Principal’s Corner

We had the final of ‘So You Think you can Dance’ during lunchtime this week. The finalists danced in front of the judges to an audience of about 200 students. Well done to all of our dancers. The performances were well rehearsed and very entertaining.

I would like to share with our community the fabulous work by our students again this year. In 2013 we set ourselves bold, ambitious targets for student learning. Each year through our Annual Implementation Plan, we increase the targets towards the final 2016 Strategic Plan targets. The staff have been working hard together and with all students to achieve these targets. It is also enormously important to develop the whole child; the social, emotional and the creative, through our specialist programs and our positive culture.

The NAPLAN tests are rigorous but as you can see, the students have surpassed our expectations. We have even met some of our 2016 targets already. We would like to congratulate and thank students and their families for their work and support at home and at school. Student effort is the most important ingredient for successful learning.

Thanks to Ryley Giles – Homes’ dad Dave for mowing all of our nature strips last weekend by himself. What a massive effort.

Next week grades 1-6 go into their new classroom with their new teacher for 2014. A lot of time and effort has gone into planning next year’s grades. We look at all the factors; academic, friendships, social and emotional, and then carefully place a range of students in each grade. This process takes many meetings and about a month to finalise.

Next week we are interviewing for our vacant teaching positions.

Don’t forget next Wednesday is a free dress day (gold coin donation). The money raised will go, via the Red Cross, to families affected by Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines.

Thank you to our parents club and the teachers attending for Friday night’s disco. I am sure all students will enjoy themselves and behave appropriately. As usual, I will be attending the senior disco.

Have a great weekend.

Kevin Enright
Dates to Remember – Term 4

**Wednesday 4th December**
Prep Incursion – Responsible Pet Ownership

**Thursday 5th December**
Prep 2014 and whole school Transition 2.15pm-3.10pm

**Thursday 12th December**
Altona Primary School Christmas Concert 6pm-8pm
Prep 2014 and whole school transition 2.15pm-3.10pm

**Friday 13th December**
Grade 6 Mystery Tour

**Tuesday 17th December**
Grade 6 Graduation – Altona Theatre

**Friday 20th December**
Last day of Term 4 2013 - **early finish 1pm**

2014

**Thursday 30th January**
1st day of term one for all students

**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

CLOWN DOCTORS
Hospitals can be scary even for adults. Imagine what they must feel like for a child. But thanks to Altona Primary School’s generous gift of $268, children in 21 hospitals across Australia will continue to have a reason to smile.

Clown Doctors do not receive Government funding and rely on the generosity of supporters.

Thank you again for your donation.

Melinda Farrell,
CEO, The Humour Foundation.
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**Wanted - old android smartphones!**

I would like to put out a call for any old smartphones that run android for an app design project I am doing with the grade 5/6 students next year. If you happen to have an early model smartphone that you are no longer using and would like to donate it, it would be very, much appreciated. Thank you to those who have already donated a phone.

Which phones are suitable?
- Samsung Nexus (Google phone), Galaxy or Galaxy mini models
- HTC Desire, or One models
- Motorola Moto G models
- Sony Xperia models

It doesn’t matter which network the phone is on so long as it turns on.
The accompanying USB cable/charger would be great too if it is available.

Thank you,
Mr Corroon

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A one stop guide for parents and kids on what's happening in the Altona Beach and Seaholme area.
Head to [altonafamilyspot.com](http://altonafamilyspot.com) to find out more. Subscribe to receive occasional updates. It’s free!

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**LOST PROPERTY**

The end of the year has our tubs overflowing! Please check the lost property tubs over the next week. On the last few Mondays after assembly all items still in the tubs will be available for any parent to take for a gold coin donation.
After School Art and Craft Classes
Mrs Barry and Mrs Cain will be running after school art and craft classes in the art room again in term 1, 2014. The opportunity to participate is offered to children from grades 3 – 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. Classes will be held in the Art room on Friday afternoons from 3.30 – 4.30pm.

Session 1 (07/2/14): Fancy finger puppets, with Mrs Barry
Session 2 (14/2/14): Decorative windsock, with Mrs Cain
Session 3 (21/2/14): Complete finger puppets, with Mrs Barry
Session 4 (28/2/14): Construct windsock, with Mrs Cain
Session 5 (07/3/14): Felt ball making, with Mrs Barry
Session 6 (14/3/14): Paper bird mobile, with Mrs Cain
Session 7 (21/3/14): Easter chicks from felt balls, with Mrs Barry
Session 8 (28/3/14): Easter creations, with Mrs Cain

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 end of term 4 this year 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
Dear Parents/Guardians,

As 2014 is fast approaching OSHC will be making a few slight changes to bring in the new year, we will be updating our records as we have discovered that some are out of date. Guidelines require us to release children to only those listed on the enrolment form therefore we will be asking you to update your details on our system. Following up with our policies, if you require your child to be picked up by someone who is not on your contact list please provide advanced notice and inform the person collecting your child that their ID will be need to be shown upon pick up. Due to our increasing numbers ID will also be asked for if a staff member is unfamiliar with the person collecting your child. Our fees will also be changing and priced as follows;

2014 OSHC FEES
Morning (7.15am – 8.45am) with breakfast served until 8.10am – $10
Afternoon (3.15am – 6.15pm) with afternoon tea provided - $13

2014 VACATION CARE FEES (7.30am – 6pm)
Daily rate - $50
Incursion - $60
Excursion - $65

Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate are available for both services – if you have any questions regarding this please do not hesitate to come in and see me.

Thanks
Felicity and the OSHC team.
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<td>What better way to bring in the new year than with our OSHC family. Take 2 – partying like its NYE, we will be making masks, listening to tunes and having our own countdown at 12... PM not AM! And what’s a NYE party without decorations and dancing!</td>
<td>Summer is here! We will spend the day revamping our OSHC room with a range of fun and creative room activities that incorporate arts and crafts to make our room a summer paradise. Be sure to bring your scissors and glue!</td>
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<td>Take a trip back to medieval times heading to Kryal castle an Australian replica castle located in Leigh Creek! Complete with a MOAT, DRAWBRIDGE, a MAZE, CASTLE TOWERS, ARMOURY and a WAX OF TORTURE MUSEUM.</td>
<td>What a holiday program without a trip to the movies! We will be heading to Werribee 10 Cinemas to see the new flick “Free Birds” whilst enjoying some popcorn and juice.</td>
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<td><strong>HAWAII DAY</strong></td>
<td><strong>Beach Day</strong></td>
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<td>Sunshine, tropical flavours and getting our hula on. We will be making tropical juices, grass skirts and our own leis to take home! Felicity is even going to give belly dancing lessons, be sure to bring your video camera! We will even be making and indulging in some Hawaiian Pizza!</td>
<td>Pray for sun!!!! We are hitting the beach to enjoy the sun, sand and surf with an afternoon full of games, sports and relaxing. We will enjoy our lunch together whilst watching the waves roll in and splashing our feet in the water.</td>
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<td><strong>STOP...puppet time!</strong></td>
<td><strong>Toys over time</strong></td>
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<td>Ever wanted to be a puppet? Well now is your chance, learning from the best we will be watching how the experts do it as well as making our own personal puppets to take home. Lots of puppet fun to be had, even pulling the strings to your partner!</td>
<td>Toys, Toys and more Toys! We will be exploring toys throughout the ages with a visit from supreme incursions. Everyone will have the opportunity to explore and play with toys all the way from BC and right up until now. Each person will be planning, designing, making and decorating their very own toy to keep.</td>
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<td><strong>World of colours</strong></td>
<td><strong>Shop ‘N’ Cook</strong></td>
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<td>Be prepared to delve into a world of colours! We will be participating in a colour run so be sure to wear some old clothes as everyone will cross the finish line with a bright new makeover incorporating all the colours of the rainbow. A day complete with face painting and even tie dying everyone will leave with a brand new colour pallet to enjoy.</td>
<td>Sick and tired of slaving away in the kitchen? Ever wish that the children could cook dinner? Well today is that day! The children will work in teams to decide on, shop for and cook their own main meals and desserts. Nothing will be incomplete with everyone taking into consideration a budget, shopping list, recipes and preparation time.</td>
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### WEEK 3

#### Mon 20th Jan

**Sci-Fi Day**

Ever wondered what another planet looked like? Well we will be transforming OSHC into a galactic space station. Be prepared to design your own alien, create UFOs and even a light-saber to take on the world. We also have cool human activities if earth is where you belong.

#### Tues 21st Jan (Excursion)

**Pool Day**

Swim like an Olympian in the Olympic sized pool or splash around in the water adventure playground. We will be able to enjoy the beautiful water and take advantage of the waterslides. Don’t forget your bathers, hats, a towel and to slip slop slap!

#### Wed 22nd Jan

**OSHc Olympics**

Can you run as fast as Usain Bolt, jump as high as the sky or throw a gumboot further than the 3rd rock from the sun. Today we go head to head and find OSHC’s champions of track, field and concentration with a twist of silliness for the not so serious.

#### Thurs 23rd Jan (Incursion)

**COUNTRY DAY**

The country comes to us today as we meet, pat, feed and play with animals including rabbits, goats, lamb, chickens, piglets, calves, guinea pigs and ducks. Along with a visit from the animals we will also be having “cow milking races”. We are in search for the best looking farmer, make sure you dress to impress.

#### Friday 24th Jan

**AUSTRALIA DAY**

Aussie Aussie Aussie!!! Today we celebrate all things Australian including a traditional Aussie BBQ, catching rabbits, running with the dingos, riding some kangaroos and bushwalking. Don’t forget to dress from head to toe in your favourite Aussie outfits!

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**COSTS INVOLVED:**
- Daily rate: $50.00
- Incursion: $60.00
- Excursion: $65.00

Please note that in the event an Excursion or an Incursion is cancelled due to do unexpected circumstances, the activity will either be postponed or an alternative activity of equal value will be provided.

Days that involve incursions/excursions children are required to be at the program by 9am.

All toys and technology devices are **not** to be brought to the program.

Hats must be worn due to summer policy.

Food which requires heating or cooking should not be given.
Dear Parents
On Wednesday December the 4\textsuperscript{th} we will be having the “Dansing” concert in the PAC at Altona Primary, commencing at 6.30. There will be normal class on that day so the children can have a practice on the stage.
You can pick them up at 4.20 from the PAC on that day.
Children can wear an outfit of their choice with a little bit of “sparkle” or “bling” added.
WE are doing 9 items covering a few different styles of music including musical theatre, country, rock ‘n’ roll and current hits. The children will be wearing their sparkly hats for one of the numbers, so if they have one at home that fits better than the ones I have then they are welcome to wear that.
Thank you for the support you have given this program.
I have seen great development in the skills of dancing and singing in all the children. This will hopefully be reflected in their performance at the concert.
Just to see their self confidence and self esteem blossoming is very rewarding.
Looking forward to seeing you on the 4\textsuperscript{th} of December.
Sincerely Julie Enright 0409366607.
Philippines Typhoon Haiyan

How can Altona Primary School support this devastating situation?

Gold Coin Donation

Wednesday 4th December Free Dress Day

The recent devastation caused by the super Typhoon' in the Philippines has devastated the lives of millions of people including children and their families. We encourage all our children and families to show support to those who have been affected and make donations to the Red Cross Appeal.

About the appeal

Funds raised through this appeal will be used to:

- provide emergency relief, rehabilitation and recovery assistance to communities affected by Typhoon Haiyan (including the Philippines and Vietnam)
- support water and sanitation, shelter and health initiatives in affected areas
- send specialist aid workers to assist in initial assessments, relief, recovery and longer term disaster management operations
- support Red Cross longer term programs and the work of our Red Cross Red Crescent partners in the affected areas.

*Every coin donated will make a difference in some way to this appeal. Your support is much appreciated. Please allow your child to wear 'free dress' on Wednesday 4th of December and pass on the gold coin donation to the classroom teacher.*

Staff of Altona Primary School
THURSDAY 28th November, 2013

SCHOOL DISCO -  
Friday 29th November
Parent helpers are required to assist on the night of the disco. Please fill in the attached Helper’s form and return to your classroom teacher ASAP. Thank you.

ALTONA PRIMARY SCHOOL  
PARENTS’ CLUB

INVITES ALL PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS WITH CHILDREN ATTENDING THE SCHOOL IN 2014 TO

The 2013 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
on TUESDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2013 at 9am  
in the CANTEEN at A.P.S.

GRADUATION BEARS - $5 each  
The Parents Club are currently selling Grade 6 Graduation Bears for $5 each. You can get all your friends to sign these bears and they are dressed in a black graduation hat & cloak. One will be on display in the Office.

GRADUATION BEAR ORDER FORM

Name:  
Class:  
Quantity:  
Amount $ 

Happy Graduation

NOTICE BOARD

PARENTS CLUB MEETINGS
The Minutes of our meetings are now available on our website. All are welcome.

SCHOOL BANKING
Banking is done everyday Friday.

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.

ICY POLES
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.

AUSSIE FARMERS DIRECT
Want to sign up? Fill in the form available at the Office or call Rohan Day on 0419905544.
Christmas Donation Hampers

It’s hard to believe that Christmas is almost upon us again! Once again the Parents Club would like to invite you to teach your child about the gift of giving. Due to the success of last year’s Christmas hampers we have decided again to donate Hampers to two local charities, one being Altona Salvation Army, the other being Latitude Directions for Young People. Latitude provides direction for young people who are at risk of or experiencing homelessness in the Hobsons Bay and Moonee Ponds area.


From Monday Oct 21rst to Friday Nov 29th we will be placing a box in every classroom. If you can donate then please give your donation to your child so that it can be placed in the box and then forwarded to the charities.

Items needed or in short supply include the following: Non perishables including pasta sauce, long life milk and rice, also sponges, dishwashing liquid, toiletries or perhaps an edible treat! The Salvation Army would love to receive donations of new toys that can be passed on to less fortunate children in our area.

We ask that any items that you may be thinking of contributing could be new and in good condition. On behalf of the parents club we greatly appreciate any donation that we receive. I think you will agree that this project will be equally as rewarding for our children as for the recipients of the hampers!

Many thanks, The Parents Club.
FAVOURITE MOVIE / BOOK CHARACTER DISCO
Friday 29 November 2013

$5.00 per single ticket
or
$10.00 per family ticket of two children or more!

Lower School Disco (Grades Prep thru to Grade 3*)
6.15pm to 7.15pm

Upper School Disco (Grades 3* thru to Grade 6)
7:30pm to 9.00pm

*Grade 3 students may choose which disco to attend, please mark on your order form which disco you will be attending.

PRIMAS & Paddle pops WILL BE FOR SALE AT BOTH DISCOS for $1 Each. Water will ALSO BE PROVIDED

Please note that Fancy Dress is not compulsory.

* 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. A class will be made available for any parent wishing to stay while children dance the night away.
* Entry through gate on Blyth Street.

PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP AND MONEY TO CLASS BY Monday 15 November 2013

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.
DISCO HELPERS FORM

Name: ...........................................................................................
Child’s Name: ..................................................................................
Class: ..............................................................

Yes, I am able to help on FRIDAY 29th NOVEMBER.

6.15pm - 7.15pm   JUNIOR DISCO
7.30pm - 9.00pm    SENIOR DISCO
6.15pm - 9.00pm    BOTH DISCOS

PARENTS’ CLUB NOMINATION FORM 2014

Full Name:  ..........................................................................................
Child’s Name:  .............................................................................
Contact Number: .............................................................. Mob:..............................................................
Contact Email: ..........................................................................

I, ......................................................................................, would like to nominate myself for the
...................................................................................... position on the 2014 Altona Primary School
Parents’ Club Committee.

Signature: ................................................................. Date: ............................

Official use only:-
1st: ..........................................................................................
Print Name: ................................................................. Date: ............................
2nd: ..........................................................................................
Print Name: ................................................................. Date: ............................

PLEASE FILL IN AND RETURN TO THE PARENTS CLUB VIA THE OFFICE.
Altona Primary School Farmers’ Market - November 16th 2013

This month, our Farmer’s Market raised almost $500 for the grade 6 end of year activities. Thank you to all of you who came along to enjoy the products from the market, if you gave your time to volunteer on the gates and to our hard working buskers too. The working party have sent out a questionnaire about our Farmer’ Market and we have had some feedback but if you have any suggestion or comments regarding the market please do send the forms back. We are open to suggestions to develop our market and would like to continue and build upon the good work we have done over the past year, raising

Our next Farmers’ Market is to be held on Saturday 21st December. We are planning on having a “Christmassy” feel to the event and are planning to have a Christmas Carol sing-along and will be playing the Altona Primary School CD too which our children have been busy recording. If your child would be interested in making up a little choir on the day, or you have some Christmas entertainment that you would like to perform to get into the festive spirit, please get in touch so that we can co-ordinate the events. We look forward to hearing from you and will send out details nearer the time. There will not be a school stall during the summer holidays but we will still need some volunteers for the gate for the December and January markets.

Next Market Dates:
Saturday 21st December 2013
Saturday 18th January 2014

If you would like to get involved in the Christmas events, helping on the gate for an hour at the next or future markets, please contact Carol on 0432 862 592. 