Principal’s Corner,

This week I began a 6 month course; “Coaching Accreditation,” at the BASTOW leadership institute in North Melbourne. Growth Coaching International is the course provider. I am coaching a new principal for the next 18 months. These coaching skills will be extremely useful to continuously improve Altona P.S. Ms. Thompson is also completing a BASTOW leadership program.

We had a guest presenter on sustainability at last week’s staff meeting. We are looking at reducing electricity, gas, water, photocopying and paper usage across the school. We are also hoping to have families help by sending food and snacks to school that aren’t in wrappers or plastic to help reduce rubbish. There are many things we are already doing. The most noticeable are the water tanks used to operate the toilets and collect rainwater for our gardens. Ms. Kent is leading the sustainability committee.

Our grade 3 and 5 students did a fabulous job with the NAPLAN tests this week. Some of their stories during the writing assessment, about rules which need changing, were quite amusing.

The grade Preps have made some amazing progress in their learning and settled in to school life. The teachers are very proud of the how well the Preps are reading, writing and learning their maths. At the moment, we are taking a lot of Prep tours for 2015 families. As I walk around the school and through grades I am very impressed with how enthusiastically students learn, the high standard of their behaviour and how well they respect each other and work together. The only times students get sent to the office are for minor incidents in the yard and these are rare. We are very lucky to have such fabulous students and teachers at our school. A positive learning culture is so important.

Thank you to our Parents Club for the Mother’s Day stall. I hope all of our mums had an enjoyable day with their families.
Have a great weekend
Kevin Enright
On Tuesday morning we had a witness to a car accident come to the office. He felt that the “victim” had APS children in the car at the time of the bump. If you were the driver and need further information for your insurance please come to the office for contact information.

DATES TO REMEMBER 2014

**Tuesday 20**th May
Prep Incursion – Conservation Ranger

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

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

**Monday 16**th June
Grade 5/6’s Melbourne Zoo excursion

**Monday 16**th June – **Friday 20**th 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 27**th June
Last day of Term 2
1:30pm finish

**Term 3 begins**
Monday 14th July
LOST PROPERTY

Black prescriptions Versace glasses

A Razor scooter has been taken from the rack in error, it has modified wheels and spiderman decoration.

In the Prep play area near the monkey bars, a much loved grey bear he is very old with holes in his ears, answers to BUBBA!

PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU FIND ANY OF THESE ITEMS
Do you have any warm winter coats or clothing your children no longer need?

St Kilda Mums needs your help to find 1000 coats for babies and children in need.

St Kilda Mums is a not-for-profit organisation run and staffed by volunteers, operating from our own warehouse in St Kilda.

We collect donations of nursery equipment and recycle cots, prams, bassinets, clothes and other baby essentials by cleaning and repairing them, and making sure they meet safety requirements.

We receive requests from Maternal Health Nurses and local charities on behalf of families in need. We then try to match our stock with what each family needs.

As you might guess, demand always exceeds supply. For this coat drive we aim to warm 1000 babies & children.

Now that the weather has begun to get chilly, there are many families who are not able to keep their babies and children warm, or allow them to play outside, due to an inability to afford warm winter clothes.

We would particularly love coats, but will gladly accept all warm clothing, hats, gumboots, gloves, scarves, etc.

Please also ensure they are freshly-washed, with no holes, rips or bad staining. A good guide is to think “would I give this to a friend”.

If you have any warm, winter clothes from size 1 to 10 that your children no longer need please email us at donate@stkildamums.org

If you would like more information please contact us or visit our website www.stkildamums.org
The Parent’s Club can be contacted anytime by email: APSParentClub@altonaps.vic.edu.au

PRIMARILY SCHOOL

THE PARENTS CLUB

Altona Primary School Parents Club....
“Always there with a helping hand”

Farmers Market Dates.

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.

Mother’s Day Stall and Raffle

Thank you to all the mum’s that helped out at the Mothers Day stall. It was a huge success. The Mothers Day stall raised $4382.00 for the school, which is an excellent effort.

Thank you to all the children for supporting the stall, without your support the stall would have not been so successful.

Congratulations to the Winner’s of the raffle baskets.

1. Madison (2H)
2. Olivia (3H)
3. Trent (5/6 G)
4. Zac (5/6 M)
5. Tyler (5/6 S/C)
6. Stephen (2K)
7. Kyra (1L)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Farmers Market
  17 May, 2014

PARENTS CLUB MEETINGS

Next Meeting: TBA
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

Every Friday. Please limit deposits to $10 or under.

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!

Entertainment Books

The Parent’s Club are again selling Entertainment Books. Jump online to look at some of the great deals it contains! They are priced at $65 each for either digital or hard copy.
This Saturday, 17th May 2014, we will be holding our monthly Altona Primary School Farmers’ Market. Why not come along and get some fresh fruit and veggies, fresh bread and other baked goods and sample some tasty local produce. Want to win $25 gift voucher? When you come into the market, why not sign up to our InSeason email reminder and newsletter?

Congratulations to Judith V of Altona! She signed up last month and has been sent a $25 Gift Voucher to use at the Altona Farmers Market.

The school stall will be selling second hand books again this month and there will be a colouring in table for children to use while you shop! All gate donations and money taken for books goes directly to school and benefits our children at APS. The weather forecast is looking good, please come along and support our school and community. We hope to see you there!

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:
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

You are in for a treat when you visit an In Season Farmers Market; fresh seasonal produce, a great atmosphere and friendly people all around. It makes shopping for your groceries or that special treat an enjoyable and positive experience.

In Season Farmers Markets give local communities the opportunity to experience an authentic farmers market. We create farmers markets with a positive and welcoming environment and focus on sustainable living.

In Season Farmers Markets follow a strict stallholder participation criteria. All stallholders must be Victorian based and play a part in the production of the product they are selling. All ingredients are also generally sourced locally.
The parents club has some herbs and flower left over from the mother’s day stall. We will be selling these items on Friday afternoon, near the flag pole. The cost of these items are $5:00.

Herbs:
Sweet Basely
Coriander
Paisley
Rocket
Chives
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**Altona Primary School**

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