

Altona Primary School Newsletter



9th August: TERM 3 WEEK 5



Principal's Report

It is hard to believe that we are almost half way through the term. This last fortnight has seen our Preps attend their 100th day at school. This is an important milestone celebrated across schools and was a fun day for our littlest learners.

We have also had our Grade 5/6s attend swimming sessions. This year our senior year levels have been attending lessons at BayFit and feedback has been positive. Sweeney's continues to provide a great space for our Grade Prep-4s for their lessons, with our Grade Prep and Grade 1s booked in for their lessons in Term 4.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

With the gradually improving weather, we are seeing an increasing amount of students arriving at school earlier. This is a reminder that our school grounds are not supervised until 8.45am. Students should not be arriving without an adult prior to this time.

With dismissal at 3.15pm, our yard is supervised until 3.30pm. At this time, our gates will be locked. We anticipate that families make their way out of our grounds by 3.30pm to enable our staff to attend after school meetings on time. Children that have not been picked up by 3.30pm will be directed to the office. Your cooperation with this is appreciated.

LOST PROPERTY

We are continuing to see a large amount of uniform items end up in lost property that are not labelled or named. Students do take jumpers and jackets off in the yard as they are playing, and despite reminders, often leave them unattended. Items that are named are returned to classrooms and those that are not will be placed in lost property. We cannot guarantee that items that end up in lost property will make their way back to their owner, however labelling items will help with this.

Dates to Remember

14th August

Grade 5 and 6 swimming

14th-18th August

Science Week

16th August

Grade 2 visit to Council Chambers

21st-25th August

Book Week

21st August

Book Week Dress Up Day

22nd August

Junior (P-2) Athletics Day

31st August

Fathers Day Stall

1st September

Grade 3/4 Excursion

6th September

Grade 1 Excursion

15th September

End of Term 3
2.30pm Dismissal



OSHC PROVIDER

In the coming weeks our school council will be seeking expressions of interests for our OSHC provider. Our current licence agreement with Their Care is for a three-year period with that period now ending. As required, our school council will go through an expression of interest process for the next licence agreement. If you have any feedback you would like to provide about Out of School Hours Care at APS, please get in touch with our office and they will direct your feedback or inquiry to a member of our school council.

HOBSONS BAY JUNIOR COUNCIL

Today, three of our Grade 6 students attended the Junior Hobsons Bay council meeting. At these meetings students from schools across Hobsons Bay share what is happening in their schools and have an opportunity to present one question or issue to council. At this meeting, Leo as our nominated speaker, shared with council the concerns that the students have around what they are hearing about possible changes to outdoor dining in Altona. This was a timely and relevant issue and Leo represented our school with maturity and pride.



2023 Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey

WE WANT OUR PARENTS / CAREGIVERS / GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents/caregivers/guardians think of our school. The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement. The survey is optional, but we encourage all families to participate. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

All families are invited to participate in the survey.

The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey is open until Friday 8 September 2023. Information around accessing the survey, along with log in details will be provided to our community via Compass.

The survey will be conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the survey period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in English and 10 other languages including Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese.

Please contact the office or speak with a member of our Principal team if you would like more information.

In the second half of this term, we have a number events so keep an eye on Compass updates for information around these.

Sarah.



VALUES AWARDS WEEK 3 AND 4

FOCUS VALUE: RESPONSIBILITY





DISTRICT ATHLETICS

On Wednesday 2nd August, our Athletics team competed in the district event at the Newport Athletics track. All 55 students represented our school well in a very competitive field.

We are incredibly proud of all of their efforts.

Congratulations to the following students who progress to the next round:

- Kalani (Grade 5) who came 2nd in the 800m and Triple Jump
- Dlilah (Grade 4) who came first in Hurdles and Shot Put
- Genta (Grade 5) who came first in Shot Put and Discuss
- Max (Grade 6) who came 2nd in Hurdles
- Spencer (Grade 5) who came 1st in the 800m and 2nd in the 200m
- Felix (Grade 5) who came 2nd in Long Jump

Congratulations to the following students who placed in their event:

- Will (Grade 4) who came 3rd in Long Jump

Kalani (Grade 5), Delilah (Grade 4), Ester (Grade 5) and Bella (Grade 4) who made up the relay team that came 3rd.



Term 3 (Week 3 & 4) Highlights

For week 3 we explored holiday creativity with children's experiences of travelling to different places. Children came up with some amazing travel stories and crafts.

During week 4 we got in touch with DIY week, the most loved theme at Altona Theircare. Children had a blast with using recycled material for their creations (monster puppets, bookmarks, handprint cards and many more) and DIY science experiments such as the Lemon Volcano Experiment and Playdough Making.

What's on

During Week 5 we are exploring National Science Week, giving the opportunity to children to explore the world of science and find answers to their curiosities by putting on their scientist hats and lab coats.

We are going to have fun with some wonderful science experiments and innovative creations.



Parent Guardian Information

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About Theircare

Theircare is the before and after school care service that runs at school. We are located in the PAC. During the term we run themes and activities that are chosen by children attending the service. During school holidays we run a Holiday Program that is fully packed with exciting activities.

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 their child on arrival to before school care and at pick up from after school care.



WEEK 5 ACTIVITES

DAYS	BSC	ASC
Monday	Water Cycle Coloring and Craft	Rain Cloud Experiment
Tuesday	Scientists Hats	Lava Lamp experiment
Wednesday	3D Earth Craft	Dancing Rice Experiment
Thursday	Fabric Painting	Walking Water Experiment
Friday	Paper Bird Craft	Skittles Experiment

WEEK 5 MENU

Days	BSC	ASC
Monday	Croissants, Cereal, Toast with Jam or Vegemite. Variety of milk	Pizza (Wraps)
Tuesday	Waffles, Cereal, Toast with Jam or Vegemite. Variety of milk	Nachos
Wednesday	Croissants, Cereal, Toast with Jam or Vegemite. Variety of milk	Pasta
Thursday	Waffles, Cereal, Toast with Jam or Vegemite. Variety of milk	Rice Crackers, Dips & Cheese
Friday	Croissants, Cereal, Toast with Jam or Vegemite. Variety of milk	Cookies





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From: 1 4 NOV 2023 To: 2 2 NOV 2023

FURTHER INFORMATION WILL BE SENT SOON

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