Principal’s Corner
Welcome back to students, staff and parents. We have had an interesting start to the term in terms of the weather.
I had an extra 3 days of long service leave last week and spent time in Echuca, Corowa and Ocean Grove. It’s nice to be back refreshed and ready for another term.
This year, one of our Strategic Plan aims is to further improve the learning and teaching of writing. During term 2, I will be attending the grade 5/6 professional learning team meetings facilitated by Mr. Macpherson. This week the teachers have been moderating student writing. The standard of the grade 5/6 students’ writing amazes me. Some are working at year 7 and above which is a credit to their hard work and enthusiasm. The more students read the better they write.
Another key aspect of our work is to increase the students’ responsibility for their own work through goal setting, lesson foci and success criteria. When students know what they need to learn next, understand how to learn it and have a clear picture of what success looks like they are motivated to work hard to achieve it. If you walk through the learning street in our new building at any time, you will see self motivated students working enthusiastically to complete their work and achieve their goals.
I have taken a lot of tours so far this year. Our visitors are amazed at the behaviour, manners, enthusiasm and level of work demonstrated by students from grade Prep to six. The way students get along together, look after each other and are so connected to their peers, teachers and the school all contributes to a vibrant learning community. Student behaviour at Altona P.S. is outstanding.
Developing the whole child through art, physical education, music, LOTE and I.T. also makes a major contribution to our culture of creativity, citizenship, inclusion and respect.
I hope everyone has a successful term.
Enjoy the week end.
Kevin Enright

ANZAC Dawn Service
How wonderful to see so many of our staff and families at the Altona Dawn Service. It would have been greatly appreciated by our service men and women past and present.

CONGRATULATIONS!
We send our best wishes to the Vladi, and Kastrati families. Their Great Grandmother turned 100 years young on the 16th April.
What an achievement!
DATES TO REMEMBER 2014

**Friday 9th May**
Parent’s Club Mother’s Day stall

**Monday 12th May**
Mini Beast Incursion Grade 1

**Wednesday 4th June – Tuesday 12th August**
ICAS Exams

**Monday 9th June**
Queen’s Birthday – Public Holiday

**Monday 16th June – Friday 20th June**
**Grade 3/4 Camp Wilkin**
Grade 4’s will attend Monday 16th – Wednesday 18th June
Grade 3’s will attend Wednesday 18th June – Friday 20th June

**Friday 27th June**
Last day of Term 2

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**BOOKCLUB ISSUE 3**
Orders are due back by Friday 9th May. Money must be sent to the classroom in an envelope with your order. If your order is for a present, please indicate this on the envelope and it will be kept at the office.
LUNCH ORDERS
Parents please be sure to use the 2014 price list for lunch orders. Some orders are often short of money. Price lists are available online and at the office.

JUNIOR UKELELE GROUP
The Junior Ukelele group will be performing at assembly on Monday 5th May. Don’t miss this wonderful performance.

MSJ 2015
First round enrolment offers are posted to parents on 24th April 2014. Final date for acceptance of enrolment offers is 9th May 2014. Limited places are available for other year levels. Further information can be found at our website www.msj.vic.edu.au or by contacting the College Registrar at registrar@msj.vic.edu.au.

MSJ Golden Jubilee Dinner
MSJ proudly celebrates 50 years of educating and empowering young women. Past students and staff are warmly invited to join our celebration 3-course dinner on Friday 2nd May at Moonee Valley Racecourse. Drinks at bar prices; Tickets $60. Tables of 12 or individual tickets can be purchased at www.tickethost.com.au.

MSJ Open Mornings - 9.30am – 10.30am (Thursday)
8th May, 29th May, 19th June, 31st July, 28th August, 11th September, 13th November 2014

MSJ Open Day 2014
Sunday 12th October, 11am – 2pm
Social media @ APS
Most forms of social media such as Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, Skype etc. operate under a terms of usage policy requiring users to be at least 13 years of age. The purpose of this age limit is to allow students to have reached an age where they have developed a better awareness of the consequences of their actions online and of the potential dangers on the internet. For this reason, APS does not endorse or encourage the usage of these accounts. We understand that some parents may permit the use of these accounts but it is strongly advised that they supervise their child’s activity. It is important to remember that your child cannot upload photos of other students to the internet without the prior permission of the parents/guardians of all of the children in the picture. Permission cannot be granted by the students themselves as they are under the age of consent for these social media platforms. In the interest of internet safety APS requests that students do not upload pictures of themselves or others wearing school uniform or displaying other indicators that may provide their location online, potentially to unwelcome persons.
Our e-learning leaders are currently working on a blog that will outline the potential issues facing primary school aged students as everyday users of the internet. This blog will provide information explaining potential hazards associated with the use of netbooks and social media, and provide parents with advice to manage these issues. We aim to have this project available to parents later in the year.
The Parent’s Club can be contacted anytime by email: APSParentClub@altonaps.vic.edu.au

THURSDAY

1 May, 2014

Farmers Market Dates.

17 May, 21 June, 19 July, 16 August, 20 September, 18 October, 15 November and 20 December

Mother’s Day Stall

Friday 9th May

The Parent’s Club are again holding the Mother’s Day Stall on Friday 9th May. We will have our usual beautiful gifts for your children to choose from, as well as a new selection of ethically sourced items from Oxfam and some locally produced “plants in a bag”.

If you would like your child to participate please send them to school with some spending money and a shopping bag to help get their purchase home.

Items will be priced from $1.00 to $15.00.

Mother’s Day Stall Helpers Form

Name:……………………………………………………………………………………………………..

Child’s Name:……………………………………………………………Class:………………

Yes, I am able to help on FRIDAY 9 May, 2014. Please circle which time you can help with. Please hand into the office.

9:00 – 11:00 11:25 – 12:30 BOTH

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Farmers Market 17 May, 2014
- Mother’s Day Stall 9 May, 2014
- Parents Club Meeting 7 May 2014

PARENTS CLUB MEETINGS

7 May 2014 in School canteen
All are welcome to attend.

SHOPPERS CARDS

Please note that NEW Shoppers cards are now available for ordering at a cost of $15 each. These are full of great new and old offers.

Just fill in an order form and return with payment to your class teacher.

ICY POLES

Return in Term 4.

SCHOOL BANKING

AUSSIE FARMERS DIRECT

Want to sign up? Fill in the form available at the Office or call Rohan Day on 0419905544. Please also consider nominating Altona Primary School for a percentage of any orders you currently have with Aussie Farmers Direct!
This year the parents club will be doing a raffle for Mothers Day.

The Hamper basket worth $45:00 will be on display in the office area and if anyone would like to purchase raffle tickets the cost is $5:00 for 3 tickets.

Tickets can be purchased from the parents club between 8:45 - 9:00 or 3:00 - 3:15 from 1st May 2014 until 8 May 2014. The winners of the raffle will be announced on the 9 May 2014.
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Mother's Day gifts Ideas

Locally produced “Flowers and Herbs in a bag”.

Handmade Bracelets a pack of 2
Made in Australia

Some great stuff from Oxfam.
Candles (Set Of 4)
Owl Trivet
Recycled Pencil Holder
Incense Set
Photo Frame with glass bead thread
And more.
Altona Primary School Easter Farmers’ Market

We had a very special surprise visitor at our market this month! The market fell in the holidays on Easter Saturday and the Easter Bunny turned up for an egg hunt for the children. Thank you to everyone who came along and took part and visited the market. We raised just over $240 from gold coin donations. Thank you, as always, to those who gave up their time to set up and oversee the gates and egg hunt.

Our next market will be held on the Saturday 17th May. Please come along and support the market. We do hope to see you there.

We need:
* Good quality books – if you have any to donate, they can be left at the school office
* Entertainment -If any students would like to busk/perform please contact Anne to organise
* Volunteers - If you have an hour to spare on any of the dates above, please contact Anne
(See below)

We are always looking for more people to join our group of volunteers. It is a great way of meeting other parents and getting involved in the school and wider community. If you can give us an hour of your time on any of the following dates, please contact Anne and let her know – thank you!

Upcoming market dates: The remaining market dates for this year are: 7 May 21 June
19 July 16 August 20 Sept 18 Oct 15 Nov 20 Dec

For any queries/further info please contact
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