to this already. These payments are greatly appreciated and support the school to ensure that students have access to necessary resources to enable and enhance the learning experience in the classroom and in their specialist subjects.

## VALUES MATRIX – STUDENT VOICE LEADERS

Recently we have been reviewing our values matrix which details the expected behaviours aligned with our school values. Our student voice leaders have been involved in this review and are actively working to provide feedback gathered from their peers. Over the coming term, we will work to redevelop our matrix with the input of our students. Some early feedback has centred around the way the matrix is presented and the importance of all students being able to understand the expectations. Students have also identified that the matrix needs to reference behaviours specific to our classrooms, yard, toilets and online environment...watch this space.

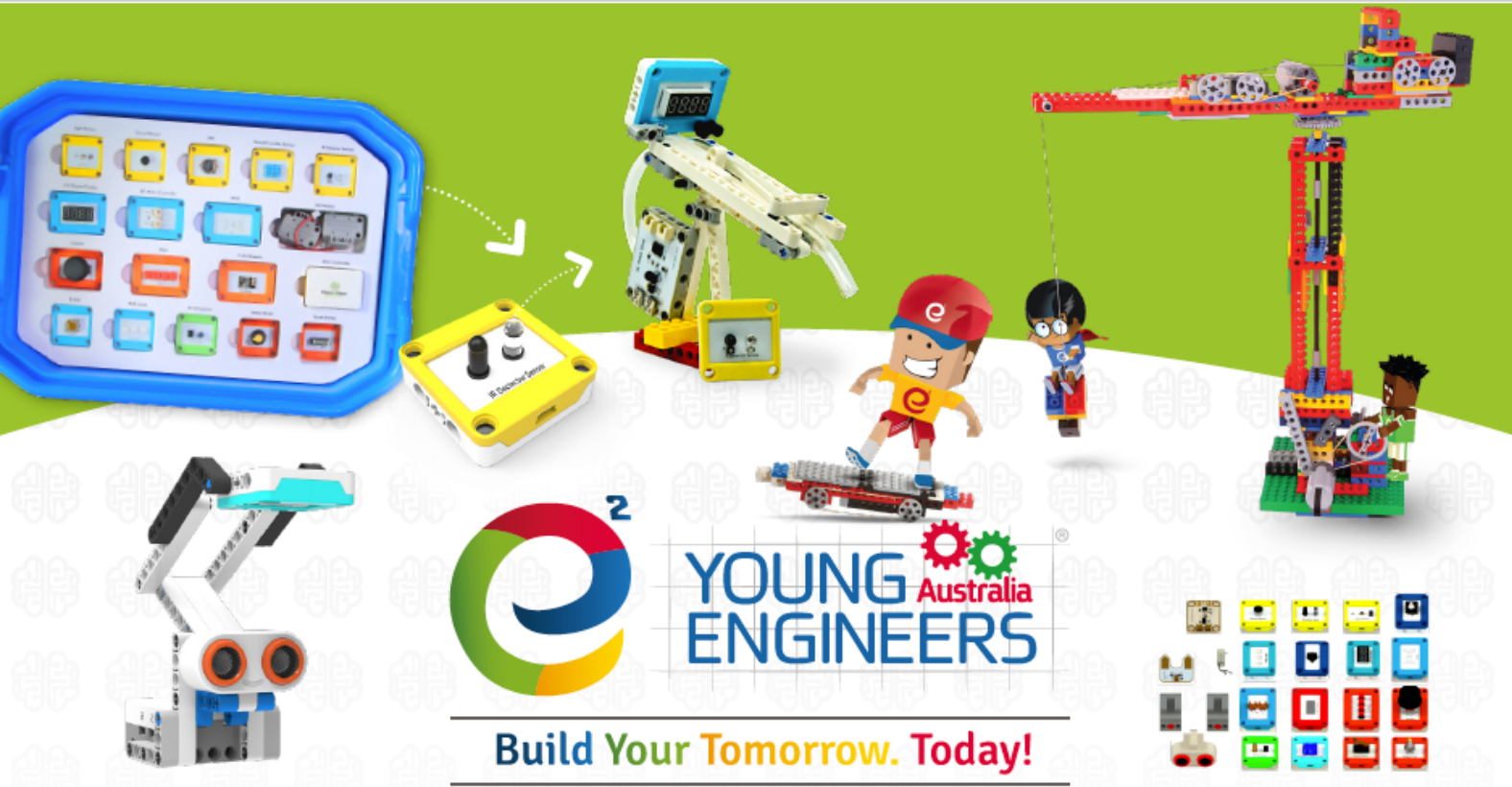
## FRIENDS AND FAMILIES COMMITTEE

The past few weeks has seen our FFC run a number of events across our school. The Father's Day Stall, Canteen Day and the Book Drive have all been a great success, enabled by the hard work of not only our FFC members, but also a number of wonderful volunteers. As a school we are so fortunate to be supported by the FFC and volunteers, and our students benefit immensely from this. If you are ever able to assist or support, I encourage you to reach out to the FFC any stage. I would like to individually acknowledge Amanda who organised the Father's Day Stall, Emma for preparing for the Canteen Day and Sarah for stepping in to run it on the day.

As we head into the school break, I would like to thank our community for your ongoing support, our students for their efforts this term and our teachers for their continued commitment to making APS the place to be!

I hope you have a somewhat restful two weeks ahead and I look forward to seeing everyone back at school for our final term. Please be aware that students return on Monday 2nd October. Our Term 4 curriculum day is scheduled for the Cup Weekend (6th November).

Take care,  
Sarah



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# Engineering & Robotics Advanced Robotics

## Altona Primary School

Every Monday from 09th Oct to 18th Dec 2023

Eligibility	Program Name	Time	Fee	Dates	Book online at
Yr 1 - 2	Build up	3:30 to 4:45 pm	\$250	09/10 - 18/12	<a href="http://www.trybooking.com/BWONZ">www.trybooking.com/BWONZ</a>
Yr 3 - 6	Engineering & Robotics	3:30 to 4:45 pm	\$250	09/10 - 18/12	<a href="http://www.trybooking.com/BWONZ">www.trybooking.com/BWONZ</a>



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.

**For more information, please call Chaitali on 0450 801 297**

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Spring Holiday Program



Silly Slime



Movie Magic



Build a Bot



Footy Fun

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**Times** 7:00 am – 6:15 pm



**Location** 109 Blyth St, ALTONA VIC 3018



**Call** 0419 126 837



### Mad Science Museum

Hypothesise, predict, and best of all experiment! Have a BLAST (literally) with this Silly Science fun. Become the Scientist creating chemical changes, watching rockets blast off, and turning seaweed into slime.

**From as low as** \$8.98 with the maximum Child Care Subsidy. **Full fee** \$89.71 without the Child Care Subsidy.



#### Science Workshop

**Additional fun:**  
Bee and butterfly tiggy, DIY robotic hand, frog and lily pad craft, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

**MONDAY**  
**18**  
**SEPTEMBER**



### Moon Walking

Jump for the sky and warp the laws of gravity if you dare! This massive indoor trampoline park is suitable for all ages and abilities. You and your friends will feel like you're walking on the moon.

**Please be at the service by 8:30 am. Pick up after 3:00 pm. Please wear runners and socks.**

**From as low as** \$11.31 with the maximum Child Care Subsidy. **Full fee** \$113.07 without the Child Care Subsidy.



#### Trampoline Excursion

**Additional fun:**  
Meteor ball, parachuting pipe cleaner people, ladybug on a leaf craft, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

**TUESDAY**  
**19**  
**SEPTEMBER**



### Challenge Royale

Are you up for the challenge? Test your science skills using magnets, ice, and balloons. Who will be victorious?

**From as low as** \$7.49 with the maximum Child Care Subsidy. **Full fee** \$74.81 without the Child Care Subsidy.



#### Defy Gravity with Magnets

**Additional fun:**  
Space mural astronauts, your name in stars, astronaut costumes plus plenty of time to choose your own space adventure.

**WEDNESDAY**  
**20**  
**SEPTEMBER**



### Silly Science

Time to get silly in the name of science! Have a ball making silly string slime, rainbow tambourines and then play asteroid dodgeball!

**From as low as** \$8.32 with the maximum Child Care Subsidy. **Full fee** \$83.14 without the Child Care Subsidy.



#### String Slime

**Additional fun:**  
Marbled planets, asteroid dodgeball, rainbow tambourines plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

**THURSDAY**  
**21**  
**SEPTEMBER**



### Inner Bloom

Celebrate the science of Spring! You'll love crazy caterpillar races, a schoolyard bug hunt, and exploration into the exciting science of Spring Chromatography. The service will be in full bloom!

**From as low as** \$7.49 with the maximum Child Care Subsidy. **Full fee** \$74.81 without the Child Care Subsidy.



#### Spring Chromatography

**Additional fun:**  
Build a bug, schoolyard bug hunt, caterpillar races, plus plenty of time to choose your own Spring adventure.

**FRIDAY**  
**22**  
**SEPTEMBER**





**Excursion**



**Super Excursion**



**Special Activities**



**In-house Fun**



**Public Holiday**



### Ruby Gillman, Teenage Kraken

A sly adolescent learns that she comes from a fabled royal family of legendary sea krakens and that her destiny lies in the depths of the waters, which is bigger than she could have ever imagined.

**Arrive at the service by 8:30 am. Pick Up After 2:30 pm. Wear runners & socks.**



### Movie Excursion

**Additional fun:** LEGO ziplines, epic trivia tigg, hoop gliders, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

**MONDAY**  
**25**  
**SEPTEMBER**



**From as low as \$11.31 with the maximum Child Care Subsidy. Full fee \$113.07 without the Child Care Subsidy.**



### Footy Fever

Let's kick off Grand Final week with 2.5 hrs of FUN. Get ready and jump into your footy gear. Kicking, handballing and crafts will put our skills to the test. Umpired by accredited coaches plus a special guest appearance!



### Footy Carnival Excursion

**Additional fun:** Tail tigg, bubble paint aliens, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

**TUESDAY**  
**26**  
**SEPTEMBER**



**From as low as \$12.46 with the maximum Child Care Subsidy. Full fee \$124.58 without the Child Care Subsidy.**



### Mini Bots

Build, race and take home your very own Mini Bot! Go on a mission to steal Darth Vader's treasure and then the fun continues with marshmallows zodiacs.



### STEM Robots

**Additional fun:** Rocket pencil toppers, Newtons tower, Marshmallow zodiacs plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

**WEDNESDAY**  
**27**  
**SEPTEMBER**



**From as low as \$8.32 with the maximum Child Care Subsidy. Full fee \$83.14 without the Child Care Subsidy.**



### Insect-A-Mania

Today we will explore a fascinating array of live invertebrates and mini beasts. Discover the biology of backyard bugs in an interactive workshop that is sure to be fly.



### Native Animals Incursion

**Additional fun:** Playdough animals, monkey tag, chicken clucker experiment, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

**THURSDAY**  
**28**  
**SEPTEMBER**



**From as low as \$8.98 with the maximum Child Care Subsidy. Full fee \$89.71 without the Child Care Subsidy.**

**NO SERVICE** **Public Holiday!**



**FRIDAY**  
**29**  
**SEPTEMBER**





# Come & Try Artistic Swimming

Golden Fish Synchronised Swimming is running Come & Try Sessions in September!

Open to all genders aged 7+.

**Come and have a go!**

Wed 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023 (5:00-6:00pm)

Victoria University Footscray Park Aquatic & Sports Centre  
Building L, Level 0, Ballarat Rd, Footscray

Sessions are free of charge.

Participants should be able to swim 25m unassisted in deep water.

RSVP: [goldenfishsynchro@gmail.com](mailto:goldenfishsynchro@gmail.com)



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## GO GIRLS IS COMING HERE SOON!



### LOW-KEY, FUN FOOTBALL FOR GIRLS AGED 7-16!

It's designed for girls to experience, learn and practice football in an inclusive, fun, all-girl environment. No experience is necessary - this social format of the game can be played by girls with all levels of experience and all levels of fitness.



Date: Tuesday 24th October 2023  
Time: 5:30pm  
Location: Crn Ross Rd & Mills Street, Altona North 3025

## GO FIVES IS COMING HERE SOON!



### 5v5 FUN FOOTBALL, FOR GIRLS & BOYS AGED 7-13!

EACH TEAM FIELDS FIVE PLAYERS (FOUR OUTFIELD PLAYERS AND A GOALKEEPER), WITH MATCHES PLAYED ON A SMALLER PITCH, WITH SMALLER GOALS AND A SHORTER GAME DURATION. A MODIFIED, CONSTANTLY FLOWING FORMAT, WITH EXCITING, HIGH-POSSESSION FOOTBALL, GREAT FOR BEGINNERS RIGHT THROUGH TO ELITE PLAYERS



Date: Thursday 19th October 2023  
Time: 5:30pm (start times vary between age groups)  
Location: Crn Ross Rd & Mills Street, Altona North 3025