

Altona Primary School Newsletter

OCTOBER 2025: TERM 4 WEEK 4



Principal's Report

As we move through the term, I continue to be immensely proud of our students and the way they approach all aspects of their schooling. Their focus on learning, willingness to challenge themselves, and commitment to demonstrating our school values are truly commendable. It has been especially rewarding to see their achievements celebrated across so many areas, from the classroom to the stage and the sports field. These successes highlight not only the individual efforts, but also the strength of our supportive school community that encourages every student to shine.

WORLD TEACHERS DAY

This week we acknowledge World Teachers' Day, a wonderful opportunity to celebrate and thank our incredible team of educators at APS. I feel very fortunate to lead such a dedicated and committed group of teachers who work tirelessly each day to make APS "the place to be." I know our students will join me in expressing their gratitude and appreciation over the coming days.



ALTONA'S GOT TALENT

Once again, Altona's Got Talent is well underway. My thanks to our music teacher, Steve Saxton, for providing this wonderful experience for our students. With almost half the school auditioning last term, we are now down to the semi-finalists, who are showcasing their talents during lunchtime performances. Ten of these acts will be featured at our end-of-year Xmas event. This year, rather than selecting winners, we are celebrating the incredible depth of talent across our school community.

SUNSMART

A reminder that all students must be wearing a hat for all outdoor activities during Term 4. If students do not have a hat on during the breaks, they will be directed to play under the rotunda which is always shaded.

Dates to Remember

30th and 31st October
World Teachers Day

31st October
Halloween Dress Up Day

31st October
FFC meeting at 9am

3rd November
Curriculum Day
No students attend school

4th November
Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

5th November
Junior Athletics Event

6th November
Grade 3 Sleepover

14th, 21st, 28th November
5th December
2026 Prep Transition Sessions

4th December
Xmas Event 5-7pm

15th December
Grade 6 Graduation

18th December
Term 4 Final Day
3.15 dismissal

19th December
Student Free Day

See our whole school calendar
on our website for all dates

We acknowledge the Bunurong People of the Kulin Nation as the traditional owners of the land.

We pay our respects to elders past, present and emerging.

We are grateful for the land that we live, learn and play on every day.



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COLOUR RUN

Our community is no doubt aware of the outstanding success of our recent Colour Run event, which raised an incredible \$22,000 for our school, and brought a tonne of fun on the day. I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to everyone who contributed through fundraising, as well as to the amazing group of volunteers who helped make the event such a success. The allocation of these funds will be determined in consultation with our School Council and will be dedicated to enhancing our school environment and resources.

BEFORE SCHOOL SUPERVISION

Please be reminded that although our gates are open from 8.30am, supervision does not commence until 8.45am and this is only with visibility of the entry points and the central synthetic courts. Our playgrounds, oval and soccer pitch are not open for play in the morning unless the student has their own parent supervising this.

HALLOWEEN DRESS UP DAY

This Friday we will continue our school tradition of celebrating Halloween. Students are invited to come to school dressed up in the spirit of Halloween, ensuring costumes are appropriate for school and appropriate footwear is worn. We will have activities on at recess and a Halloween inspired disco at lunchtime on the day.

2026 CLASS PLACEMENTS

We are working through the process for creating our 2026 classes. Information about this was shared to families through Compass earlier in the term. Accurate enrolment numbers are important as we work through this process. If you know you are relocating in 2026, could you please advise our administration or leadership team as soon as possible as this will be of great support as we make our class placement decisions.

SAVE THE DATE

Our annual Xmas event will be held on Thursday the 4th of December from 5pm. The evening will showcase performances of xmas songs involving all students for our community to enjoy. Families are encouraged to come, have a picnic dinner and catch up. We will have food trucks, an ice cream van and sausage sizzle to enjoy. Further details will be provided closer to the date.

Please don't forget that Monday is a curriculum day, so no students will attend school. Their Care will be running their service on the day.

Have a great (long) weekend ahead.

Sarah



VALUES AWARDS





MATHS OLYMPIADS

This year we had the largest group of APS students competing in the Australasian Problem Solving Mathematical Olympiads competition. We had over 30 Grade 3/4 students and over 50 Grade 5/6 students.

The Grade 3/4 students competed in the Maths Explorers competition against more than 20,000 students across Australia and NZ.

The Grade 5/6 students competed in the Maths Olympiad competition against over 50,000 students across Australia and NZ.

While all our students showed incredible aspiration through the Olympiad sessions held each week and across the four competition tests, the following students were acknowledged with a badge of medal for their performance:

Top 10% Grade 5/6

Yeab - 5M
Bryan - 5M
Michael - 5H
Dean - 6M

Top 25% Grade 5/6

Stella - 6M
Dexter - 6A
Owen - 6A
Freddy - 6L
Sacha - 6A
Edward - 5M



Top Scorers Grade 3/4

Scarlett
Natalia
Vince
Max
Lewis
Jake
Kara
Kai
Lucas
Finn

COMMUNICATION AT APS

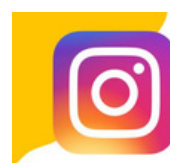
COMPASS: Ongoing communication. Newsfeed items contain reminders and timely information. All payments and consent for events and activities are made through Compass.

NEWSLETTER: Reports what is happening and coming up at APS. Published 2-3 times per term via Compass and the school website.

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

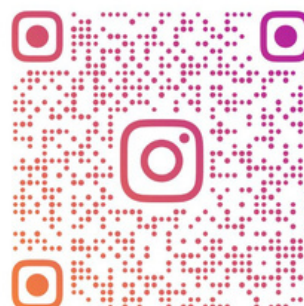
SCHOOL WEBSITE: Information about the school, parent info and whole school calendar.

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



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SPORT UPDATE

FROM MR FAVA

Hobsons Bay Divisional Volleyball Tournament

Our girls volleyball team played in the Hobsons Bay Divisional round. They played two games. The first game was a ripper. The skills from both teams were exceptional with many rallies going for 10 repeated turns over the net. Unfortunately, APS lost the first game narrowly against Saltwater PS. In the second game, APS bounced back and defeated St Mary's Altona 2 sets to 1. We finished runners up in our division. I was so impressed with our girls and how their skills progressed throughout the year. Great job girls.



Lawn Bowls Championships

In Term 3, all our grade 5/6's participated in Lawn Bowls lessons at school run by Richard Gale from the Altona Sports Club. From here, 4 teams were formed.

Earlier this term, these teams competed in the Western Region Lawn Bowls Championships. Our students loved the experience of learning a new sport. What was impressive about these kids was how they communicated with each other and how they encouraged their team and other teams.

Two of our teams played off in the finals, with our Purple team of Henry T, Keat V, Freddy S, Muhammad S, Aaron B and Harry J progressing through to the State Finals which were held today. They won one out of their three games against some fierce competition, finishing fifth in state. Exciting times for this team.

Well done APS!



Western Metro Regional Athletics

On Tuesday the 21st of October, 5 talented athletes competed in our Western Region Athletics Championships held at Keilor Athletics Track. These students had previously placed first or second in their events at the District level.

Our children trained hard before school and at home and showed great progress over the athletics season.

The results were:

Mia G competed (9/10 year old girls) in the Triple Jump and hopped, stepped and jumped to 8th place in the region with a great distance of 7.53m

Aaron L competed (9/10 year old boys) in the 200m and 100m sprints. He finished 12th and 13th respectively.

Liam C competed (12 year old boys) in the 200m event and finished 15th.

Amelita L competed (9/10 year old girls) in the 80m Hurdles and was not far off the leaders, finishing 6th in the region.

Delilah W competed (12 year old girls) in Shot Put and threw a 7.61m and finished 7th.

It has been a joy working with these students and watching them put into practice the skills they learnt.

National Titles

This week the National Titles are held in Victoria, Ballarat. We have two very talented students representing Victoria. Amelie S is competing in 7 swimming events. Amelie is the current Victorian State Champion in the 11 year old girls 50m freestyle and butterfly.

Also good luck to Rion K who is representing Victoria in soccer. Rion went through a vigorous selection process to make this team.

What an exciting time for these two students, their families and APS! Two names to keep an eye on.



Every day counts

Attending school every day means experiencing what counts - the learning, friendships, fun and opportunities that can shape their future.

Choose a Main Course item, then select 1 or 2 Items from the Snack/Drink Menu to make up a 2 or 3 Course Lunch Pack

Main Course Menu

BAKERY All items freshly baked this morning!

	2 Course Lunch	3 Course Lunch
Cheese and Vegemite Scroll (M)	\$6.45	\$8.95
Savoury Bite 'Little Frank' Roll	\$6.45	\$8.95
Topped with Only Cheese Roll (M)	\$6.45	\$8.95
Cheese and Bacon Roll	\$7.45	\$9.95
Scroll with Ham and Cheese	\$9.95	\$12.85
Frankfurt 'in a blanket' with Sauce & Cheese (2)	\$10.95	\$13.65

PIZZA / SAUSAGE ROLLS / GOZLEME / PASTIZZI / QUESADILLA / PUFF PARCEL SERVED AT ROOM TEMPI

Ricotta & Spinach Pastizzi (2) (M)	\$7.45	\$9.95
Margherita Pizza TWIST (M)	\$8.95	\$11.45
Sausage Roll with Sauce	\$8.95	\$11.45
Margherita PITA Pizza (M)	\$8.95	\$11.45
Quesadilla (Chicken) served with Sour Cream (H)	\$10.95	\$13.65
Tandoori Chicken Puff Parcel with Mango Chutney (H)	\$10.95	\$13.65
Ham & Pineapple Pizza Slice	\$10.95	\$13.65
BBQ Chicken Pizza (H)	\$10.95	\$13.65
Lamb and Beef Gozleme (H)	\$13.45	\$15.45
Mushroom and Spinach Gozleme (Vg)	\$13.45	\$15.45
Spinach and Cheese Gozleme (M)	\$13.45	\$15.45

SUSHI HAND ROLLS (2pc) Soy Sauce (GF) Provided

Teriyaki Chicken Hand Rolls (H)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Crispy Chicken (Schnitzel) Hand Rolls (H)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Cooked Tuna Hand Rolls (GF)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Avocado Hand Rolls (GF, Vg)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Cucumber Hand Rolls (GF, Vg)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Vegetarian Hand Rolls (GF, Vg)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Tofu Hand Rolls (GF, V)	\$11.50	\$13.75

RICE PAPER ROLLS (2pc) (Wed, Thu, Fri)

Chicken Rice Paper Rolls (GF, H)	\$13.45	\$15.45
Vegetarian Rice Paper Rolls (GF, Vg)	\$13.45	\$15.45

SANDWICHES / ROLLS / WRAPS / SOFT SHELL TACOS

Strawberry Jam Sandwich (1.5) (Vg)	\$7.45	\$9.95
Vegemite Sandwich (2) (Vg)	\$8.95	\$11.45
Soft Shell Chicken Taco with Salsa, Cheese & Salad (2)	\$9.95	\$12.85
Plain Cheese Sandwich (2) (M)	\$9.95	\$12.85
Cheese and Salad Roll (M)	\$10.95	\$13.65
Wholegrain Ham & Cheese Sandwich (1.5)	\$10.95	\$13.65
Roast Chicken and Salad Roll (H)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Roast Beef, Chutney, Cheese & Lettuce Roll	\$11.50	\$13.75
Turkey, Cranberry, Lettuce & Cheese Sandwich (1.5)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Mild Salami and Salad Roll	\$11.50	\$13.75
Wrap with Chicken, Tzatziki, Lettuce, Tomato & Cucumber (H)	\$12.75	\$14.95

SALADS / PICNIC BOXES / POKE BOWLS

Fresh Fruit Salad - Main Course Size (GF, Vg)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Ham Picnic Box (GF)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Vegetarian Picnic Box (GF, V)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Greek Style Salad with Feta and Olives (GF, V)	\$12.75	\$14.95
Poke Bowl with Teriyaki Chicken (H)	\$13.45	\$15.45

GF SANDWICHES & WRAPS

GF Ham & Cheese Sandwich (1.5)	\$10.95	\$13.65
GF Cucumber & Ham Sandwich (1.5)	\$10.95	\$13.65
GF Wrap - Ham and Salad	\$12.75	\$14.95

Snack/Drink Menu

FRESH FRUIT & VEGETABLES

Apple pieces, Lemon juice, Cinnamon & Brown Sugar	+\$1.00
Cantaloupe and Honeydew Pieces	+\$1.00
Fresh Fruit Combo	+\$1.00
Freshly Chopped Orange Segments	Included
Freshly Chopped Watermelon Pieces	Included
Whole Fruit - Apple	Included
Whole Fruit - Banana	Included
Whole Fruit - Mandarin	Included
Carrot, Cucumber, Red & Yellow Capsicum	Included
Celery and Carrot Sticks with Sultanas	Included
Cherry Tomatoes, Tasty Cheese & Rice Crackers	Included
Corn Wheels & Lightly Steamed Broccoli	Included
Edamame (Lightly Salted)	Included
Sugar Snap Peas, Beans and Cherry Tomatoes	+\$1.00

BAKERY - SWEET

Choc Chip Cookie	Included
Finger Bun with Sprinkles	Included
Lamington	Included
"Not Cross" Bun	Included
Cinnamon Doughnut	Included
Cornflake Cookie	Included
Choc Cup Cake (GF/DF/Vg)	+\$1.00
Blueberry Muffin	+\$1.00
Jam Drop Biscuit (GF)	+\$1.00
Carrot Cup Cake (GF/DF/Vg)	+\$1.00

SUSHI

1pc Tuna Sushi (GF)	+\$1.00
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POPCORN / HARVEST SNAPS

Popcorn - Slightly Sweet, Lightly Salted	Included
Popcorn - Lightly Salted	Included
Harvest Snaps (GF/DF/Vg)	Included

DRIED FRUIT

Dried Fruit Medley with Yoghurt Sultanas	+\$1.00
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DIPS WITH MINI RICE CAKES / CORN CHIPS

Tzatziki Dip with Mini Rice Cakes	+\$1.00
Spring Onion Dip with Mini Rice Cakes	+\$1.00
Spicy Capsicum Dip with Mini Rice Cakes	+\$1.00
Avocado Dip with Mini Rice Cakes	+\$1.00
Corn Chips with Salsa (GF)	+\$1.00

YOGHURTS / BOWLS

Strawberry Yoghurt (Dairy Farmers)	+\$1.00
Classic Vanilla Yoghurt (Dairy Farmers)	+\$1.00
Chia Bowl with Banana, Coconut & Strawberries	+\$1.00
Stewed Rhubarb and Apple with Custard	+\$1.00

DRINKS

Apple Juice (Nippy's)	Included
Orange Juice (Nippy's)	Included
Chocolate Milk (Nippy's)	Included
Strawberry Milk (Nippy's)	Included
Full Cream Milk	Included



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