Principal’s Corner

It is good to be back at Altona P.S. after 5 weeks on holidays with my wife Kaylene. We spent a week in Darwin, visiting Katherine, Kakadu and Litchfield national parks. One evening in Darwin, we sat with Robert, Mandy, Sugar and Ruby Hall, an Altona P. S. family who moved to Darwin, and watched Mr. Gilpin’s band play. We then spent time in Noosa, Mooloolaba and Byron Bay before making our way back home.

Congratulations to Zoe and Victoria for competing in the state athletics championships this week. Zoe came 1st in the 800m and 7th in the 200m. Victoria came 5th in the discus. We are very proud of both girls. Zoe will now represent Victoria in the national championships in November.

The school is currently owed about $13,000 in netbook payments for the remainder of 2013. Could families please pay these accounts asap. If you need clarification on your invoice please see the office ladies and bring your receipts as it will help to clarify previous payments.

Thank you to Mrs. Fridey and Mrs. Galvin for running the school in my absence. They are both excellent school leaders.

At this stage we have 95 preps enrolled. If you haven’t enrolled your 2014 prep child please do so. If the numbers increase to over 100 we may have a 5th prep grade for 2014.

There has been another hiccup in the completion of our soccer oval. I am in negotiations with DEECD at the moment to have the project continue and be finished before the end of the year. I am awaiting the full documentation of the project before we agree to proceed.

Congratulations to Mr. Gilpin and his wife Meaghan on the birth of their second daughter Polly. Andrew is a very proud father.

Our grade 3 & 5 NAPLAN results for 2013 were again excellent. The grade three results were off the scale of the graph they were so good. The grade 5 results were also above the state average. Well done to all of our hard working students, families and parents. This is a combined effort.

Our new website is now live. A huge thank you to Tammie Thompson for her work in achieving this.

There is a gold coin donation box at the office to support the Life Ed Van and program. The real cost per child to visit the van is $18 but thanks to donations and business partnerships students pay only $9. Their message to students regarding drug and health education and decision making is invaluable.

Please check your children’s hair this week end so that we start November hair lice free across the school.

Enjoy the long week and the Melbourne Cup. On Monday teachers will be collating student assessment and beginning the long process of writing reports.

Have a great weekend

Kevin Enright
To be safe on the Web:
Don’t make internet friends on the web.
Don’t give away your personal details.
Or say yes to an impossible deal.
Or else all the viruses will come for you!!

Sports Corner

State Athletics Championships

On Monday of this week I had the pleasure of going to watch Victoria Entwistle Hardiman and Zoe Woods at the State Athletics Championships at Albert Park.

Both students have progressed through various levels of competition to get to this stage.

Firstly, Victoria competed at 9:00am in the discus for 9/10 year old girls. She threw really well in difficult conditions to finish 5th overall.

Later in the day Zoe won the 800m to become the State Champion which was an amazing effort. Great work Zoe!! She also competed in the 200m final at 4:30pm that afternoon and finished in 7th place which was a great effort after a long day.

Well done to both girls who represented the school extremely well.

Mr Clarke

CONCERT: Tim Nelson’s piano students

Wednesday 13th November 7pm-8pm in the BER building Altona PS.
For enquiries phone Tim 0450 904 464

100 Year Celebration Meeting

When: 7pm Thursday 7th November
Where: Altona PS Staffroom
All welcome
Dates to Remember – Term 4

Monday 4th November
Curriculum Day – Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 5th November
Melbourne Cup – Public Holiday

Wednesday 13th November
Tim Nelson students Piano Concert – 7pm

Saturday 16th November
Farmers Market

Wednesday 20th November
Grade 3 – Local beach walk (weather permitting)

Thursday 21st November
Prep 2014 Transition

Friday 22nd November
Grade 4 Melbourne Zoo Excursion

Thursday 28th November
Prep 2014 Transition

Wednesday 4th December
Prep Incursion – Responsible Pet Ownership

Thursday 5th December
Prep 2014 and whole school Transition

Thursday 7th November
100 year Celebration Meeting
7pm Altona PS Staffroom
   All welcome

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

Friday 13th December
Grade 6 Mystery Tour

Tuesday 17th December
Grade 6 Graduation – Altona Theatre
Remembrance Day at Altona PS
'Remember in November'

Monday, November 11th is Remembrance Day, another important event in our ANZAC calendar. We will be holding a whole school Remembrance Day Service, on the turf area facing the flag pole, outside 3B &3AL’s classrooms commencing at approx. 10:40am to ensure we are silent at 11:00am and concluding with the National Anthem. Parents and family members are welcome to join us.

Students may wish to bring flowers for the service to lie at the bottom of the flag pole during the service.

We will be selling Poppies and other poppy embellished items (wristbands, badge tags, pens), ranging in price from $2.00 to $5.00, prior to Remembrance Day and we encourage our students to wear their poppies on Monday, Nov 11th.

The Altona RSL gives Altona PS tremendous support and by acknowledging their service to our nation is just small way we support them.

We have a small number of students who have a direct connection to service men and women currently serving somewhere in the world either in conflict or on important peace keeping missions.

Thanks for your support
3M & Mrs Mathrick

CHICKENPOX IN OUR SCHOOL

We have had several cases of chickenpox reported in our school over the Grade2 and 4 Levels. Please be aware of this if your child becomes unwell.
The internet lets us watch videos, play all kinds of games and find out interesting stuff. But sometimes people can be mean on the internet, just like some people are mean in real life.

If someone is being mean to you while you are on the internet or on a mobile phone:

1. Tell someone about it. Tell somebody you can trust, such as: your mum or dad, your teacher, an aunty, an uncle, a grandparent, your brother, your sister or a friend. Keep telling them until they help.

2. Don’t answer any of their mean comments. Save them and show them to a parent or teacher

3. Get a parent or teacher to help you block them so they can’t contact you any more

4. Report them to the game/video host so they get blocked

5. Remember it isn’t your fault if someone is mean online. Nobody should be bullied
The parents club news

Altona Primary School Prents Club.... “Always there with a helping hand”

The Parent’s Club can be contacted anytime by email: APSParentClub@altonaps.vic.edu.au

THURSDAY 31st October, 2013

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Monday November 4 2013
  Curriculum Day—Pupil Free Day
- Tuesday November 5 2013
  Melbourne Cup—Public Holiday
- Tuesday November 12 2013
  Parent Club Meeting
- 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.

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.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS
Order forms for the 2013/2014 books have been placed in the office for your perusal. If anyone requires a book please contact Fraser Thomas by email. ta78@optusnet.com.au or order online.

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.

SCHOOL BANKING
Banking is done everyday Friday.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN TO ALL AT ALTONA PRIMARY SCHOOL

AUSSIE FARMERS DIRECT
Want to sign up? Fill in the form available at the Office or call Rohan Day on 0419905544.
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.