



ALTONA MEADOWS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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SCHOOL PURPOSE

To provide an engaging, friendly, safe and supportive environment that enhances learning, personal growth and well-being of all students, enabling them to become lifelong learners.

(AMPS Strategic Plan)

Thursday 3rd December 2020

Dates to Remember

Thursday 17 th Dec	Grade 6 Graduation 5:00 – 7:30pm
Friday 18 th Dec	Term 4 ends 1.15pm
Thurs 28 th Jan 2021	Term 1 begins 9:00am

Students of the Week Term 4 Week 7 2020

1/2B Patrick G	6A Jena C Rawa E
1/2N Long T, Hannah P	6L Peter M
1/2H Joel N	Art 3/4G
1/2J Joshua S	Perf Arts
1/2V Areej A	PE 3/4L
1/2C Emily S	Library 5M
3/4B Ini O JD C	Principal Award
3/4L Adham H	Indonesian
3/4G Mimi O	

Dear Families

We know that the end of the year is coming fast when the calendar turns over to December. We are currently organising our classes for 2021. We will be having the following grade structure for 2021:

3 X Prep Classes

6 X Grade 1-2 Classes

4 X Grade 3-4 Classes

2 X Grade 5 Classes

2 X Grade 6 Classes

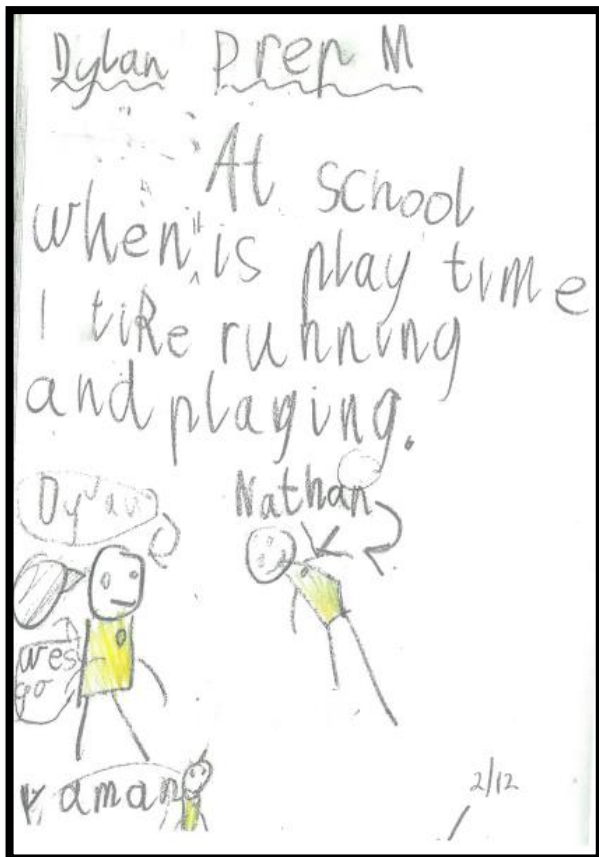
Grade 6 Graduation: With the easing of the Covid restrictions, we are now able to hold a graduation ceremony for our Grade 6 students and their families to attend. After such a disrupted year, it is going to be an enjoyable way for the Grade 6 students to end their time at AMPS.

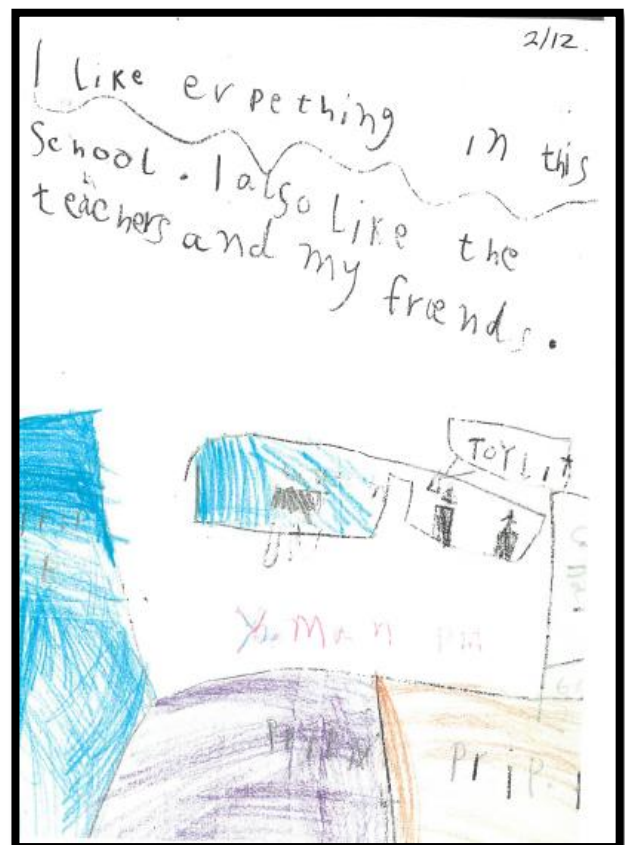
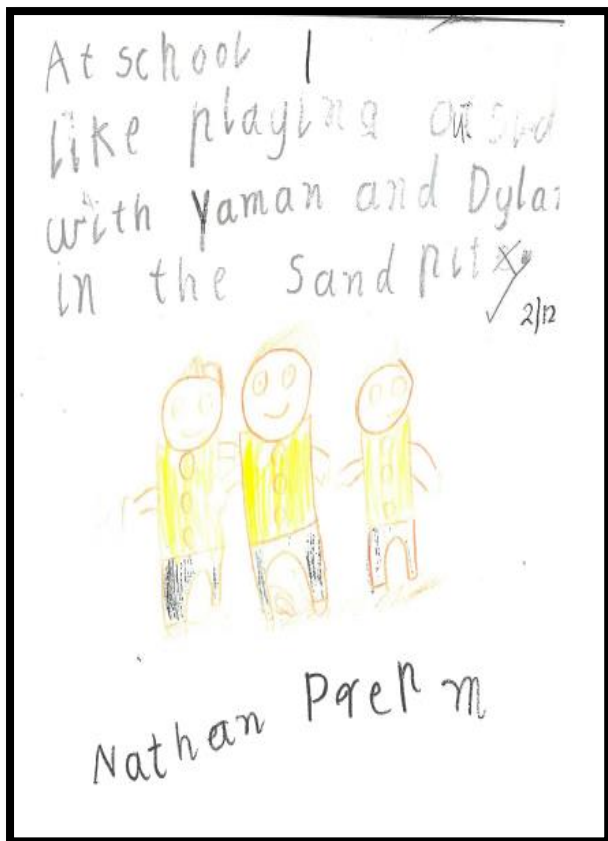
School Fees and Booklists: Families are reminded to return the order form at the bottom of the school booklist page so that we can order book packs for all families. The pick-up day for book packs is Friday 22nd January 2021. Payment for the book pack and school fees can be made on this day.

School Council News: Our final meeting for the year was held last Monday evening. We discussed the results of the survey related to school uniform changes. We had over 140 responses to the survey. Over 60% of parents would like the school uniform to stay the same (yellow shirt, blue shorts/tracksuit pants). Students in Grades 3-6 were surveyed and over 60% of students preferred the uniform to stay the same. There was concern expressed about the quality of the uniform and this will be monitored next year. Thank you to all of the families who responded to the survey.

PREP NEWS

Yesterday Mr Reid visited each Prep grade class to present all students' with a certificate of achievement from the '2020 Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge'. Our students are among the 3 million young Victorians who have participated in the Challenge since it began in 2005, together reading more than 50 million books. This supporting our children's reading is one of the most important things we can do to encourage their love for learning - opening a gateway for our kids to find out more about the world around them.





Prep Awards

Prep B

- Camila A For being a kind and caring student who includes others.
- Selina A For trying hard to write her name.
- Noah T For displaying a positive attitude towards others.
- Lenny P For showing maturity and readiness for Grade 1.

Prep M

- Tu M For being a great mathematician and writhing beyond 100.
- Gurveer S For writing a great recount.
- Ana B For always doing her best work and being a good friend.
- Amenah I For using interesting words in her writing.

Prep F

- Aarvi P For knowing tens facts and doubles facts to 20.
- Sharmishtha V For her amazing writing about 'Snow White' where she used describing words.
- Sydney R For being kind and respectful member of Prep F.
- Antonio P For counting-on when solving addition problems.

3 year old kinder



Monday, 30 November 2020

Seabrook Kindergarten has places available in its 3-year-old kinder program. Rated 'Exceeding' the national standards, the program is run by a highly experienced kinder teacher and experienced diploma qualified educators. Located in Seabrook the groups run on a Monday 9-12pm or 12.30 -3.30pm and Thursday 9-12noon or 12.30 - 3.30pm. **Children from Hobsons Bay and Wyndham attend our 3-year-old program – all are welcome to our kinder program.**

Our aim is to create a safe, secure, natural, sustainable and stimulating indoor and outdoor environment where the well-being of every child is of fundamental importance.

We encourage our children to experiment, investigate and explore our kinder and believe that all should be allowed to discover, imagine, create imitate, interact with others and express ideas without inhibitions.

We utilise the Early Years Learning and Development Framework as a base for planning, promoting and assessing learning within the kinder. This enables us to have a clear focus on children's learning and well-being as well as encouraging close partnerships with the families.

With constantly developing qualified educators who are nurturing and caring. We encourage children to be happy, engaged and enjoy learning and we aim to provide the foundation blocks for a brighter future.

For further information visit www.seabrookkindergarten.org.au or call 9395 3012

All enquiries:

Mandy Reston, Operations Manager: Seabrook Kindergarten (03) 9395 3012 or seabrook.kin@kindergartemn.gov.au

Lost Clothing: We have an enormous amount of lost clothing in the cupboard near the uniform shop. We have gone through and tried to return any items that were named. Any items that have not been claimed by the end of the week (4.12.2020) will be placed into the clothing recycle bins in the staff car-park.

Scholastic Book Fair

Wednesday 25th November to Friday 4th December

The theme of our Scholastic Book Fair is **Arctic Adventure**, where we hope you will find **snow much to read!**

This year we will again be holding the Book Fair, however it will look somewhat different. This fun reading event brings the books students want to read right into our school. It has a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level.

The students will be previewing the Book Fair with their class and may come home with a Student Wish List and an order form. There are 2 payment options available:

Pre-pay online through www.scholastic.com.au/payment, ensuring you choose Book Fairs payments, students then return the payment form with the receipt number on it.

Return the payment form with the money to purchase the books with your child.

The Book Fair will also be open at lunch times for students to purchase a book (priced from \$5) or special items like pens, erasers, highlighters and posters ranging in price from \$1 to \$8.

We will also be holding a Scavenger Hunt Competition where the students can complete the Scavenger Hunt to win a prize, they will need to return their entry form to the box at the Book Fair.



SAKGP: Marilena, our Kitchen Specialist, is having an outside stall where all of the amazing preserves she has been making with some students over the year will be available for purchase on Wednesday and Thursday 9:00am and again at 3:00pm. Bring you cash and a bag to carry your stash home. This will be on next week as well. All items \$4.00 or \$5.00.



CANTEEN CHRISTMAS ART POSTER COMPETITION

Here is a bit of fun to round off the year.

Draw a picture of the things you most like about Christmas. You can use pencils Texas, crayons paint or anything else you like to use.

The winning poster will be displayed in the canteen window.

The winner will receive a lunch of their choice to the value of \$7.00 to use before the end of term 4.

Entries to be done on A4 size paper.

Mr Reid will judge the posters.

Competition closes Mon 7th December.

Have fun, I cannot wait to see the wonderful artwork

Shirlene. Canteen manager.



No Interest Loans for back-to-school costs



Borrow up to \$1500 Pay back \$1500

No Fees. No Charges. Ever.

Talk to the people you know and trust

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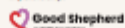
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NILs is for people on low incomes and is not available for cash. See eligibility criteria of NILs.

With the new school year fast approaching, we know many parents and carers will struggle to cover the cost of essential school items. This additional stress on families is especially difficult for those already experiencing financial hardship.

I am writing to let you know of a wonderful initiative available through Vinnies NILs called **No Interest Loans (NILs)**. A NILS loan has no interest, no fees, no charges, ever.

Every year, we help parents and carers on low incomes (in particular those on Centrelink) to apply for a NILs loan of up to \$1,500 to cover the cost of essential school items such as uniforms, books, laptops, stationery, school camps, and musical instruments (as well as other essential such as washing machines, fridges, car repairs, medical and dental expenses).

What is a NILs loan?

A NILs loan is a safe, affordable alternative to high-interest payday loans or rent-to-buy leases. It's not a payday loan or a bank loan but a form of 'circular community credit'. This means when a borrower makes a repayment to NILs, the funds are then released to someone else in the community. NILs is supported by not-for-profit Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand, with funding from the Australian Government in partnership with NAB. **Parents can find out more information about NILs by contacting:**

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AMPS kids, family and staff receive 15% off services for the month of November.

And to usher in Christmas, we put you in a draw to win a \$100 voucher for use in our Studio. Draw by AMPS very own Mr Reid on the 15th of December.

(located between the dog groomers and denture clinic)