Principal’s Corner,

Both staff and students seem to have settled excitedly into their new grades.

This week we have read applications, shortlisted and conducted interviews to employ 2.2 teachers. We had over 150 applicants. We have employed; Ms. Jessica Nichols (Grade Prep) from Sydenham Hillside P.S. and Natascha Hruschka (Grade 2), who has been working in grade 5/6H throughout 2013, and Shelley Golz (0.2 classroom assistance). Shelley is currently teaching Grade 2D. I believe both Jessica and Natascha will be excellent additions to our teaching staff.

The Christmas Carols will be fantastic tonight. Thank you to our music teachers: Julie and Tim, the teachers and students for all of their efforts. These nights are a celebration of the entire, vibrant school community.

This is our last newsletter for 2013.

Thank you to all of our staff for another outstanding year. Thank you to our students and families for being such an integral part of the school. The students’ academic results have surpassed the ‘ambitious targets’ we set for 2013.

I would also like to thank Mrs. Fridey, Mrs. Galvin, Mr. McPherson and Ms. Thompson for their exceptional leadership.

Thank you to our office and OSHC staff for their wonderful work. They form such an important part of our organisation.

All the very best to our grade 6 students. You have been a fabulous group. We wish you every success in the future. We are all really looking forward to graduation next week.

Thank you to the school council, Parents Club, Farmers Market group and parent helpers for your friendship and assistance this year. It is one of the great pleasures of being principal to be able to walk around the school and engage in friendly conversation with our families.

Have a very merry Christmas and a safe, happy and healthy New Year.

Kevin Enright
Dear Parents and Students

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for a wonderful 2013 school year. As Assistant Principal’s we have had the opportunity to work with the whole school community in many different capacities and situations. Such opportunities began early in the year with our delivery of the Parent Education Program where we began the learning partnership for many of our new prep parents. We have had the opportunity to work with parents and students across the school in order to enhance the home school partnership. We have had many rewarding and challenging experiences throughout the year all of which demonstrate the common passion both parents and staff have for the students at APS.

Throughout the year at APS the success stories have been endless in terms of teaching and learning. Many of these successes are shared with us on a daily basis when students come to our office to celebrate their learning. The smiles on the children’s faces and the in-depth way they articulate their learning is absolutely priceless.

It is gratifying to know that we make a difference to students and families as we work together to support common goals. We find our roles truly rewarding and look forward to continuing a positive partnership in 2014 and beyond.

We wish you all very Merry Christmas and a relaxing new year.

Best Wishes
Debbie Galvin and Nicole Fridey

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LOST PIANO BOOK 😥
Zhana Taipi from 3AL has lost her black folder with all her hard work from the last 2 years in it.
The folder has Zhana’s name on it. If found please return to the office.
Thank you

GRADE 6 WINDCHEATERS 2014
Payment ($35) and forms for the Grade 6 windcheaters need to be returned by tomorrow Friday 13th December 2013.
**Dates to Remember – Term 4**

**Thursday 12th December**
Altona Primary School Christmas Concert 6pm-8pm
Prep 2014 and whole school transition 2.15pm-3.15pm

**Friday 13th December**
Grade 6 Mystery Tour
P-4 Student Reports Sent Home

**Monday 16th December**
Grade 5/6 Student Reports Sent Home

**Tuesday 17th December**
Grade 6 Graduation – Altona Theatre - 6.30pm

**Friday 20th December**
Last Day of Term 4 2013 - Early Finish 1pm

**2014**
Thursday 30th January 2014
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
2014 Grade staff

**Preps**
- PW: Melissa Wendt (TL)
- PS: Christina Sakellarides
- PM: Joanne Mathrick
- PN: Nicole Nicolin
- PJ: Jessica Nichols

**Grade 1**
- 1 B: Kate Beckman (TL)
- 1 F: Megan Farrow
- 1 L: Robyne Luketic
- 1 PR: Athena Petalas / Tim Rouse

**Grade 2**
- 2F: Stephen Fava (TL)
- 2B: Lainee Barwise
- 2K: Jodi Kenny
- 2H: Natascha Hruschka

**Grade 3**
- 3M: Kerryn Massey (TL)
- 3AL: Martina Aird/Marie Lynch
- 3H: Tim Hargreaves

**Grade 4**
- 4M: Jess McDonald (TL)
- 4C: Ash Craig
- 4J: Kaela Johnson

**Grade 5/6**
- 56G: Andrew Gilpin (TL)
- 56K: Shonelle Kent
- 56M: Laura McKendrick
- 56SC: Christine Sperling / Eoin Corroon
- 56XO: Helen Xinomilakis / Trish O'Driscoll

**Specialist Teachers**
- Japanese: Mamiko Ito
- Art: Pam Barry / Brooke Cain
- Music: Julie Enright / Tim Rouse
- ICT: Eoin Corroon
- PE: Simon Clarke
- PE: Trish O'Driscoll

**Leadership Team**
- Kevin Enright: Principal
- Debbie Galvin: Assistant Principal
- Nicole Fridey: Assistant Principal
- Tammie Thompson: Leading Teacher
- Adam McPherson: Leading Teacher

**Teacher/Integration Aides**
- Lisa McKay
- Leanne Davies
- Sue Solarino
- Tanya Walker
- Briony Walker

**OHSC**
- Felicity Mayes
- Jaimee Flores

**ICT Technicians**
- Leigh Enright

**Office Staff**
- Karyn Lyon – Business Manager
- Maree Wilson – Office
- Lee Ogden – Office / Library
- Liz Brown - PA
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

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**After School Art and Craft Classes. Term 1, 2014.**

Child's name____________________________________________________ Grade___________

Parent/Guardian ____________________________________________

Contact Number: ________________________________

Thank you, Mrs Barry and Mrs Cain
Since the end of our last school review cycle in 2012, the Strategic Leadership Team in consultation with the staff, parents and students of APS have been reviewing our values as a school community. The aim of the process was to have a set of values that all stakeholders deemed to be the most important to the current success and continued success of the school. They would be a set of non-negotiable standards and associated behaviours for all members of the school community to work within, in order to achieve our overall goal of maximising student learning outcomes.

In the infancy of the process, the Strategic Leadership Team referenced documentation from the Department of Education’s *National Framework for Values Education in Australian Schools* along with anecdotal evidence as to how we saw the school functioning on a daily basis and the goals of our Strategic Plan.

We presented a short list of values for staff to debate, define and prioritise. After a number of robust discussions our list of values was streamlined to a total of six values; *Respect, Responsibility, Honesty, Aspiration, Co-operation* and *Resilience*.

These six values were defined within the context of a school. Associated behaviours were detailed alongside each definition. These values were then presented to the parent community who were given the opportunity to comment on the short-listed values and provide suggestions and feedback on the merits of these values or any values that needed to be considered.

Students from Prep to Grade 6 were also surveyed and asked to give similar feedback on the values and how important they perceived each value to be.

The feedback from staff, parents and students was collated by the Strategic Leadership Team and provided a lot of great discussion points. Our initial aim had been to finish the process with five values. After having canvassed all opinions from the school community we decided that having the six values mentioned above was fitting. These six values exemplified the culture that has already been created at APS and were important for the future.

We would like to thank all members of the school community for their input into this process. Below is the final document for your reference.

With thanks,

Strategic Leadership Team
### ALTONA PRIMARY SCHOOL – VALUES

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<td>• Understanding and supporting each other</td>
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<td>• Treating others how you would like to be treated</td>
<td>• Showing admiration for good qualities and achievements</td>
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<td>• Being accepting and considerate of yourself and others’ feelings and differences</td>
<td>• Treating others equally</td>
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<td>• Using good manners</td>
<td>• Conducting yourself in the best possible manner at all times.</td>
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<td>• Caring for the school environment and the people within it.</td>
<td>• Being accepting and tolerant of others, their differences, cultures, beliefs and opinions</td>
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<td>• Having high expectations and taking accountability for own learning</td>
<td>• Being fair, compassionate, encouraging and courteous</td>
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<td>• Being self-motivated</td>
<td>• Keeping the school and your own personal working spaces tidy.</td>
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<td>• Continually seeking to improve and accomplish something worthy</td>
<td>• Taking pride in your appearance (for students – wearing the school uniform correctly)</td>
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<td>• Having enthusiasm</td>
<td>• Reflecting on your achievements and setting new goals</td>
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<td><strong>Aspiration</strong></td>
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<td>• Telling the truth, being consistently reliable, taking responsibility and being accountable for individual behaviours</td>
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<td>• Open and transparent lines of effective communication between students, parents and teachers</td>
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| • Taking responsibility for our actions, belongings and work | • Looking after our belongings  
• Demonstrating our best work and behaviour |
| • Communicating effectively | • Communicating effectively |
| • Being organised | • Organising ourselves, our belongings and our work |
| • Resolving conflict in a constructive and peaceful way | • Successfully resolving conflict |
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• Working together to support individual student learning through open communication |
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• Understanding our role in the team  
• Carrying out our role to the best of our ability |
| • Shared responsibility for a supportive school environment | • Having an active role in creating a safe, stimulating and challenging learning environment |
## A.P.S VACATION CARE PROGRAM

### 6th January 2014 – 24th January 2014

**Program Times: 7.30am – 6pm**

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<td><strong>NYE Celebration</strong></td>
<td><strong>Arty Farty Day</strong></td>
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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 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><strong>Tues 7th Jan</strong> (Excursion)</td>
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<td><strong>Kryal Castle</strong></td>
<td><strong>Movies</strong></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>Thurs 9th Jan</strong> (Incursion)</td>
<td><strong>Thurs 16th Jan</strong> (Incursion)</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>Friday 10th Jan</strong></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!

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.
**SHoppers Cards**
Please note that the old cards have expired and the NEW Shoppers cards are now available for ordering at a cost of $15 each. These are still full of great new and old offers.

Orders can be placed by just filling in the attached order form and returning it with payment to your class teacher.

**School Concert**
The Parents Clubs will be selling icy poles, juice and sweets at the school concert this evening. All items sold will be $1:00

**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 $ ...........

**Dates for Your Diary**
- Farmers Market  
  21 December 2013  
- Farmers Market  
  18 January 2014

**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.

Orders can be placed by just filling in the attached order form and returning it with payment to your class teacher.

**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.
Altona Primary School Shoppers Card
Order Form - $15.00 Each

1. Sun Theatre Yarraville - Ticket at Members Prices -
   Up to 2 Adults & 2 Children per card per day.
   Not valid after 5.00pm Saturday. Excludes 3D & stage to screen.
   Excludes Public Holidays.
2. McDonalds Laverton 10% off food purchases.
   Excludes birthday parties & drive through and with any other offer.
3. Altona RSL - purchase 1 adults meal and receive 1 kids meal free.
   One free meal per card per day (i.e. for 2 free kids meals
   two cards must be presented with 2 adult main meals).
4. Bakers Delight Altona - 10% off
5. Just Sweets - 10% off store wide (excludes ice-cream & cold drinks)
6. Video Ezy - Rent 1 get 1 free to equal or lesser value
   (excludes games & TV)
7. Altona Les Fleurs Florist - 10% off Fresh Flowers.
8. Numero Uno - Buy any 2 family pizzas & get a free 2 litre soft drink
10. Runkle Dell Rouge - 10% off total bill
11. Anytime Fitness - 21 day free trial & 1 free personal training session
    (first time users only, must be over 18, other terms & conditions apply)
12. Double C Jeanery - 10% off full price items
    (excludes school uniforms)
13. Cartridge World - 10% off all ink cartridges
    (excludes loyalty program)
14. Kiteboarding - 10% off instore merchandise
15. Harrington Square Fish & Chips - buy a twin pack meal &
    get a free 1.25 litre soft drink

2014 SHOPPERS CARD

Child's Name: .................................................................
Child's Grade: ............................................................
No. of Cards: ...............................................................
Total Enclosed: ($15.00 each) ........................................
2014 PARENTS CLUB
President - Thashnee Ramkilawan
Vice President - Amanda Sellars
Secretary - Narelle Simmons
Treasurer - Catherine Marshall
Assistant Treasurer - Lynda Giles-Holmes
General Members – Wendy Buckner, Bev McNab, Katy Crooks, Natalie O’Sullivan, Carol Preston, Karen Hutchison, Karolina Azad, Jenny Marsh, Kelly Mc Laughin, Simone Cassar

NB: It’s never too late to join. Think about it over the holidays and just drop us a note if you want to sign up. Many hands make light work!

CHARITY HAMPERS
Latitude Directions for Young People have kindly thanked the community of Altona Primary School for their donations and generosity to those young people less fortunate. What a GREAT response! WELL DONE!
Thank you to Karen Hutchison and her team of volunteers for all their help in collecting and delivering of the hampers.
Altona Primary School Farmers’ Markets:
Saturday 21st December 2013
And
Saturday 18th 2014

Our Farmers’ Markets will continue to run during the summer holidays, we would love to see you there so put the dates on your calendars now!
This month, on Saturday 21st December, we will be celebrating Christmas at the market with Christmas Carols at 10am, so please come along and join in the festive fun. We will also have copies of the School’s CD for sale at $10 each, they would make a great Christmas Present. Why not come along to the market and get some lovely fresh and local produce for your meals over the Christmas week.

Thank you for all your support in 2013, we look forward to seeing you on the 21st.
If you would like to get involved in helping on the gate for an hour, or at future markets, please contact Carol on 0432 862 592.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas.
We look forward to seeing you on January 18th 2014 in the New Year.