

Altona Primary School Newsletter



8th May 2023: TERM 2 WEEK 3



Principal's Report

We have had a very busy start to the term with excursions, incursions, sporting events and our very successful school disco. Even though this is a relatively short term, with only nine weeks of instruction, we have lots of experiences planned to enhance student learning and engage our community.

ANNUAL REPORT

Our Annual Report was endorsed by our school council earlier this term. The annual report outlines school performance over the key measures of learning, wellbeing and engagement. The report is now available for our community on our [website](#). I am pleased to share that our performance is continuing to show improvement and we perform above similar schools and state averages across most of the measures. This is a credit to our wonderful students, dedicated staff, and supportive community. If you have any questions about the report, please don't hesitate to come and have a chat with a member of our Principal team.

REMOVAL OF PORTABLE CLASSROOMS

You will have noticed that over the holiday period, the portable classrooms at the end of the oval on Blyth Street were removed from our school site. These classrooms were placed at APS temporarily while our main building underwent a full roof replacement in 2021. This area now presents an opportunity to create a new outdoor learn and play space which we will work to develop over the coming year.

DISCOS

My sincere thanks to the staff who volunteered their time to supervise our school discos, the first ones in many years. With over 400 students attending, we had an incredible amount of fun. Over \$2000 was raised which will be contributed to our yearly fundraising effort to develop our outdoor learn and play spaces.

Dates to Remember

8th May
Grade 5-6 Athletics Day

9th May
District Cross Country

10th May
Grade 3-4 Athletics Day

12th May
Mothers Day Stall
Mothers Day Picnic P-2

15-19th May
Education Week

18th May
House Games Day

16th May
Prep Zoo Excursion

29th May - 31st May
Grade 4 Camp

6th June
FFC AGM meeting at 9am

12th June
King's Birthday Public Holiday

23rd June
Last Day of Term 2: 2:30 Dismissal



MATHS OLYMPIAD

This year we have a group of twenty Grade 6 students participating in the Maths Olympiad. Over the year, they will participate in four maths problem solving competitions against thousands of students from Australia and New Zealand. Last week the group participated in their first competition and performed incredibly well. We are excited to participate in academic opportunities like this, for our students to extend and enhance their skills and knowledge. My thanks to Andrew Gilpin for enabling this experience.

ENROLMENT

Enrolment for Prep in 2024 is now open. Tours are currently being run for prospective families and further information can be found on our website. This year a statewide enrolment process and timeline has been directed by the Department of Education. Enrolments should be received by the 28th of July. We will automatically accept enrolments from any students residing in our zone and siblings of already enrolled students. Those outside of the zone are able to submit an application for enrolment, but must do so by the 28th of July. If you know of anyone with a prep commencing next year, please make them aware that we are now accepting enrolments.

SCHOOL VALUES

Our school values identify the behaviours that we want to see in our learners, staff and community in the classroom, in the school yard and in the community. This term we are highlighting the values of Respect and Aspiration. Emphasis will be placed on explicitly teaching these values, and our school captains will also be playing an active role in supporting students to understand and exhibit these.

MOTHERS DAY STALL

This Friday, 12th May is our annual Mothers Day stall. All students will attend and I thank the volunteers who make this experience a possibility for our school.

FRIENDS AND FAMILIES COMMITTEE (FFC)

At last weeks AGM, we were unable to fill the office bearer positions on our FFC. These positions need to be filled and I strongly encourage any members of our community who would be interested in finding out more to watch out for information that will be distributed over the coming weeks. The AGM has been rescheduled for the 6th June at 9am. Our FFC is an invaluable support to our students, staff and parents. The experiences that this committee enable for our school are impossible to achieve without community members being a part of the committee and volunteering. APS is so privileged to have this committee who successfully runs fundraisers, Mother's/Father's day stalls, Canteen Days and other events, all while developing and enhancing community connections. If you have considered supporting, now is the time.

GRADE 6 GOVERNMENT HIGH SCHOOL ENROLMENT

All Grade 6 students have received information about enrolling in government high schools. A reminder that forms are due back and must be returned by Friday the 12th of May.

BIKE SAFETY

Unfortunately, we have recently had reports from members of our community of students taking unsafe risks on the roads around Altona as they are riding home from school. If your child rides a bike to school, I urge you to discuss their safe travel to and from school. Students who are riding should have an awareness of road rules, understand their path of travel to and from school and must be wearing a helmet.

As always, if you have questions or feedback, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Have a great fortnight.
Sarah



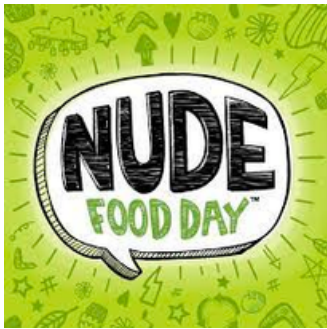
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WEEK 2 and WEEK 3

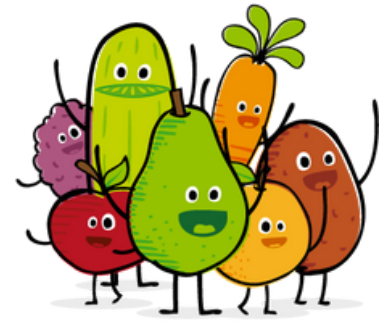


INCURSIONS AND EXCURSIONS

Last week our Grade 1s had a visit from Labcoat Learning to explore mini beasts and Grade 6s had a Mad About Science day. The Grade 2s ventured to the Werribee Zoo on an excursion. Each of these experiences immersed students in content linked to the inquiry topics they will explore this term. Sincere thanks to those who helped on the days.

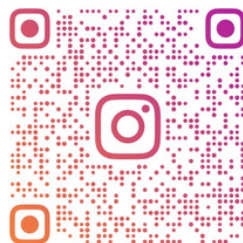


This term, our student voice leaders are initiating **Nude Food Wednesdays**. Students are encouraged to bring a rubbish free lunch box every Wednesday. Each class will then record how many students have a Nude Food lunch box and voice leaders will track whether this supports to eliminate waste and rubbish in our school yard. Nude Food is food that does not need packaging or food that can be placed in containers.



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ALTONA PRIMARY SCHOOL PREP 2024

Enrolments are now open

School tours are being run for prospective families.
Times and dates are advertised on our
school website.

www.altonaps.vic.edu.au

Enrolment forms are
available online or
at the school.

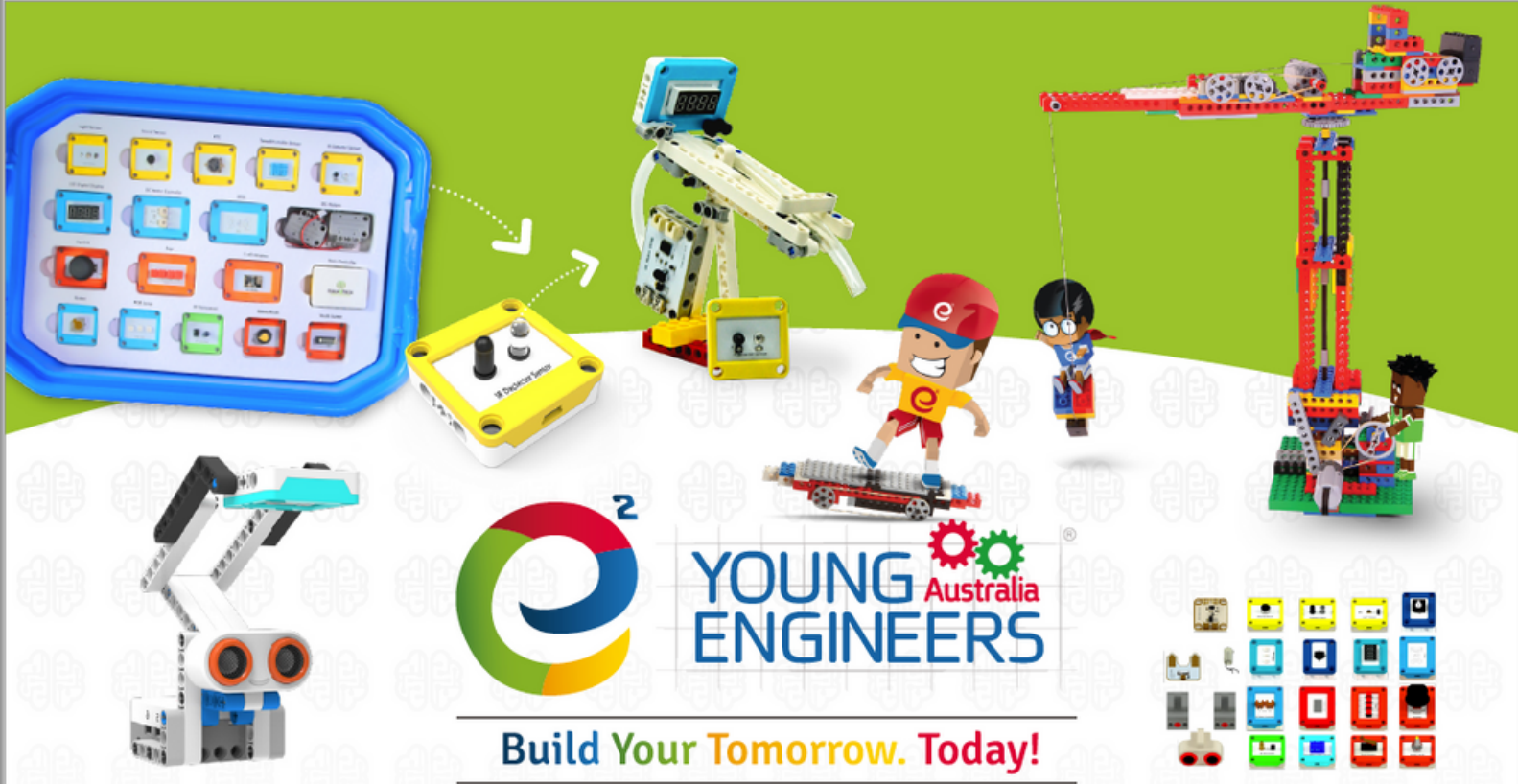


If you have any questions regarding enrolment, please contact the school

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Altona Primary School

Every Monday from 1st May to 19th Jun 2023

Eligibility	Program Name	Time	Fee	Dates	Book online at
Yr 1 - 2	Build up	3:30 to 4:45 pm	\$175	01/05 - 19/06	www.trybooking.com/BWONZ
Yr 3 - 6	Engineering & Robotics	3:30 to 4:45 pm	\$175	01/05 - 19/06	www.trybooking.com/BWONZ



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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CODING at

Altona Primary

While many jobs of the future are yet to be even imagined the future of work undoubtedly points in the direction of the technology space. This coding course using the Scratch application will introduce students to the world of coding in a fun and engaging way. Experienced coaches will guide students through a series of hands-on lessons with real world applications.

**ENROL
ONLINE
NOW!**

**CONTACT US
FOR TRIALS**

TUESDAYS, 3:20 - 4:20PM

STARTS ON 2 MAY

RUNS FOR 8 SESSIONS

FOR YEARS 2 - 4

ROOM: ROOM 5

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the QR code
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Term 2

We Kicked started our first week of Term 2 with construction theme. We also reintroduced our students' leaders and display their pictures on the wall. The buddy system has been put in practice. We have added new indoor and outdoor resources this Term, so children can explore more games.

What's On

School holiday Program was a blast. Children got the chance to go on more excursions and lots of fun filled as well as fast paced incursions.

This week we are celebrating Mother's week with Mother's Day activities along with Spring crafts.

POLICY REMINDERS

If you need to book/cancel, please do so via fully booked 24 hours prior to avoid a \$4 fee. Send us an email, text or pop in to let staff know if you are collecting, cancelling, 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.

Parent/Guardian Information

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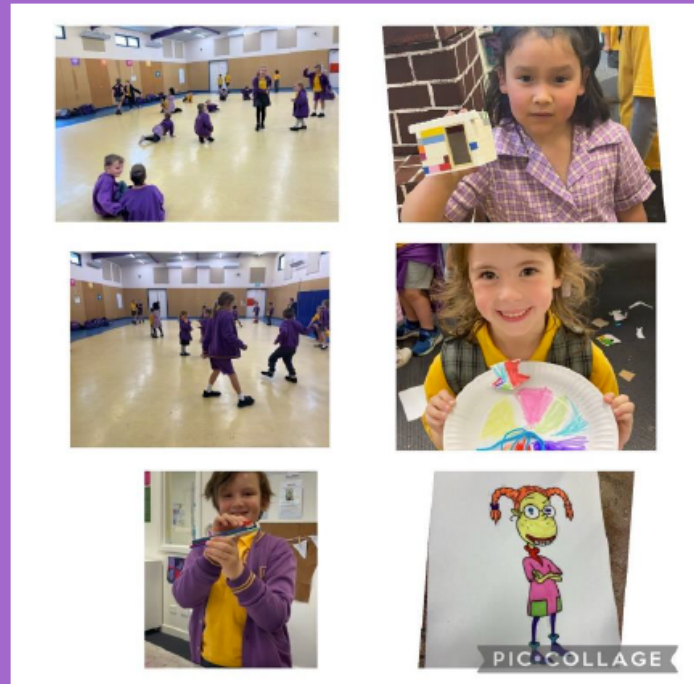
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Bibiana Guzman



Week 3 Menu

	BSC	ASC
Monday	Children have a self-served breakfast. Which includes: wholemeal bread, raisin bread, waffles, basic cereals (corn flakes, rice bubbles, cheerio's), milk and milk alternatives.	Spaghetti
Tuesday		Ham & Jam Wraps
Wednesday		Spring Rolls
Thursday		Cheese, dips, and Crackers
Friday		Cookies



Week 3 Activities

	BSC	ASC
Monday	Snail Craft	Flower Head prints drawing
Tuesday	Paper Cup butterfly Craft	Mother's Day Card
Wednesday	Flowerpot Craft	Mother's Bracelets making
Thursday	Play Dough Activity	Paper Plate nature hanging
Friday	Nature Wands	Flower Collage

