

# Altona Primary School Newsletter



9th November 2022: TERM 4 WEEK 6



## Principal's Report

It is hard to believe we are almost halfway through Term 4. Classrooms remain focused on ensuring students are challenged and engaged in their learning as teachers continue to assess and gather information to inform their end of year reports. It is always pleasing to visit classrooms and see the work our students are undertaking and the growth they are making in all areas of their learning.

### SPECIALIST PROGRAM FOR 2023

As we continue our planning for 2023, I am pleased to share that our specialist program will be expanded next year. Physical Education, Music and Visual Art will continue as subjects. AUSLAN will be offered for the entire year, rather than a single semester and we will introduce STEM, which will include Science and Digital Technology.

### TRANSITION SESSIONS

This week, our 2023 Preps will commence transition sessions. They will attend school for an hour each Friday for the next four weeks. We are still taking enrolments for 2023, so if you know of anyone who is yet to enrol their child, please let them know that it is not too late.

We will run two transition sessions for our current students (Prep-Grade 5) in Week 10 and 11 where students will work in their 2023 grades. These sessions provide an opportunity for students to meet their classmates and teacher prior to the school break to support the transition into the next school year. Further information will be provided closer to sessions.

## Dates to Remember

10th November  
School Concert 5-8pm

11th, 18th, 25th November  
2nd December  
2023 Prep Transition 11.30-12.30

25th November  
Grade 3 Sleepover

9th December  
CANTEEN DAY

13th December  
Grade 6 Graduation

15th December  
Grade 6 Mystery Tour

20th December  
Last Day of Term 4  
1.30 Dismissal

30th January 2023  
Term 1 2023 commences  
3rd February 2023  
Preps First Day of School



## SUPERVISION BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

Student safety is our highest priority and the safe and appropriate supervision of students is an important element of our duty of care to students. Part of this duty is ensuring parents and students are aware of our student supervision arrangements before and after school.

Before school: School grounds are supervised from 8.45am.

After school: School grounds are supervised until 3.30pm.

Students on school grounds outside these times will not be supervised (unless they are attending the before or after school care program or they are enrolled in an after school activity).

## ROAD SAFETY

It has been brought to my attention that members of our community are making risky decisions on the roads around our school at drop off and pick up times. I remind everyone that the school crossings are the safest points to cross the surrounding roads. It is also imperative that drivers are adhering to the designated speed limits around the school and that cars are parked in allocated parking spaces. Children exiting or entering cars that are double parked is dangerous. While it may seem quicker than waiting for a carpark, the risk is not warranted and I urge drivers to consider the safety of all our community at drop off and pick up times.

## VISIT FROM MELISSA HORNE

On Friday 28th of October our school had a visit from our local MP, Melissa Horne. Members of the school council and our student voice leaders were delighted to hear that Altona Primary School has been identified as a school to receive funding for upgrades if the Labor government is re-elected at the coming state election.

A commitment of 1.16 million dollars, allocated to upgrading our outdoor play spaces and fencing will form part of the next state budget.



## MUSIC CONCERT

Our concert is this Thursday and is sure to be a wonderful community event. Each grade will be performing an item, showcasing their talents and the skills they have learnt during their music sessions.

Our Prep, 1s and 2s will all perform a song with vocals and ukulele, while Grade 3, 4, 5 and 6 will perform as a whole class band.

My sincere appreciation to Tim Rouse for the work he has put into organising the concert which I am sure will be a fabulous event



## STAFFING NEWS

I am pleased to let you all know that Natascha Hruschka welcomed a baby boy into her family on the 24th of October. Late last term, Kaela Jeselnik also welcomed a baby boy. Mums and bubs are travelling well.



## GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM - WESTERN METRO CHAMPS!!

We are so proud to have seen our girl's basketball team win the Western Metropolitan Regional competition last week. This means that they have now progressed to the State Championship which will be held at MSAC on the 15th of November. Congratulations to the girls who were outstanding on and off the court and thanks to Adam McPherson for coaching the team this season. We can't wait to see how they go in the State Championships.



## ATTENDANCE

This year we have understandably seen a large amount of student absences. We acknowledge there has been a directive to keep unwell and symptomatic children home which obviously increases absence from school. Along with this, the ability for families to get away, to visit loved ones and travel interstate or overseas after years of not being able to, has also contributed to absences from school.

We appreciate that higher levels of absence this year are understandable, however we currently have a large amount of absences that are unexplained. It is important that any time your child is away that you add a note on Compass explaining this. Any unexplained absences will appear as requiring attention on your Newsfeed and I am requesting that parents/carers take some time to ensure these are addressed and explained as either illness, parent choice or family holiday. This will support us to ensure our attendance records are accurate. Please contact the office if you have questions or would like assistance with this.

As always, please don't hesitate to come and have a chat or set up a meeting if you have feedback, questions or concerns at any time. Catch me in the yard before or after school, or contact the office.

Have a great fortnight everyone.

Sarah

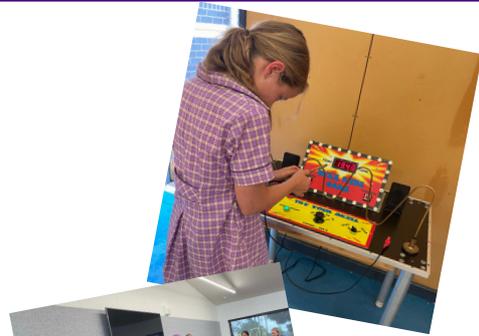


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# Newsletter

## WHAT'S ON

This term is flying by, already half way through. Going back to week 4, we had our halloween theme. This was a huge success, the children were so involved with all the activities. We even decorated the room and the staff got involved with dress up day and dressing up for Halloween on the pupil free day.

During week 5 we had our Nickelodeon theme, Peppa Pig was the highlight for the week.

This week we are putting on our safari hats and binoculars, it's jungle week! The children will be creating different animals found in the jungle and putting their own twist on them.

As the weather is warming up this week we will be outside more often. Playing Gaga ball and on the playgrounds.

## SunSmart

With Term 4 upon us, hats and sunscreen are a must. Please remember to bring a hat to both BSC and ASC.

TheirCare has also brought in a new supervision policy where all children MUST wear the TheirCare bibs. This ensures that all children can be identified and accounted for.

## POLICY REMINDERS

If you need to book/cancel please do so via fullybooked 24 hours prior to avoid a \$4 fee. Send us an email, text or pop in to let staff know if you are collecting, canceling or booking your child. There is a \$1/minute fee for each child that is picked up after 6:15pm.

Parents/guardians must be present with child on arrival to before and after school care

## WEEK 6 ACTIVITIES

	BSC	ASC
MONDAY	BUILD AN ANIMAL	NATURE COLLAGE
TUESDAY	SNAKES PUPPETS	GIRAFFE BINOCULARS
WEDNESDAY	BIRDS FRUIT SALAD	SLOTHS FROGS
THURSDAY	ELEPHANTS JUNGLE BOOK	BIG CATS RHINOS
FRIDAY	LIZARDS MONKEYS	ZEBRAS PANDAS

## WEEK 6 MENU

	BSC	ASC
MONDAY	Children have a self served breakfast. Consisting of wholemeal bread, raisin bread, waffles, basic cereals (corn flakes, rice bubbles, cheerios), milk and milk alternatives.	YOGHURT
TUESDAY		NACHOS
WEDNESDAY		PASTA
THURSDAY		PIZZA
FRIDAY		POPCORN

## Parent/guardian information

TheirCare program phone:  
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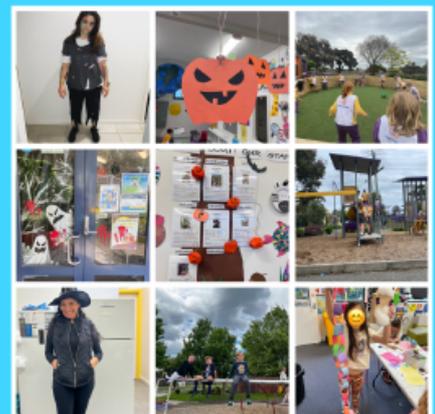
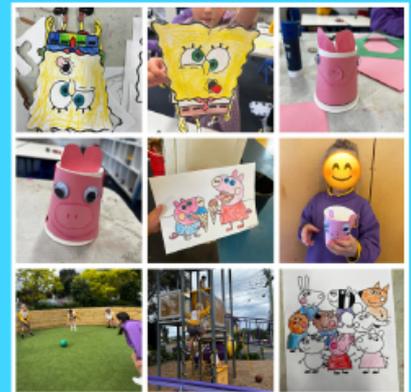
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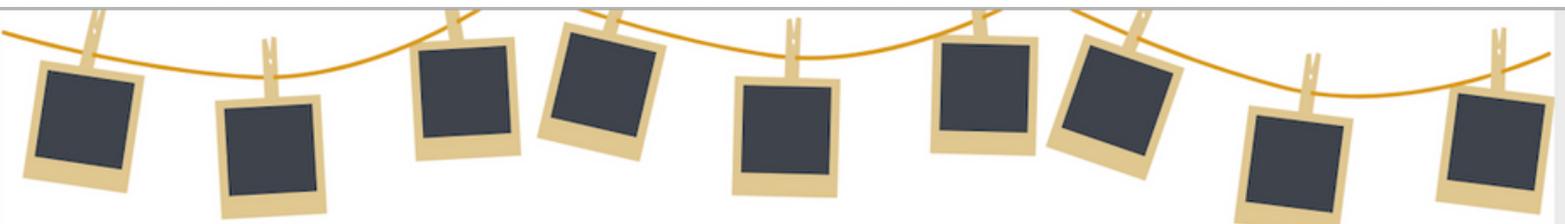
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# SCHOOL CONCERT CLASS PHOTO

*6 x 8 inch colour print*

*\$15 each*



**\$5 from every sale will go to APS  
'Outdoor Learn & Play' initiatives.**

**Order your print from the School Office from  
15-30 November for delivery to your child's  
classroom by 14 December.**

**Sample class photos available in  
the office.**

**Each class will be photographed  
prior to their performance.**



Altona Primary School  
**FRIENDS AND FAMILIES  
COMMITTEE**

Altona College  
presents

*An evening with*



# ENGAGING YOUNG TEENS IN LEARNING AND LIFE

**ANDREW FULLER**

Come and have a fun session with well-known Clinical Psychologist, Andrew Fuller. Andrew's talks are always fun and informative. Andrew's work aims to have people build a future they can fall in love with.

## Topics covered will include:

- Tuning up teens for great lives
- How to increase motivation
- Reducing anxiety
- The mindset for success and how parents can create this in their teens
- Resolving conflicts

**24th of November**  
Altona College 103A Grieve Pde  
**Senior Building**  
**Tickets \$5**

Open for Altona College families  
only until 24th October

Tickets for wider community  
from 24th October



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