

Altona Primary School Newsletter



23rd November 2022: TERM 4 WEEK 8



Principal's Report

SCHOOL CONCERT

What an incredible night our music concert was! From our fabulous performances to the glorious weather, I would like to sincerely thank our community for coming out and enjoying the evening with us. It was so encouraging to see the amount of people in attendance, something I know we have missed over the past years, but something that APS does so well. Being able to run these events at school enables greater community attendance and interaction, flexibility with arriving and leaving, and a familiar environment for our children.

My sincere thanks to Tim Rouse and our entire staff for their support in ensuring the evening ran smoothly and for getting all our students up on to the stage. Thanks also to Their Care who provided a sausage sizzle for everyone to enjoy.

I am sure everyone that attended will agree that we have some talented students at APS.

SCHOOL CONCERT PHOTOS

Whilst backstage, each class posed for a photo, taken by Ruth Schwarzenholz. These photos are now available for purchase through the front office.



Each photo will be charged at \$15 for a 6x8 inch high quality print. Purchasing will be open from today until the 30th November, with prints delivered before the end of the year.

Dates to Remember

25th November
2nd December
2023 Prep Transition 11.30-12.30

25th November
Grade 3 Sleepover

9th December
CANTEEN DAY

13th December
Grade 6 Graduation

15th December
Grade 6 Mystery Tour

16th December
Semester Reports Published

20th December
Last Day of Term 4
1.30 Dismissal

30th January 2023
Term 1 2023 commences
3rd February 2023
Preps First Day of School



IUNIFORM

As the weather continues to be unpredictable, students continue to wear a variety of uniform items throughout the week. A reminder that students should always be in full school uniform and we have a number of items catering for all seasons. Another important part of our uniform policy pertains to hair and jewellery. Any child with hair longer than shoulder length should be wearing this up. Along with this, jewellery should not be worn to school. Not only are each of these in line with maintaining a standard, they both have safety considerations, as hair and jewellery can easily become caught as children engage in activities inside and outside.

2023 PLANNING

This is a reminder for any families who are relocating next year to please make the school aware of this. Changes in enrolment numbers impact our class placements and grade structures, so this information is important to know. It will also enable us to support in the transition process of students who are changing schools.

POLLING PLACE AND SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Our school will be a polling site this Saturday, so please consider coming here to place your vote . Our Friends and Families Committee will be running a sausage sizzle and bake sale as a fundraiser. There has been a call for volunteers, so if you can lend a hand or have a spare 30 minutes or more, please get in touch with the committee. Any assistance or contribution is greatly appreciated, connects our community and goes a long way to support our school.

I hope to see many of you here on Saturday as you cast your vote. Have a great fortnight everyone.

Sarah

Election Day Sausage Sizzle

Saturday 26 November, 10am – 4pm
 Altona Primary School
 Location: Near onsite polling location

Bake Sale and Coffee Van
Vegan Sausage Option

All profits will go towards Altona Primary School's Outdoor Learn and Play areas

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To the Altona Primary School Community,

My official retirement was on 11th November.

My career in education commenced in 1981 with my first classroom position at Footscray North Primary School with class sizes at their highest, yes 36 preps with more than half non English speaking Vietnamese. I loved the challenge and knew that teaching was going to be a life long career. Five years later I moved into a 12 month position as a permanent CRT with the Western Region working across over 30 schools. I was fortunate to work at Altona West Primary School for two years, I then took 5 years family leave and commenced at Altona Primary School in 1993.

Altona Primary School became my workplace for the remainder of my career in education, a small school with only 9 classrooms. My how this changed over the years, with the growth in Altona and thus the numbers. Throughout these years I worked as a Classroom Teacher, Literacy Coach, Leading Teacher and Assistant Principal. My goal in education was to make a difference to student outcomes and their well-being, develop positive relationships with students, families and staff and walk through the gates happy and ready for what my day would bring. I am confident I achieved these goals and supported those around me to achieve the same. Both of my sons attended APS which allowed me to be actively involved in their education and participate in special events with them.

Working in education has been a fulfilling career, I take with me so many special memories, experiences and life long friendships, in particular, throughout my years at APS. I am extremely grateful to have worked with and alongside so many amazing staff, school leaders, families and students.

Altona Primary School is a wonderful community environment where I felt as though I had an extended family.

Thank you to families and students for your commitment to our school, your interactions both formal and informal over many years and sharing APS milestones and celebrations with me.

Retirement now brings a change of direction. I look forward to spending more time with my family and travelling.

Thank you and farewell.

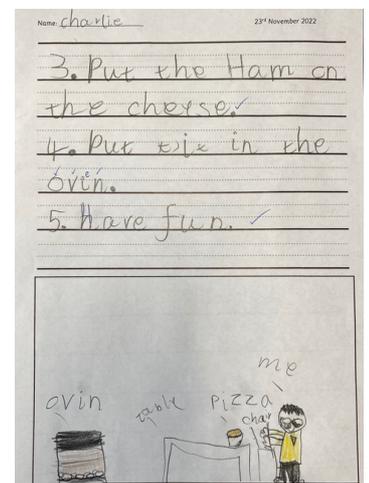
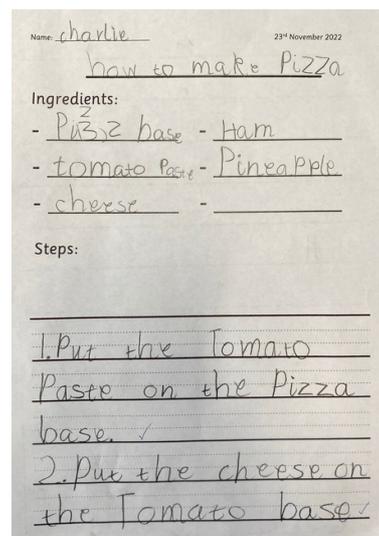
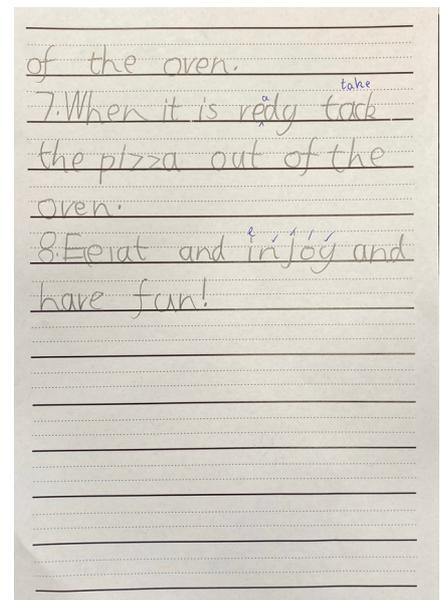
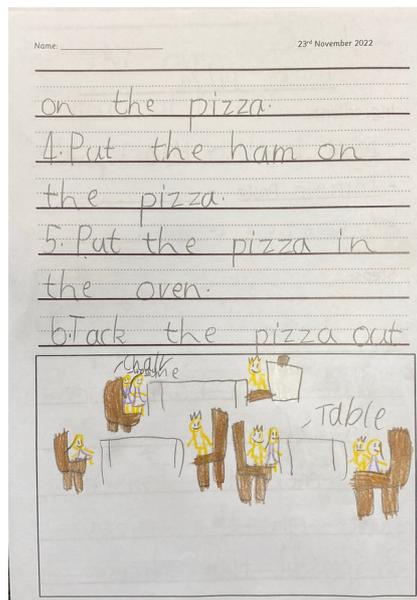
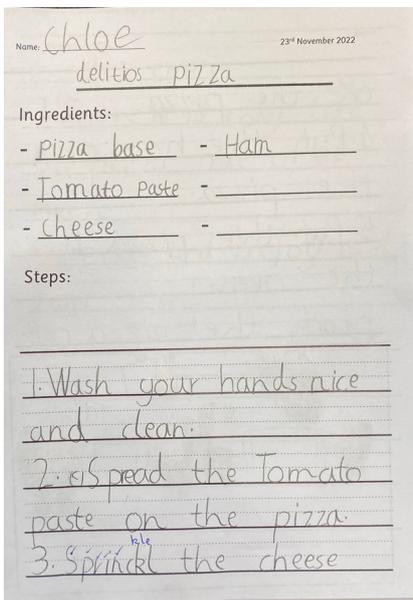
Debbie Galvin



What's happening in Prep?

Our Preps are currently learning about Procedural Texts.

Today they wrote the procedure to make a pizza and then used this to make their own. A great hands on and practical experience highlighting the purpose of this text type.



Newsletter

WHAT'S ON

Jungle week was a huge success, the children loved creating different animals using play dough and other craft resources.

The children and staff put together a Remembrance Day poster that was placed outside the service.

Be our guest, be our guest. During week 7 we got magical with a Disney theme. We had fun designing crafts of our favourite movies. The Lion King is obviously the best Disney movie.

Unfortunately the weather hasn't been great, so very limited time outside. TheirCare had the privilege of providing a BBQ for the school concert. It was great to see all the children having fun performing in front of the school community.

Holiday Program

With the holidays just around the corner, look no further for amazing holiday adventures for your children over December & January.

A few of the highlights include going to the movie to see Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile, building ten-pin bowling lanes and some fast-paced incursions there is something for everyone.

One highlight will be The Carnival Spectacular! We are beyond excited to bring these much-loved events back and better than ever for the children! Think magicians, DJs, rides, and more!

To book, head to:

<https://theircare.com.au/holiday-programs/altona-primary-school/>



POLICY REMINDERS

If you need to book/cancel please do so via fullybooked 24 hours prior to avoid a \$4 fee. Send us an email, text or pop in to let staff know if you are collecting, canceling 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 8 ACTIVITIES

	BSC	ASC
MONDAY	DRAWING COMP	SKITTLES
TUESDAY	TALLEST TOWER O + X	SCAV HUNT RELAY
WEDNESDAY	BALLOON TENNIS	BLOCK SOCCER BRIDGE BUILD
THURSDAY	CATERPILLAR PICTIONARY	TRIVIA ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS
FRIDAY	THREE - LEGGED RACE	DODGEBALL LEGO COMP

WEEK 8 MENU

	BSC	ASC
MONDAY	Children have a self served breakfast.	CHEESE, DIP, CRACKERS
TUESDAY	Consisting of wholemeal bread, raisin bread, waffles, basic cereals (corn flakes, rice bubbles, cheerios), milk and milk alternatives.	NACHOS
WEDNESDAY		PASTA
THURSDAY		SPRING ROLLS
FRIDAY		JELLY

Parent/guardian information

TheirCare program phone:
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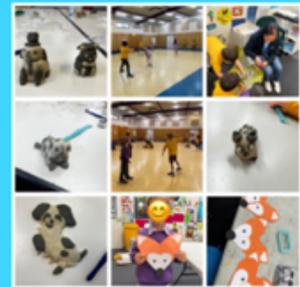
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SCHOOL CONCERT CLASS PHOTO

6 x 8 inch colour print

\$15 each



**\$5 from every sale will go to APS
'Outdoor Learn & Play' initiatives.**

**Order your print from the School Office from
21-30 November for delivery to your child's
classroom by 14 December.**

**Sample class photos available in
the office.**

**Each class will be photographed
prior to their performance.**



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