

Altona Primary School Newsletter



14th June 2022: Term 2 Week 8



Principal's Report

As we near the end of our first semester, I have no doubt we are all feeling relief that all of that time has been onsite and not remote. Students have been on their first ever excursions, our community has come together for various events and we have welcomed visitors back into our classrooms.

We are however, still navigating our way through a pandemic with Covid cases (and now cold and flu season) continuing to have an impact on schools. Our current absences are much higher than usual among both students and staff which is leading to disruptions out of our control.

Staffing pressures have been a challenge with a shortage of relief teachers across the state, however we have been fortunate to be able to call on our local casual staff to cover classes in the absence of teachers. Unfortunately, this is not always possible and, whilst it is not our preference, inevitably we are needing to split classes more often than we would like. Through this, I have been so proud of our students who have demonstrated resilience and even when there have been disruptions, have continued to engage in their learning with positivity.

Our staff are to be commended for the role they have played in supporting each other and ensuring that the learning and wellbeing of all students at APS has been the priority. I would also like to thank our community for your ongoing support and understanding.

LUNCH ORDERS AND CANTEEN DAY

As communicated on Compass, this week we are commencing a lunch order service with Just Sweets on Thursday and Friday. This is not to be confused with our Canteen Day which is also this Friday the 17th, run by our Friends and Families Committee. Treats purchased at this will go towards our fundraising efforts.

Dates to Remember

15th June
Grade 3-4 Athletics

15th June
School Council Public Meeting

17th June
Canteen Day

20th - 24th June
SHOWCASE OF LEARNING
Dates and times further
in the newsletter

24th June
Last Day Term 2
2.30pm Dismissal

TERM 3
11th July
CURRICULUM DAY
No students to attend school

12th July
Students return for Term 3



END OF SEMESTER REPORTING

Next week, your child's semester one report will be published through Compass. These reports will provide an indication of student progress in line with the achievement standards in the Victorian Curriculum. Various assessments are completed to inform teacher judgements, along with daily observations and ongoing monitoring of work samples. Parent teacher interviews will be held early in Term 3 which will provide an opportunity to discuss the report with your child's teacher. Further information about this will be provided soon.

SHADE SAIL DEVELOPMENT

You may have seen the area of our school currently 'under construction'. The project to develop shade sails outside Rooms 12 and 13 resulted in some unexpected challenges, with machinery onsite for longer than anticipated. I am pleased that this part of the project is now complete, with the shade sails due for installation over the break.

WEST WELCOME WAGON

Our wonderful community were incredibly generous with donations for the West Welcome Wagon. My thanks to Amy Leeder and the team of helpers who sorted and delivered these items last week. The generosity of APS families was very well received and will go a long way to supporting those in need.

2023 ENROLMENTS

This year we will be running some early transition sessions in August for our incoming 2023 preps. If you have a child commencing school next year, I encourage you to enrol before the end of this term to ensure you receive information around these sessions.

I have had the privilege of running a number of school tours for prospective families to see our amazing school. I encourage you to remind anyone that you know that we are taking enrolments now. Enrolments for current years Prep-6 will be taken at any time. 2023 Preps should enrol as soon as possible.

END OF YEAR CONCERT

I am pleased to share that this year we will have our tri-annual concert. This will be a community event held at the school in the evening on Thursday the 10th of November. More details will come, but at this stage, save the date!

A reminder to you all that each grade's Showcase of Learning is scheduled across various days and times next week. These provide a wonderful opportunity for students to present to an audience what they have learnt and achieved this term. Dates and times are published further in the newsletter and posted on Compass.

Keep warm and well this fortnight.

Sarah

APS COMMITMENT TO CHILD SAFETY - CHILD SAFE STANDARDS

Altona Primary School is committed to safety and wellbeing of all children and young people. This will be the primary focus of our care and decision-making. Altona Primary School has zero tolerance for child abuse. Altona Primary School is committed to providing a child safe environment where children and young people are safe and feel safe, and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives. Particular attention will be paid to the cultural safety of Aboriginal children and children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, as well as the safety of children with a disability. Every person involved in Altona Primary School has a responsibility to understand the important and specific role he/she plays individually and collectively to ensure that the wellbeing and safety of all children and young people is at the forefront of all they do and every decision they make.



DIVISIONAL CROSS COUNTRY

Last week, we had 8 children run in the Divisional Cross Country Championships at Presidents Park.

The course was very different to the ones at school and McIver Reserve as there were a number of wet sections due to the weather events, but our children were well prepared, having trained hard both at school and in their own time.

Iris J, Myra B and Sophie V ran in the 10 year old girls' event, which was 2kms long. All three ran a terrific race, finding a nice rhythm throughout the race. Iris finished 6th and Myra 7th both qualified for the Regional Cross Country Event. Sophie just missed out, finishing 13th. Well done girls, you ran with great determination.

Felix M and Spencer M ran in the 10 year old boys' event, which was 2kms long. Both ran terrific races, with both boys up with the leaders. Felix finished 3rd and Spencer 10th, with both boys also qualifying for the Regional Cross Country Event. Great effort! Unfortunately, Finn Y could not run due to illness, along with Lilah J in the 11 year old girls.

Isla S ran in the 3 km 12 year old girls' race. Isla started off strongly, jostling for position and settling mid-pack. She soldiered on and worked her way up through the congestion, finishing strongly and with a smile. Isla finished 14th. Great run Isla, all that training at school paid off.

Good luck to Myra, Iris, Spencer, Felix, Jake and Madolyn on progressing through to the Regional Cross Country Carnival in two weeks time.

APS is behind you!





GRADE 4 CAMP

It was a cold, wet day. The grass was wet from the rain the night before. No one could hold in their excitement. Students were flooded with laughter and joy as we got to Camp Wilkin in Anglesea. 3! 2! 1! The muddy puddles got my attention as we walked through the Camp site. There was a footpath going to the park cabins and dining room, the park had long slides, bright orange monkey bars, and a 9 square game that was sooooo much fun! Over the three days, we participated in so many adventurous activities. Making our own delicious damper, the scary leap of faith, the fast fly fox speeding through the wind, challenging low ropes, thrilling Archery and searching for secret codes in Orienteering. After a big day of excitement, we were allowed free time, some played in the games room, other people took showers or played in the playground. The meals were really great, we ate schnitzels and tacos and pizza and sausages rolls! On Monday night we got our torches prepared for the night walk to the Lookout. As we got there everybody was filled with happiness and triumph. Tuesday was a day filled with all the other activities we hadn't completed yet and the best disco we had every been too! Exhausted and all danced-out we leapt into our sleeping bags and quickly fell asleep! Camp was so much fun and we will remember the experience for a long, long time!

Alexis Evans 4R



Our experience at Camp Wilkin was so cool. We got to play games, do activities and much more. Each day was so amazing. We all got 6 activities altogether from Monday to Wednesday. In our group the first activity was the Leap of Faith, then Archery and then we had lunch which we brought the first day. There were 6 meals that we had which were breakfast, morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea, dinner and dessert. They had things we could do in our free time like beach volleyball, basketball, tennis, trampolines and there was a games room with a pool table, ping pong, air hockey and foosball. On Monday night we had a night walk when we left the Camp! On Tuesday night we had a disco and we also got glow sticks there. That was the best time in my LIFE!

Spencer Martin 4R

Last week, all the grade 4's went to Camp Wilkin, in Anglesea.

The experience was unique and unforgettable, and it was awesome to sleep with my friends in a cabin. We did 6 activities at camp, including the leap of faith, the low ropes course, orienteering, and bush cooking. The food that we ate at camp was absolutely scrumptious. We ate schnitzel with peas and carrots for dinner on the first night, and we ate giant sausage rolls for lunch on the last day. The cabins were comfortable and warm, and all the pods were clean.

Camp Wilkin was AWESOME!

Jake Hogendoorn, 4R



My favourite activity at Camp Wilkin was the Leap of Faith! You got to jump of a really high platform and it was a fantastic experience. You were pushed out of your comfort zone and even if you just made it up to the platform, everyone on your team was cheering you on.

Iris Jeremiah 4B



GRADE 4 CAMP continued..



On the 30th of May the Grade 4's left for camp. On the first day it was really exciting and we got to explore the camp as well as participate in a few activities. I think the first night was probably the hardest for most of us because some of us missed home or our parents. On the second day we bounced back and although it rained for some of the day we had an amazing day and we got through a lot of the activities. After dinner on Tuesday, the camp staff hosted a disco in one of the rooms and we had a lot of fun there. Mrs. Borg and Miss Reggie handed out glow sticks which some students made into adorable accessories! The first night's night time activity was a night walk and we got to see koalas and other beautiful wildlife. We stopped for a photo in a sculpture of an old boat and there were gorgeous views all around. The meals at camp were nice, and they even had vegetarian meals which were very inclusive. I think we all had a great time at camp and I can't wait for next year!

Grace Birch 4HM

The grade 4's went to camp this term, and they absolutely loved it! My name is Madolyn, and I am one of the many students who thoroughly enjoyed their stay at camp. Firstly, I had great opportunities to have fun, and participate in activities with friends. We were separated into cabins, where we slept, and put our suitcases. All of my friends were in my cabin! Also, I would like to tell you about my awesome experience with the activities! First, we were divided into activity groups. My group was called the Grey Brown Koalas! Cool name, right! The first activity my group did was Low Ropes. They were so fun! We had to clamber over ropes of all different kinds, big, thick, thin, small, long, short! We also had the leap of faith, which was so fun too! I was a little bit scared at first, but in the end it was the best activity! I LOVED CAMP!

Madolyn Hogendoorn, 4R

On the 29th of May, The Grade 4's left for camp. As the bus arrived, all the students waved goodbye to their parents. On the bus they talked about what they were going to do. As we arrived, everyone screamed of joy. When we entered the building, we put our suitcase on a rack and went to have snack, then completed our first activity. After lunch we had free time until dinner and lots of people were in the arcade room. The arcade room had table tennis, foosball, pool and air hockey. After dinner we went on a night walk, it was so cool to walk to the Lookout. We came back, went to our cabins and tried to get to sleep which was so hard because we were so excited to be at CAMP!

Ryan Nguyen 4HM

The day was finally here! It was Monday morning, but not an ordinary Monday, it was the day we hop on the bus to go to CAMP! I woke up at 6:30 in the morning. I was ready at 7:30 and I was nagging Mum to drop me off so I could see my friends and get going!

Henry Rough 4B

There were many cool activities in Camp Wilkin, but my favourite activity was Bush Cooking (making damper). First, we started looking for a long, straight, thick, stick. Then we got some dough, after that we rolled the dough into a long, sausage shape. Then wrap the dough on the stick like a snake. We then had to cook it in the fire. I got smoke in my eye (it really hurt). Finally, to tell if it was ready we had to flick it. If it made a crunchy noise it would be ready, when it was ready we could add jam, honey or vegemite and it tastes amazing. I love the gooey texture!

Sebastian Chen 4B



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TERM 2

SHOWCASE

OF LEARNING

PREP

FRIDAY 24TH JUNE
9.10AM

GRADE 1

WEDNESDAY 22ND JUNE
9.10AM

GRADE 2

TUESDAY 21ST JUNE
9.10AM

GRADE 3

THURSDAY 23RD JUNE
9.10AM

GRADE 4

MONDAY 20TH JUNE
2.40PM

GRADE 5

WEDNESDAY 22ND JUNE
2.40PM

GRADE 6

TUESDAY 21ST JUNE
2.40PM



PARENTING CHILDREN WHO WORRY

Online Webinar



DESIGNED FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

This webinar is perfect for parents and carers of children who are a little bit too concerned about everyday life.

Offering basic information and strategies to help children worry less alongside how to develop an action plan for helping them move from feeling anxious, to feeling more empowered and able to act when they are uncomfortable.

This seminar, facilitated by Helen Rimington of Drummond Street Services, is appropriate for parents and families of children between 2 – 13 years. Helen holds a Masters in Education and is a Senior Project worker at drummond street with over 30 years' experience in developing and delivering evidence based training.

When: Thursday 23 June 2022

Where: Online via Zoom

RSVP: earlyyears@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au or call 1300 179 944

Time: 7.00pm to 8.00pm

Cost: FREE

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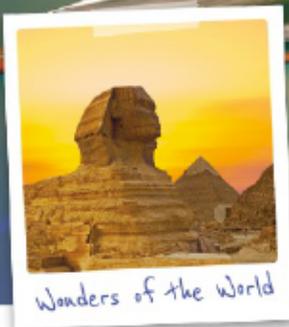




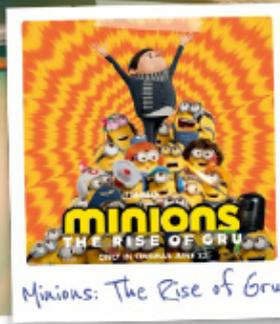
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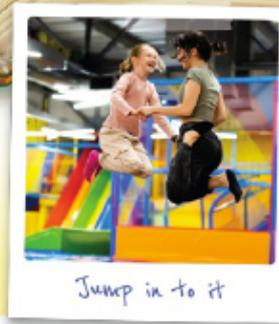
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Once Upon a Time - Monday 4 July



Once upon a time Aliens invaded Earth. It's up to you to win back the planet. Protect your home base and destroy the alien camp. See which planet you can send the aliens to and rebuild planet Earth!

Feature Activity: Sporting Incursion

Additional Activities: Origami pandas, fizzy drip paintings, boomerang puzzles, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

As low as \$11.69 with the Child care Subsidy. Full fee \$77.95. Suburb Avg \$13.25.



Kids in the Kitchen - Tuesday 5 July



Today we will be spending time in the kitchen cooking up a storm with some yummy and healthy recipes, including pikelets, vegetable hot pot and fruit salad skewers.

Feature Activity: Cooking Activities

Additional Activities: Pikelets, vegetable hot pot, fruit salad skewers, chefs hat crafts, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

As low as \$9.75 with the Child care Subsidy. Full fee \$65.00. Suburb Avg \$11.05.



Slam Dunk! - Wednesday 6 July



Line up your shot and score a three-pointer with your very own one of a kind mini basketball ring. After assembling and decorating your kit, simply hang it on your wall and start refining your skills. We'll then play a game of around the world and make muesli bars.

Feature Activity: Mini Basketball Rings

Additional Activities: Ball games, Aboriginal inspired artwork, muesli bar, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

As low as \$10.84 with the Child care Subsidy. Full fee \$72.25. Suburb Avg \$12.28.



Spring into Action - Thursday 7 July



Prepare for an adrenaline rush suitable for all ages as we visit Bounce Inc. Jump for the sky on their trampolines, play a game of dodgeball with your friends or even dive into the big bag if you dare. Unleash your free spirit!

Feature Activity: Trampoline Park Excursion

Additional Activities: Colour wheel clown art, papel picado, snowflakes plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

Please be at the service by 8:30 am. Pick up after 3:00 pm. Please wear runners and socks.

As low as \$14.74 with the Child care Subsidy. Full fee \$98.25. Suburb Avg \$16.70.



Happily Ever After - Friday 8 July



... And they lived happily ever after! Today, we will look at some of our favourite stories and perhaps even create our own. We will create our own character inspired by the works of Dr Seuss, make a Mad Hatter hat and play a game of quidditch.

Feature Activity: Mini Story Books

Additional Activities: Dr Seuss inspired character designs, Mad Hatter hats, bookmarks, quidditch game, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

As low as \$9.75 with the Child care Subsidy. Full fee \$65.00. Suburb Avg \$11.05.

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Hours of operation: 7:00 am - 6:15 pm

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Eye of the Dragon - Monday 27 June

Today we will be exploring the rich cultures from across Asia. From the legendary dragons of Chinese folklore to India's colourful sights and sounds, there is a lot to celebrate. We will make paper lanterns and dragons, try mango lassi and play a game of fruit salad.

Feature Activity: Paper Lanterns

Additional Activities: Dragons, mango lassi, fruit salad game, soccer, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

As low as \$9.75 with the Child care Subsidy. Full fee \$65.00. Suburb Avg \$11.05.



Minions: The Rise of Gru - Tuesday 28 June

From the biggest global animated franchise in history, comes the original story of how the world's greatest supervillain first met his iconic Minions. Together they will face off against the most unstoppable criminal force ever assembled in Minions The Rise of Gru. Popcorn & Water included.

Feature Activity: Minions: The Rise of Gru Movie

Additional Activities: Minion upcycled bowling pins, minion crafts, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

Please be at the service by 8:30 am. Pick up after 3:00 pm. Please wear runners and socks.

As low as \$14.74 with the Child care Subsidy. Full fee \$98.25. Suburb Avg \$16.70.



A Bear in There - Wednesday 29 June

Create your own stuffed teddy bear with us today, then bring your new friend along to the picnic zone, where we will play some classic party games and make iced cookies.

Feature Activity: Calico Bears

Additional Activities: Party games, iced cookies, magic paper art cubes, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

As low as \$10.84 with the Child care Subsidy. Full fee \$72.25. Suburb Avg \$12.28.



Pumping Up the Tunes - Thursday 30 June

Move and groove with our special guests, who will be bringing an excellent silent disco and party games which will have you dancing your way through the generations. The fun continues with sporting games and lots of creative crafts.

Feature Activity: Silent Disco

Additional Activities: Throw archery game, build a paper roller coaster, beading, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

As low as \$11.69 with the Child care Subsidy. Full fee \$77.95. Suburb Avg \$13.25.



Wonders of the World - Friday 1 July

The seven new wonders of the world are impressive sights spanning multiple continents. Today we will take a trip within the service to explore the ancient city of Chichen Iza in Mexico and see the feat of engineering that is the Colosseum in Rome!

Feature Activity: Clay Structures

Additional Activities: Colosseum construction, friendship bracelets, underwater colour bursts experiments, football, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

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