Principal’s Corner,

Apologies for a mistake in last week’s newsletter. Alexis Beckwith is a member of the 2014 School Council and the new School Council Vice President. I think I was multi-tasking too many tasks last Thursday morning!

Thank you to all of the students and parents who attended the working bee. The school looked fantastic on Monday morning. Thank you to Mrs Galvin & Mrs. Fridey for leading the working bee.

On Monday the money trail raised over $500 for the Lion’s Club ‘Coin For Kids’ Appeal for childhood cancer. Congratulations to Ms. Johnson and the Junior School Council members for a successful and important fundraising effort.

This week the council has been contacted about the parking offences that happen every day in front of the school. The drop off zone, which is clearly marked ‘no parking between 8:30am-9:30am, is blocked every morning by parents/carers parking in these spots. It is impossible to do a quick drop off without double parking and risking a fine. It is also very unsafe, which defeats the purpose of these zones. Please park and drive safely around our school. The driveway up to the school dumper is also a non-parking area.

Could families please check their children’s hair this weekend for head lice. We can then start April with clean hair throughout the school.

The disco is on this Friday night. Please pick up students on time. Thank you to the Parent’s Club for organising the night. The students really enjoy the discos.

The School Council has 3 sub committees: finance, policy and building, grounds and sustainability. We would love to have more parents join one of these sub committees. Please let me know if you are interested.

The finance committee met yesterday morning. The school receives 6% of the funding allocated by DEECD through a formula based entirely on the number of students at the school. The other 94% pays the salaries of all of the staff. Strategic balancing of staffing and student numbers has allowed the school to have all of the programs and specialist areas that make up our quality learning and teaching curricula. There are not many schools in Victoria that have all the specialist programs that we have. Our students are the beneficiaries of the strategic financial planning.

The grade 5/6 students had a terrific excursion to Sovereign Hill yesterday. The teachers were very impressed with the students’ behaviour and enthusiasm.

Have a great weekend.

Kevin Enright
DATES TO REMEMBER 2014

Thursday 20\textsuperscript{th} – 1\textsuperscript{st} April
Life Ed Van

Friday 28\textsuperscript{th} March
APS Disco
Junior 6.15pm-7.15pm
Senior 7.30pm-9pm

Wednesday 2\textsuperscript{nd} April
P-6 Good Friday Appeal
“Pyjama Day” – gold coin donation

Thursday 3\textsuperscript{rd} April
Prep-2 Easter Bonnet Parade -9am
Hot Cross bun delivery

Friday 4\textsuperscript{th} April
Last Day of Term 1 – early finish 1.30pm

Tuesday 22\textsuperscript{nd} April
First day of Term 2

Friday 25\textsuperscript{th} April
Anzac Day – Public holiday
Hand in Hand Bracelets

Greta and Hannah from 5/6G are selling string bracelets for the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday appeal. We will be selling the bracelets on Wednesdays and Thursdays until Good Friday. The bracelets will be a gold coin donation. We'll be selling the bracelets out the front of 5/6G.

THANKS!
Greta and Hannah 😊

Literacy Parent Education Program 2014

Congratulations to all the parents who participated in this year’s Parent Education Program.

We are looking forward to having you in our classrooms and assisting our literacy and numeracy learning.

Thank you all for your time, interest and commitment to the continued development and success of the ‘Home-School Partnership’ at Altona Primary School.

Congratulations and Thank you Nicole Fridge, Debbie Galvin, Tammie Thompson, Adam McPherson and the entire Altona Primary School Learning Community.

Altona Football Club

Altona Football Club are having a Car Boot Sale
Saturday 5th April Round 1 against Albion
At Grant Reserve Sugargum Drive.
Set up 8.00 a.m Start time 9.00 a.m.
$20.00 per car, $30.00 per Ute and $20.00 per trailer
To reserve your spot please register via altonafc@live.com with your full name a contact number and car type.
Payment to be made on the day prior to you setting up.
If you don’t have anything to sell why not come on down and grab yourself a bargain, there will be a BBQ, Drinks ect available.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

The school photos will not be ready for collection until next term.

YEAR 7 ENROLMENTS 2015

ALTONA PREP-9 COLLEGE

The College is holding an information evening on Wednesday 2\textsuperscript{nd} April 2014
6pm – free bbq dinner
6.30pm-7.30pm Information session
Grieve Pde Altona 9250 8050
ROYAL CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL – GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL

As we all know the Royal Children’s Hospital provides amazing care for sick children and their families around the state and country. They admit approximately 34,000 children & 280,000 children visit the outpatient department annually. There are many children in our immediate school community that benefit from the medical facilities the RCH provides.

This year the Student Representative Council (SRC) is getting behind a very good cause and supporting the Good Friday Appeal as a school community.

**EVENT:** Pyjama Day.
**WHEN:** Wednesday the 2nd of April 2014.
**COST:** Gold coin donation.

All money raised will be directly donated to the Royal Childrens Hospital, Good Friday Appeal.

Thank you in advance for digging deep for a very worthy cause.

Kind Regards.

Kaela Johnson & the SRC.
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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Child’s name_________________________________________ Grade________________

Parent/Guardian _________________________________________

Contact Number: ________________________________

Thank you, Mrs Barry and Mrs Cain
Sports Corner

Altona Swimming Club Bayfit Carnival **CANCELLED**

Due to a broken boiler at the Bayfit Swimming Center the Carnival Scheduled to take place this Friday the 28th of March has been cancelled. The temperature of the pool has been deemed too cold for the carnival to take place. The swimming club may reschedule for later in the year so keep an eye out.

Divisional Swimming Carnival

This Tuesday, I had the opportunity to watch some of our students compete at the Divisional Swimming Carnival at Kardinia Swimming Pool in Geelong.

We had four students represent the school at this level this year, which was a great effort. The children all competed strongly and came home with some great results. Well done again on your efforts Nick Prassinos, Lola Coombes, Trent Buckner, and Lucinda Rourke.

Summer Sport

Well done on a great term in summer sport to all of our teams. I know that all of the teams enjoyed their time taking on other schools in our district and gave their all. Good luck this week to our Purple Bat Tennis and Cricket teams who will be taking on Williamstown on Friday Morning.

Cross Country Training

There will be a special cross country training session taking place at school on Tuesday of next week at 8:15am for all students in Grades 3-6 who finished 1st-4th place at our cross country.

The session will be run by Michael Masseni, who is a distance running specialist coach from the area. Michael has a lot of experience coaching junior groups for long distance events and no doubt will pass on some valuable knowledge to our district representatives.

It would be great to see as many of you there as possible to take advantage of this great opportunity.
### Whole School Disco – This Friday
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).

### Dates for Your Diary

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### 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 – Last Week
Don’t miss out!!
Due to the early finish next week this is the last week to get your Icy Poles on Friday until Term 4.

### 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!