

Altona Primary School Newsletter



24th June 2022: END OF TERM 2



Principal's Report

End of Semester Reports and Parent Teacher Interviews

Reports have been published today through Compass. Comments and results are a reflection of the learning that has taken place over the first semester, with teachers gathering a range of evidence to inform the placement of students against the curriculum standards.

We have scheduled parent teacher interviews for the second week of next term on the 20th July from 3.30 – 7.30pm and the 21st July from 3.30-4.30. Further information about this and the ability to book appointments will be available through Compass at the beginning of next term.

Canteen Day

Another successful Canteen Day was held last Friday and I thank the Friends and Families Committee for providing this experience for our students. Our school captains were also on hand to support with the running of the day and were of great assistance to our younger students as they grappled with decisions of what to purchase and how to have the correct money ready.

Showcases of Learning

This term our showcases have been well attended and have been a great celebration of what has been learnt and achieved this term. It was a delight to visit all classrooms during their showcase and see how proud students were to share their work.

Dates to Remember

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

18th – 22nd July

Grade 5 Swimming

19th July

Friends and Families Committee
meeting @ 9am

25th – 29th July

Grade 6 swimming

16th September

End of Term 3



Lunch Orders in Term 3

Next term, we will have lunch orders available on all school days. Classroom Cuisine will continue to provide a service on Monday and Wednesday. This will enable those children who have grown fond of the offerings from Classroom Cuisine to continue have this choice on Monday and Wednesdays. www.classroomcuisine.com.au

Just Sweets will provide lunch orders on all days of the school week from next term. Orders can be placed through the ordering portal <https://altona.justsweets.com.au/>

Curriculum Day reminder

A reminder to families that Monday the 11th of July is a scheduled Curriculum Day so no children will attend school on this day. Their Care will be available.

My sincere thanks to our whole community for another wonderful term of learning and engagement at APS. I know many of our families are fortunate enough to be heading away over the break, and I wish you all safe travels. For those staying more local, I hope you all have a restful two weeks and keep nice and warm.

I look forward to seeing everyone back on Tuesday 12th July.

Sarah

Student Voice

This term our student voice leaders have been actively engaging in weekly meetings to provide feedback and ideas that they have gathered from their peers. Suggestions have already informed the purchasing of new books for classroom libraries, a Gaga Pit will be developed in the near future and new equipment for outdoor play is next on the agenda.

This week, the voice leaders all attended their teachers planning days to share what they would like to see in their learning next term. Students were able to share ideas around what they would like to learn and how they would like to learn. The voice leaders gathered feedback from their peers that they shared with the teachers, with many suggestions around the ways in which they would like to learn and what is most enjoyable and engaging in the classrooms. Teachers were then able to use the students ideas to plan for next terms learning experiences.





SPORTS REPORT

Winter Interschool Sports Finals

Last week was the last round of the Winter Interschool Sports Competition. All children had a fun and enjoyable season competing for the school.

We had three teams that made the finals. The girls football team played Williamstown North PS and unfortunately were defeated 35 to 15. The girls had a great season as many had not played AFL before. I know Miss McDonald, was very proud of the girl's efforts each week.

The boys soccer team played Williamstown North PS also on a pretty muddy pitch. Willy North got out to a handy lead of 2-0, though the boys kept pushing and lost narrowly 3-2. Mr Mac was also wrapped with their efforts throughout the season.

Lastly, the mixed netball team played Newport Gardens. The team played like a well-oiled machine winning 32 to 2. Ms Twyerould and the team are very excited as they now progress through to the Divisional Rounds next term.

Regional Cross Country.

Altona PS had 5 children run in the Western Region Cross Country Championships at Brimbank Park.

This course was very different to the ones at school and Presidents Park as there were a number of hills involved, but our children were well prepared, having trained hard both at school and in their own time.

In the 10 year old girls event, which was 2kms long, we had Madolyn, Iris and Myra representing our school. The start was hectic, with a stampede of 92 girls running down the straight. Myra settled in the front group early with Iris and Madolyn settling mid pack. The soggy conditions made it a tricky race, with Iris and Madolyn continuing to push forward throughout the race. Iris finishing 24th, Madolyn 49th and Myra 59th. Top effort girls as the Western Region encompasses a very large area.

In the 10 year old boys race, we had Spencer and Jake representing the school. Another large race with 86 participants. Spencer started off quickly settling not far of the leaders with Jake mid pack. The hills sorted out a few competitors, though this was not a problem with our two boys. Spencer held his spot throughout the race battling on, while Jake slowly but surely started to chase down runners in front, powering down the hills. Spencer finished 35th while Jake pushed hard for the leaders, just falling short finishing 5th in the Region and qualifying for the State Titles. Massive effort by both boys who have been training hard for this event.

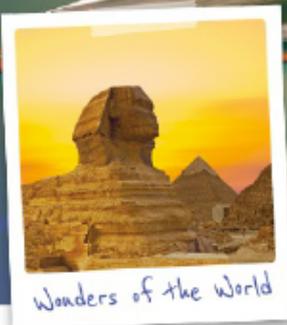
Well done to all our runners. We could not be any prouder of you. Good luck to Jake, who will run in the State Cross Country Titles at Yarra Valley Racing Club on the 14th of July. APS is right behind you.



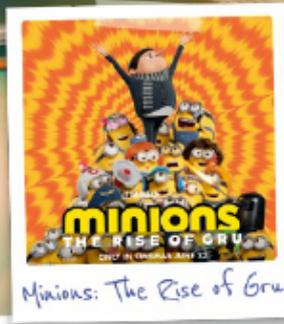
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Eye of the Dragon - Monday 27 June

Today we will be exploring the rich cultures from across Asia. From the legendary dragons of Chinese folklore to India's colourful sights and sounds, there is a lot to celebrate. We will make paper lanterns and dragons, try mango lassi and play a game of fruit salad.

Feature Activity: Paper Lanterns

Additional Activities: Dragons, mango lassi, fruit salad game, soccer, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

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Minions: The Rise of Gru - Tuesday 28 June

From the biggest global animated franchise in history, comes the original story of how the world's greatest supervillain first met his iconic Minions. Together they will face off against the most unstoppable criminal force ever assembled in Minions The Rise of Gru. Popcorn & Water included.

Feature Activity: Minions: The Rise of Gru Movie

Additional Activities: Minion upcycled bowling pins, minion crafts, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

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

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A Bear in There - Wednesday 29 June

Create your own stuffed teddy bear with us today, then bring your new friend along to the picnic zone, where we will play some classic party games and make iced cookies.

Feature Activity: Calico Bears

Additional Activities: Party games, iced cookies, magic paper art cubes, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

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Pumping Up the Tunes - Thursday 30 June

Move and groove with our special guests, who will be bringing an excellent silent disco and party games which will have you dancing your way through the generations. The fun continues with sporting games and lots of creative crafts.

Feature Activity: Silent Disco

Additional Activities: Throw archery game, build a paper roller coaster, beading, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

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Wonders of the World - Friday 1 July

The seven new wonders of the world are impressive sights spanning multiple continents. Today we will take a trip within the service to explore the ancient city of Chichen Iza in Mexico and see the feat of engineering that is the Colosseum in Rome!

Feature Activity: Clay Structures

Additional Activities: Colosseum construction, friendship bracelets, underwater colour bursts experiments, football, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

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Once Upon a Time - Monday 4 July

Once upon a time Aliens invaded Earth. It's up to you to win back the planet. Protect your home base and destroy the alien camp. See which planet you can send the aliens to and rebuild planet Earth!

Feature Activity: Sporting Incursion

Additional Activities: Origami pandas, fizzy drip paintings, boomerang puzzles, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

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Kids in the Kitchen - Tuesday 5 July

Today we will be spending time in the kitchen cooking up a storm with some yummy and healthy recipes, including pikelets, vegetable hot pot and fruit salad skewers.

Feature Activity: Cooking Activities

Additional Activities: Pikelets, vegetable hot pot, fruit salad skewers, chefs hat crafts, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

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Slam Dunk! - Wednesday 6 July

Line up your shot and score a three-pointer with your very own one of a kind mini basketball ring. After assembling and decorating your kit, simply hang it on your wall and start refining your skills. We'll then play a game of around the world and make muesli bars.

Feature Activity: Mini Basketball Rings

Additional Activities: Ball games, Aboriginal inspired artwork, muesli bar, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

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Spring into Action - Thursday 7 July

Prepare for an adrenaline rush suitable for all ages as we visit Bounce Inc. Jump for the sky on their trampolines, play a game of dodgeball with your friends or even dive into the big bag if you dare. Unleash your free spirit!

Feature Activity: Trampoline Park Excursion

Additional Activities: Colour wheel clown art, papel picado, snowflakes plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

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

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Happily Ever After - Friday 8 July

... And they lived happily ever after! Today, we will look at some of our favourite stories and perhaps even create our own. We will create our own character inspired by the works of Dr Suess, make a Mad Hatter hat and play a game of quidditch.

Feature Activity: Mini Story Books

Additional Activities: Dr Suess inspired character designs, Mad Hatter hats, bookmarks, quidditch game, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

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