Dear Families,

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of Week 3 in Term 4. It always seems to be a busy and exciting week at APS.

Last weekend was our Farmer’s Market and Car boot Sale. There were approximately 16 car boot stalls which helped clear out preloved items from many households. Congratulations and thank you to all involved in the organisation of the event.

Our staff has been taking a considerable amount of time to work on the grade placement process in every effort to accommodate the learning needs of all students. Just a reminder if your child is not returning to APS in 2014 could you please inform the school immediately as this will alter our grade placement process.

Today we had an exciting visit from the lovely children at Altona Kinder who spent the morning in Prep G participating in a range of activities. By the smiles on their faces as they were leaving they obviously had a delightful time.

As we are nearing the end of the year I have an important reminder for all families with outstanding Netbook payments. Please refer to the information in this week’s newsletter in regards to these payments. We have a substantial outstanding balance of $13,000.

Tomorrow we have 2 special events. Friday the 25th of October is ‘Day For Daniel’, established by the Daniel Morcombe Foundation to raise Child Safety Awareness. All children are encouraged to wear RED tomorrow to show support and highlight the importance of child safety.

Tomorrow is also WORLD TEACHER’S DAY, a day we celebrate and thank our amazing staff for their ongoing commitment and dedication to the students of APS. Our school would not be the amazing place that it is without their passion for teaching and learning. I am sure you will join me in utilizing tomorrow to thank them for the wonderful work they do each and every day.

Mr Enright will be returning from Long Service Leave on Monday. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time in the role as Acting Principal and would like to thank the entire school community for their ongoing support during this time. Particular thanks to Debbie Galvin Assistant Principal for her daily support, it is wonderful to work so closely as a Principal class team. Thank you also to the leadership team Tammie Thompson and Adam McPherson. It is an absolute pleasure to walk through the gates of Altona Primary School on a daily basis and be a part of this wonderful school.

Have a wonderful weekend

Nicole Fridey
Acting Principal
Dates to Remember – Term 4

**Friday 25th October**
Daniel Morcombe Day
Child Safety Awareness Day

**Monday 4th November**
Curriculum Day – Pupil Free Day

**Tuesday 5th November**
Melbourne Cup – Public Holiday

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**NETBOOK PAYMENTS ARE NOW DUE FOR GRADE 4, 5 and 6**

*Grade 4 payments due: 4th November all owing - $66*
*Grade 5 payments due: 1st November – differing outstanding amounts – students will not keep their netbooks over the Xmas holidays or get their netbooks back in 2014 until outstanding balances are paid.*

*Grade 6 netbook rollout with outstanding amounts due: Monday 28th October – this is the important one... students must nominate whether they are buying out the lease and keeping the netbook or paying their outstanding balance and leaving it with the school.*

*Debbie Galvin*
Assistant Principal

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**Sports Corner**

**Western Metropolitan Region Athletics:**

On Tuesday of last week, we had 6 students represent the school in Athletics at the Keilor Park Athletics track for the Western Metro Aths day. Conditions were good, although a little windy. All 6 students represented the school well and showed excellent talent in the track and field events.

Firstly, Lucinda Rourke started the day off with a 3rd place in the 1500m event for 10yo and under girls. Then Jack Bosnar followed up with a great run in his final for the 1500m boys OPEN event. Further along in the day, Paige Ritchie finished 8th in her divisional final for Hurdles and Chinaka Egbujor finished 5th in a close race for the regional hurdles final as well. Later in the day Victoria Entwistle Hardiman came second in the discus final and goes through to the state finals. As does Zoe Woods who blitzed the field in the 800m and came 2nd in the 200m final.

Well done to all students, and good luck to our state representatives in Victoria and Zoe.

*Mr Clarke*

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**CURRICULUM DAY MONDAY 4TH NOVEMBER**

Due to low numbers, OSHC will not be running a program on this day. Please make alternative arrangements for care.
Thank you

*OSHC Team.*
CHILD SAFETY AWARENESS
FRIDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER - ‘DAY FOR DANIEL’

The Daniel Morcombe Foundation was established in 2005 by Bruce & Denise Morcombe following the abduction of their 13 year old son in 2003. The Foundation endeavours to raise awareness of child safety, protection and harm prevention, and promote a safer community for children.

The Daniel Morcombe Foundation’s ‘Day for Daniel’ is an annual event involving schools and local communities. This year over one million are expected to participate Australia wide. Altona Primary School will highlight child safety throughout the week across all year levels. On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October everyone is encouraged to which will show our support in highlighting the importance of child safety.

SCHOOL PARKING
Parking please be conscious of the safety of all children when parking and dropping off your child.
We have had complaints of parents parking over driveways and double parking.
The safety of students is the responsibility of all of us and our neighbours should not be inconvenienced.

FARMERS MARKET AND CAR BOOT SALE
Thank you to all those who helped to run or participated in our market day and car boot sale.
The weather was very kind to us and we had a good turn up of people looking for bargains.
Well done to all those involved.
**ALTONA WEST KINDERGARTEN – 50 YEAR CELEBRATION**
The kindergarten is having an open day on Saturday 26th October 10am-1pm. 14 Lindwood Ave Altona. Bbq, cake stall, face painting etc.

**SEAHOLME KINDER – 50 YEAR CELEBRATION**
Seaholme Kindergarten is turning 50! Please come and help celebrate. Sunday 27th October 2pm to 4pm. Light refreshments provided and photos to view from the last 50 years.

**ALTONA KINDERGARTEN BLYTH ST**
Altona Kindergarten is having a Fete on Saturday 16th November 10am-3pm. Face painting, jumping castle etc.

**LOST EARRINGS**
Naydean from 2D has lost an earring. It is a small gold hoop with a crystal type stone inset. Please take it to 2D if found.
The Parent’s Club can be contacted anytime by email: APSParentClub@altonaps.vic.edu.au

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Friday October 25 2013
  Child Awareness Day
- Monday November 4 2013
  Curriculum Day—Pupil Free Day
- Tuesday November 5 2013
  Melbourne Cup—Public Holiday
- Friday November 29 2013
  Christmas Donation Hampers

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 Farmers’ Market
And Car Boot Sale - 19th October 2013

Last Saturday, 19th October, we held our monthly Farmers’ Market in conjunction with a car boot sale. What a great day with lots of people coming along to support our school community! With visitor gate donations, sales of scones on our APS stall, the car boot fees and a donation of $60 from Tasty Tatters (raised from our anniversary market last month) we managed to raise a grand total of just over $1100. This is a fantastic contribution to school funds and our monthly markets really do help to provide valuable resources to our school. Over the last year we have put $4000 towards sail shades for the spider playground and each grade has had a share of almost $4000 to buy their own resources, as well as money raised to put towards an interactive whiteboard for next year’s new class.

A big “Thank You” to everyone who came along to support us and buy some of the great produce available as well as the “car booters” and all of our volunteers who gave their time to organise the market, bake scones, direct and support car boot stallholders, man the gates and also our talented young entertainers. It is great to see so many people working together and creating a welcoming and positive environment in our local community.

Our next market will be held on Saturday November 16th. Come along and join in the fun—we look forward to seeing you! If you would like to get involved in helping on the APS stall or gate for an hour, or at future markets, please contact Carol on 0432 862 592.
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.