

PREP CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER



Altona North Primary School

Term 3, 2026

KEY DATES

- 1st of July - First day of Term 1
- 23rd July - 100 days of school
- TBA - Science Works excursion
- 18th of September - Last day of Term 1

PARENT INFORMATION

Thank you to all our parents and carers, who come to the parent teacher interviews right last term. It was wonderful to have a chance to catch up with you all and share some of the great work your child has completed!

This term there are many exciting and educational activities planned which are all linked to the Victorian Curriculum. We are very much looking forward to our student's involvement in these activities.

Reports & Portfolios: We hope you enjoyed looking through your child's portfolio and were able to sit it together with their reports to gain a clear understanding of your child's learning this year. Please remember to return the portfolio as soon as possible, that way students can continue to add their work this term.



LITERACY

Writing: Our Prep students, now have a clear understanding of their Writer's Notebook, and this has become a favourite activity for many. When writing the prep are working on sounding out words, using finger spaces, adding capital letters and full stops. Last term students engaged in writing conferences with teachers, where we worked closely with each student to help them develop a personal writing goal. This means personalised learning, which is relevant to student's individual needs. Students are working hard to achieve their goals! We will continue conferring this semester, meeting our goals as current goals are achieved.

Reading and Writing: This term the reading comprehension strategies we are focusing on are summarising and questioning. Students will also continue to build on their rapidly developing drawing skills, further extending their love and enjoyment of reading.

A reminder that Tuesday is the day that all home books are changed in Prep. Thank you to all the families, who spend time reading with their children at home. Your support is an invaluable part of your child's learning. Listening to your child read and creating with and for your child provides them with an opportunity to practise the skills they learn at school.

Phonic: This term students will continue to engage in daily Phonics Plus program sessions. Students will continue to strengthen their understanding of letter sound relationships, handwriting, word articulation, and more.

NUMERACY

The Preps have continued to count, the days of school to day 100. This provides a variety of opportunities to explore numbers in real life situations, recognise patterns and learn about place value.

Your child will continue to be involved in a variety of hands on and open ended tasks throughout their numeracy sessions.

Your child will explore a range of 2D shapes, learning about their features such as sides and corners, and identifying where these shapes can be found in everyday life. Students will also collect and record data by asking and answering simple yes and no questions.



MUSLIM

Students will engage in 1 hour a week of LORE which is ISLAM. These lessons will continue to show, building on the skills they have learnt through the year.

INQUIRY

Our Major Topic Understanding is:

Living things depend on other living things, and the environment to survive.

Our Focus Questions are:

- What is a living thing?
- What do living things need to survive?
- What do living things have in common?
- Why is the environment important for their survival?
- How do living things survive?
- What is extinction?



Living Things Incursion: This term our prep students will be learning about "Living Things" for the inquiry unit. As part of the unit on Living Things, students will be taking part of an incursion. They will explore a fabric woven using their senses and engage in a range of open-ended play based activities.

Thank you,

Chris Anastasiou, Rob Avolio and Anj Polkova

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VISUAL ARTS

Prep students will improve their knowledge of the elements of art including primary, secondary and complementary colours as well learning to focus on line through explicit teaching and thinking about form with 3D sculpture activities. They will improve on their art room routines, and the safe use of materials, learn to use different art tools such as paint pens and watercolour pencils. Students will also work on another class mural on the topic of their choice.



Performing arts

Prep students will continue to explore a range of musical instruments including: untuned percussion such as tambourines, clapping sticks, triangles and hand drums. As well as building on their knowledge of instruments, students will start to learn about drama. Students will focus on facing the audience and speaking clearly as they act out known fairy tales. Students will learn to think about how the different characters will be feeling and how they might speak given their circumstances.



Ms Caulfield

PE

This term, the grade preps will be involved in activities that emphasise individual expression movements. This includes using equipment such as ribbons,

rhythmic Lummi sticks and deck rings. They will participate in cooperative team activities using balloons, hoops and a class parachute. Students will also perform kicking exercises and be introduced to foot dribbling with balls of various sizes

Mr Godfrey



ICT

During Term 3, Prep students will continue building their confidence and independence when using digital technology at school. They will further develop their ability to log on and off devices independently and strengthen their keyboard mouse and touchpad skills through a range of hands on activities.

Students will use a variety of digital programs to create, explore and share their learning. They will continue developing their skills in drawing and typing programs, while beginning to use simple digital tools to create and present information in different ways.

Mr Raghdo



We are looking forward to a wonderful Term 3!