Principal’s Corner,
I mentioned my coaching accreditation last week. Experienced principals are requested or nominated to coach new and inexperienced principals in order to build the leadership capacity of all principals in Victoria. The aim is to raise the standard of education in all schools. If all schools in Victoria were like Altona P.S. we would have the best system in the world. The coaching is in addition to my role as principal of Altona P.S. It takes up about one hour a fortnight.
I was asked this week if I was leaving to take up a new coaching job. The answer is definitely no. Altona P.S. is such a fantastic place to work at.
Yesterday our new teachers’ sustainability committee met. The aim is to make the school more sustainable (electricity, water, gas, waste, paper, gardens etc) and intertwine this with improved school community sustainability. We have some exciting plans to start the process and involve the students.
Thank you to all the students bringing food to school without wrappers. ‘Nude’ food is one of our sustainability aims. The local ranger visited our Preps this week. The presentation and display of birds and animals was amazing.
Thank you to our Farmer’s Market committee for another enjoyable Farmer’s Market. It was such a beautiful day.
This term our one hour, staff professional forums after school on a Monday have included: sustainability, writing, autism and rewriting of policies. This aligns with our strategic plan and the continuous improvement of Altona P.S. After school we have singing, art, sport and guitar lessons available. There are extra guitar, drum and piano tutoring sessions available during school. This is a wide variety of extra curricula activities. It is essential to nurture creativity in our students.
The APS Art show is on next term. This is a really exciting school event showcasing student artwork and artistic talent. It begins with a ‘parents’ only opening night. Put this one in your calendar.
The work grade 4-6 students are doing in Robotics is quite inspiring. By programming the robots students are using the netbooks for creativity and problem solving. A school team will participate in the state championships later this year.
At last night’s school council meeting we were discussing school numbers. The increase in student numbers this year came about as a result of our ‘new’ building. We demolished 5 classrooms and built 8. This increase of 3 classrooms resulted in us having to enrol 75 (3x25) extra students. Our new maximum number of students has been raised by DEECD to 575. This is why we added an extra grade Prep in 2014. We will revert to 4 Prep grades in 2015. Enrolling new students in other grades in 2014 has resulted in larger numbers in grades 3 and 5. We have a strategy in mind to address this for 2015. We are now ‘full’ and taking only students who live in our zone.
This morning a parent drove through the school crossing while students were beginning to cross and proceeded to illegally double park to let children out. This is highly dangerous behaviour for the family and the students crossing the road. The local parking officers are now armed with cameras. Photos are taken as they drive by and fines are issued. Please adhere to road laws around the school for the safety of all students. Thank you to all parents who do drive and park safely at Altona P.S. You might consider parking away from the school and walking the extra distance.
Have a great weekend
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DEECD requires me to inform you of the following:
As part of the DEECD’s Health and Safety Management Plan, new asbestos labelling will be installed in every school in Victoria. The labels will be installed at our school in June.
The labels remind tradesmen to contact school reception prior to undertaking any works at the school, to ensure they have up-to-date information from the school’s asbestos register.
Asbestos - which was used extensively in building materials in the past but is now banned - is considered safe unless damaged or in poor condition.
The new labels form part of a comprehensive program to ensure Victorian government schools remain safe. Children’s safety is our number one priority. That is why we are taking this extra step as a precaution.
Have a great weekend,
Kevin Enright

DATES TO REMEMBER 2014

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

Art Show Grand opening
Wednesday 13th August
7.30pm – 10pm – Adults only

Thursday 14th August
Art Show 3.30pm – 7pm - All welcome

Friday 15th August
Art show 3.30pm – 6pm – All welcome

Saturday 16th August
Art show 10am – 12pm – All welcome
SchoolPix our School Photography company have asked us to assist them with their customer satisfaction survey by including information on the survey in our newsletter.

SchoolPix is committed to providing consistently high quality service and products to parents. By completing this questionnaire you will assist SchoolPix in their continual review and improvement of their services to you.

They value your feedback and would appreciate you taking 5 minutes to answer a few questions about your recent photography experience.

Please click on the link here: [www.surveymonkey.com/s/schoolpixparentsurvey](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/schoolpixparentsurvey)

All responses received by 30th June 2014 will go into a draw to win a Premier Plus Pack valued at $59 for 2015.

Thank you in advance for your time and cooperation in completing this survey.

**BOOKCLUB ISSUE 4**

Issue 4 orders are due by Friday 6th June. Please return your order with an envelope with the money inside. If your order is for a gift, please indicate this on the envelope and it will be left at the office.
Farmers Market Dates.

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.

Second-hand Uniform Donations

Just a friendly reminder that second-hand uniform donations are gratefully appreciated, but need to be in “good used condition”.

For anyone interested in purchasing items they are located in the cupboard outside the staff room. Items are priced at $1.00 each. Payments are to be made directly to the office.

Obstacle a thon – 25 June, 2014

It’s on again! Time to raise some funds and have a great time doing it. This year we are trying to raise some funds for the Altona Primary School 100 Year Celebration in 2015.

Please see the attached form so that you can start gathering your sponsors.

As always helpers will be required. Please fill out the form if you are able to assist with either the Obstacle a thon or the BBQ that will follow.

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.
OBSTACLE-A-THON
WEDNESDAY 25th June, 2014.

Raising funds for the

100 YEAR CELEBRATION OF ALTONA PRIMARY SCHOOL 2015

On the 25th June, students will be participating in a whole school Obstacle-a-thon. All funds raised will go towards the Altona Primary School 100 year Celebration.

Each class will participate in various activities around the school with the focus of the morning on participation and fun.

Students are encouraged to obtain sponsors for the day and the class who raises the most per student will be awarded a trophy. This trophy can be displayed in their class for the remainder of the year.

It will be a great day, with funds benefiting all students at Altona Primary School.

The Bigolin family will be sponsoring a lunch for all the students. On the day each student will receive a sausage in a roll at lunch time. If you do not wish your child to participate, please provide lunch for your child.

As always we need help running this event to make it a success. Help from parents and friends of Altona Primary School will be most welcomed. Please fill in the form below if you are able to assist on the day with either the BBQ or the Obstacle-a-thon.

Please return the attached sponsorship form to school by the 20th June 2014.

Thankyou
Parents Club
OBSTACLE-A-THON   PARENT HELP

Yes, I am able to help on Wednesday 25th June

Obstacle-a-thon 10:30am to 1:30pm

Name: ..............................................
Child’s Name: .................................................................
Grade: ..........

Please return this form to your class room teacher.

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OBSTACLE-A-THON   BBQ   PARENT HELP

Yes, I am able to help on Wednesday 25th June.
Please return this form to your class room teacher.

Obstacle-a-thon BBQ 9:00am to 1:30pm

Name: ..............................................
Child’s Name: .................................................................
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Please return this form to your class room teacher.
# OBSTACLE-A-THON

**WEDNESDAY 25th June 2014**

**SPONSORSHIP FORM**

Please return by 20\textsuperscript{th} June 2014

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**STUDENT GRADE:**

**OTHER SIBLINGS:**

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This year we are Re-vamping the APS Shoppers Card!

As part of the revamp we are inviting parents at APS who own a business to jump on board and become a Shoppers Card sponsor.

The APS Shoppers Card is one of the yearly Fundraisers the School Runs. This Fundraiser is aimed at providing APS Families & Friends with some fantastic discounts at local stores as well as supporting our local businesses by giving them the opportunity to advertise their business within our School Community.

An example of the businesses that will be supporting us in 2015:

- Local movie theatre
- Local Kid’s Dance classes & Parties
- Local Cafe’s & Restaurants
  - Local Sweets Shop
  - Clothing Stores
- Computer Maintenance
  - Online Toy Store
  - Local services
  - Local Butcher

If you would like to Sponsor our Shoppers Card in 2015 & Promote your business with our School Community & Friends please contact Stacey on 0413 007 344 to discuss.