Principal’s Corner,

Thank you to the Parents Club and staff members who attended the disco on Friday night. Our students had a great time and really enjoyed themselves. The Parent’s Club do a fabulous job monitoring the doors, supervising the canteen, and then cleaning up at the end. The teachers dance, supervise and mingle with the students. It really is a terrific school occasion. We are so lucky to have such wonderful students and families at Altona P.S.

We raised $790 for the Indonesian typhoon appeal. Everyone looks so different dressed in casual clothes. Thank you for your support.

Next year we are looking at developing a newsletter app to make the newsletter more accessible.

84% of families have opted to be a part of the 2014 Grade 4 netbook program. It is an exciting initiative and a fabulous learning tool. I am expecting this to rise to over 90%.

There is still a large amount of outstanding invoices to be paid for both the netbook program and the OSHC program. Please settle these accounts ASAP.

We are looking for parents to join the yearbook production team. Erica and Katie, who currently produce the yearbook, will not be parents at the school in 2015. We would like to train up new parents, whose children will be in grade 6 in 2015 and beyond, to keep the yearbook going. If you would like to become involved, contact the school and let us know.

The grades and teachers are in place for 2014. All students found out their grades today. The list of teachers and grades is attached. We are interviewing for 2 teaching positions on Monday. I hope all students enjoyed the first transition session this afternoon.

Congratulations to Mrs. Cuni and Mrs. McGlade who have successfully applied for teaching positions at other schools. We wish them both all the very best.

Mrs. Helen Xinomilakis is returning to Altona P.S. next year. Helen is always very popular with students and parents.

We are looking forward to the student transition afternoons, Prep information night, reports going home, the Christmas concert and the grade 5/6 graduation and big day out. It is a busy time right up until the last day.

The new 2014 president of our Parents Club is Thashnee Ramkilawan. A huge thank you to Erica Burnett for her leadership of the Parents Club over the last 4 years and the enormous amount of work she has been involved with in the School Council, Finance Committee and in her children’s grades over the past 9 years.

Thank you to our School Council and subcommittees for another fabulous year’s work. Eamonn has been a terrific leader and support as president of the School Council.

The soccer oval is progressing rapidly. The base level is finished and the concrete guttering and drainage will be completed today. The Tigerturf will hopefully be laid before the end of the school year.

Don’t forget if you have an idea, question, concern or comment you would like to make you are most welcome to come and talk or contact me. I am in the school yard most mornings. We are in a partnership together to make sure your child has the best education and primary school experience possible. If I can help in any way or resolve an issue it would be my privilege to do so.

Have a great weekend.

Kevin Enright
**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

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

**Thursday 19th December**
Prep 2014 and whole school transition 2.15pm-3.15pm

**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

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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**
Grade 5 students will be measured tomorrow for their Grade 6 windcheater. Forms will be sent home tomorrow, cost is $35. Payment and forms need to be returned by next Friday 13th December 2013.
School Sport Australia
12 years and under Track and Field National Championships
(Location: Queensland Sport and athletic Centre Nathan, Brisbane)

On Friday 22nd of November we left for Brisbane to do the School Sport Australia Track and Field National Championships. The track was where the Commonwealth games were held in 1982. On Saturday I had the heats where I qualified for the final with the 3rd fastest time. Sunday was the finals and I was really nervous. I was up against tough competition. I came 7th. Later that day I was in the Medley relay. I was running the 4th League 300m. The team came second.

The rest of the time was fun. We went to Dreamworld as an excursion and had fun relays on the fourth day.
Overall, Victoria did very well with 68 medals
I would like to thank the school for supporting me in these championships.
# 2014 Grade staff

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

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

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

**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
- TBA

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

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

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

**OHSC**
- Felicity Mayes
- Jaimee Flores: Carrie Enright

**ICT technicians**
- Leigh Enright
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 along-side 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
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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>
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## Responsibility

- Taking responsibility for our actions, belongings and work
- Communicating effectively
- Being organised
- Resolving conflict in a constructive and peaceful way

## Cooperation

- Collaboration and effective communication between staff, parents and students
- Working effectively together
- Shared responsibility for a supportive school environment

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| • Communicating effectively | • Demonstrating our best work and behaviour
| • Being organised | • Organising ourselves, our belongings and our work
| • Resolving conflict in a constructive and peaceful way | • Successfully resolving conflict
| • Collaboration and effective communication between staff, parents and students | • Working together to support individual student learning through open communication
| • Working effectively together | • Having an agreed shared plan
| • Shared responsibility for a supportive school environment | • Clear understanding of how to achieving goals
| | • Understanding our role in the team
| | • Carrying out our role to the best of our ability
| | • Having an active role in creating a safe, stimulating and challenging learning environment
**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 and 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 Disco**
We had a wonderful disco is was. The children were very well behaved and danced the night away. Thank you to all who helped out on the night. We can't run this event without volunteers - so well done to all who volunteered. The D.J. was awesome and played a great mixture of music. A massive Thank You must be given to Erica Burnet who did a lot of running around, setting up and organising for the night - The disco also raised about $1,400 for the school, which is an excellent result.

**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 $ .......
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**Dates for your Diary**
- Farmers Market
  21 December 2013
- Farmers Market
  18 January 2014

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**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.
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.