Welcome back to term 2. This is an exciting year for the school as we continue our 100th year celebrations. Next week we have the ‘100 Years Our Centenary, Our Stories, Our Links to the ANZAC’ DVD launch and ANZAC Ceremony. Mrs. Mathrick has done an amazing job leading the DVD project which links our current families to ANZAC day. It is a moving tribute to the ancestors of our students. The grade 4 students have planned and organised the ANZAC ceremony on Friday at 9am. Families are most welcome to attend.

The grade 5/6 students had a fabulous camp at the end of last term. Thank you to the parents and teachers who attended. The students came back worn but really enjoyed the camp. This term is also a milestone for me as I am turning 60 at the end of April and becoming a grandfather for the first time in mid June. Exciting times!

Good luck to our bat tennis and cricket teams who are playing in the grand final on Friday. We are very proud of all of our summer sports teams for their sportsmanship and the way they have represented the school. Thank you to the teachers who have given up a lunch time each week to coach the teams.

Mr. Jayme Morris, a former student, is our new Physical Education teacher. Mrs. Kellie Larter, a current parent, is our new LOTE (Japanese) teacher. Mrs. Shelly Golz is replacing Karen Lyon as our office manager. Shelley is an accountant as well as a teacher. We welcome them to our staff and Altona P.S.

The order form for our paved Centenary Pathway from Blyth Street straight up to the front doors of our school will be attached to our newsletter next week. Pavers are $50 each and can contain up to 48 letters. Proceeds will go towards paying for the entire paved area 9.25 x 3.72 meters and the centenary playground. All local businesses and past families from the last 100 years are invited to purchase a brick. We intend to move the entrance gate and have double gates leading into the school.

I signed the order form for the centenary playground yesterday. We need to raise a further $30,000. Donations will be accepted from local businesses or families. We believe we will raise the money prior to the playground being installed by the start of term 4.

Have a great weekend,

Kevin Enright.
DATES TO REMEMBER 2015

Friday 24th April
ANZAC Service at APS

Friday 8th May
Mother’s Day Stall

Thursday 28th May
Prep Excursion Melbourne Zoo

Monday 8th June
Public Holiday

Friday 26th June
Last day of Term 2

Monday 13th July
First day of Term 3

Monday 19th October
Centenary Week Celebrations

Thursday 17th September
APS Concert

NEWS FROM LOUIS JOEL
Make Mum a gift for Mother’s Day! Recycling
Recycling Old into New Workshop for kids of all ages

Booking essential : phone 9398 2511

Saturday 9th May 1pm

Louis Joel Centre
5 Sargood St
Altona
Next Tuesday, April 21st we have invited both federal & local government officials, community members and families of children involved in the DVD to join APS staff & students at the very special screening at the official launch of our Altona Primary School Anzac Centenary Commemorative DVD – ‘100 Years’ Our Centenary Our Stories Our Links to the Anzacs’ which was possible through the Australian Government’s Anzac Centenary Local Grants Program.

The official launch will be held at 2:15pm in our PAC – Performing Arts Centre

This DVD features students from six current Altona PS families who are direct descendants from WWI servicemen. The students tell a story of their forbears during the war. The DVD was filmed at different locations around Altona.

We would like to take this opportunity to publically acknowledge those involved with the different stages of making this DVD as they join us on this occasion in the lead up to Anzac Day. This will also be a media event.

We would like to extend this invitation to our whole school community however because the PAC will be quite full and it can get very warm in there we would like to invite parents, carers & family members to a second screening at 3:30pm.

This will give family members the opportunity to share the experience with their children. For any working parents who are unable to attend this special community screening we will be uploading the DVD to our school website soon.

‘100 Years’ Our Centenary Our Stories Our Links to the Anzacs runs for approx. 8 ½ minutes.

100 Years
Our Centenary Our Stories Our Links to the Anzacs

Whole School Community Screening
Tuesday, April 21st
3:30pm

Altona Primary School
109 Blyth Street, Altona
In the PAC – Performing Arts Centre

If you have any questions regarding this special event you can contact our school office on 9398 - 2925 or by emailing me directly at mathrick.joanne.s@edumail.vic.gov.au

Joanne Mathrick
Commemorative Sunday is always the Sunday before ANZAC Day, this year the Commemorative Sunday March is being held on April 19th. It is one of the special days in the RSL's calendar.

Students from Altona Primary School are invited to come dressed in full school uniform and march in the parade behind the service men and women.

If children are wearing their parents, grandparents or great grandparent’s medals, these medals must be worn on their right hand side. Only service men & women wear their medals on their left.

A parent must attend with their child; parents can walk beside their children in the march or along the footpath following their child in the parade. Children are the responsibility of their parent the whole time.

Many local groups, particularly Scouts, Guides and Air force & Naval Cadets meet at 2.20pm at the Altona RSL, 31 Sargood Street. The Commemorative Sunday March commences at approximately 2:40pm and travels down Pier Street to the eternal flame at the Civic Centre.

Being the 100th year anniversary of ANZAC, it is expected to be a big event and there will be some road closures from the RSL to the Civic Centre and this will also cause some parking problems.

The service commences at approx. 3:00pm at the eternal flame and cenotaph, at the corner of Pier St. & Civic Parade, for families that wish to meet us there. Participants hear different people speak, some people will place flowers at the base of the eternal flame and cenotaph in memory of the Army, Navy and Air force men and women who died in the wars or in support of service men & women who are serving on peace keeping missions.

Some children will represent Altona PS and lay some flowers as our tribute to these servicemen & women. The general public will also be invited to lay flowers if family wish too.

After the service you can march back to the RSL with the service men & women and their families. The service takes approximately an hour.

ANZAC DAY March – Saturday April 25th
Commences at 5:30am or just before sunrise

Lots of people will march in or watch Anzac Day Ceremonies and parades on Saturday, April 25th. It is an important time to remember and some people will place flowers to remember loved ones.

People planning to attend Altona RSL’s Dawn Service must assemble at 5:30am at the RSL. The march commences at approximately 5:40am, and travels down Pier Street to the eternal flame and cenotaph. The service commences at approx. 6:00am when the parade reaches the eternal flame or people may wish to meet at the eternal flame, at the corner of Civic Parade & Pier Street.

Once again it is expected to be a big event and there will be some road closures from the RSL to the Civic Centre and this will also cause some parking problems.

This is a very moving service that I encourage parents and their children to attend. After the service they march back to the RSL with the service men & women and their families.

Lest We Forget
Art Competition

The students in 3/4M have entered individual art pieces in the 5X7 ART PRIZE. Our theme is “Through the Window,” the children have worked hard and the results are quite impressive! Well done 3/4M, we all look forward to viewing your artwork in the gallery at Williamstown Library.

Mrs Cain.
Celebrating the ANZAC Centenary at APS

2014 marked one hundred years since the First World War began. For Australians, this war signified the birth of the ANZAC story. The ANZAC Centenary Program spans over four years (2014 to 2018) and provides an opportunity for Australian’s to commemorate all those who have served their country in the last century. APS will be holding their own ANZAC commemorative ceremony on Friday the 24th of April 2015 at 9am. All members of the APS and local community are welcome.

Anzac Day - 25th of April

Anzac (Australian and New Zealand Army Corps) Day is the anniversary of the landing of troops from Australia and New Zealand on the Gallipoli Peninsula, Turkey, in World War I on April 25, 1915. The bravery of all military personnel who participated in this campaign and the lives of those who died in all military actions are remembered.

The ANZAC Appeal raises funds to support former and serving members of the Australian Defence Forces, their allies and dependents when in need.

The SRC will be selling ANZAC Day merchandise during recess and lunch times, at the flag pole, in the second week back of Term 2. There is a variety of products ranging from $1.00 badges to $5.00 pins.

We hope you can support this great cause.

Thank you,
Ms Johnson and the SRC

WILLIAMSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION EVENING
Tuesday 5th May 2015, 6.30pm-8.30pm Bayview Campus

WHS Accelerated Learning Program
In 2016 WHS will provide a Select Entry Accelerated Program for Year 7 students who have exceptional academic ability.
Enquiries and applications should be directed to the school on 9399 9228.
As part of our centenary celebration week in Term 3, we will be having a ‘Back in Time’ dress up 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. You might like to start sourcing your child’s outfit now.

More information will be distributed to families a later date.

**Children’s clothes 100 years ago**

**Boys clothes**
Boys wore shirts, buttoned jackets, vest and shorts. They wore long socks and leather boots. Ties wore worn. Boys also wore woollen page boy caps.

**Girls clothes**
Girls wore cotton dresses, skirts and blouses. Dresses and skirts were gathered or pleated from the waist. Sometimes dresses had frills on the bottom. Dresses and skirts were below the knee in length and worn with stockings and leather boots.

Girls wore hats called bonnets. These were tied under the chin. Sometimes aprons were worn.

There were no stretch fabrics and therefore no tee shirts, track suits. However they were hand knitted woollen jumpers.
PARENTAL AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM
PaCE ON TRACK

THE GATHERING PLACE MEDICAL ABORIGINAL CORPORATION
FAMILY LEARNING CENTRE

EVERY WEDNESDAY
4:30pm—5:30pm

IRAMOO COMMUNITY CENTRE
84 HONOUR AVE, WYNDHAM VALE

Sharon 8742 3144

Until Term 3

FREE PLAY GROUP!

- Indigenous Playgroup
- Fun activities for kids 0-5yrs with a parent, grandparent or carer
- Afternoon tea provided

When: Friday afternoon
1:30pm—2:30pm

Commencing 6th March 2015

( During School Terms )
Where: Iramoo Community Centre
84 Honour Avenue, Wyndham Vale

Call The Gathering Place Medical Aboriginal Corporation 8742 3144 to Register
Muddy Madness Thank you

A Special thank you to ‘JEN-SUE DANCERS’ for supporting our Muddy Madness fundraiser. Their kind donation was much appreciated.

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