

# Altona Primary School Newsletter



25th MARCH 2024: TERM 1 WEEK 9



## Principal's Report

It is hard to believe that we are now (nearly) at the end of our first term of learning for 2024. Nine weeks have gone so quickly and we have had a jam packed term. Over the past fortnight, our Grade 3s and 5s have all successfully completed their NAPLAN tests, showing great resilience and aspiration to achieve their best. We have also had our junior and senior cross country carnivals, Harmony Day, Canteen Day and Showcases of Learning this week. Our Grade 2, 3 and 4 students will finish their swimming program, our Grade 1s and Grade 6s have had incursions to support their learning and our Preps continue to settle and develop their confidence as learners. This week, teachers are working in collaborative teams to moderate assessment data on all of our students and plan for Term 2. I have no doubt it will be a rigorous and engaging term of learning ahead.

### SCHOOL COUNCIL 2024

Our 2024 school council met for the first time last week. Our Annual Report was shared and will be published next term. Our office bearer positions were also elected and I am pleased to announce that Said Shafa will continue in the role as President, and Peter Tippner has taken on the position of Vice President. Our school council plays an incredibly important part in our school governance and I thank both Said and Peter for taking on these roles.

### LUNCH ORDERS

Unfortunately, Just Sweets will no longer be providing lunch orders. Their service will cease at the end of this term. From Term 2, lunch orders can be placed on Monday, Wednesday and Friday with Classroom Cuisine. Their menu is further in our newsletter. Orders need to be placed online by 8.30am on the day of delivery. [www.classroomcuisine.com.au](http://www.classroomcuisine.com.au)

## Dates to Remember

25th-27th March  
TERM 1 SHOWCASES OF LEARNING

28th March  
Easter Bonnet/Hat Parade 9.15am  
Last Day of Term 1  
2.30 Dismissal

15th April  
Curriculum Day - no students

16th April  
Term 2 commences  
Students return

17th-19th April  
Grade 5 Camp

25th April  
Anzac Day Public Holiday

10th May  
FFC Mothers Day Stall

27th-29th May  
Grade 4 Camp

28th June  
Last Day Term 2  
2.30 Dismissal

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See our whole school calendar  
on our website for all dates



## UNIFORM

You may recall, last year our school council approved a new uniform offering, a half zip windcheater. These are now available to purchase through DCS uniforms, in time for the changing season.

They can be ordered online, or purchased directly at Double C Jeanery in Laverton.

[www.dcsuniforms.com.au/products/altona-primary-half-zip-neck-sweater](http://www.dcsuniforms.com.au/products/altona-primary-half-zip-neck-sweater)



## ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL IN THE MORNING

There are an increasing amount of students arriving at school without an adult prior to 8.45am, which is having an impact on our duty of care. While our gates open at 8.30am to allow entry to the school, supervision does not commence until 8.45am. Before school, our oval, soccer pitch and playgrounds are not accessible without a supervising adult. Students arriving prior to 8.45am must wait in the central area of the school on the synthetic courts. If your child does travel to school without an adult, please ensure they are aware of this.

## PREP 2025

Enrolments for Prep 2025 open on the 15th April in line with the statewide timeline, and close on the 26th July. School tours have commenced and will continue in Term 2. Those that reside in our zone or have a sibling currently enrolled have a confirmed place. Those residing outside our zone will be able to submit an 'Application for Enrolment' which will be considered in line with the DET placement policy. If you have a younger learner ready to start next year, or know of someone who does, information is on our website, or have a chat with our office team.

As this will be our final newsletter before our break, I'd like to wish you all a safe and hopefully restful school holiday period. If you are celebrating Easter, I hope you enjoy this weekend's festivities. If you are currently celebrating the month of Ramadan, my best wishes to you and an early 'Eid Mubarak'.

Term 2 commences for our students on Tuesday the 16th of April, and I look forward to seeing you all back from the break then.

Sarah

## COMMUNICATION AT APS

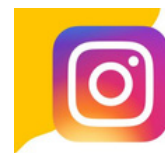
**COMPASS:** Ongoing communication. Newsfeed items contain reminders and timely information. All payments and consent for events and activities are made through Compass.

**NEWSLETTER:** Reports what is happening and coming up at APS. Published 3-4 times per term via Compass and the school website.

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

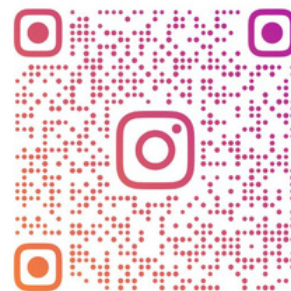
**SCHOOL WEBSITE:** Information about the school, parent info and whole school calendar.

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



## FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM

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# DIVISIONAL SWIMMING

We had 14 talented swimmers compete in the Divisional Swimming Carnival, which was held at the Werribee Outdoor Pool in mid March. These students qualified for this event through our District Swimming Carnival.

The APS competitors swam really well, with all their hard training over the years at swim schools/clubs paying off. Children that finished first or second in an individual event and first in a relay qualify for the

Western Region Swim Championships on the 26th of March held in Geelong. The results were:

### 50m Freestyle

Amelie S finishing 1st in the 9/10 girls. Qualified.  
Sam H finishing 2nd in the 9/10 boys. Qualified.  
Georgia G finishing 3rd in the 11 girls.

### 50m Breastroke

Eileen T finishing 3rd in the 11 girls  
Leonard A finishing 2nd in the 12 boys. Qualified

### Backstroke

Isla F finishing 3rd in the 9/10 girls.  
Michael H finishing 3rd in the 9/10 boys.  
Kiki M finishing 5th in the 11 girls.

### Butterfly

Amelie S finishing 1st in the 9/10 girls. Qualified  
Michael H 3rd in the 9/10 boys and Sam H 4th.  
Sienna G finishing 3rd in the 11 girls.

Also well done to the 9/10 girls 50m Freestyle Relay team (Amelie, Isla, Hannah S, Sumaiyah L) who finished 1st (Qualified) and the 10 year old boys 50m Freestyle Relay team (Sam, Fred D, Kunal S, Michael) who finished 5th, and the open girls 50m Medley Relay team (Polly, Eileen, Kiki, Amelie) who finished 2nd.

APS could not be more proud of these children. They represented themselves and the school well and competed with smiles and enthusiasm on their faces.

Good luck to the students who will compete in the Western Region Swimming Championships.



# CROSS COUNTRY

The Altona Primary cross country events were held over the last fortnight. All children participated enthusiastically and encouraged each other, especially along the back straight! I was super proud of the effort all children put in. The senior children of the school should be congratulated on the support they gave to their peers who were doing it tough. Below is a list of the first six children over the line for each age group.

### Prep Boys

- 1st Levi H PF
- 2nd Sam J PF
- 3rd Henry PF
- 4th Ryder H PF
- 5th Luca W PF
- 6th Andreas M PF

### Prep Girls

- 1st Chloe S PS
- 2nd Zoe C PS
- 3rd Esme D PS
- 4th Elsie S PS
- 5th Mia D PS
- 6th Alice H PF

### Grade 1 Boys

- 1st Cameron M IT
- 2nd Oliver G ID
- 3rd Jeremy IT
- 4th Jackson W ID
- 5th Lewis D IT
- 6th Archie D IT

### Grade 1 Girls

- 1st Ivy F IT
- 2nd Aria T ID
- 3rd Harper B ID
- 4th Winnie A IR
- 5th Melba G IR
- 6th Annabelle W ID

### Grade 2 Boys

- 1st Aaron L 2M
- 2nd Jude S 2I
- 3rd Flynn M 2I
- 4th Toby s 2I
- 5th Charlie C 2I
- 6th Barkot H 2I

### Grade 2 Girls

- 1st Aria S 2I
- 2nd Millie H 2WB
- 3rd Ella B 2WB
- 4th Holly H 2I
- 5th Elena A 2M
- 6th Caelyn A 2M

### 8/9/10 Year Boys

- 1st Lukas 3/4R
- 2nd Arbi 3/4Y
- 3rd Rory H 3/4B
- 4th Aaron B 5V
- 5th Sam H 3/4R
- 6th Archer M 3/4G

### 8/9/10 Year Girls

- 1st Amelie 5HM
- 2nd Isla F 3/4R
- 3rd Zoe W 3/4R
- 4th Ava F 3/4G
- 5th Isa 3/4G
- 6th Kara 3/4B

### 11 Year Boys

- 1st Rion 5HM
- 2nd Harry 5V
- 3rd Desi 5A
- 4th Jake 5A
- 5th Jackson 5HM
- 6th Hayden C 6XC

### 11 Year Girls

- 1st Kalani 6L
- 2nd Iris 6M
- 3rd Bella C 5A
- 4th Delilah W 5V
- 5th Polly 5HM
- 6th Sophie V 5A

### 12 Year Boys

- 1st Spencer 6XC
- 2nd Felix 6XC
- 3rd Aaden 6M
- 4th Ryan 6L
- 5th Jonas C 6L
- 6th Benedict 6M

### 12 Year Girls

- 1st Kiki 6L
- 2nd Avery 6M
- 3rd Audrey 6M
- 4th Anthe 6XC
- 5th Mia 6L
- 6th Genta 6XC

From the 8/9/10, 11 and 12 year age groups, the top four children will progress to the District Cross Country Carnival. I would like to thank all the teachers, parent who offered their assistance, parents who supported their child/ren, and the children for making this event such a great one.

Stephen Fava



The Jack Rayner Cross Country Trophy went to Red House this year. Captains Will Mackinnon and Kiki Mahon.



## LUNCH ITEM ONE

### SALADS

- Greek Style Salad with Feta and Olives (V, GF)
- Pic(k)nic Box – Vegetarian (V, GF)
- Pic(k)nic Box with Ham (GF)
- Pic(k)nic Box with a Whole Egg (GF)
- Steamed Veg: Corn wheels, Broccoli & Carrot
- Mexican Inspired Salad (V, GF)
- Tuna Mix with Brown Rice & Quinoa Cakes (V, GF)
- Main course of Fresh Fruit Salad (V,GF)

### SUSHI

- Teriyaki Chicken Hand Rolls (2)
- Cooked Tuna Hand Rolls (2)
- Avocado Hand Rolls (2)
- Cucumber Hand Rolls (2)
- Vegetarian Hand Rolls (2)
- Tofu Hand Rolls (2)

### BAKERY

- Cheese and Bacon Roll
- Cheese and Vegemite Scroll (w/m)
- SCROLL with Ham & Cheese
- Semi Dried Tomato and Olive ROLL
- Topped with Only Cheese Roll
- GOZLEME - Lamb & Beef (H)
- GOZLEME – Mushroom & Spinach (NO CHEESE) (Vegan)
- GOZLEME - Spinach and Cheese (V, H)

### BAKED FRESH PIZZAS

(PLEASE NOTE: Baked this morning -Served at room temp)

- Margherita Pita Pizza
- Ham and Pineapple Pizza Slice

### SANDWICHES, ROLLS & WRAPS

- Turkey, Cranberry, Lettuce and Cheese Sandwich
- Gluten Free Ham & Cheese Sandwich (GF)
- Simple Salad Roll (V)
- Cucumber & Ham Sandwich (GF)
- Vegemite Sandwich (2)
- Mild Salami and Salad Roll
- Plain Cheese Sandwich (2)
- Roast Beef, Fruit Chutney, Cheese and Lettuce Roll
- Cheese and Salad Roll
- Wholegrain ROLL with Cheese and Tomato
- WRAP (GF, DF) Ham and Salad
- Wholegrain Ham and Cheese Sandwich
- Chicken MAYO and Lettuce Roll (H)
- Garden Salad Wrap (GF,DF,V)

## LUNCH ITEM TWO/THREE

### FRESH FRUIT & VEG

- Freshly chopped Strawberries with Grapes
- Fresh Fruit Combo
- Celery & Carrot Sticks with Sultanas
- Chopped Carrot, Cucumber, Red & Yellow Capsicum
- Apple pieces with Lemon Juice, Cinnamon & Brown Sugar
- Sugar Snap Peas, Beans & Cherry Tomatoes
- Cantaloupe & Honeydew pieces
- Freshly chopped Watermelon Pieces
- Edamame (Lightly Salted)
- Cherry Tomatoes with Tasty Cheese & Rice Crackers
- Freshly chopped Orange Segments
- Whole Fruit – Banana
- YOGHURT/BOWLS
- Dairy Farmers - Strawberry Yoghurt
- Dairy Farmers – Classic Vanilla Yoghurt
- Chia Bowl with Banana, Coconut & Strawberries
- Stewed Rhubarb & Apple with Custard (V)

### BAKED GOODS

- Choc Chip Cookie
- Cornflake Cookie
- Finger Bun with Sprinkles
- Hedgehog Slice
- Choc Cup Cake (GF,DF)
- Blueberry Muffin
- Hot X Bun
- Jam Drop Biscuit (GF, NF, H)

### DIPS & CRACKERS

- Tzatziki Dip with Rice Crackers
- Avocado Dip with Rice Crackers
- Spring Onion Dip with Rice Crackers
- Spicy Capsicum Dip with Rice Crackers

### POPCORN/SNACKS

- Dried Fruit Medley with Yoghurt Sultanas
- Popcorn - Lightly Salted
- Popcorn - Slightly Sweet, Lightly Salted

### DRINKS

- Nippy's Chocolate Milk
- Full Cream Milk
- Apple Juice
- Orange Juice
- Strawberry (Lactose Free) Milk
- So Good Soy Milk

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**ALTONA**  
**COLLEGE**



# Open Evening

*Tuesday 26th of March*

*4.30pm - 8.00pm*

- Explore our facilities
- Enrolment and transition information
- Learning displays
- Food available

**Information sessions:**

- Year 7 : 5.00pm, 6.30pm
- Year 9/10 subject selection: 5.45pm
- VCE Induction: 6.30pm

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# ART ATTACK

autumn  
HOLIDAY  
PROGRAM



Kung Fu Panda 4



Art Experience



School of Rock



Colour Run

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**Excursion & Super Excursions days:** Arrive at the service by 9:00 am. Pick-up after 2:30 pm. Wear runners & socks.



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THURSDAY

FRIDAY



1 APR

NO SERVICE  
**Public  
Holiday!**



2 APR



**Make it Messy!**

Embrace your messy and creative side! Anything goes with the Anything but a Paintbrush challenge as you create works of art, but no paintbrushes allowed! Unleash your creativity and create amazing Clay Nature Prints, Symmetry Painting, Straw Face Painting and take part in a Fruit Basket Group Game!

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



3 APR



**Movie Magic**

This autumn, for the first time in almost a decade, comedy icon Jack Black returns to his role as Po, the world's most unlikely kung fu master, with a hilarious, butt-kicking new chapter in DreamWorks Animation's beloved action-comedy franchise: Kung Fu Panda 4

From as low as \$11.30\*  
Full fee \$113.07\*\*



4 APR



**Spotlight Spectacular**

Step into the spotlight with this showtime spectacle! Get your groove on with a Dance Party inspired by Tik Tok dances! But the fun keeps going... Play the Pass the Sound group game, create your own unique theatre puppets, and then take on the Count to 10 Challenge and the Space Jump improv game!

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



5 APR



**Putt-Tastic Adventure**

Get ready to tee off for a mini-golf adventure like no other! Journey through the twists and turns of the mini-golf course, test your skills with the Lego Mini Golf Course Challenge. Then, let's take on the Paper Chains challenge, explore sensory fun with Crawling Colours, and express artistic flair with Button Tree Art!

From as low as \$11.30\*  
Full fee \$113.07\*\*

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8 APR



**Tote-ally Art!**

It's time to bring some colour to the streets! Create wearable works of art with your very own DIY tote bag that you get to take home! In addition to crafting, amp up the fun with Beat Jumping, showcasing your rhythm and coordination. Bust a move with Hip Hop Dance Moves and experience a zesty twist with Lemon Volcanoes.

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



9 APR



**SoundToons**

Get set to master your own cinematic adventure! Create movie sounds with everyday objects and see them on the big screen! But that's not all! Create your own Cartoon Character, expressing melodies through Draw the Music, engage in the thrilling Hide and Listen Group Game, and passing musical surprises in Musical Hot Potato.

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



10 APR



**ArtBlast Galaxy**

We are ready for lift-off! Launch your creativity into the stars and create unique patterns with Paint Rockets, dive into cosmos with Galaxy ooblek, and tackle 'Minute to Win it' Art Challenges. Engineer wonders with LEGO STEM Construction, fold luck into every corner with Origami Lucky Stars.

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



11 APR



**Play-Topia**

Get ready for the best indoor playground super adventure ever at SuperPark! Explore the amazing and fun wonders of the indoor playground, brave the slides, and conquer the obstacles. The adventure continues with Clown Pinwheel Craft and the lively excitement of Animal Tag, bringing playfulness to new heights!

From as low as \$12.45\*  
Full fee \$124.58\*\*



12 APR



**Culinary Canvas**

Bon Appetite! Join us for a food fanatics delight as we craft creative and unique food art, starting with Pizza Portraits, play Silly Bananas Group Game, and create delightful edible art with Eat the Rainbow Fruit Salad. Then join in for Pineapple Finger Painting and molding Clay Gingerbread People!

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