

Altona Primary School Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2025: TERM 3 WEEK 9



Principal's Report

The end of Term 3 is upon us and while this has been a shorter term than others, it has been a jam packed one. We have acknowledged Book Week, Science Week and Bullying No-Way Week. Some of our Grade 3-6 students sat three separate ICAS assessments, Grade 4s attended Camp and there have been many sporting opportunities, from Lacrosse and Lawn Bowls for our senior students to Ultimate Frisbee for our Grade 1s. Footy Day last week was an exciting day for everyone and our Fathers Day stall was again a great success, enabled by our Friends and Families Committee. This week has seen our students reflect and share their successes for the term through our Showcases of Learning and we will finish Friday with our Canteen Day as a treat for all. I would like to extend my gratitude to our community for making this term another successful one at APS.

COLOUR RUN FUNDRAISER

On Friday the 17th October, we will participate in a Colour Run as a whole school fundraising event. Information has been provided to all families about setting up a fundraising page and appears further in this newsletter. Everyone is encouraged to participate by setting one up. Over the upcoming school holiday period, there is an incentive for all students who raise \$40 over the two week period, with all students who raise this amount receiving a Monty Plush.

UPCOMING GROUNDS WORKS

Over the upcoming school holiday period we will see some grounds works completed to enhance and improve our yard further.

Our current netball court, surrounding synthetic turf and hot shots courts are being replaced with a new synthetic turf surface. The current turf in this space is over 15 years old and is recently showing signs of wear and tear beyond repair. Approved by school council, this is being funded through strategic financial management of our school budget, enhanced by family contributions.

Our Friends and Families committee (FFC) are funding the replacement of the current netball goals with turnaround towers which will allow for basketball and netball to be played on the one court giving us further options. We will also see the installation of a second set of football goals at the Blyth St end of our oval, again funded by the FFC.

A second umbrella structure will also be installed in the area near the Upton/Railway St corner of our school, outside our senior classrooms, allowing for more shade and shelter. This is one of the final parts of the playground modernisation project.

Dates to Remember

SHOWCASES OF LEARNING

PREP: 18/09 @ 9am
GRADE 1: 17/09 @ 9am
GRADE 2: 17/09 @ 2.45pm
GRADE 3/4: 16/09 @ 9am
GRADE 5: 15/09 @ 2.45pm
GRADE 6: 18/09 @ 2.45pm

17th September
Grade 5/6 Hoop Time

19th September
CANTEEN DAY
Last Day of Term 3
2.30 dismissal

6th October
Term 4 commences

17th October
COLOUR RUN

31st October
Halloween Dress Up Day

3rd November
Curriculum Day - no students
attend school

4th November
Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

4th December
Xmas Concert

15th December
Grade 6 Graduation

See our whole school calendar
on our website for all dates

We acknowledge the Bunurong People of the Kulin Nation as the traditional owners of the land.

We pay our respects to elders past, present and emerging.

We are grateful for the land that we live, learn and play on every day.



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MATHS OLYMPIADS

Congratulations to our team of Maths Olympiads who have completed their final test in the last week. This group of Grade 5 and 6s meet regularly to challenge their mathematical thinking. We are awaiting their final results and look forward to sharing their success as an assembly next term. Along with this, we have had a group of Grade 3s and 4s completing the Maths Explorer tests. Whilst these are not competitive tests, their results have been incredibly pleasing and demonstrate a high level of problem solving skills. If you'd like more information about this program, you can visit the [APSMO website](#). My thanks to Andrew Gilpin for enabling this experience for our mathematicians.

HATS, HATS, HATS!!

In line with our SunSmart policy, all students and staff must be wearing a hat during school hours whilst outdoors from the beginning of Term 4. If your child did not leave their hat at school, it will be time to look for this over the break and ensure it is brought to school for the beginning of next term. If you need to purchase a new hat, we have purple bucket hats available at our office for \$15, or alternatively you can purchase them directly through DCS uniforms. In line with our Student Dress Code, students need to be wearing either a purple bucket hat, or a yellow legionnaire cap.

ICY POLE THURSDAYS ARE BACK NEXT TERM

As the weather warms up, our school and house captain group are very keen to continue with Icy Pole Thursdays next term. They will sell these every Thursday for \$1. This is a great initiative and funds the purchase of communal sporting equipment for students to use in the yard. We have seen such generosity from our community in the past and we are again seeking donations of packets of Zooper Doopers to further enhance this fundraising opportunity. We will gladly accept donations at any stage through the term for anyone who is willing and able to contribute to this.

As we get closer to the upcoming school holiday period, I hope everyone has the opportunity to enjoy some slower days over the two week break. We look forward to seeing everyone back for the beginning of Term 4 on Monday the 6th October.

Take care,
Sarah

COMMUNICATION AT APS

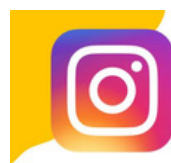
COMPASS: Ongoing communication. Newsfeed items contain reminders and timely information. All payments and consent for events and activities are made through Compass.

NEWSLETTER: Reports what is happening and coming up at APS. Published 2-3 times per term via Compass and the school website.

YEAR LEVEL NEWSLETTERS: Outlines the learning program of each year level. Published twice per term.

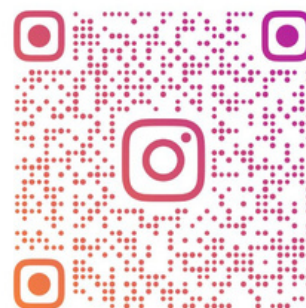
SCHOOL WEBSITE: Information about the school, parent info and whole school calendar.

INSTAGRAM: Visual reminders and photographic updates. Posts updated weekly.



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SPORT UPDATE

FROM MR FAVA
DISTRICT ATHLETICS AND INTERSCHOOL AFL

On Wednesday the 13th of August, we had 59 talented athletes compete in our District Athletics Carnival help at Newport Athletics Track.

Students trained hard before and during school and showed great progress.

APS finished 3rd in our district. Top effort.

The results were:

9/10 Year Olds

Amelita L: 3rd 100m, 1st in Long Jump, 1st Hurdles

Mia G: 3rd Long Jump, 2nd Triple Jump

Cleo S: 1st High Jump

Andy H: 3rd High Jump

Sally C: 3rd Triple Jump

Aaron L: 2nd 100m, 2nd, 200m, 2nd Long Jump

10 year old girls relay team finished 1st.

The members were Ava F, Isa R, Cleo S and Amelita L

11 year olds

Alban J: 2nd Shot Put

Zoe W: 2nd 800m

Brae: 3rd Discus

Revaan T: 2nd Long Jump, 3rd Triple Jump

Archer M: 2nd Triple Jump

Zoe W, Sumaiyah L, Ella M and Amelie finished 2nd in the 4 x100m Relay

12 year olds

Liam C finished 1st in the 100m, 2nd in the 200m and 2nd in Discus.

Alula finished 2nd in Triple Jump and 3rd in High Jump

Georgia G finished 3rd in Long Jump

Delilah finished 1st in Shot Put, 3rd in Discus

Henry T finished 2nd in Shot Put

Keat V finished 3rd in Shot Put

Students who finished 1st or 2nd will progressed to the Divisional Athletics Carnival which was held at Newport Athletics Track on the 11th of September.

AFL Girls Regional Championships

By Eden 6L

Last term, our Girls football team played against seven other schools and made it to the grand final and we won!

After that, we went on to divisionals to verse all the schools from other areas that won their grand final. We won!

This meant we made it to regionals, where the competition was really strong.



It's amazing to think that we started the year not even knowing how to play, and by the end we had learnt so much. We dedicated a lot of our lunchtimes practising, and it really paid off.

Sadly we lost 3 out of 4 games and won our last. We tried our hardest and pushed through although we were exhausted. Even though we didn't win at regionals, we were so proud of how far we came and how much we improved. In the end we came 4th but we're still the best interschool sport girls footy team in the Hobson Bay and Wyndham region.

Our game plan was not to focus on skills but to use confidence and not be afraid of making mistakes. Finally, we want to say a huge thank you to Mr Jim for coaching us during this experience. He has taught us a lot and is the reason we've made it this far.

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Service by 8:00 am. Pick-up after 3:30 pm - please note this is an indicative time only, check with service coordinator to confirm pick-up times. Wear runners & socks. 

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY



22 SEP



Spring Break

Today is going to be jam packed Spring Break FUN right at service! Unleash your inner superstar in a lip sync battle, sculpt with colour in Chihuly-inspired playdough creations, create vibrant works of art with art explosion, and bring the energy in the floor is lava! Plus, guess who's who, in a Life Sized game of "Guess Who?".

From as low as \$7.48*
Full fee \$74.81**



23 SEP



Zoo Explorers

Embark on a journey as we go to the Zoo! Get up close with friendly animals and learn all about these fascinating creatures. Then the fun continues with more activities! Craft beautiful living art with flapping butterfly craft, engage in a live group caterpillar race and craft vibrant pop-up rainbow cards!

From as low as \$11.31*
Full fee \$113.07**



24 SEP



Wonder Farm

Step into the pen and enjoy a hands-on experience with adorable baby farm animals including ducklings, bunnies, lambs, and more! Then, continue the fun with colourful salt painting flowers, create your own chatterbox animals, and sneak into action with a playful round of cat and mouse!

From as low as \$8.97*
Full fee \$89.71**



25 SEP



Mad Hatter's Tea Party

Tumble down the rabbit hole and join us for a whimsical Mad Hatter's Tea Party! We'll get to craft our own quirky top hats, turn the white roses red with science, try your hand in a round of wonderland croquet, brew up a bubbling tea sensory activity, and find Cheshire cat's grin with pin the grin!

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Full fee \$74.81**



26 SEP

Service
closed!



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY



29 SEP



Pass the Popcorn!

Lets head to the movies to see the latest flick from Dreamworks - The Bad Guys 2! The Bad Guys are struggling to find trust and acceptance in their newly minted lives as Good Guys, when they are pulled out of retirement and forced to do one last job by an all-female squad of criminals. Rated PG.

From as low as \$11.31*
Full fee \$113.07**



30 SEP



Luna Park Carnival

Join us for the biggest event of the year at Melbourne Luna Park! TheirCare services will have sole use of the park from 9am-11am, with epic rides and games to suit little and big Lunies! To ensure the children get the most out of the day, all children are asked to arrive at service prior to 8.00am for an 8.00am bus departure.

From as low as \$12.46*
Full fee \$124.58**



1 OCT



Animal Antics

Explore the animal kingdom through sensory, art, and play! Splash into science fun with a bubbly puffer fish experiment, create colourful and vibrant 3D doodle bugs, and craft wiggly dancing snakes! Then get moving with animal freeze tag and show off your drawing skills in a wild round of animal pictionary!

From as low as \$7.48*
Full fee \$74.81**



2 OCT



Hidden Gems

Get ready to dig deep and discover the sparkling surprises in Hidden Gems! Search high and low in a hands-on gem hunt that is part mystery, part adventure! Then, fizz things up with a lemon volcanoes science experiment, and then let's create swirling masterpieces as we create marbled paper art!

From as low as \$8.31*
Full fee \$83.14**



3 OCT



Secret Garden

Step into a world of wonder with Secret Garden! Enjoy a picnic and play session, then grow your curiosity with a magical walking rainbow STEM experiment. Bring little caterpillar friends to life with pipe cleaner caterpillar craft, crack mysteries with secret codes, and bring the energy in the action-packed fly group game!

From as low as \$7.48*
Full fee \$74.81**



Every day counts

Attending school every day means experiencing what counts - the learning, friendships, fun and opportunities that can shape their future.

Choose a Main Course item, then select 1 or 2 Items from the Snack/Drink Menu to make up a 2 or 3 Course Lunch Pack

Main Course Menu

BAKERY All items freshly baked this morning!

	2 Course Lunch	3 Course Lunch
Cheese and Vegemite Scroll (M)	\$6.45	\$8.95
Savoury Bite 'Little Frank' Roll	\$6.45	\$8.95
Topped with Only Cheese Roll (M)	\$6.45	\$8.95
Cheese and Bacon Roll	\$7.45	\$9.95
Scroll with Ham and Cheese	\$9.95	\$12.85
Frankfurt 'in a blanket' with Sauce & Cheese (2)	\$10.95	\$13.65

PIZZA / SAUSAGE ROLLS / GOZLEME / PASTIZZI / QUESADILLA / PUFF PARCEL SERVED AT ROOM TEMPI

Ricotta & Spinach Pastizzi (2) (M)	\$7.45	\$9.95
Margherita Pizza TWIST (M)	\$8.95	\$11.45
Sausage Roll with Sauce	\$8.95	\$11.45
Margherita PITA Pizza (M)	\$8.95	\$11.45
Quesadilla (Chicken) served with Sour Cream (H)	\$10.95	\$13.65
Tandoori Chicken Puff Parcel with Mango Chutney (H)	\$10.95	\$13.65
Ham & Pineapple Pizza Slice	\$10.95	\$13.65
BBQ Chicken Pizza (H)	\$10.95	\$13.65
Lamb and Beef Gozleme (H)	\$13.45	\$15.45
Mushroom and Spinach Gozleme (Vg)	\$13.45	\$15.45
Spinach and Cheese Gozleme (M)	\$13.45	\$15.45

SUSHI HAND ROLLS (2pc) Soy Sauce (GF) Provided

Teriyaki Chicken Hand Rolls (H)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Crispy Chicken (Schnitzel) Hand Rolls (H)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Cooked Tuna Hand Rolls (GF)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Avocado Hand Rolls (GF, Vg)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Cucumber Hand Rolls (GF, Vg)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Vegetarian Hand Rolls (GF, Vg)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Tofu Hand Rolls (GF, V)	\$11.50	\$13.75

RICE PAPER ROLLS (2pc) (Wed, Thu, Fri)

Chicken Rice Paper Rolls (GF, H)	\$13.45	\$15.45
Vegetarian Rice Paper Rolls (GF, Vg)	\$13.45	\$15.45

SANDWICHES / ROLLS / WRAPS / SOFT SHELL TACOS

Strawberry Jam Sandwich (1.5) (Vg)	\$7.45	\$9.95
Vegemite Sandwich (2) (Vg)	\$8.95	\$11.45
Soft Shell Chicken Taco with Salsa, Cheese & Salad (2)	\$9.95	\$12.85
Plain Cheese Sandwich (2) (M)	\$9.95	\$12.85
Cheese and Salad Roll (M)	\$10.95	\$13.65
Wholegrain Ham & Cheese Sandwich (1.5)	\$10.95	\$13.65
Roast Chicken and Salad Roll (H)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Roast Beef, Chutney, Cheese & Lettuce Roll	\$11.50	\$13.75
Turkey, Cranberry, Lettuce & Cheese Sandwich (1.5)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Mild Salami and Salad Roll	\$11.50	\$13.75
Wrap with Chicken, Tzatziki, Lettuce, Tomato & Cucumber (H)	\$12.75	\$14.95

SALADS / PICNIC BOXES / POKE BOWLS

Fresh Fruit Salad - Main Course Size (GF, Vg)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Ham Picnic Box (GF)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Vegetarian Picnic Box (GF, V)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Greek Style Salad with Feta and Olives (GF, V)	\$12.75	\$14.95
Poke Bowl with Teriyaki Chicken (H)	\$13.45	\$15.45

GF SANDWICHES & WRAPS

GF Ham & Cheese Sandwich (1.5)	\$10.95	\$13.65
GF Cucumber & Ham Sandwich (1.5)	\$10.95	\$13.65
GF Wrap - Ham and Salad	\$12.75	\$14.95

Snack/Drink Menu

FRESH FRUIT & VEGETABLES

Apple pieces, Lemon juice, Cinnamon & Brown Sugar	+\$1.00
Cantaloupe and Honeydew Pieces	+\$1.00
Fresh Fruit Combo	+\$1.00
Freshly Chopped Orange Segments	Included
Freshly Chopped Watermelon Pieces	Included
Whole Fruit - Apple	Included
Whole Fruit - Banana	Included
Whole Fruit - Mandarin	Included
Carrot, Cucumber, Red & Yellow Capsicum	Included
Celery and Carrot Sticks with Sultanas	Included
Cherry Tomatoes, Tasty Cheese & Rice Crackers	Included
Corn Wheels & Lightly Steamed Broccoli	Included
Edamame (Lightly Salted)	Included
Sugar Snap Peas, Beans and Cherry Tomatoes	+\$1.00

BAKERY - SWEET

Choc Chip Cookie	Included
Finger Bun with Sprinkles	Included
Lamington	Included
"Not Cross" Bun	Included
Cinnamon Doughnut	Included
Cornflake Cookie	Included
Choc Cup Cake (GF/DF/Vg)	+\$1.00
Blueberry Muffin	+\$1.00
Jam Drop Biscuit (GF)	+\$1.00
Carrot Cup Cake (GF/DF/Vg)	+\$1.00

SUSHI

1pc Tuna Sushi (GF)	+\$1.00
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POPCORN / HARVEST SNAPS

Popcorn - Slightly Sweet, Lightly Salted	Included
Popcorn - Lightly Salted	Included
Harvest Snaps (GF/DF/Vg)	Included

DRIED FRUIT

Dried Fruit Medley with Yoghurt Sultanas	+\$1.00
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DIPS WITH MINI RICE CAKES / CORN CHIPS

Tzatziki Dip with Mini Rice Cakes	+\$1.00
Spring Onion Dip with Mini Rice Cakes	+\$1.00
Spicy Capsicum Dip with Mini Rice Cakes	+\$1.00
Avocado Dip with Mini Rice Cakes	+\$1.00
Corn Chips with Salsa (GF)	+\$1.00

YOGHURTS / BOWLS

Strawberry Yoghurt (Dairy Farmers)	+\$1.00
Classic Vanilla Yoghurt (Dairy Farmers)	+\$1.00
Chia Bowl with Banana, Coconut & Strawberries	+\$1.00
Stewed Rhubarb and Apple with Custard	+\$1.00

DRINKS

Apple Juice (Nippy's)	Included
Orange Juice (Nippy's)	Included
Chocolate Milk (Nippy's)	Included
Strawberry Milk (Nippy's)	Included
Full Cream Milk	Included



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3. CREATE A PARENT LOG IN

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3. Select Class
4. Click Next Step

Create a profile page for your child

Student First Name	Student Last Name
Search by School Name - Type Here	

NEXT

HOW TO CREATE MY PROFILE PAGE

5. SELECT

your fundraising goal! If your school is doing traditional prize ordering, please select the donation value you are looking to aim towards!

If your school is doing automated prize ordering, please select a prize to set your goal amount! Please note this can be edited anytime throughout the fundraiser.

CLICK CREATE PAGE

CONGRATULATIONS!

Your Profile Page is now created for your group!
Check out your profile and make additional edits!

1. Create a Profile Avatar
2. Edit your fundraising story
3. Check out how you can earn bonus donations by clicking the coin chest
4. Share your page to friends and family! This is the only way to obtain donations for your group.
5. Self-Donate! This is submitting an online donation yourself to the profile

CAN I CREATE MORE PROFILE PAGES?

YES! If you have more than 1 child, you can create additional profiles on the same parent log in.

1. Simply click the 2 horizontal lines top right if using a mobile device.
2. Click the Change/Add Child Button
3. Complete the Create a Profile Page again

Need HELP?

The team at Australian Fundraising can help between Monday-Friday 8am-4pm aest.
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HAPPY FUNDRAISING!

