Principal’s Corner
The Assistant Principal’s office and has been a hub of celebrations this week. We have been fortunate to have numerous children share their amazing work with us – a narrative which highlighted the use of sophisticated vocabulary, a written reflection focusing on respecting each other and recounts from our preps about their recent zoo excursion.

The District Cross Country was held at Cherry Lake last Tuesday with over 20 enthusiastic participants from APS. Thankyou to Mr Clarke and Miss Tyler (preservice teacher) for their commitment on the day.

Congratulations to our Junior Ukulele group who performed at assembly on Monday. Not only did these grade prep and one children look cute but they sounded amazing. The applause dispersed their fear on stage and brought smiles to their faces. Thankyou to Julie and Tim for their commitment and quality music programs.

At one day’s notice a committed group of parents spent this morning sorting and tidying our school library. Thankyou to each of you for your time and effort in maintaining this valuable resource.

Thankyou to our wonderful Parent’s Club for organising the Mother’s Day Stall which will be held tomorrow and the team of volunteers. Each year hours of organising, shopping and wrapping goes into this event.

We have ended the week with sunshine! Wishing all mums, nans and special people in our life a relaxed Mother’s Day with their families.
Have a great weekend.
Debbie Galvin

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DATES TO REMEMBER 2014

**Friday 9th May**
Parent’s Club Mother’s Day stall

**Monday 12th May**
Mini Beast Incursion Grade 1

**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

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**World Migratory Bird Day**

We are celebrating World Migratory Bird Day on Sunday 11th May 2014. This celebration is in its 6th year and we will be holding a free BBQ with guest speakers.
The day recognizes the journey made by the shorebirds as they leave their feeding grounds here in Hobsons Bay and fly up to 13,000km to reach their breeding grounds in Siberia and Alaska.
It is also a good opportunity to celebrate Mother’s Day in our beautiful town.
Place: Doug Grant Reserve from 10am.
Phone 9932 1000 or ranger@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au
MSJ 2015
First round enrolment offers are posted to parents on 24th April 2014. Final date for acceptance of enrolment offers is 9th May 2014. Limited places are available for other year levels.
Further information can be found at our website www.msj.vic.edu.au or by contacting the College Registrar at registrar@msj.vic.edu.au.

MSJ Golden Jubilee Dinner
MSJ proudly celebrates 50 years of educating and empowering young women. Past students and staff are warmly invited to join our celebration 3-course dinner on Friday 2nd May at Moonee Valley Racecourse. Drinks at bar prices; Tickets $60. Tables of 12 or individual tickets can be purchased at www.tickethost.com.au

MSJ Open Mornings
- 9.30am – 10.30am (Thursday)
8th May, 29th May, 19th June, 31st July, 28th August, 11th September, 13th November 2014

MSJ Open Day 2014
Sunday 12th October, 11am – 2pm

Sport Corner

Cross Country

This week on Tuesday, 23 children represented the school in Cross Country at the District Cross Country day at Cherry Lake. It was a very cold day, but all students soon warmed up as they began their runs around the Cherry Lake area in Altona. All students 10 years or under ran a 2 km course and all students 11 years or above ran a 3 km course. All of the students represented the school well and tried their very best which was great to see. From this day, we now have 7 students who will represent the school at the Divisional Cross Country event on the 27th of May which is very exciting. Thanks on the day to parent helpers and supporters, we couldn't have had the day we did without you.

If you are one of those 7 students, you are welcome to train at the 100 steps each Tuesday and Thursday morning at 8:00am leading up to the event. Let's all try and get there to ensure we are well prepared for the next stage of events.

Tennis Hot Shots:
Students can still sign up to the tennis hot shots program by clicking on the below link. There are some great giveaways and fun activities if you do sign up.


Parents should go to the above link:
- Scroll down to the MLC Tennis Hot Shots section
- Type in the school name
- Follow prompts

Mr. Clarke
Altona Primary School Parents Club….
“Always there with a helping hand”

Farmers Market Dates.

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.

Mother’s Day Stall and Raffle
Friday 9th May.

The Parent’s Club are again holding the Mother’s Day Stall on Friday 9th May. We will have our usual beautiful gifts for your children to choose from, as well as a new selection of ethically sourced items from Oxfam and some locally produced “plants in a bag”.
If you would like your child to participate please send them to school with some spending money and a shopping bag to help get their purchase home.

Items will be priced from $1.00 to $5.00.

We are also holding a raffle. Tickets are available from the office and are priced at 3 tickets for $5.00. First prize is a beautiful hamper valued at $45.00. It is on display outside the office.

Helpers will be required for the day, so if you are able to lend a hand please pop down at a time that would best suit you.

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.
This year the parents club will be doing a raffle for Mothers Day.

The Hamper basket worth $45.00 will be on display in the office area and if anyone would like to purchase raffle tickets the cost is $5.00 for 3 tickets.

Tickets can be purchased from the parents club between 8:45 - 9:00 or 3:00 - 3:15 from 1st May 2014 until 8 May 2014. The winners of the raffle will be announced on the 9 May 2014.
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- Red Rooster
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Mother’s Day gifts Ideas

Locally produced “Flowers and Herbs in a bag”.

Handmade Bracelets a pack of 2
Made in Australia

Some great stuff from Oxfam.
Candles (Set Of 4)
Owl Trivet
Recycled Pencil Holder
Incense Set