Principal’s Corner

The working Bee is this Saturday morning; 22/3/14. So far we have 8 Families attending. If you intend to come please fill in the form below and return it to school tomorrow.

We have had some amazing days this last week. There were so many parents at both the cross country event and the ride to school day. Community involvement is one of the highlights of our school. The students were fantastic running around the school, cheering each other on and encouraging others. We had 365 students participate in the ride or walk to school day. There were an enormous amount of bikes and scooters. We had to assemble the riders at 3:00 p.m. in order to make sure everyone had their own bike or scooter. We were very proud of the way the riders walked their bikes and scooters safely out of the school.

A big thank you to Mick Rourke; father of Natasha and Lucinda, for building our 2nd bike shed. Thank you to Mr. Clarke for organising both events and running cross country training before school.

Congratulations to Cath Marshall, Alexis Beckwith and Eamonn O’Toole who were elected to school council through our recent ballot. Thank you to the 52 families who voted in the ballot. The 2014 school council is; Eamonn O’Toole (President), Cath Marshall (Vice President), Chris Gianatti, Nic Pouaka, Nicole Harper, Peter Sheehan, Stacey Gould, Nicole Fridey, Ash Craig, Debbie Galvin and Kevin Enright.

If any parents are interested in joining our subcommittees: Finance, Policy, and Building Grounds and Sustainability, please let our office know. We would really welcome more parents getting involved in the school.

The Life Ed program also began today. Thank you to Parent’s Club for subsidising the cost.

Thank you again to our Farmers Market committee for another successful market last Saturday.

We will be having a vacation care program again during the term holidays. Contact Felicity at the OSHC to book a place.

We are still waiting on some netbook payments for term one. With 200 students leasing netbooks it is critical to have the payments made on time.

Have a great weekend

Kevin Enright

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WORKING BEE ATTENDANCE 22nd March 2014 – PLEASE RETURN SLIP TO THE OFFICE

FAMILY NAME..........................................................CHILD’S GRADE.................................

NUMBER OF PEOPLE ATTENDING..........................
DATES TO REMEMBER 2014

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

LUNCH ORDERS – HIDEAWAY
Over the past few weeks we have had many orders fall short of the correct money. In a period of 2 days the short fall was $20. Over time this all adds up.

We are seeking your support in ensuring lunch orders are completed correctly and in full (child’s name, order clearly written & total price). Please ensure the correct money is in with the order. The 2014 Lunch Order Price List is attached.
Sports Corner

Divisional Swimming Day
Last week on Thursday, we had quite a number of students who competed at the divisional Swimming Carnival at Werribee Outdoor Pool. These students did an amazing job representing the school with lots of great results on the day. It was great to acknowledge these students at assembly on Monday. Here is a picture with the swimmers and some of their ribbons on the day.

Cross Country Day
Again I would like to say thank you to all students who took part in our cross country morning by dressing up and running in the event. You really did give it a red hot crack. Thankyou also to our parent helpers, supporters, and of course our teachers who helped out on the day. I feel like it is going to be the teachers year next year in the House/School Captains vs Teachers 3 legged race...

Cross Country Training
Although the district cross Country event isn't going ahead until Term it really is a great idea to do some training for the event. I will be training all students who finished in 1st-4th place in the 8'9'10 years, 11 years, and open age group at school on the big oval from 8:15am every Tuesday and Thursday. Try and get to as many sessions as you can!

Ride2School Day
As you will know from the amount of bikes that were at school yesterday it was national ride to school day. It was great to see so many students embrace the day and the concept of turning it in to a house event. We will be announcing the results at assembly on Monday which will build a bit of suspense. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sally Leung who is one of our parents for coordinating this initiative. Great work Sally!

Mr Clarke
WALK FOR THE CHILDREN OF VIETNAM

One of our students, James from 56G is participating in this Walk-a-thon on Saturday 5th April 2014 to raise funds for children in remote parts of Vietnam, who are living with physical disabilities. These funds go towards corrective surgery and rehabilitation.

If you would like to sponsor James, you can leave your donation at the office.

Thank you.

Written by Tyra and Mackenzie

On Sunday Tyra and I were the flag bearers at the Netball. It was the Melbourne Vixens vs. the Queensland Firebirds and I held the flag for Vixens and Tyra held the flag for Firebirds. We got to walk out on centre court and be involved in the coin toss and meet the captains. We took a photo with them and they were really nice. At the start of the game we had to stand with our flags and the players ran onto court next to us. We then watched the game in our seats. It was a close match but Firebirds won the game by 1 goal. When we got home we watched it on TV.
Ride 2 school Day and our new Bike Shed.
LIONS CLUB GOLD COIN DONATION – COIN TRAIL

Dear Parents/Carers

Just a reminder that the coin trail is on this Monday the 24th of March after assembly for the Lions Club Coins for Kids Appeal.

Your support in raising money for the Childhood Cancer Research Foundation is much appreciated. Come along and help make the coin trail or send along one gold coin with your child.

Each grade will have their own coin trail which they will have to measure. All the measurements will be added together to give us a total length of coins.

Each grade will estimate the total length of all the coin trails. The grade with the closest estimate will win a prize (to be determined).

Each grade will have a designated area to lie out and measure their trail. Teachers and students will then measure their trail and send the results to Miss Johnson. The SRC will collect the money after the measurements. The winner will be announced at the end of the day.

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LOST JACKET

Kyra Boon from 1L has lost her school bomber jacket. It is clearly labelled on the collar with her name. Can parents please check their child’s jacket to make sure that they have not brought Kyra’s home by mistake.

Thank you.

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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

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UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL

The University Hight School’s Gifted Students’ Program, the Acceleration Program has become an integral element of the school’s culture and community.

In 2014, the following selection procedures will be used to identify students for the 2015 Year 7 intake:

1. Test administered by EduTest on Saturday 10th May at 9am at the University.
2. Interviews with shortlisted applicants and their parents/guardians.

Please apply online via the link on our school website www.unihigh.vic.edu.au
The closing date for applications is Friday 2nd May
Please supply a lunch bag with Childs Name, and Grade number and amount of money in the bag.

Please send correct money in a secure bag.

REGRETTABLY WE CANNOT ACCEPT ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOST CHANGE

If you require a bag please include an extra 10cents. If there is not enough money in your lunch order, 1 item will be deleted.

**SANDWICHES**

- **Ham (97% fat free)**: $3.50
- **Tuna (Spring water)**: $3.50
- **Turkey**: $3.80
- **Fresh Chicken**: $3.80
- **Egg**: $3.50
- **Cheese (Light)**: $2.80
- **Salad Only**: $3.20
- **Vegemite**: $2.50
- **Boiled Egg**: $1.00
- **Ham (Fat Free) & Salad Plate**: $6.00

*Note: Salad includes lettuce, cucumber, carrot and tomato. Any salad items added .40c, cheese 50c.*

**SNACKS**

- **Plain Popcorn**: $1.10
- **Snack pack (A)**: $2.50
  - (2 carrots, 2 celery, 2 light cheese sticks)
- **Small garden Salad (B)**: $3.50
  - (fat free dressing)
- **Snack Pack (C)**: $3.30
  - (2 corn cakes, 1 boiled egg, 2 carrot sticks and 1 light cheese stick)

**HOT FOOD**

- **Hot Dogs (97% fat free)**: $3.20
- **Chicken Burger (Chicken Fillet)**: $3.50
- **Lasagne (lean meat)**: $3.80
- **Spaghetti (lean meat)**: $3.50
- **Hot Chicken roll (Chicken fillet)**: $4.20
  - With light cheese

- **Light Cheese & Tom toasted**: $3.00
- **Light ham & light cheese toasted**: $3.80
- **Foccacia with fresh chicken and light cheese**: $4.20
- **Tomato sauce extra**: .20

**FRUIT**

- **Fresh Fruit (seasonal)**: $2.00
- **Fresh Fruit Salad**: $3.70
- **Fresh Fruit Jelly**: $2.90

**DRINK**

- **Bottled Water**: $2.20
- **Golden Circle 200ml**: $1.70
- **Orange or Apple & Blackcurrant**: $1.70
- **Reduced fat frozen yoghurt (Strawberry)**: $2.30
- **Frozen Fruit stick (99% fruit juice)**: $1.00

**MILK**

- **Plain milk 300ml**: $1.60
- **Calci yum milk 250ml**: $2.40
- **Chocolate or strawberry**
The Parent’s Club can be contacted anytime by email: APSParentClub@altonaps.vic.edu.au

THURSDAY
20th March, 2014

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Farmers Market
19 April, 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: TBA

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!

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

Whole School Disco
Dust of your dancing shoes and get ready to dance the night away at the APS School Disco.

Tickets will be available on the night ($5.00 per single ticket and $10.00 per family).

Farmers Market Dates.
19 April, 17 May, 21 June, 19 July,
16 August, 20 September, 18 October, 15 November and
20 December

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.

Volunteers are always needed and welcome.

Please contact Anne Sheehan: warehouse@secon.com.au or mobile 0435 130-355 for further information.
Altona Primary School Farmers’ Market

Thank you to everyone who came along on Saturday 15th March for our monthly Farmers’ Market. We managed to raise just over $375 from gold coin donations and our book stall. Thank you, as always, to those who gave up their time to set up and oversee the gates and book stall. With over $1000 dollars raised since the start of the year through our Farmers’ Market, we will be helping to buy new laptops for our children to use in lessons at school.

It was lovely to see children doing some of the “Harmony Day” colouring activities and enjoying the balloons (despite the best efforts of the wind!)! Our family learned a few new facts about Australia from making the “clickety clack” – do you know how many different languages are spoken in Australian homes? (See bottom of page for answer!)

Our next market will be held on the last Saturday of the Easter holidays, the 19th April. We have had new stallholders at the last couple of markets, such as European BBQ gozleme and Almi Spare Ribs as well as the old favourites such as Falafel People, La Parisienne bakery and our vegetable stalls. If you haven’t been for a while, come along and see what we have to offer!

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: 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

Answer: More than 300 different languages!
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.

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