



Altona North Primary School

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Dates to Remember

TERM 2

JUNE:

Monday 11th: QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY - NO SCHOOL

Tuesday 12th -

Thursday 14th: Teeth on Wheels onsite

Monday 18th – Fri 22nd: Education Week

Monday 18th School Council 7pm

Tuesday 19th: Last day of Prep Swim program.

Wednesday 20th: Family Science Night
Pizza Supper

Friday 22nd: Multi Cultural Lunch Day

Friday 29th: Last Day of Term 2.

Semester 1 Reports home.

JULY:

Monday 16th: Term 3 starts 08:45am

Tuesday 17th: Opera Australia Incursion

Wednesday 18th: Parent / Teacher Interviews

Sunday 29th: Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

AUGUST:

Monday 6th: School Council @ 7pm

Tuesday 21st - Friday 24th: Grade 3-6 Camp Coolamatong

Tuesday 28th: Fathers Day Stall

REMINDERS:

Monday 11th June: Queens Birthday Public Holiday - NO SCHOOL

From the Principal

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Dear Parents and Families: I would like to say thankyou to all those parents who shared the last couple of newsletters as a family. We have seen loads of positive change in the playground with students using their excellent behaviour. I encourage parents to use positive language rather than negative. Research will tell you that whilst you are using a positive approach children will become more positive, understanding and resilient as learners and people.

Next week we will be looking at ACCEPTANCE – Being accepting of others. Please talk about this at home maybe over tea when everyone is sitting and talking about their day, or whilst walking to the park, etc.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY: Just a reminder that there is NO school on Monday 11th June due to the Queen's Birthday holiday. Please make other arrangements for your children on this day as there will be no staff on the premises.

STAFFING: We welcome back Mary from her Long Service Leave, the students were very excited to see her.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING: This week our staff further developed our behavioural expectations for the whole school through our School Wide Positive Behaviours Program. This is a program that we have been embedding in our school for some time now with teachers, students and parents having input into the expectations of what we, here at Altona North Primary School, expect from our students. Thankyou to Mr. Raghdoo for leading us through this development.

Ms. Shiels and myself attended the SWR Principal Forum yesterday and today where we heard speakers renowned in their areas of education. Being able to listen to speakers and discuss these subjects with other Principals assist us in our endeavour to keep Altona North Primary School at the pinnacle of learning excellence for our students.

PREP SWIMMING: This week I was able to go down to the pool and watch the Prep Swimming. They have come along with their skills in the water. Every child was listening and watching their swimming teachers and making sure that they did exactly what was expected of them. Well done Preps. You are 5 Star Listeners!!!!!!!!!!!!!! What a great program and thankyou to Blair at Life Saving Victoria for making this possible for us.

PARENTS PARKING: Please remember NOT to park on the school crossings. These areas need to be clear for the safety of your children and others. Hobsons Bay City Council have been around, and will continue to be around taking photos and sending parking tickets to offenders. Just a warning!!

STUDENT LEADERSHIP: Last week our Grades 3 to 6 were privileged to have 4 Footscray footballers, Jack Macrae, Toby McLean, Lukas Webb and Aaron Naughton, come to school to speak about Leadership and the importance of being good leaders. This talk integrated nicely with our school's Student Leadership program and the transition the 3/4 students face when going into the 5/6 Unit. Well done to those students who asked some amazing questions and went on to find out how they became footballers through their leadership in Junior Football and their aspirations for further leadership in sport.

Enjoy your weekend;

Robyn Gregson - Principal



Consider Others

Student Absences

New Attendance Requirements

If your child is sick or absent, you are required to notify the school as soon as possible **on the day of absence**, by **phone, email, or via our website**.

Notifying the school of your child's absence either prior to, or on the day that they will be away, helps ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and will fulfil your legal responsibility.

All Victorian government schools are required to contact parents/carers as soon as practicable on the same day of an unexplained student absence. If your child is absent on a particular day and you have not contacted the school to explain why, you will receive a phone call from the school. If we are unable to reach you we will be contacting your child's emergency contacts.

This system also promotes daily school attendance. Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education, they learn new things every day – missing school puts them behind.



EVERY MINUTE COUNTS

Just a little bit late doesn't seem much but.....

He/She is only missing just....	That equals....	Which is....	over 13 years of schooling that's....
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 2.5 weeks per year	Nearly HALF A YEAR
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 minutes per week	Nearly 2.5 weeks per year	Nearly 1 YEAR
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 AND A HALF YEARS
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Nearly 2 AND A HALF YEARS



Did you know your child's best learning time is the start of the school day?

That's when every minute counts the most!

