

PREP CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER



Altona North Primary School
Term 4 2026

KEY DATES

- Nov 2nd Curriculum Day
- Nov 3rd Melbourne Cup Day
- Dec 3rd School concert

PARENT INFORMATION

Welcome to Term 4!

We are hoping students and families have a fruitful term and are ready for an exciting term. Students will continue to develop connections with their peers and achieve new goals.

CONCERT

Our Prep students have been busy practicing for their end of year performance and are very excited to perform to loved ones. It is compulsory that all students attend this event. We look forward to seeing our families celebrate the amazing year our Preps have had!

REMINDERS

Students need to be on time at school at 8:55am in order for them to be in the classroom by 9:00am ready to begin their learning for the day.

Take Home Readers must be returned every Tuesday in order for students to receive new books to read at home. This will support and continue to develop your child's reading ability and confidence. Please continue to put a range of reading-based in your child's bedroom.

Term 4 is a fun time! Please remember to have your child's kit labeled in their school bag and ready for them to wear throughout the term.

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 continue to build on their vocabulary and begin combining signs to form simple phrases, through songs, storytelling, and interactive game.



LITERACY

READING

In Reading, students will be exploring various forms of Poetry and Procedural texts. Students will be looking at the structure, features and purpose of these texts. Students will continue to explore Narratives by reading a range of texts, and writing personal and fictional stories. Students will understand that narratives are a story with a beginning, middle and end. Students will ask questions to help them understand the story.

WRITING

In Writing, students will continue to demonstrate their understanding of different genres: Poetry (Rhyming, Anecdotes, Couplets), Procedural texts (Recipes, Instructions, Rules, Directions) and Personal Narratives. Students will continue to write their personal experiences, interests and creative ideas in their Writer's Notebook.

PHONICS

Students will continue to engage in daily Phonics Plus sessions. These will continue to strengthen students letter sound relationships, handwriting, sound articulation, and more. Students will be introduced to digraphs and blends such as: th, wh, sh, and more.

INQUIRY

Our Science topic this term is: 'Water, Recycling and Energy for Me'.

The Major Topic Understanding is: Daily and seasonal changes in our environment, including the weather affect everyday life.

Students will be engaged in activities that investigate positive and negative effects on the environment and conserving water.

Our Focus Questions are:
What is weather?

How does the weather affect living things?

Why is water important?

How do we use and how can we save water in our home and at school?

As part of our Inquiry on Water, Recycling and Energy, students will be required to demonstrate their understanding of the topic through many different engaging activities. These activities will require the students to think about how we can better protect our environments through recycling and will hopefully create a spark that will encourage them to use this new knowledge at home and with the wider community.



Thank you,

Chris Anastasiou, Rob Avolio and Anj Polkema

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VISUAL ARTS

Prep students will focus on sculpture and jewellery making to explore form and fine motor skills. They will improve their knowledge of the elements of art including primary, secondary, and complementary colours, as well as learning to focus on line through explicit teaching. They will improve on their art room routines and the safe use of materials, learning to use different art tools such as paint pens and watercolour pencils. Students will also apply their skills by creating wearable art and tactile 3D forms.



Performing arts

Prep students will focus on preparing for the school concert in December by learning and polishing their whole-class dance routine. They will practice moving in unison, following choreography, and developing spatial awareness on stage. Alongside their dance preparation, students will explore basic drama skills with a heavy focus on facing the audience, smiling, and performing with confidence. They will also continue to use untuned percussion instruments to help develop their sense of rhythm and timing for the stage.



Ms Caulfield

PE

This term, the preps will continue to be involved in activities that emphasise fitness and cooperation. They will also participate in skills sessions that focus on using equipment such as balls to practise rolling, tracking and trapping balls using one or two hands. Students will use beanbags to practise throwing underarm at targets and play passing and catching games. Students will be involved in activities that focus on forehand strike movements using a hand paddle and play simple modified partner games based on down ball and totem tennis.

Mr Godfrey



ICT

During Term 4 Prep students will continue to build their confidence and independence when using digital technology at school. They will practise using devices independently and further develop their keyboard, mouse and touchpad skills through a range of fun and hands-on activities.

Students will use a variety of digital programs to create, explore and share their learning. They will build on their drawing and typing skills while using simple digital tools to create pictures, words and presentations. Students will have opportunities to use their creativity and show what they know in different digital ways.

Mr Raghda



We are looking forward to a wonderful Term 4!