Principal’s Corner,
The Altona P.S. profile and NAPLAN results are publically available on the My school website: www.myschool.edu.au. Our grade 5 results are very good. Our grade 3 results are quite amazing. Go into the NAPLAN section on the top left menu and click on similar schools. Well done to staff, students and families for all of their hard work and effort. It is student effort that makes the significant difference.
The school cross country event yesterday was a fantastic event. Thank you to the many family members who attended and especially those who helped with the events. Thank you to Mr. Clarke again for his organisation. The preps were a highlight of the morning. What impressed me most was the culture, respect, cooperation, celebration, good will and positive relationships between all members of our school community.
The school council ballot election closes at 4:00 pm today. Thank you to everyone who took the time to vote.
Sixteen students competed in the district swimming competition today. We wish them all the very best.
Mr. Will Blakely was appointed as our Japanese teacher this week. Will lived in Japan for 5 years and taught English. We welcome him to Altona P.S. He has enjoyed his first week, especially the students.
There are so many interesting events, teaching highlights and individual student achievements occurring simultaneously this term that make it very rewarding to come to work each day.
Next year is our 100th anniversary as a school. It will be a wonderful year of celebration. We are trying to find out the names of the principals of Altona P.S. from 1955 -1990. If you or a family member knows of any principals from this era can you let us know.
Have a great weekend
Kevin Enright

SCHOOL PHOTOS – TUESDAY 18TH MARCH 2014

Please remember to wear your smiles and full uniform for our school photos. If you have paid for your photos online you do not need to return the envelope. Envelopes containing cash payments need to be returned to the classroom teacher before Tuesday.
DATES TO REMEMBER 2014

**Tuesday 18th March**
School Photos
(whole school)

**Wednesday 19th March**
National Ride 2 School Day

**Thursday 20th – 31st March**
Life Ed Van

**Monday 24th March**
Lions Club Coins for Kids Appeal
(Gold coin trail after assembly)

**Friday 28th March**
APS Disco
Junior  6.15pm-7.15pm
Senior  7.30pm-9pm

**Wednesday 2nd April**
P-6 Good Friday Appeal
“Pyjama Day” – gold coin donation

**Thursday 3rd April**
Prep-2 Easter Bonnet Parade
Hot Cross bun delivery

**Friday 4th April**
Last Day of Term 1

**Tuesday 22nd April**
First day of Term 2

**Friday 25th April**
Anzac Day – Public holiday
After School Art and Craft Classes

EXPLORING ART THROUGH FACES

After school art and craft classes will be held in the art room on a Friday afternoon between 3.30-4.30pm in term 2, 2014.
The opportunity to participate is offered to children from grades 2 – 6 with a maximum of 20 children in the group.
The Cost will be $30 to cover materials and $10 per session making a total of $110.
Session 1 (02/5/14): Paper mask construction
Session 2 (09/5/14): Complete paper mask
Session 3 (16/5/14): Mother’s day gift
Session 4 (23/5/14): Creative clay mask
Session 5 (30/5/14): Faces; using scratch back materials
Session 6 (06/6/14): Face puppets
Session 7 (13/6/14): Painting facial features
Session 8 (20/6/14): Japanese style comic/ cartoon drawing

Please complete the attached form to indicate interest in attending. You will be notified as soon as possible if you are successful. Payment will be expected by the last week of term 1 (31/3/14) to allow time for purchase of materials.
We are thrilled to be able to offer this opportunity out of school hours and look forward to working with children who enjoy art and craft as much as we do.
Thank you, Mrs Barry and Mrs Cain

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Dear Grade Prep, 1 and 2 Parents,

On Thursday the 3\textsuperscript{rd} of April 2014 (last week of term) the Grade Prep, 1 and 2s will be participating in an Easter Bonnet Parade at school! We would like you to work with your child at home, to design and create an Easter Bonnet! This will be worn during the parade. The parade will be held in the outside assembly area at 9.00am and all families/friends are welcome to attend!

**If it is raining on the scheduled day, the parade will be held on Friday 4\textsuperscript{th} of April (last day of school).**

We look forward to seeing the fabulous creations!

The Grade Prep, 1 and 2 Team 😊
Vacation Care News

Easter holidays are just around the corner and Vacation care is back in action. Due to the high demand of interest we have received lately, it is imperative to book in as soon as possible to secure a spot!
Please see attached program of events.

Thanks
Felicity and the OSHC team

BOOKCLUB ISSUE 2
Orders are due tomorrow Friday 14th. If your order is for a present, please indicate this on the envelope and it will be left at the office for collection.

Footscray City College Open Day
Sunday 23rd March phone 8387 1500
www.footscray.vicedu.au

Select entry accelerated learning program

Registration closes Friday 9th May
Testing: Friday 16th May

SEAHOLME NETBALL CLUB
REGISTER NOW!

Seaholme Netball Club has teams catering for ages 6 years up to age 17. Contact Katrina 0421 996 839 for more information or go to seaholmenetball@gmail.com
### A.P.S VACATION CARE PROGRAM
7th April – 17th April

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<td>Mon 7th April</td>
<td>Gardening Day</td>
<td>Green thumb or not, today is a day you won’t want to miss! Revamping our entrance to OSHC will require our inner gardener to come to life with fun and team work required to see this project through. We will be planting, watering and digging through the day and even planting some things to take home.</td>
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<td>Tues 8th April (Incursion)</td>
<td>Silence is Golden</td>
<td>Today we will take a turn to the quiet side. Turn the volume down and get ready to experience a world full of silence. Create and star in your very own silent movie, be a part of the latest party craze – the SILENT DISCO as well as quietly be blown away by the amazing silent karaoke with the guest star of..YOU! Don’t forget to dress up in your coolest or craziest disco clothes… Whatever they may be. Prizes for best dressed will be announced including the staff!</td>
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<td>Wed 9th April (Excursion)</td>
<td>Roller Skating</td>
<td>Skate or blade? The choice is yours! Heading to the best roller disco in town we encourage you to wear your comfiest clothes so you can show us all your tricks. Spending the day there, with lunch provided. We will then head back to design our own skates!!</td>
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<td>Thurs 10th April</td>
<td>Army Day</td>
<td>Ready to test your army skills? Well now is your chance, from testing your fitness levels in the most obscure of ways to practising your camouflage techniques. Making our own army attire and seeing just how far you go, will you leave wanting more!</td>
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<td>Fri 11th April</td>
<td>OSHC Mastermind</td>
<td>It may be Friday but your cognitive thinking skills are going to be put to the test today. Completing a whole lot of puzzles that you never knew were possible. We will also be making our own puzzles out of our body and of course some to take home!</td>
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<td>WEEK 2</td>
<td>Mon 14th April</td>
<td>Game Show Day</td>
<td>Brace yourself for the most epic amazing race yet to happen, teaming up, it really will be battle of the best! Aside from our ultimate amazing race that you will be participating in, we will be playing an abundance of game shows with lots of prizes all day long. So the question is who dares wins?</td>
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<td>Tues 15th April (Excursion)</td>
<td>Funfields (Bathers, towel, hat, sunscreen, rash vest or swimming top and dry clothes required – No singlets)</td>
<td>Are you ready to hit up one of Australia’s best amusement parks? Traveling to the other side of town will be well worth the while. There will be rides galore! From water rides, like the ultimate typhoon and bumper boats to everyone’s favourite go karts. Experience high speeds on the burnout roller-coaster and even a chance to ride the pony xpress! It’s a day not to be missed!</td>
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<td>Wed 16th April</td>
<td>Germany Day</td>
<td>This holidays OSHC is going to Germany…well almost! With German cuisine, games, trivia and dancing, and plenty more activities that will make us feel as though we have travelled right into the heart of Berlin! Prepare for the trip of a lifetime – Auf Weidersen!</td>
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<td>Thurs 17th April</td>
<td>Easter Eve</td>
<td>Every child’s favourite time of year. Chocolate, chocolate &amp; more chocolate. We will spend the day enjoying Easter themed games and activities with lots of laughs and prizes. We will then finish the holidays with the most EGGSTRAVGANT Easter hunt ever!!!</td>
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### COSTS INVOLVED:
- Daily rate: **$50.00**
- Incursion: **$60.00**
- Excursion: **$65.00**

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Please note that in the event an Excursion or an Incursion is cancelled due to do unexpected circumstances, the activity will either be postponed or an alternative activity of equal value will be provided.

Days that involve incursions/excursions children are required to be at the program by **9am**.

All toys and technology devices are not to be brought to the program.

Food which requires heating or cooking should not be given.
National Ride 2 School Day – Wednesday March 19th

Join the fun next Wednesday and support National Ride 2 School day by riding, scooting, skating or walking to school! House colour dress is recommended.

If your child would like to participate, but you are unable to accompany, the below part way points will be supervised to and from school.

Please note departing and returning times. All children on wheeled equipment MUST wear a helmet. Please ensure bike/scooter is in good working order (tyres pumped, bell etc) and child is capable of distance.

Children will be dropped off at central basketball ring (closest to office) in the morning, and will leave from there in the afternoon.

Please ensure your child knows this and advise supervising parent.

Designated Part Way Points:

1. **Altona Tennis Courts, Fresno Street (bike, scooter, skate)**
   - Parents: Jessie Hall , Sally Leung
   - Departing at 8.30am
   - Returning at 3.30pm

2. **Corner of Blyth and Seves Street, Altona (bike, scooter, skate)**
   - Erica Anderson, David Woods
   - Departing at 8.30am
   - Returning at 3.40pm

3. **North East corner Blyth and Maidstone Streets, Altona (bike, scooter, skate)**
   - Parents: Ilka Lessing, Ian Connelly
   - Departing at 8.30am
   - Returning at 3.40pm

4. **Altona Library, Sargood St (walking, scooter, skate)**
   - Parent: Adeline Barham
   - Departing at 8.30am
   - Returning at 3.30pm

5. **BMX track, Altona Meadows (bike)**
   - Parents: Pippa Virag, Gordon Wilson
   - Departing at 8.20am
   - Returning at 3.45
LIONS CLUB COINS for KIDS APPEAL

MONDAY 24TH MARCH

LIONS CLUB COINS for KIDS APPEAL

On Monday 24th March we invite our school community to join us to support the ‘Lions Club Coins for Kids Appeal’. (The coin trail will commence at the end of assembly.) Bring along your enthusiasm and a gold coin to place on a coin trail. Each grade will make a coin trail and measure its length, the longest trail will be rewarded! All money will go to the Childhood Cancer Research Foundation.
THURSDAY
13th March, 2014

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Parents Club Meeting
13 March, 2014 2:15pm

Farmers Market
15 March, 2014

Whole School Disco
28 March, 2014

Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser
Orders by Friday, 21 March, delivery on Thursday, 3 April.

PARENTS CLUB MEETINGS
The Minutes of our meetings are now available on our website. All are Welcome to attend.
Next Meeting: 13th March 2:15pm in the school canteen.
All parents and friends of APS are welcome to attend.

SCHOOL BANKING
Banking is done everyday Friday. Please limit deposits to $10 or under.

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 – Every Friday!!
The icy poles are for sale every Friday at a cost of $1 each. All Paddle Pop orders need to be in by the second bell. Please choose your flavour on the order form located in your classroom.

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!

Whole School Disco
Dust of your dancing shoes and get ready to dance the night away at the APS School Disco.
Please complete the attached ticket order form and return to school by 16 March, 2014.

As always volunteers for the night are needed. Please fill in the form if you are able to help.

Farmers Market Dates.
15 March, 19 April, 17 May, 21 June, 19 July, 16 August, 20 September, 18 October, 15 November and 20 December
Volunteers are always needed and welcome.
Please contact Anne Sheehan: warehouse@secon.com.au or mobile 0435 130-355 for further information.

Hot Cross Buns - Individual and Bulk Orders
We are once again offering bulk and individual orders for Hot Cross Buns! Bulk and individual orders need to be returned to the classroom with payment by Friday 21st March. For individual orders a form will be located in each classroom (just like icy pole orders). Children need to select the type of hot cross bun (plain, fruit or choc chip) on the order form. The cost of each individual hot cross bun is $1. Orders will be delivered on Thursday 3rd April.
Altona Primary School Farmers’ Market
Saturday 15th March 2014

This Saturday, 15th March 2014, we will be holding our now “famous” monthly Altona Primary School Farmers’ Market! We got a mention in Parliament as Tim Watts, Member for Gellibrand, spoke in Parliament in a bid to Bring Jamie’s Ministry of Food Popup Kitchen to Melbourne’s West on 4th March. Below is an excerpt of his speech:

“We all know the benefits that a balanced diet can bring. It is the key to fighting a variety of preventable diseases and decreasing the alarming rates of obesity in our community. But in our busy lives, where takeaway food is plentiful, it is easy to forget the importance of healthy eating. In some suburbs in my electorate there are more than six times more takeaway stores than fruit and vegetable stores. Despite the culinary wonders of the Footscray market and the Altona and Newport farmers’ markets, 50 per cent of my community felt they could not access fruit and vegetables due to low income, physical disability or lack of access.”

By visiting the market you are supporting the school and our local community. As you can see from the quote above, we are lucky to have a great opportunity to buy fresh and healthy produce from our InSeasons market stallholders such as Woolpark Road stonefruit and vegetables, Paul&Peggy apples, Hill Farm Top Meats and Agosta oranges to name but a few. Come along and see what else is on offer.

This month our school stall will be selling books again and our talented buskers will provide some tuneful entertainment.

To celebrate Harmony Day on 21st March, we will have colouring sheets and activities to make your own Harmony Day resources! The message of Harmony Day is Everyone Belongs. It is a day to celebrate Australia’s diversity. It is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. Come along and find out more!

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:

15 March 19 April
17 May 21 June 19 July 16 August 20 Sept 18 Oct 15 Nov 20 Dec

For any queries/further info please contact
Anne Sheehan: warehouse@secon.com.au or mobile 0435 130-355
Why not enjoy some Hot Cross Buns this Easter!
They’re soft, fluffy and taste delicious!
They come in packs of 6 or 12 from Civic Parade Bakery.
Have your friends and family place orders.

$6.00 per ½ dozen  $12.00 per dozen

PLAIN or FRUIT or CHOC CHIP

Altona Primary School Parents Club
Just fill in the order form below and drop into your classroom teacher
with payment by Friday 21st March 2014.
Delivery will be on Thursday 3rd April 2014.

Child’s Name: ________________________________ Class: ________

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Whole School Disco
Friday 28 March, 2014

FAVOURITE MOVIE / BOOK CHARACTER DISCO

It’s back! Time to dust off your dancing shoes and dress up (or down) and boogie along to the APS Whole School Disco!

Tickets will be $5.00 per single ticket or $10.00 per family ticket of two children or more!
The Super Spectacular Lower School Disco (Grades Prep thru to Grade 3*) will run from 6.15pm to 7:15pm. The Utterly Awesome Upper School Disco (Grades 3* thru to Grade 6) will run from 7:30pm to 9.00pm. (*Grade 3 students may choose which disco to attend, please mark on your ticket order form which disco you will be attending.)

Primas & Paddle Pops will be for sale at the disco for $1 each. (Water will be provided.)

Please note that Fancy Dress is not compulsory, but it is really fun!

• All children need to be dropped off and picked up by an adult at the PAC.
• No child will be allowed to leave the disco area at anytime.
• Only current Altona Primary School children are allowed to attend.
• NO PARENTS allowed in the PAC.
• Entry through gate on Blyth Street.

PLEASE RETURN SLIP AND MONEY TO CLASS BY:

DISCO TICKET ORDER FORM

CHILD’S NAME: .......................................................... CLASS: .................
NUMBER of SINGLE TICKETS: ......................
NUMBER of FAMILY TICKETS: ...................... AMOUNT ENCLOSED: ..............
Please note how many children require tickets in “Family Ticket” - Number: ...........
*Also if you are in Grade 3 which disco you will be attending – thank you

JUNIOR or SENIOR

Yes, I give permission for my child to be photographed. Signed: ........................................

DISCO HELPERS FORM

Name: ..........................................................
Child’s Name: ..................................................... Class: .................

Yes, I am able to help on FRIDAY 28 March, 2014. Please circle which disco you can help with:

6.15pm - 7.15pm JUNIOR DISCO 
7.30pm - 9.00pm SENIOR DISCO
6.15pm - 9.00pm BOTH DISCOS