

Altona Primary School Newsletter



1st August 2022: TERM 3 WEEK 4



Principal's Report

We have had a busy fortnight at APS. Our Grade 5 and 6 students completed their swimming program, while our Grade Preps, 1s and 2s enjoyed an Aladdin performance at school. Classrooms are well and truly immersed in their term 3 units, with students continuously working on their learning goals in all subject areas.

Coming up this week we have a milestone for our Prep students who will celebrate their 100th day at school. Our mixed netball team will compete in the regional championships and a team of students will attend the district athletics competition. A reminder that we also have a student free day coming up on Friday the 12th August. Our OSHC program will be running and bookings need to be made through Their Care.

COLOUR RUN FUNDRAISER

Last week we distributed information about our upcoming Colour Run fundraising event. All APS students are encouraged to set up a fundraising profile for this event. Here is the link to the fundraising form that has been sent home
<https://australianfundraising.com.au/flipbook/2022funrunform/mobile/index.html>

Information to set up a profile is included, along with all the incentives on offer for various amounts that are raised.

We have already had some great donations coming in and have a number of students already signed up. The event will be lots of fun for all involved and all money raised will go towards upgrades around our school grounds.

Dates to Remember

3rd August

Prep 100 Days at School

12th August

STUDENT FREE DAY

15th - 19th August

SCIENCE WEEK

Dental Van

22nd - 26th August

BOOK WEEK

Dress up Day MONDAY 22nd

23rd August

Prep-2 Athletics Day

24th August

Grade 6 Excursion

9th September

CANTEEN DAY

16th September

COLOUR RUN

End of Term 3: 2.30 dismissal



APS HAS GOT TALENT

Last term, a number of students auditioned for APS Has Got Talent. From dancing, to singing and all performances in between, the semi-finals commenced last week and will continue over the coming weeks. Students have shown such amazing confidence to perform in front of an audience and the winners of each semi-final will perform at our end of year concert. My thanks to Tim Rouse who has enabled this experience for our students. We sure do have some talented children at APS.



CHILD SAFE STANDARDS

From July 1st this year, a new set of Child Safe Standards have been introduced. The Child Safe Standards are compulsory minimum standards for all Victorian schools to ensure they are well prepared to keep children and young people safe and protect them from abuse. The eleven standards provide the framework for child safety in schools and support the development of practices and policies.

Our school council will be reviewing our school policies that support the implementation of the new standards in our upcoming meetings. Following this, I will make these available to our community through our website.

STUDENTS SHARING FOOD

It has been noticed that students are sharing food items with each other. Students should not be sharing food with others and while this is closely monitored during eating times, children are bringing in food items to share outside and after school. We have a number of students with various allergies and intolerances, so it is important that children do not share or distribute food items to others. Your support with this is anticipated and appreciated.

GAGA PIT

Our Gaga Pit opened for play last week and has become a very popular space in our yard. Gaga is an active game, played in the 'pit' with similar rules to dodge ball. We have allocated days for particular year levels to play in the space and all classes have been learning about the game in PE sessions. Once again, my thanks to the Friends and Families Committee for funding this project, our students are very grateful.





STAFFING NEWS

This week we welcome Lisa Romeo to the role of Business Manager at APS. Our current Business Manager Karrie has accepted a position at Melton South Primary School and will start in that role this week. I would like to thank Karrie for her contribution to our school over the time she has been here.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2023

A reminder to any families who have children commencing school next year that we are currently taking prep enrolments for 2023. This year we will hold two early transition sessions for all enrolled preps on the 23rd and 30th August. Information has already been sent to parents/carers of enrolled students and will continue to be provided to those that enrol ahead of these dates.

Have a terrific fortnight.
Sarah

Student Voice

Our student voice leaders were able to meet with our Friends and Families Committee earlier this term to share some of their ideas for school improvements. They expressed their gratitude for the Gaga Pit, but now have other projects in their sights.

The voice leaders will be gathering ideas from their peers about the development of our outdoor learning space under the new shade sails. Watch this space!



NUDE FOOD - WEDNESDAYS

Initially there was some thinking that we needed more bins. While we have bought more bins, students have acknowledged that we need to do something to reduce our waste.

Every Wednesday at APS we are encouraging everyone to bring a Nude Food lunch. This means no wrappers or packaging. Containers and reusable bags are a great way of storing food in the lunch box and can be reused.

Student Voice leaders will start to keep track of how many students bring a Nude Food Lunch each Wednesday and will be working on ways of promoting this across our school.

FUN-RAISE WITH MONTY THE MONSTAR

RAISE \$10-\$19



RAISE \$20-\$29



RAISE \$30-\$49



RAISE \$50-\$74



RAISE \$75-\$99



RAISE \$100-\$149



RAISE \$150-\$199



RAISE \$200-\$299



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RAISE \$1,000-\$1,499



RAISE \$1,500+

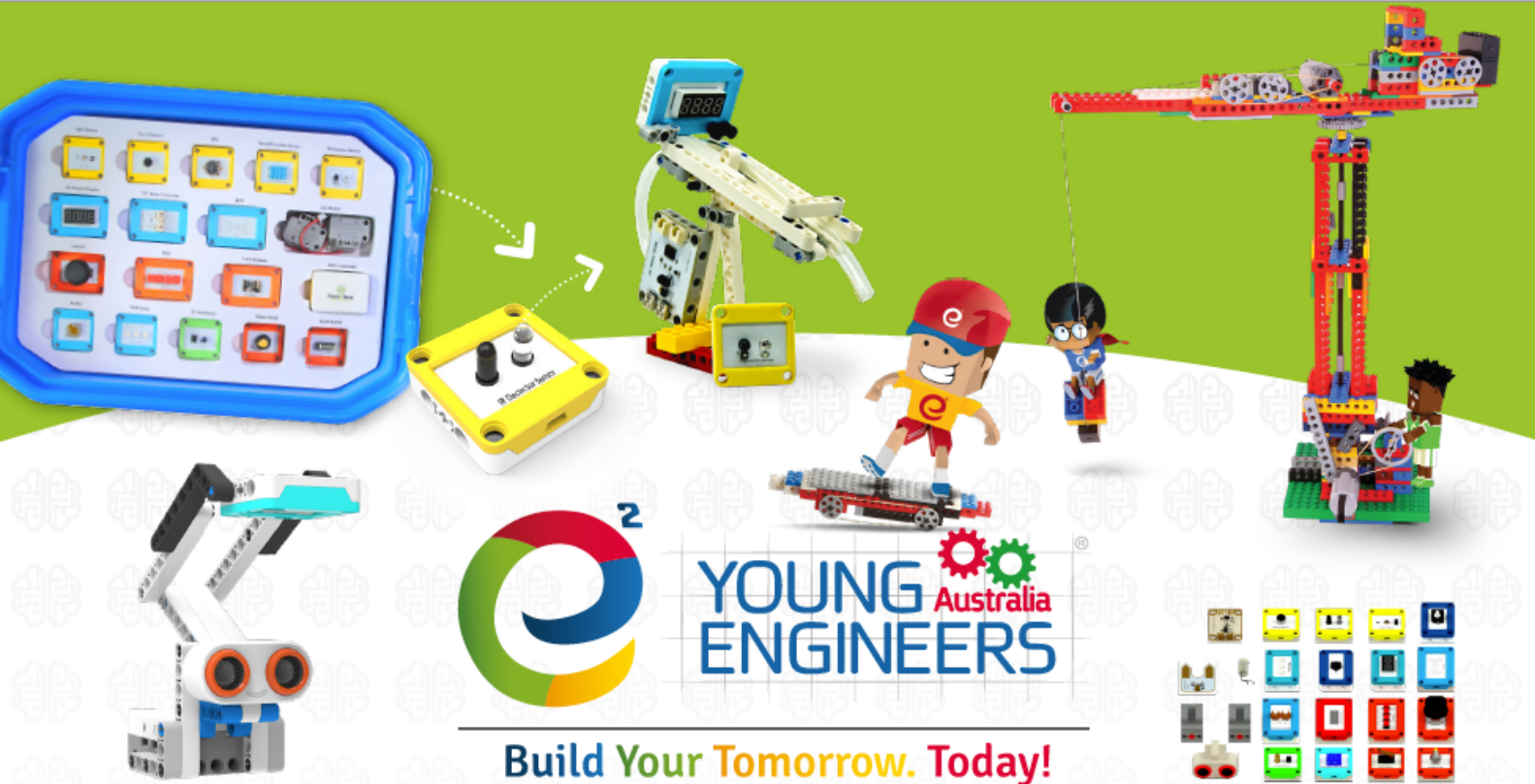


**FUNDRAISER
END DATE:**

**16th
September**

**REASON FOR
FUNDRAISING:**

**Outdoor Learn
and Play Spaces**



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Engineering & Robotics Advanced Robotics

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Every Thursday from 21st 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	www.trybooking.com/865208
Yr 3 - 6	Engineering & Robotics	3:30 to 4:45 pm	\$225	21/07 - 15/09	www.trybooking.com/865208



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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.