

Altona Primary School Newsletter



23rd June 2023: TERM 2 WEEK 9



Principal's Report

It is hard to believe that today is the last day of Semester 1 for 2023. We've had a busy 9 weeks of school and I'm sure our students are eagerly anticipating the break. On behalf of our staff, I want to thank our community for your continued support which has played a vital role in making this term an engaging and successful one.

END OF SEMESTER REPORTS

Today you will have access to your child/ren's end of semester report. This report details student performance across all curriculum areas and provides an indication of where they are placed against the Victorian Curriculum standards. We are incredibly proud of our students' successes this semester and I hope you can take the time to celebrate your child/ren's achievements. There will be an opportunity to discuss your child/ren's reports at Parent-Teacher interviews next term. These are scheduled for Wednesday the 19th of July from 3.30-7pm and Thursday the 20th July from 3.30-4.30. The booking system and relevant information will be posted to Compass when we return next term.

2024 PREP ENROLMENTS

Enrolments for students commencing school next year are now open. We are accepting 'Applications for Enrolment' from families residing outside of our zone. These are due by the 28th July and will then be reviewed in line with the Department of Education's placement policy.

Enrolments for those residing in our zone should also be submitted by the 28th of July to support us with planning and transition. If you know of anyone with a child starting school next year, please let them know that now is the time to be enrolling. This includes our current families who may have a younger learner ready to start Prep in 2024. Information can be found on our website.

Dates to Remember

10th July
Curriculum Day
(no students at school)

11th July
Students return for Term 3

17th July
Swimming sessions commence for
Grade 5s and Grade 6s

18th July
Friends and Families Meeting 9am

19th and 20th July
Parent Teacher Interviews

2nd August
District Athletics

14th-18th August
Science Week

21st-25th August
Book Week

22nd August
Junior (P-2) Athletics Day

15th September
End of Term 3



HOBSONS BAY JUNIOR COUNCIL

Last week, three of our student leaders attended the Hobsons Bay Junior Council meeting. As part of these meetings, students from schools across Hobsons Bay have an opportunity to pose a question or raise an issue directly to the council members.

Aarna, one of our Bromley House Captains, represented our school, raising the issue around the lack of pedestrian crossings on Maidstone Street, with a request for council to consider a school crossing on this road or some signage indicating safe places to cross for children travelling to school.



WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY IN TERM 3

Our whole school assemblies are a great opportunity for our community to come together each week to celebrate our students. Next term we will be meeting for our assembly on Friday afternoons, with a 2.45pm commencement time. This change is being made to enable us to maximise our entire week of morning learning blocks in classrooms. It will also mean we are not trying to gather outdoors during the colder part of the day. We will review this change before we head into Term 4.

MATHS OLYMPIADS

Our Grade 6 students participating in the Maths Olympiad had great success during their second test last week. Each test, the twenty thousand participants across Australia are presented with five questions. Pleasingly, our APS students are performing incredibly well. Here is the collective outcome of results from their last test which we are incredibly proud of:

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5
Percentage Correct of all participants	62%	52%	49%	33%	39%
Percentage Correct for APS participants	100%	94%	78%	89%	100%

TERM 3

Term 3 commences for our students on Tuesday the 11th of July. Monday the 10th is a curriculum day and our staff will be onsite engaging in Professional Learning and forward planning. Our office will be open during school hours on this day should you need to get in touch. OSHC will also have a program running on this day for anyone needing to access this service.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

There will continue to be two after school clubs available for students at APS next term. Young Engineers will run on Mondays, while Kids Unlimited will deliver a Coding program on Tuesdays. Each of these needs to be booked directly with the companies with details further in the newsletter. Places are limited, so if you are interested, please book your child's place.

I hope you all have an enjoyable two weeks ahead. I am looking forward to taking some time to recharge before we return for an exciting Term 3.

Take Care,
Sarah.

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ALTONAPRIMARYSCHOOL

VALUES AWARDS WEEK 9

FOCUS VALUE: ASPIRATION



CODING at

Altona Primary

While many jobs of the future are yet to be even imagined the future of work undoubtedly points in the direction of the technology space. This coding course using the Scratch application will introduce students to the world of coding in a fun and engaging way. Experienced coaches will guide students through a series of hands-on lessons with real world applications.

**ENROL
ONLINE
NOW!**

**CONTACT US
FOR TRIALS**



TUESDAY, 3:20 - 4:20 PM

STARTS ON 18 JUL

RUNS FOR 8 SESSIONS

FOR YEARS 2 - 4

ROOM: ROOM 5

DEVICES: SCHOOL/STUDENT SUPPLIED

**Scan or click
the QR code
to enrol
online!**



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YOUNG ENGINEERS Australia

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Engineering & Robotics Advanced Robotics

Altona Primary School

Every Monday from 17th Jul to 11th Sep 2023

Eligibility	Program Name	Time	Fee	Dates	Book online at
Yr 1 - 2	Build up	3:30 to 4:45 pm	\$225	17/07 -11/09	www.trybooking.com/BWONZ
Yr 3 - 6	Engineering & Robotics	3:30 to 4:45 pm	\$225	17/07 - 11/09	www.trybooking.com/BWONZ



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.

For more information, please call Chaitali on 0450 801 297

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ALTONA PRIMARY SCHOOL PREP 2024

Enrolments are now open

School tours are being run for prospective families.
Times and dates are advertised on our
school website.

www.altonaps.vic.edu.au

Enrolment forms are
available online or
at the school.



If you have any questions regarding enrolment, please contact the school

altona.ps@education.vic.gov.au

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OSHC NEWS



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Operation Time
Before school Care: 7:00am – 8.50am
After School Care: 3.15pm – 6.15pm
HP/PFD Care: 7:00am – 6.15pm

Term 2 Highlights

Only a week left in Term 2. Starting every morning with homemade waffles and Chocolate Croissants. What a better way to start the day. It was a fun filled term with lots of new indoor and sports resources, display in TC room and introducing some new ideas. Our student leaders were the highlight of term 2 as they became so famous among children and supporting the teachers to conducted activities. Our Buddy system was also a hit as it gave opportunity to kids to spend more time with each other and make new kids comfortable to the service which we will be continuing in Term 3.

Parent Guardian Information

TheirCare Program

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Dominic Frate

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Amanda Robinson

Lachlan Khan

Bibiana Guzman

Yasmin Copeland

What's on

During week 7 we entered Australian Jungles with some mind-blowing Australian animals' crafts and group games. Children got a chance to learn more on Australian animals.

Week 8 we took off to space with space week and friendly activities. This week we bid adieu to Term 2 with lots of friendly competitions, science experiments and some amazing cooking activities.

Holiday Program

With Winter holiday program around the corner, we are excited to share some amazing adventure with children. A few of the highlights include watching Movie in theatre – **Elemental**, Fun at **Floating Funland**, Playing indoor **Beach Volleyball**, some bouncing fun in **trampoline park** and some fast-paced incursions.

Bookings are now open, link to register →

www.theircare.com.au/holidayprograms.

We will be putting children's creativity and problem-solving skills to the ultimate test with amazing Holiday Program experiences.



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POLICY REMINDER

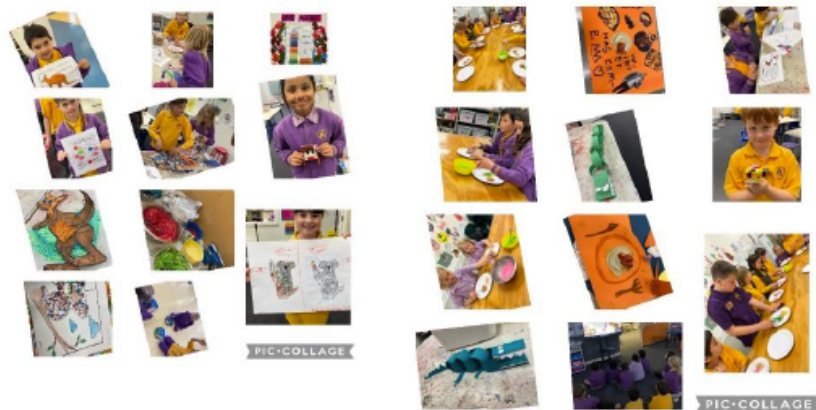
If you need to book/cancel, please do so via fully booked 24 hours prior to avoid a \$4 fee. Send us an email, text, or pop in to let staff know if you are collecting, cancelling, or booking your child. There is a \$1/minute fee for each child that is picked up after 6:15pm. Parents/guardians must be present with child on arrival to before and after school care.

WEEK 9 MENU



WEEK 9 ACTIVITES

Days	BSC	ASC
Monday	Croissants	Nachos
Tuesday	Waffles	Yoghurt & Berries
Wednesday	Croissants	Ham & Jam Sandwiches
Thursday	Waffles	Pizza
Friday	Croissants	Cookies



DAYS	BSC	ASC
Monday	Cards For teachers	Musical Chairs
Tuesday	Family Portraits	Decorate Cupcakes
Wednesday	Bingo	Movie
Thursday	Costume Making	Skittles Experiment
Friday	Last Day of School Craft	Disco





DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



Education
and Training

Somers School Camp

A nine day residential outdoor and environmental experience for Year 5 & 6 students

Focusing on developing the Victorian Curriculum Capabilities

- Personal & Social
- Ethical
- Intercultural
- Critical & Creative Thinking

**Experience
FOR
a Lifetime**



**Inspiring optimism and developing the consciousness and care of
SELF, OTHERS and the ENVIRONMENT**

Years 5 & 6 Students from Schools in your area will be participating in the Somers Camp.

From: 14 NOV 2023 To: 22 NOV 2023

FURTHER INFORMATION WILL BE SENT SOON

www.somerscamp.vic.edu.au