



# Newsletter

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who value themselves and others.....

## A message from Lisa

### Calendar

#### DECEMBER

9th—Reports go home to parents  
9th—Last day of formal specialist classes  
13th—Volunteers Morning Tea @ 11am  
13th—Second Hand Uniform Sale 3:00—3:30pm in the library  
14th—Grade 6 Graduation Dinner  
15th— Meet the Teacher  
16th—Grade 6 Adventure Park Excursion  
16th—Prep Breakfast  
19th—Winning House Celebration  
20th—Whole School Assembly @ 12 noon  
20th—Last day of term 4—School finishes at 1:00pm

#### FEBRUARY

1st— Grades 1—6 commence school

#### 2016 Term Dates Term 4

3 Oct—20 Dec

#### 2017 Term Dates Term 1

30th Jan—Staff Only  
31st Jan—Staff Professional Development  
1st February—Grades 1—6 Commence

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#### Assembly

As we are finishing on a Tuesday this year, our final assembly will be on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 12pm. This means there will be no assembly on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

We hope that as many parents as possible can join us for our final assembly, where we will say good bye to our grade 6 students. There will be a performance by our grade 6 children and also the choir.

#### 2017 Reporting Process

Next year, with the introduction of the Victorian Curriculum schools are able to tailor their reporting system to suit the needs of their community. We will start to receive feedback from parents early in the year. When you receive your child's report on Friday it might be a good time to make some notes about what you liked about the report and what changes you would like to see. Put these notes away in a safe place, ready to bring with you to our parent forums next year.

#### 2017 Grade Structures

We have spent a considerable amount of time this term planning for next year. Next year our grade structure will be: Prep, Grade 1, Grade 2, Grade 3/4, Grade 5 and Grade 6. Our specialist classes will be Visual Art, Performing Arts, Physical Education and Indonesian (Grades prep-2). On Tuesday our students got a bit of a taste for what next year will be like by practising in next year's classrooms. As we were still finalising our staffing we were not able to tell the students which year level the teachers will be in.

Next Thursday the children will get the opportunity to spend some time with their teacher and the children who will be in their grade. We received quite a few parent requests. Please note that we did our very best to accommodate these requests but teachers have lots to consider when placing children. Classes are now established and we are not able to make any further changes.

#### 2017 School Times

A reminder that as of next year we will be reducing lunchtime by 15 minutes and consequently our new finishing time will be 3:15pm. Staff will be on yard duty until 3:30pm each day. If this decision affects individual families please give me a call or make an appointment to see me to talk about how we can support your individual circumstances.

## ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

*Congratulations to the following students who received Achievement Awards last week.*

Prep D	Eshal
Prep J	Aleksis
Prep V	Jazmyn & Ava
1N	Ana Maria
1S	Ainslie
1T	Emily
2C	Imran
2E	Oliver
2L	Jacob
3A	Aiden
3S	Lachlan A
4A	Panda
4D	Reeva
5/6A	Max
5/6B	Tui
5/6C	Addis
5/6T	Emma
Art	Nadia 4D
Music	Lila 5/6A

## STUDENT ABSENCES

If your child will be absent from school can you please either telephone the school on 9360 0777 or email Jenny directly rather than the school's email on

armstead.jennifer.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

**Please include your child's first name, surname and grade (ie Prep J) on the email.**

A very big thank you to the parents who are ringing/emailing me, it is much appreciated.



**FREE ENTRY**

The Kooringal Foundation  
**FAMILY FUN DAY!**

**ACTIVITIES:** GOLF ACTIVITIES, ENTERTAINMENT, RIDES, COOKING DEMONSTRATIONS, SANTA WITH A GIFT FOR EACH CHILD, FOOD TRUCKS, FACE PAINTING, PGA MOBILE HITTING BAY, MONSTER RAFFLE, BBQ, BROWN BROTHERS WINE TASTING

**Sunday 11 December, 1pm - 6pm**  
All Ages welcome, something for the whole family

28 Wilga Ave, Altona • [kooringalgolfclub.com.au](http://kooringalgolfclub.com.au)



You are invited to  
Come and watch our AGPS choir perform at  
**Central Square Altona Meadows**  
this **Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm.**



We will be singing next to Santa's chair so  
Come along and support our choir!

## CLASSROOM CLIPPINGS

### Preps

Just a reminder, the Prep breakfast will be on Friday 16 December at 8.30. Payment of \$5.00 is due Tuesday 13 December. Children need to come to school in their pyjamas and bring their school uniform, toothbrush, toothpaste and soft toy to school. Thank you to all the parents that have supported the Prep Community this year.

### Grade 1

As the year draws to a close, we are asking all parents to ensure all books and book bags are returned to school. Book bags are placed in files for next years classes.

We wish all our parents and friends in the year 1 community a happy holiday and best wishes for the future. Thank you for all your support this year.

### Grade 2

Thanks to all the parents who came to the excursion last week and everyone who has helped out during the year. Just a reminder that you are more than welcome to attend the Volunteers' Morning Tea on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

As we are returning all school books, can you please check to see if your child has returned them. Although books have been returned, it is very important that your child continues to read over the holidays. Hope everyone has a safe and happy Christmas and New Year!

### Grade 3

Thank you to all the families who have supported our students in getting ready for the End of Year Celebration. It was such a wonderful night.

### Grade 4

The Year 4 Learning Community kindly thanks families for their support over the year. We have had a wonderful year together. We are looking forward to relaxing over the Summer holidays and seeing everyone refreshed and ready for another fabulous year of learning in 2017.

### Grade 5/6

We are still asking for library books, take home books and any other AGPS books that maybe under beds, in old library bags and on kitchen tables to be returned as soon as possible please.

Just a reminder to all Grade 6s to return the slip of paper stating the number of guests attending the graduation ceremony (this was in the envelop with the Family Invitation) - please return this by this Friday!

### DO YOU NEED A BABYSITTER?

Local , retired lady offering casual babysitting service.  
Current police check, working with children certificate and  
first aid trained.  
Telephone 0401 022 790



# 2016 MATHLETICS REPORT

ACTIVITY  
POINTS:  
2,524,800

We congratulate all the students on their use of the Mathletics program. This year we achieved amazing results. We are happy to be continuing our partnership with Mathletics in 2017.

LIVE POINTS:  
1,208,752

## These students achieved Gold Certificates in 2016:

Cooper Tanti	Cooper Hickmott	William Farrington	Christos Stergiannis
Oliver Trajkovski x2	Quinlan Cruickshank	Phil Dang x2	Austin Best
Arnya Greig	Zoe Hurring	Liam Schaak	Jenna Hurring
Lachlan Shields	Zachary Porter	Joanne Tangbe	Ali Zoghaib
Keegan Bacon	Olivia Lockwood	Laukynn McKindley	Caleb Sebastian
Tiffany Duong	Natalie Gormley x2	Cristina Lopez	Edward Luong
Panda Papoutsis	Calum Jones	Pooja Kamath	Wyatt Phelan
Adam Boicos	Nathan Smith	Gabby Trajkovski x3	Reeva Delos Reyes
Nikola Coso	Lachlan Farrington	Alex Bray	Gauri Kamath

NUMBER OF  
SIGN-INS:  
13,852



TIME SPENT  
ONLINE:  
3,353 HOURS