What a wonderful few months we have had in our Centenary year!

As you may have noticed the front of our school has been transformed with a magnificent mural, our especially designed Centenary logo, to commemorate our 100 years.

We are sure you agree it is a fabulous edition to the façade of our school building, which will complement our planned Centenary Playground at the front of the school. Children and families alike have taken advantage of this beautiful mural for family photos, grades have marked special occasions such as the Easter bonnet parade in front of it.

Please feel free to take your own photographs in front of the mural to create your own piece of history.
**WOW! WOW! WOW! The best day of my life! The most fun ever! Can we do it again!** These are all statements coming from the children on the day of our highly successful Muddy Madness Event.

Children, teachers, parents and sponsors had an amazing time running and jumping into mud pools, rolling in mud, sliding on their bellies down slip n slides and wading their way through soapy pools. The smiles on everyone’s faces were priceless and the laughter heard was infectious.

The purpose of the event was to provide the school community with a fun filled event like no other during our Centenary year and from all reports we achieved our goal.

This was also a fundraising opportunity for the school with all funds going towards our new Centenary Playground, with the extremely generous support of our whole school community including children’s sponsorship, business and family donations, special lunch and food stalls we raised approximately $15,000.

An event like this cannot happen without extensive planning, volunteer support and sponsorship. We offer our sincere thanks to the Muddy Madness Organising Committee, Friends and Family Committee, volunteers, sponsors, staff, students and all who came to watch and contributed to making this a fabulous event.

Everyone who participated received a Muddy Madness wrist band as they crossed the finish line, if anyone did not receive one please come to the Assistant Principal Office to pick one up.

Riding on a buzz of excitement from the day, we held a Special Assembly on Friday where children from across the school shared their reflections of the event. Many children wrote the most amazing descriptive writing pieces about what took place, their favourite obstacles and funny anecdotes.

To relive all the fun, check out our school website for photos of the day.

Thank you all again for your involvement in this amazing event.
MUDDY MADNESS FUN!
Anzac Celebrations

One hundred years ago the bells of the gun made a booming sound as the bullets fired all the way over to the other trenches. Now as we march, the sound of an instrument bell helps us remember. The sweet notes echo off the buildings as the band marches to the Shrine.

I am part of the Hyde Street Youth Band, (sounding great since 1928) and one of our gigs is marching in the ANZAC day parade down Swanston Street. We do this every year and most years we have perfect weather... but this year it rained. Even so, 85,000 people paid their respects by coming to the march or the dawn service. This year was special because it is 100 years since the ANZACs landed at Gallipoli in Turkey. But for the Hyde Street Youth Band it was tiring because we were one of the only bands that marched twice. As we waddled on and off the slippery tram tracks we played on and on, each player trying to keep up with their lines. By the time we got to the Shrine, rain dripped off our blazers. We were soaking.

But we still had to march again. This time we marched behind old Mercedes and Mustangs from the seventies. So stop and go we went all the way up to the Shrine. As we finished up (for the second time) I thought ‘although I am tired that was a lot of fun, and I did my part to remember all the things that the WW1 diggers did. It was hard but I felt that I did my bit to remember Quinton and Robert Dick (my great-great uncles.)

A couple of weeks ago Emma, Harry and I went down to WYN FM 88.9 with Mrs. Mathrick to talk about our relatives that were involved in WW1, and the making of the school ANZAC video. Rob Richardson asked us what our relatives did, and how they ended up. I really enjoyed the whole experience of being part of the ANZAC video, and I love the end product.

So now every person remembers the ANZACs differently. Some do the minute of silence, some get up at 4am to go to the Dawn Service and people like me play the cornet and go in the march. Yet everyone remembers the deeds the ANZACS did and the lives they gave for our country.

Antonietta Gentile (56M)
Altona at War

One hundred years ago, Altona consisted of just 11 houses and had a population of 20. In July that year, two weeks before World War 1 was declared, founders of Altona Primary State School, Lawrence and Ann Fleming - moved to Altona with their four children and took up residence in their Blyth Street home.

Just as Altona was beginning to grow, Australia went to war. Altona and Australia were growing up, beginning to be shaped by the bravery and determination of strong men and women. One hundred years since the start of World War I, we wonder how the tragedy of war affected this small but slowly developing town.

As a community, we know very little about the personal sacrifices and stories of men or women from Altona, because Altona as we know it did not exist and our service men and women who paid the ultimate sacrifice would have been included on the tallies of neighbouring shire’s cenotaphs.

Our cenotaph situated in front of the Altona Civic Offices, has a plaque acknowledging the beginning and end of WWI, it reads:

‘World War I 1914 – 1918’.

This dash represents so many battles, conflicts, near misses, stories once shared and more importantly so many lives changed and lost because of their experiences. As age wearies those who are left, the job of tracing, researching and recording these stories becomes all the more challenging.

In 2015 as Altona PS celebrates 100 years of educating the children of Altona and with the Australian public, we remember those who served in WWI during the Anzac Centenary. We have investigated six current APS families’ connections to WWI servicemen, their great or great, great, grandfathers, uncles or distant cousins.

These stories have been collated to make our DVD, ‘100 Years’ Our Centenary, Our Story, Our Links to the Anzacs’. This DVD tells just a small part of each great, or great-great grandfathers or uncles story about their experiences in WWI.

During our research we learnt so much more about the pioneering citizens of Altona and the surrounding Altona community.

In 1916, trains were used to bring in Army personnel to train at situated at what we now call Altona Pines.

John Thomas, a boatswain on the interstate steamer Goulburn, brought his wife, Alice and family to reside in Altona. The Thomas brothers, Charles, Frederick and half-brother Alfred all enlisted over a two week period from August to September 1914, and all three sons served at Gallipoli. Tragically, Alfred was killed in France in 1916; Charles’ company landed at Gallipoli around 7am on April 25th 1915. Charles must have done some good work at Gallipoli as he was mentioned in dispatches for distinguished and gallant service during the period of General Sir Charles Munro’s command of the Mediterranean expeditionary force.
Charles and his brother Frederick survived the war. The family welcomed Armistice Day in November 1918 and the return of their soldier sons.

Frederick began business as an Altona greengrocer shortly after his return. Before dawn on January 2nd 1919, he, Charles and a younger cousin set off to the Victorian Markets in a horse-drawn covered lorry to buy supplies. As they crossed the rail line at Newport, their 4 wheel buggy was hit by a goods train on the way to Geelong. All 3 occupants of the buggy were killed virtually instantly.

The Argus reported that between 3000 and 4000 persons gathered in Kororoit Creek and Cemetery Roads, to watch the military funeral, including gun carriages for the coffins, 200 uniformed returned soldiers, the returned soldier’s band and a firing party. The Argus finishes with the comment that this is possibly the largest funeral ever seen in Williamstown.

The Altona Football Club was established in 1918 in a Pier Street café by a local named James Duke. Duke’s son George was the first soldier from Altona to return home after WW1 and his battalion’s colours of Purple and Gold were adopted by the newly formed Altona Football Club as their Guernsey colours. These colours today reflect the pride that is Altona Primary School.

100 years on - we remember those men and women who went to war and who many never came back. Those very lives live on today in the spirits of our students.

One hundred years on, these stories will serve as a reminder of the service and sacrifice of our forebears.

One hundred years on, as we remember the ANZACS, we also celebrate a century of our school’s rich history.
Coming up ……..

Where are they now?

Tuesday 20th October.

We will be celebrating our Centenary by inviting past students to chat to groups of children about their time at APS, where that education led them, and their life achievements to date. These informal discussions will take approximately 15-20 minutes and will be a great opportunity to share anecdotes and compare and contrast APS then and now.

If you, or someone you know, would like to take part and are available during school hours on the 20.10.15, please contact:

Claudia Robinson: robinson.claudia.c@edumail.vic.gov.au

“BACK IN TIME”

As part of our centenary celebrations in Term 3, we will be having a ‘Back in Time’ day. On this day, we are encouraging all current students and staff to wear something that would have been worn to school at APS in 1915.
Here is an excerpt from a very old book with the rules that female school teachers had to endure in 1915.

- You will not marry during the term of your contract.
- You are not to keep the company of men.
- You must be home between the hours of 8pm to 6am unless attending a school function.
- You may not loiter downtown in ice cream parlors.
- You may not travel beyond the city limits without the permission of the chairman of the board.
- You may not ride in a carriage or automobile with any man unless he is your father or brother.
- You may not smoke cigarettes.
- You may not dress in bright colours.
- You may not in any circumstances dye your hair.
- You must wear at least petticoats and your dresses must not be any shorter than 5cm above the ankle.

Chatting to Lee Ogden from our office......

In 1986 her son Ryan, started in Prep and there was no uniform, Lee and a group of like-minded parents felt it would be good to have a uniform.

Enid Stein who was part of the Parents Club and a Home Economics teacher (elsewhere) sourced the fabric and in 1988, school uniform was encouraged.

The choice of uniform was very similar to the choice we have at present, however there were no polo-tops – t-shirts with Altona Primary School emblazoned across the front were what you could purchase. Windcheaters were available however many of the tops were home knitted jumpers. (Usually gray, as purple wasn’t so easily come by)

The choice of purple and gold are Altona colours, dating back to WW1 soldier, George Dukes, Battalions colours.
This is the list of Principals through the years we have managed to find – can you help with the missing years?

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We need support with a whole variety of tasks and would love your help:

- **We need “handy-people”** who can help us make some “olde” toys, and or games.

- **Honour Board** – we are missing information on who was Principal between 1924-1930 can you help? Please see above

- **Security** - We need experienced security personal for the upcoming reunions. If you, or someone you know is in the security industry, and are available to work on October 22nd 2015 please contact us.

*If you can help us with any of these requests please contact the school as soon as possible – thank you*
Have your family’s name immortalised on a paver as part of our Centenary Pathway

As a part of our centenary celebrations we will be constructing a Centenary Pathway. The pathway will run from the footpath on Blyth Street to the front door of the school. The Centenary Pathway will be approximately 10m in length. All proceeds from this project will go towards the construction of the Centenary Pathway and Centenary Playground.

SINGLE PAVER $50

Your donation of $50 entitles you to have your family name/s (to a maximum of 48 letters) engraved into a paver as a permanent record of your history at Altona P.S. The paver will be permanently installed at Altona P.S. in the centenary entrance pathway to the front doors of the school. Size: 230 x 115 x 40mm.

Please write the 48 letters (maximum) to be inscribed on your paver here:

i.e. Darcey, Arlie, Carla & Zoe Den Ouden

Number of bricks required: ______

Name/s to be engraved:
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Simply fill out this form and return along with full payment by cheque, credit card details or cash Altona P.S.

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Offer closes on July 31st 2015

We need your support!
## Altona Primary School
### CENTENARY WEEK CELEBRATIONS
**Monday 19th October to Saturday 24th October**

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### 2015 PLANNED EVENTS
- Centenary Playground
- Creation and Burial of Time Capsule
- Creation of Named Brick Centenary Path
- A full Centenary Week of Celebrations
- Production of ANZAC & Centenary DVD
- Creation of Centenary Mosaic Wall
- Creation of a Historical Time-line Mural
- Centenary Concert – 17th September 2015
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