Principal’s Corner
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, Jonathan Goldstraw, 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 are in this week’s newsletter. No other form of campaign literature may be distributed.

Parents will have to return the ballot papers by 4 p.m. on Thursday 13 March 2014. 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.

The counting of the votes will be conducted by 2 tellers in the presence of a scrutineer.

Have a fabulous long weekend.

Kevin Enright
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 28th March 6
APS Disco
Junior 6.15pm-7.15pm
Senior 7.30pm-9pm

Friday 4th April
Last Day of Term 1

Tuesday 22nd April
First day of Term 2

Friday 25th April
Anzac Day – Public holiday
Candidate Statements for School Council

Johnathan Goldstraw

My name is Jonathan Goldstraw. As a parent of a prep student I’m really excited about an opportunity to contribute to Altona Primary as part of the School Council. After more than 15 years in media and telecommunications as a professional engineer and project manager, and now as a Senior IT Engagement Manager at RMIT University, I have a strong background in stakeholder engagement, project management, project governance, and budgeting. My current role focuses heavily on strategy and planning, particularly around the technology needs for educational institutes. So I have a special interest in contributing to the learning and social outcomes of students in our technology dependent lives, and can bring a broad set of skills and experience to our school council. I have a great love for the small community of Altona, a passion for music, sailing and of course my sons, with the eldest beginning the great adventure of education at Altona Primary this year.

Kind Regards
Jonathan Goldstraw

Eamonn O’Toole

My Family
Carol and I, children- Iona and Fionn

Our school
APS is strong because of the parent/teacher partnership, and the focus of the leadership and teaching teams in developing our children. I value equality, diversity and community. Parents in School Council, sub committees, Parents Club, the Farmers Market and helping in the classroom are fundamental to the positive culture of our school. We have many capable parents nominating for Council so I would encourage you to vote for any candidate to have a voice in the governance of the school.

School Involvement
Carol and I actively involved with school for over 4 years.
School Councillor & Curriculum and Policy sub-committee for 2 years and president in 2013, cutting grass, classroom helper, BBQing and listening.

My paid job
-Manager- Not For Profit- 5 years.

Volunteering
-Western Health- consumer information group
-Altona Nippers
-Red Cross
-Children + Parents soccer group

Rachel Buchanan

I have two daughters at Altona Primary. Antonietta (Netty) is in grade 4 and Frances is in grade 3. My oldest girl, Lily, graduated from grade 6 last year and is now at high school. I have volunteered in the classroom with all of them and I am really grateful to all the teachers at Altona for their skill, gentleness, humour and professionalism. I would like to do something in return and have a say in how the school works and develops.

My skills are writing, communication and creative thinking. I am a journalist and historian. I’ve worked for The Age and have written two non-fiction books, including Stop Press: the last days of newspapers (Scribe, 2013). I am currently a creative fellow at the State Library of Victoria. I also volunteer for SecondBite, a food rescue organisation.
Kane Harnden

My name is Kane Harnden and I would like to nominate for the APS school council. I have a Bachelor of Business in Accounting as well as CPA qualifications. During my career I have gained experience in risk management, corporate governance, fund raising as well corporate social responsibility. I work in the education sector and my current role is the CEO of a private education provider, I have also lectured in higher education.

My volunteer work has included being president of my eldest daughter’s kindergarten and raising funds for the Royal Children’s Hospital children’s cancer centre. My commitment to fundraising for the Children’s Cancer Centre was recognised with an award.

Two of my children are currently at APS with a third to commence next year, they are the fourth generation of my family to attend APS. It is very important to me to take an active role in their education.

Alexis Beckwith

As a proud parent of children attending APS, I have enjoyed reconnecting with the school since my own time as a student here.

I have served on the APS Policy sub-committee for the last year and would like to extend my involvement as a School Council representative.

My qualifications include a Business Degree and over 20 years work experience as a Human Resources professional in a variety of roles across public, private and not for profit sectors.

I have management expertise in disciplines that can be used in the School Council environment such as strategy development and implementation, change management, process improvement, training and development, recruitment, performance management, organisational culture, values leadership and talent management.

My involvement with the school, kinder and various sporting clubs on committees and as a coach enables me to learn from others and contribute to supporting these communities on behalf of my own and other families.

Paul Azad

My belief in prosperity is in helping others. For this reason I would like to help our school community empower the next generation.

I started an IT support 12 years ago, which has now grown into a successful national company with clients across the country including a list of household names.

My role in the company is twofold. I design IT strategies for our clients, innovating solutions helping them maximize efficiencies. I also lead our team to deliver these solutions, exceeding our client’s expectation in service delivery.

A key reason the company has been successful is because I have been able to harness elements that we have learned from large organisations. We have re-packaged these into strategies to empower our clients. If I were to be the successful candidate, I would bring this knowledge to the school to further help the wonderful community that others have helped build.

Cath Marshall

I have 2 children in Altona Primary School, Euan in Prep and Caitlyn Grade 1.

In the past year, I have enjoyed getting involved in the school through opportunities to help in the classroom, Parent’s Club (I am now treasurer) and the Farmers Market.

Before moving to Altona from the UK in 2012, I was a primary teacher for 17 years. I was a member of the Leadership Team and a Teacher Governor (similar to School Council.) In these roles I was passionate about enabling all children to achieve their fullest potential and working with others to continuously develop quality teaching and learning opportunities to support that.

As a parent and teacher, I know how important the partnership between school and parents is. I would love the opportunity to support and continue to develop the excellent work that our school does by serving on the School Council.
**Schedule 6A: Parent Ballot Paper**

**BALLOT PAPER for the SCHOOL COUNCIL OF**

**Altona Primary School**

**PARENTS**

Vote using this ballot paper if you are a parent of a student at the school, unless you are a DEECD employee who is working at, and for, the school.

There are **3** vacancies to be filled. Therefore, you may mark up to **3** boxes.

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**YOUR VOTE WILL BE INVALID IF YOU VOTE FOR MORE CANDIDATES THAN THE NUMBER OF VACANCIES TO BE FILLED.**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

To cast your vote, you must:

- Make a clear mark beside the name of the candidate/s
- Place the completed ballot paper in a blank envelope and either
  - place the envelope in an envelope with the voter's name and address on the back and deliver or arrange to deliver it to the person authorised to receive and register votes, or, post it to reach the Principal, before closure of the ballot at 4.00 pm on
    - 13 March
  - or
  - between 8.00 am and 4.00 pm on any school day, including the day of closure of the ballot, place the envelope containing the completed ballot paper in the ballot box and print the voter's name and address in the register of voters.
**Junior Ukulele Group**

Junior Ukulele Group is a free program offered to the students at APS from prep to grade two. It is a free program which aims to get the students playing and engaging with music from a young age. The group happens on Wednesdays at lunch time and will commence on Wednesday 12th of March. Students do not need to fill in an application form and do not need to bring their own ukuleles however, if the student has their own ukulele it is encourage that they bring it along to ensure there are enough instruments to go around and so Mr Rouse can tune the ukuleles weekly. If you have any enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Rouse on 0407 365 908.

**Tim Rouse**  
**Music Specialist**

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**BOOKCLUB ISSUE 2**

Orders will be delivered on Friday 14\textsuperscript{th} March.  
Issue 1 - all orders will be delivered tomorrow. Unfortunately there was a problem at the warehouse in Sydney, which caused the delay.

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**Footscray City College Open Day**

Sunday 23\textsuperscript{rd} March phone 8387 1500  
www.footscray.vicedu.au

Select entry accelerated learning program - Registration closes  
Friday 9\textsuperscript{th} May  
Testing: Friday 16\textsuperscript{th} May

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**Season 2014 Altona Auskick**

Altona Auskick Centre welcomes all girls and boys 4yrs-12yrs old who want to have fun in a safe environment. We cater for all skills and abilities.  
Contact David Di Lisio 0419 136 169 or email www.aflauskick.com.au
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.

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Parents Club Meeting
13 March, 2014 2:15pm

Farmers Market
15 March, 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: 13th March 2:15pm in the school canteen.

All parents and friends of APS are welcome to attend.

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!
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: ....................... AMOUNT ENCLOSED: ..................
NUMBER of FAMILY TICKETS: .......................* Also if you are in Grade 3 which disco you will be attending – thank you JUNIOR or SENIOR
*Please note how many children require tickets in “Family Ticket” - Number: ............
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
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**.

Child’s Name: ____________________________________________  Class: ________

| NAME | **PLAIN** | | **FRUIT** | | **CHOC CHIP** | | **TOTAL** $ |
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Total enclosed: $