

# Specialists Units

## Auslan

Term 3 the Preps will be continuing to learn the animal signs, a topic they seem to pick up really quickly. We have also been learning the signs for colours and will continue on with this. Due to some clever Preps, I will be teaching them the signs for the alphabet. It's not usually taught until grade one but as many have been practicing at home and already know it, I will teach the whole class to catch them up! We will also learn the numbers from 1 to 10.



Lesley Dickins

## Music / Performing Arts

Term 3 will hold many exciting things for our Prep students. They will shift from a musical focus to drama based classes during the first half of term 3. This will act as a means of developing student collaborative skills, communication skills and further confidence in the spotlight. This will be very handy when preparing for the end of year school concert during the second half of term 3.



John Koutsonikolas

## Visual Arts

Throughout Term 2, in Visual Arts, the children will learn about the story and legend of 'Blue Willow'. They will view the images on items of crockery and see how the story has been conveyed through drawings. They will use these images as inspiration to create their own artwork by drawing, collage, painting and /or printing. The children will develop an understanding that historically many cultures throughout the world has used art as a means of passing down their stories through the generations. The children will then be asked to use illustrations to create a story of their own.

The children will also see a connection between story books and the use of illustrations. They will complete activities associated with picture story books.



Deb Morgan

## Sustainability:

This year 'Planet Ark school Tree Day' will be held on Friday July 27th. ANPS has been an active participant in the 'Planet Ark Tree Day' every year for the last 15 years, with all students being involved in planting a tree, shrub or plant, helping to improve our school's environment. This year ANPS has designated the same day as an 'Environmental Day' as part of our school's commitment to the environment and sustainability and in support of 'Planet Ark Tree Day'.

Throughout this day, all students will be given the opportunity to plant a native tree in their grade's designated area in the school's gardens. Some grade 5/6 students will provide the rest of the school with support and guidance in planting and caring for trees.

During the day, students across the school will participate in classroom based activities with an Environmental focus. These activities will assist in the development of the students' knowledge and appreciation of trees as a sustainable resource and the important role that trees have on our planet.

In support of our 'Environmental Day' (Friday July 27th) ANPS will be having a 'Rubbish Free Day'. We request that all parents support this event by ensuring that children's 'snacks and lunch' are packed in containers or materials which can either be recycled or reused with minimal or no rubbish going into the school bins.

**It is hoped that the 'Environmental Day' will assist students in gaining a greater understanding and connection with their environment and the need to care for it.**

Altona North Primary School is an accredited "Water-Live it Learn It" school and as part of our commitment to this program we will commence preparations to participate in the National Water Week, which will be held from the 21<sup>st</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> of October (Term 4).

Wal Raghdo

## Physical Education

Term three will be a busy term for the Prep students, as they will continue to be involved in the Perceptual Motor Program. Every student will be encouraged to develop the ability to receive, interpret and respond successfully to sensory information through challenging and controlled activities. The Perceptual Motor Program will run in conjunction within their weekly Physical Education lesson time.

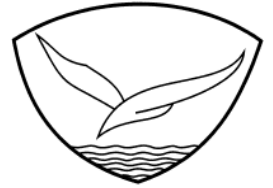
During lesson time the students will be introduced to the game of Hockey. Students will be taught the correct techniques for dribbling and trapping a Hockey ball, passing accurately, controlling the ball while running and shooting for goal. Students will be involved in playing modified games of Hockey during their class lesson time and will be given the opportunity to work as a team.

Vanessa Shiels

**WEDNESDAY 21ST MAY 2009**

**Important Dates**

DATE	EVENT
20/5/2009	Open Evening
22/5/2009	Inter School Sport



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