

Altona Primary School Newsletter



8th June 2023: TERM 2 WEEK 7



Principal's Report

We are now at the end of week 7, with two weeks left of term and our first semester. Hard to believe we are almost halfway through the school year. At the end of this semester parents/carers will receive their child/ren's end of semester report. This report provides an indication of student's performance against the Victorian Curriculum standards. Teachers make judgements based on a number of assessments and observations which are conducted over the course of the semester. To support this, our staff also meet to participate in collaborative moderation of work samples to ensure judgements are balanced across the grades. Reports will be published on Friday the 23rd June, our last day of term. Next term we will have parent teacher interviews which will allow for discussion around the report and next steps in learning for all learners.

MOBILE PHONES AT SCHOOL

Recently we have seen an increase in the amount of mobile phones and smart watches that students are bringing or wearing to school. Phones and smart watches pose a constant distraction to students as notifications come through. Please do not contact your child through the day on their personal device. Should you wish to pass on a message, this should be done by calling the office.

The Victorian Government has enforced guidelines about the use of phones in school which aligns with our school policy. Students who bring a phone to school must store it in the lockable phone box in their classroom. Smart watches that are being worn, need to have the cellular function disabled while at school, or alternatively the watch can be stored in the lockable box. We appreciate your support with this.

Dates to Remember

12th June
King's Birthday Public Holiday

15th June
Grade 2 late stay

16th June
CANTEEN DAY

21st June
Grade 1 Cherry Lake Excursion

23rd June
Last Day of Term 2
2:30 Dismissal

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

15th September
End of Term 3



WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

Any parent/carer or community member that volunteers time in our school must have a valid Working with Children Check (WwCC). This includes volunteers attending excursions or incursions, supporting in the classroom or helping with a FFC event such as Canteen Day or Stalls. A WwCC can take weeks (sometimes months) to process after an application has been submitted. If you don't already have a WwCC, it is a worthwhile consideration to apply for one. Free for volunteers, having a WwCC enables you to have the option to support with any of the abovementioned events at short notice, and we are always thankful to have the support.

SHOWCASES OF LEARNING

In the coming weeks our termly Showcases of Learning will be held. Dates and times for these have been published on Compass and appear later in our newsletter. Our students are looking forward to sharing their learning with those that attend. We do recognise that some children may not have a parent/carer or other visitor who is able to attend. To support this, we ensure that all children present their work to the audience, with a focus on developing presentation and public speaking skills. Teachers and members of our leadership team are always in attendance to support those students who may not have a visitor.

SAFE TRAVEL TO SCHOOL

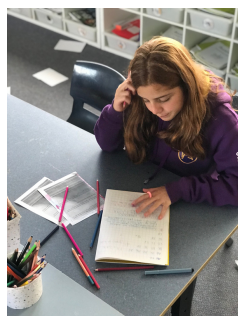
We continue to receive reports of children taking unsafe risks while travelling home, particularly on bikes. If your child does travel to and from school on a bike, I urge you to revisit their path of travel with them if they are riding to school without an adult. We have had a numerous reports from community members of students from our school travelling in the wrong direction on the roads on Railway Street South and North. If your child needs to travel along either Railway Street South or North and they are riding on the road, please have a discussion with them about the nature of a one way street and the importance of travelling in the same direction as vehicles.

As always, if you have anything you would like to discuss, concerns to raise or any feedback, please don't hesitate to come and see myself or Tim and Nicole, our Assistant Principals.

Have great fortnight.
Sarah

MATHS OLYMPIAD

Each week a group of 20 Grade 6 students get together with Mr Gilpin to engage in Maths problem solving tasks in preparation for the Australasian Problem Solving Mathematical Olympiads (APSMO). Their second test in this series is next Wednesday June 14th and after a great performance in the first test, we are looking forward to seeing their results in the upcoming one.





WEEK 6

VALUES AWARDS

WEEK 7



FRIENDS AND FAMILIES COMMITTEE

Following the Annual General Meeting on the 6th June, all office bearer positions received nominations and positions have now been filled as follows:

President: Emma Hamilton. Vice President: Amanda Schnurbusch

Secretary: Kylie West

Treasurer: Heather Pettican

This is a wonderful outcome and will ensure the committee can continue to provide rich experiences for our school community.

Sincere thanks to our outgoing Vice President Sarah, and Treasurer Anusha. Your contribution over many years is gratefully appreciated.

PREP ZOO EXCURSION: MONDAY 5TH JUNE



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TERM 2 **SHOWCASE** **OF LEARNING**



PREP

THURSDAY
22ND JUNE
2.45PM

GRADE 1

WEDNESDAY
21ST JUNE
9.00AM

GRADE 2

TUESDAY
20TH JUNE
2.45PM

GRADE 3/4

THURSDAY
22ND JUNE
9.00AM

GRADE 5

WEDNESDAY
21ST JUNE
2.45PM

GRADE 6

MONDAY
19TH JUNE
2.45PM

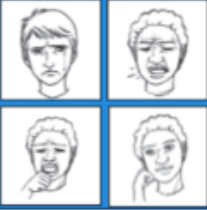



Introducing Zones of Regulation at APS

Recently your children have begun learning about **The Zones of Regulation** in their classrooms.

The Zones of Regulation is a well known program used in many schools to assist in teaching students how to identify and regulate their emotions.

The Zones are broken into the following 4 categories:

The ZONES of Regulation®

			
BLUE ZONE Sad Sick Tired Bored Moving Slowly	GREEN ZONE Happy Calm Feeling Okay Focused Ready to Learn	YELLOW ZONE Frustrated Worried Silly/Wiggly Excited Loss of Some Control	RED ZONE Mad/Angry Mean Terrified Yelling/Hitting Out of Control



Students are encouraged to acknowledge how they are **feeling (all feelings are valid and important)**, identify which zone these feelings fall into and access **regulation tools** to support them if they are feeling dysregulated.

Teachers will work with students to **develop regulation strategy tool kits** in their classrooms. E.g., breathing exercises, movement breaks, quiet space, talking about it etc.

We are excited to work on **building student's emotional intelligence and self-regulation skills**. You may notice visuals around the school to support this.

We encourage you to chat to your children about the Zones. We hope this opens up an opportunity for common dialogue around feelings and self-regulation at school and beyond.





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 – 8.50 am.
After School Care: 3.15pm – 6.15pm
HP/PFD Care: 7:00am – 6.15pm

Term 2 Highlights of (5-6)

Welcome to Winter Wonderland! To ring in the chilling season of winter, our activities were as cool and cold as the weather. Ranging from penguin crafts and winter animal puppets, to redecorating our TheirCare centre room. We are winter ready. DIY crafts are all we know now a days. Everyday we provide and encourage DIY crafts that resonate.

Parent Guardian Information

TheirCare Program

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Archana Kumari

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Dominic Frate

Program Assistants

Amanda Robinson

Lachlan Khan

Bibiana Guzman

What's on

Starting every morning with homemade waffles. Name a better way to start the day. Our daily activities have shifted towards winter fun and animal family love. The children are immersed in a winter world, surrounded by winter animals and décor. DIY snowballs and snowflakes that can be taken home. The themes change weekly to encourage the children's feedback and keep them involved in the decision making. Outside activities will evolve these coming weeks to cope with the colder weather.

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 child on arrival to before and after school care.



PIC-COLLAGE

OSHC NEWS



WEEK 7 MENU

	BSC	ASC
MONDAY	Waffles, Croissants, Cereal, Toast with Jam or Vegemite. Variety of milk and alternatives.	Nachos
TUESDAY	Homemade Waffles	Rainbow Noodles
WEDNESDAY	Croissants	Cocktail snacks
THURSDAY	Cereal	Yoghurt and Berries
FRIDAY	Toast with Jam or Vegemite. Variety of milk and alternatives.	Fairy Bread.



WEEK 7 ACTIVITIES

	BSC	ASC
MONDAY	Australian Animal Colouring	Animals felt paper puppets
TUESDAY	Finger-painting Animal sheet	Animal rice activity
WEDNESDAY	Alligator coloring sheet	Paper Alligator Craft
THURSDAY	Snake craft	Numbat collage
FRIDAY	Brush Tail Possum Craft	Paper Bag Platypus Puppet craft



RECYCLE, EARN & PLAY



Our school* is taking part in the Wonder Recycling Rewards campaign this term.

Help us collect bread bags so we can earn points to redeem on new RHSports equipment.

It's simple! All you need to do is keep your empty bread bags and send them to school* with your kids! We will then place them in Wonder's pink collection box and post them off to be recycled. The more we collect the more points our school* earns!

Collections close 7th July.

Tip for collecting:
Use one empty bread bag to collect a bunch of other bags.

Did you know?

Last year, schools collected over **10 tonnes of soft plastic**, that's the weight of an elephant!

LET'S GET COLLECTING!

* Includes early learning centres and pre-schools.

Tag @wonder.australia #wonderrecyclingrewards to share all your recycling champion stories!

