

# Altona Primary School Newsletter



18th July 2022: TERM 3 WEEK 2



## Principal's Report

Welcome back to Term 3. We have had a great first week in classrooms with students returning with a newfound energy, despite it being the middle of winter. We have a busy term 3 ahead with Grade 5 and 6 swimming, excursions and incursions, Science Week, Book Week and a very exciting fundraising event to end our term, details will come soon about this.

### WHAT ARE THE STUDENTS LEARNING ABOUT THIS TERM?

Published on our APS News site is an overview of what each year level is covering this term in Reading, Writing, Numeracy and Inquiry. You can access these at any time through the links below. As always, if you have questions about what is happening in the classrooms, please contact your classroom teacher.

#### LINKS TO TERM 3 OVERVIEWS

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### GROUNDS WORKS

For those of you who have visited the school this term, you may have seen that our shade sails (outside rooms 12 and 13) have been completed. We will now seek input from our students and community around developing the space around this as an outdoor learning area.

You may have also seen the Gaga Pit near the library. While it is ready for play, we are still making some modifications to this and will open this space at the beginning of August. My sincere appreciation to our Family and Friends Committee who have contributed to funding this project. Thanks to everyone who has participated in events that the committee has run, all of which support in their fundraising efforts.

## Dates to Remember

18th - 22nd July  
Grade 5 Swimming

19th July  
Friends and Families Committee  
meeting @ 9am

25th - 29th July  
Grade 6 swimming

28th July  
Grade 3 excursion

12th August  
Student Free Day

15th - 19th August  
SCIENCE WEEK  
Dental Van

22nd - 26th August  
BOOK WEEK  
Dress up Day MONDAY 22nd

16th September  
End of Term 3: 2.30 dismissal



## PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

On Wednesday and Thursday afternoon this week we will be conducting our parent-teacher interviews. This provides an opportunity to discuss student progress and the mid year report. Information has been posted through Compass.

Have a great fortnight everyone.

Sarah

### NAIDOC WEEK

NAIDOC week was celebrated during the holidays.

At APS we are recognising this as part of our learning this fortnight. NAIDOC Week celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. It is celebrated across Australia and is a great opportunity to learn more about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

In classrooms, we will be exploring our Acknowledgement of Country, to show respect to Traditional Owners and the continuing connection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to Country.



## HOUSEHOLD COVID CONTACTS

When a student is a household contact (that is if they have spent more than four hours with someone who has COVID-19 inside a house, accommodation or care facility) the school must be notified of this.

The household contact period is 7 days.

Household contacts don't have to quarantine at all during this 7-day period, and can leave home each day provided they:

- Continually test negative using a rapid antigen test, on at least 5 days out of the 7 day period (ensure tests are spaced at least 24 hours apart)
- wear a mask indoors when outside your home (if over the age of 8)
- notify the school

## Testing and isolation for recently positive cases

Please be aware that the period of time when someone who has been a confirmed case and therefore exempt from testing and isolation requirements has been reduced from the previous 12 weeks to 4 weeks.

This means that staff and children who have recently been positive and are household contacts of people with COVID-19, testing is now required from 4 weeks after completing isolation with COVID-19. Previously, this exemption period was 12 weeks.





# SPORTS REPORT

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MIXED NETBALL TEAM. WINNERS OF THE DIVISIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP!



Last Friday the mixed netball team went off to Eagles stadium in Werribee to play divisionals. As we drove to the stadium the nerves kicked in. We walked onto the court, the whistle blows and our nerves turn into excitement. The first game we played St Marys of the Cross and we win, the scores being 21 to 6. We wait 10 minutes till the next game. We play Seabrook and we win 22 to 10. In our final we play Sacret Heart. The whistle blows the game starts we play our hearts out and we win 29 to 2.

We won the divisional mixed netball final!!!!

We would like to thank all the adults for driving us and and Ms Twyerould for coaching us. We are looking forward to the next stage.

Written By Kobi Verwoert and Harvey Stone

## CONGRATULATIONS JAKE! 13th PLACE IN THE STATE CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP

Last Thursday on the 14th of July, my family and I drove to the Yarra Valley Racing Club for the state Cross Country competition. I was incredibly nervous until I started to run a few warm up laps. I collected my race bib and bought a State Championship jumper. The track was a simple, circular 2 kilometre track. I ended up 13th out of 87 boys from all over the state. I was selected second reserve for the 9 year old Vic State Team. This team will go to Adelaide in August for the Nationals. I would like to thank the school for supporting me. Specifically, I would like to thank Mr Fava, Ms Reginato and 4R for always cheering me on.

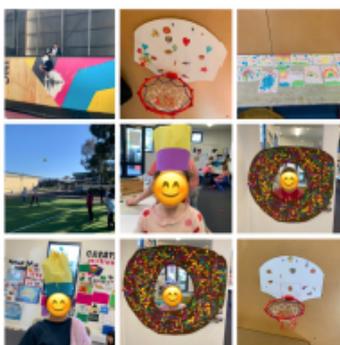
Written by Jake Hogendoorn



Term 3 has arrived and so has a new coordinator. Hi everyone, my name is Rebecca (Bec) and I'm your new service coordinator. I'm looking forward to taking on this new role and being apart of this school community. I am excited to get to know the children and families attending the service. Can't wait to share the experiences and fun we have at TheirCare. Where kids love to be!

### WHAT'S ON

School holiday program was a blast. We had so much fun with all the planned activities that were on offer. We kick started our first week of term 3 with an animal theme. The kids had so much fun creating all different types of animals. This week we are going global with a food/culture week. Where we will be exploring different countries and their food.



### ABOUT THEIRCARE

TheirCare is a before and after school care service that runs at the school. We are located in the gym/PAC. During term we run themes and activities that are chosen by the children attending the service. During school holidays we run a holiday program that is packed full of exciting activities.

### POLICY REMINDERS

If you need to book/cancel please do so via fullybooked 48 hours prior to avoid a \$5 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 school care.

### Parent/guardian information

TheirCare program phone: 0419 126 837

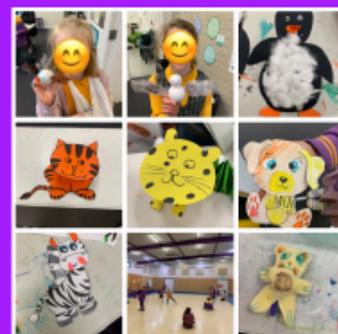
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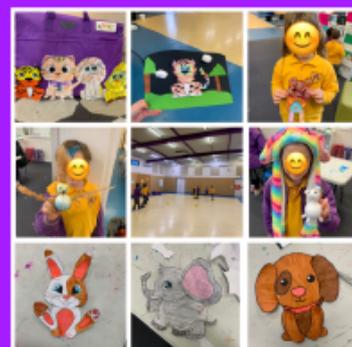


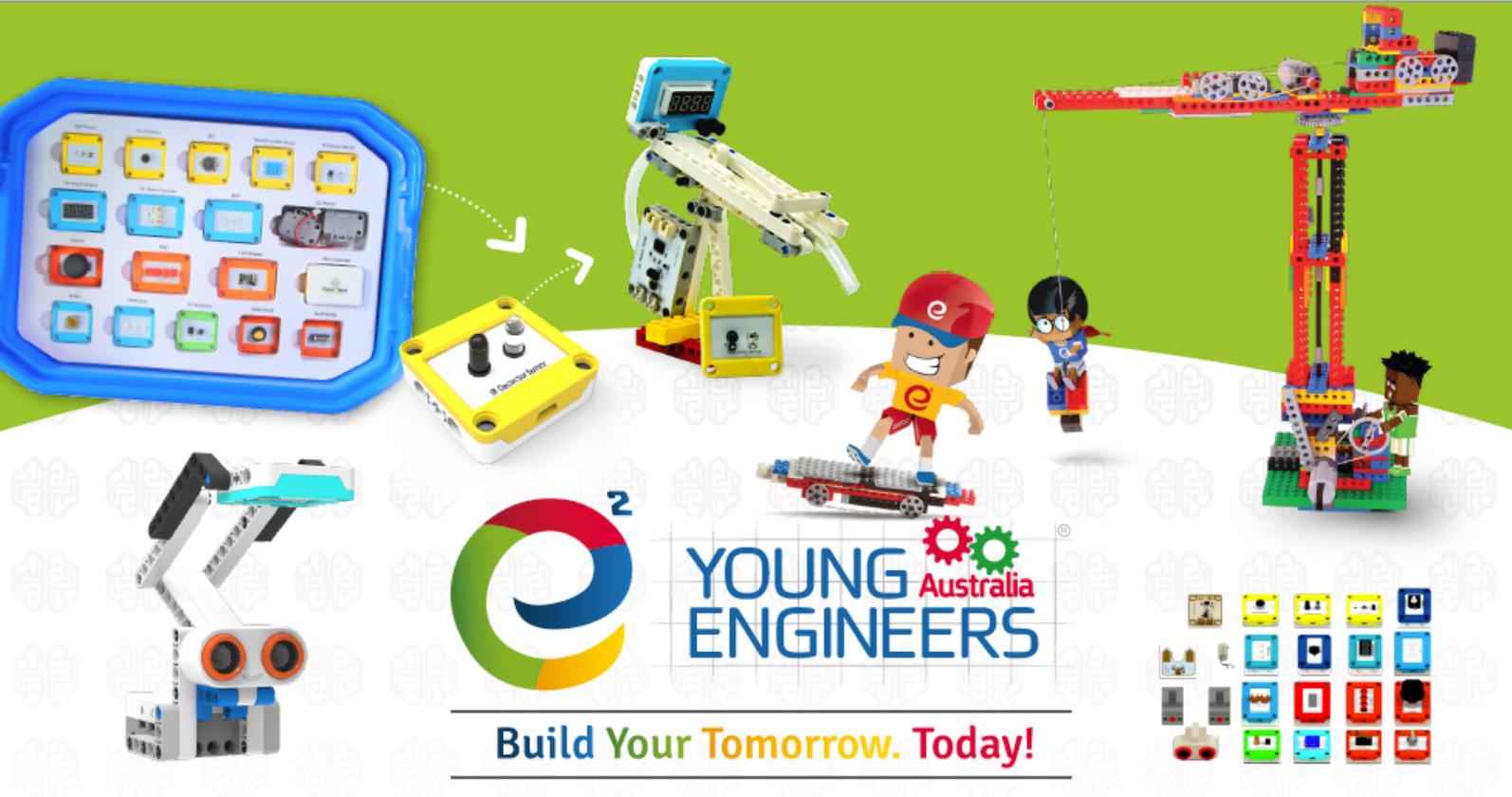
### WEEK 2 ACTIVITIES

	BSC	ASC
MONDAY	FOOD PYRAMID ABORIGINAL HANDS	DRAGONS CHINESE LANTERNS
TUESDAY	FAKE AVO FAKE SUSHI	FAKE TACOS FAKE STRAWBERRES
WEDNESDAY	FAKE BURGERS MEXICAN HATS	3D MILK FAKE WATERMELON
THURSDAY	FOOD PYRAMID FAKE CHIPS	FAKE ICE - CREAM FAKE PIZZA
FRIDAY	FAKE DONUTS MASK	FOOD MODELS AUSSIE ANIMASLS

### WEEK 2 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.	PIZZA
TUESDAY		NACHOS
WEDNESDAY		CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES
THURSDAY		FRIED RICE
FRIDAY		CHEESE, DIP, CRACKERS





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# Engineering & Robotics Advanced Robotics

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Every Thursday from 21th July to 15th Sep 2022

Eligibility	Program Name	Time	Fee	Dates	Book online at
Yr 1 - 2	Build-Up	3:30 to 4:45 pm	\$225	21/07 - 15/09	<a href="http://www.trybooking.com/865208">www.trybooking.com/865208</a>
Yr 3 - 6	Engineering & Robotics	3:30 to 4:45 pm	\$225	21/07 - 15/09	<a href="http://www.trybooking.com/865208">www.trybooking.com/865208</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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