Principal’s Corner
Thirteen staff members from St Arnaud P.S. visited our school on Monday. They were very impressed with the manners, behaviour, work ethic and self motivation of our students. They were also very impressed with our staff and the strategies and process used to teach students effectively.

We have 7 nominations for the 3 positions on school council. The nominations are; Paul Azad, Rachel Buchanan, Cath Marshall, Eamonn O’Toole, Alexis Beckwith, Sharon Hockley, and Kane Harnden. We will now have an election ballot to select 3 candidates. The election is a legal process. The candidates’ statements about themselves and the ballot paper will be in next week’s newsletter. No other form of campaign literature may be distributed. Parents will have 7 days to return the ballot papers. The ballot papers need to be returned to the office in an envelope which is inside another envelope. The family name and address must be written on the rear of the outer envelope.

Our school and house captains, along with the student leadership of many schools across the state, attended a young leaders day in Melbourne on Monday. They had an exciting day, heard some high profile speakers, and gained a good insight into what leadership is.

Today we had a practice lock down at school. This involves locking all external doors and gates. When a siren was activated the students and teachers hid quietly under the tables for 5 minutes as we checked the grounds and buildings. Coincidently today, there was a perceived external issue. As such, the school external gates and office area were locked all day. A security guard patrolled the front entrance. We vacated the school grounds quickly after school, relocking the external gates and ensuring the safety of OSHC.

Have a great weekend,
Kevin Enright

LUNCH ORDERS
Parents please be sure your are using the 2014 price list for lunch orders. There seems to be a lot of children with not enough money in their bags for the order.
2014 price list available on our website and at the school office.
DATES TO REMEMBER 2014

**Tuesday 11th March**
Marvelous Me Incursion - Preps

**Wednesday 12th March**
APS Cross Country Prep – 6 (9am – 11am)

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

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

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

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

**Friday 25th April**
Anzac Day – Public holiday

**Schoolpix**
This week every child has been given an order form for the school photo day on Tuesday 18th March 2014.

Sibling order forms are available from the school office
You can order on line, or send the completed envelope back to your child’s class teacher for collection on photo day.

If you lose the envelope there are blank forms available from the office, however you will not be able to order on line without the original envelope.
National Ride 2 School Day – Wednesday March 19\textsuperscript{th}

In-conjunction with National Ride 2 School Day, APS will be holding a Ride 2 School Day this date. “National Ride2School Day is about celebrating active travel within the school day and encouraging those who haven’t started to give it a go. Over 250,000 Australian students, just like yours, will ride, walk, scoot or skate to school, many for the first time.”

With the help of parent volunteers and our school leaders, we would like to see as many children as possible joining in.

\textit{Students are invited to dress in their house colours with their uniform.}

Participating students will be counted in the morning, and these numbers sent into Bicycle Victoria for their statistics. Additional bunting area will be provided for bikes/ scooters on the day.

For those students who live too far, or are unable to be supervised, we would like to organise “part way” drop off points. Possible points (any other suggestions welcome):

1. Altona Tennis Courts, Fresno Street
2. Corner of Blyth and Seves Street, Altona
3. Louis Joel Centre, Sargood Street, Altona
4. Corner of Maidstone and Esplanade, Altona
5. McIntyre Drive, Altona
6. Altona Meadows BMX track
7. Harrington Square
8. Den Dulk reserve, next to Somers Parade Kindergarten.

If you are able to assist with marshalling a “part-point” and supervising travel to and from school, please fill in your details and return to Simon Clarke by March 7\textsuperscript{th}.

_________________________________________________________________

Yes, I am able to help marshall a “part point” and supervise travel to and from APS on Wednesday March 19\textsuperscript{th}.

My preferred “part-point” is: ..............................................................

Name: ..............................................................

Best contact details: ........................................................................................................
National Young Leaders Day
On Monday the 24th, all the House and School Captains went to the National Young Leaders Day in the Melbourne Convention Centre.
When we arrived there, we got in to the auditorium and sat down. Around 3,500 students came to the National Young Leaders Day.
As we sat down in our seats, a message appeared up on the screen from the Prime Minister, Tony Abbott.
After, the host introduced the 1st speaker. His name was Mike Martin and he was the Executive Director of Halogen Foundation. He talked about leadership being about influencing others positively, being safe, being fair and being awesome. He also talked about what a leader does to be a good leader. He all describes this by using a picture of a tree on Prezi. When done, we got to ask questions about leadership.
Then came speaker 2, John Marsden. As an author, he spoke about the importance of language and communication in leadership, taking risks when communicating and doing it in your own style.
There was a short break, and then the host introduced Daniel Flynn, the founder of Thank you water. As a leader, he told us to never give up, never let age, experience or money hold you back and impossibility is only someone’s opinion, not a fact.
As he finished, the host threw 5 bouncy balls from the top of the auditorium and said we would have to get the ball down to the stage and back up to the top of the Auditorium. It took a long time because everyone wanted to hit but this was a test of leadership and teamwork.
The host then introduced speaker 4, Jessica Fox. She won Silver medal in the 2012 Olympics for kayaking and what made her speech amazing was this phrase. “You don’t have to be good when you start, it’s when you start you’ll get better”.
Then it was lunch break and it was half an hour. We started zipping around trying to get autographs and freebies. Some of us got signatures, some didn’t. Then the teachers checked the time and decided it was time to go back.
We all sat down and inside it was playing the music video “Happy” by Pharrell Williams. We all sang and danced along to it especially when the minions appeared in the music video. We were just settling down, when the lights dimmed again, and BKODE came out and danced to a dubstep version of “What Does the Fox Say?” We all cheered and clapped and then it was time for the fifth and final speaker.
The final speaker was Kevin Sheedy, A GWS coach. He taught us the following; make life fun, life is a gift from your parents, enjoy it, I can make a difference, and your health is your wealth.
By James Lam, Alicia Vranes, and Joy Lin

School and House Captains.
THURSDAY
27th February, 2014

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.

ICY POLES – Every Friday!!

The icy poles have returned and will be 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
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: Monday 16 March, 2014.

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
Dear Prep Parents/Carers
We would like to invite you and your children to a Prep Afternoon Tea Party on Friday 14th March from 3.15 to 4.30pm. The Prep Afternoon Tea Party will provide children with the opportunity to socialise with the new friends they have made in Prep and to enjoy the school grounds and play equipment. The afternoon will also provide parents with a wonderful opportunity to meet other parents and the Prep Teachers.

The Parents Club will provide fruit and drinks and we would like everyone to “Bring a Plate” to share with other families. We would ask that ingredients are listed for plates and the food will be placed in the rotunda. Please return the slip below to your child’s class teacher to indicate if you will be able to attend and to inform of any allergies.

The Prep Team and Parents Club

______________________________________________________
Childs Name____________________
We are able/unable to attend the 2014 Prep Afternoon Tea
Adults ____/ Children ____
Signed ________________________
Altona Primary School Farmers’ Market

Thank you to everyone who came along on Saturday 15th February for our monthly Farmers’ Market. We managed to raise just over $450 from gold coin donations and our book stall. Thank you too to those who gave up their time to set up and oversee the gates and book stall.

We had some great entries to our colouring competition from our new prep children who will all be receiving a certificate for their super efforts. It was very difficult choosing winners, but prizes were awarded to Aimee M (Prep J) and Willem C (Prep M) in Monday’s assembly by Mr Enright. Runners up also received an InSeasons reusable bag. We had some great entries on the day from children in other grades too, who will also receive a certificate with a prize awarded to Tyeson C (1B). Thank you to everyone who took part, we hope you enjoyed your visit to the market and we will have the colouring table available at future markets.

Our next market will be held on Saturday 15th March. We hope to see you there, if you would like to help out or have any queries/suggestions, please contact Anne Sheehan: warehouse@secon.com.au or mobile 0435 130-355.

Colouring Competition Winners

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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
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WEDNESDAY 19 MARCH
RIDE • WALK • SCOOT • SKATE

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