

# SPECIALISTS' NEWSLETTER

## Music/ Performing Arts

Students at Altona North Primary School are encouraged to participate in a range of Performing Arts classes. The aim of the program is to enrich students' lives by giving them creative and artistic experiences, allowing them to gain an understanding and appreciation of Drama, Dance and Music.

In term 1, the Grade 3/4 students will use voice, body, movement and language to sustain role and create dramatic action with a sense of time and place. They will explore ideas and narrative structures through roles and situations in their own improvisations and devised dramas. Students will create, rehearse and perform two dramatic pieces based on a classic and a fractured fairy-tale.

### **CHOIR/DANCE CREW**

Auditions for choir and dance crew will be held later in the term.

All students from grade 3-6 are welcome to audition!

## Cherie Spiteri



## Visual Arts

The Visual Arts program enables children to be involved in numerous activities that aim to develop and extend individual artistic skills and creativity. Each lesson aims to cover skill application and art appreciation. Children will have the opportunity to share their ideas with their peers in a positive and encouraging learning environment..

In Term 1, year 3 & 4 students will explore the elements of lines, shape and pattern. Students will analyse a variety of artwork and discuss how the elements of art have been used and the ideas portrayed in the artwork,

Students will create drawings using a number of tools such as pencils, oil pastels and fine liners. Students will also be introduced to the concept of sketching and will explore applying varied amounts of pressure when applying the pencil to the paper.

## Cherie Spiteri



## STEAM—Information Technology

In term 1, students will be introduced to key expectations and steps when using digital technology at school. They will undertake activities to become more familiar with using a keyboard and tools to practise writing, reviewing and editing a set text and creating an accompanying poster.

## Michael Godfrey



## Physical Education

During Term One the 3/4 students will be participating in team based games and activities. The students will be learning about teamwork and will develop skills and strategies that will be transferred to game situations.

During the term the main sport in focus will be Tennis Hot Shots with the students learning correct forehand and backhand technique, as well as serving skills and accuracy. The students will also experience the fun and enjoyment of exercise and they will be encouraged to discuss the importance of living a healthy and active lifestyle. Throughout the term the students will be challenged with fitness circuits that will assist in improving their general fitness.

To conclude term one, Tee Ball will be introduced into the curriculum. Students will develop hand/eye coordination and ball skills and will learn the correct technique of batting.

Students will also practise their intermediate and advanced skipping skills for Jump Rope for Heart Day.



## Chrisoula Anastasiou