Principal’s Corner

I would like to thank all of our staff, students and parents for another fabulous year. It is such a privilege and pleasure to work with everyone here at Altona P.S. We have amazing teaching staff who are absolutely dedicated to our students’ education.

Thank you to Mrs. Enright, Mr. Rouse and all the staff, students and parents who attended our Christmas Carols night last night. It was a fantastic community evening. I thought all of the grades were superb. Over 2,000 people attended.
A special thank you to Mrs. Galvin and Mrs. Fridey for their leadership and support over the year. They are highly skilled Assistant principals and delightful to work with.

A special thank you also to our Leading Teachers Tammie Thompson and Adam Macpherson. They have really embraced their roles, driven the continuous improvement of learning and teaching and are outstanding leading teachers.

Thank you to Eamonn and our school councilors for their work and dedication to every child at Altona P.S. It has been a pleasure to work with our school council.

Thank you to Karen and our office staff, ES staff and OSHC staff for their support behind the scenes. The interface between the office, OSHC and families; the front of house, is critical in a highly successful organisation. The way Nicole and Lauren have taken over the running of OSHC has been amazing and a credit to both of them.

All the very best to our graduating grade 6 students. We will miss having them around after all these years. They are ready to make their way into secondary school and successful futures. We have thoroughly enjoyed the privilege of teaching them all.

A big thank you to our school and house captains and all of the grade 6 students for their leadership this year. They have set a high standard throughout the year.
Both Mrs. Enright and Mrs. O’Driscoll will be finishing at the end of this year. Julie will still teach her “Dancing” group. Trisha is having long service leave. Julie has been an amazing music teacher. Trisha is an equally amazing classroom teacher. We will miss them both personally and professionally.
Next year we hope to install a centenary playground to celebrate our 100th year. The oldest playground is still the favourite with students. We will be looking to raise about $55,000 to build the playground. Fundraising will include; the school concert, all parents club activities, the selling of bricks to form a new path from the front gate, donations from past and present families and hopefully some significant donations from business and larger companies. If you are willing to help the school in any way or make a donation let me know.

Tim Watts, the local Labor MP, visited us yesterday to look at our I.T. program. He said he was ‘blown away.’

Have a great Christmas and a safe and healthy New Year.

Kevin Enright
Principal
DATES TO REMEMBER 2014

Thursday 11th December
Prep 2015 and whole school Transition

Tuesday 16th December
Grade 6 Graduation 6:30pm

Friday 19th December
Last day of Term 4 – early finish 1.30pm (no lunch orders)

2015
Altona Primary School will celebrate its CENTENARY YEAR

BOOKPACK COLLECTION DAY 2015

The date for collecting Grade 1 - 6 bookpacks has been set for Wednesday 28th January.

Friday 30th January 2015
First day of Term 1 for all students

Friday 19th December
Last day of Term 4 – early finish 1.30pm (no lunch orders)

Note from the office
The office will be closed after 3.15pm tomorrow (Friday). Open again for business on Monday!

Thank you
After School Art and Craft Classes

Beautiful Birds

After school art and craft classes will be held in the art room on a **Thursday** afternoon between 3.30-4.30pm in **term 1, 2015**.
The opportunity to participate is offered to children from grades 2 – 6 with a maximum of 20 children in the group.
The cost will be $30 to cover materials and $10 per session, making a total of $110.

**Session 1** (05/02/15): Create a clay bird
**Session 2** (12/02/15): Construct a cardboard bird house
**Session 3** (19/02/15): Complete and decorate bird house
**Session 4** (26/02/15): Make a magnificent peacock
**Session 5** (05/03/15): Finish and frame peacock piece
**Session 6** (12/03/15): Make a colourful bird garland
**Session 7** (19/03/15): Complete and hang bird garland
**Session 8** (26/03/15): Paint and decorate clay bird

Please complete the attached form to indicate interest in attending. You will be notified as soon as possible if you are successful. Payment will be expected by the last week of term 4 (15/12/14) to allow time for purchase of materials.
We are thrilled to be able to offer this opportunity out of school hours and look forward to working with children who enjoy art and craft as much as we do.

Thank you, Mrs Barry and Mrs Cain

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**After School Art and Craft Classes. Term 1, 2015.**

**Beautiful Birds**

Child’s name ___________________________ Grade ____________
Parent/Guardian ________________________________
Contact Number: ________________________________

Thank you, Mrs Barry and Mrs Cain
Dear Parents,

We are seeking two more families to take up this exciting opportunity next year. We will hold an information session for families who would like to host a student in the near future. Families receive a payment for hosting a student. If you have any questions in relation to the program which may support your decision, could you please see Debbie Galvin.

JAPANESE STUDENTS

Altona PS - Homestay

Sunday 22nd February – Tuesday 10th March 2015

Altona Primary School has offered to host 8 Japanese students from Nagoya Women’s University. The program commenced in the Hobsons Bay area in 2005 and will commemorate its 10th year next year, targeting students who are intending to become teachers in primary school or kindergartens. Along with two other schools we have this special opportunity to have APS families host the students for the duration of their stay. Becoming a host family is a great way for your children to experience further Japanese culture and extend their experiences provided in our LOTE program. Many of our families have previously hosted students and speak highly of the experience for their own family and the student.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of the homestay, please contact Mrs Galvin anytime.

If you are interested in hosting a student, please complete the expression of interest below and return to Mrs Galvin or the office by Friday 21st November.

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2015 JAPANESE STUDENTS HOMESTAY

Sunday 22nd February – Tuesday 10th March 2015

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

We are interested in knowing more about the program.

Family Name: .................................................................

Child’s Name: ............................................................. Grade: ..................

Contact No. .................................................................
Please keep the date below available for our Reunion.

SAVE THE DATE

REUNION
OCTOBER 22nd 2015
UNDER 18’S (GRADUATED 1999-2014)  ADULTS (PRIOR TO 1999)

TIM NELSON MUSIC
Individual piano/keyboard lessons available at Altona Primary School.
Contact Tim on 0450 904 464.
To The APS Community,

Our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to everyone for all the donations after having lost everything in the fire we now have a fully furnished home. And it’s all due to the incredible generosity, kindness and thoughtfulness of all of you. It really has been amazing.

Words can’t really express just how grateful we feel for such overwhelming generosity, and how lucky we are to be part of the community here. But it has inspired me to give back some of it by way of volunteering for the Lort Smith Animal Hospital, so I thank you for that also.

And it was all organised by Nicole Friedy, what a woman!! Thank you for all the work you put in day after day, your daily phone calls to keep me updated and just to ask how we were going. It was much appreciated.
Thank you to all the ladies in the office, Maree, Lee, Lisa, Karyn, Thashnee and Liz who even offered to come around to our new house to help set it up. Should’ve taken you up on that!!!!!

Thank you also to the wonderful staff of APS for their generosity.

But there’s more! A wonderful Parent who worked at the ‘Good Guys’ mentioned our situation at her work and we had people from “The Block” do a makeover in Flynn’s bedroom. Bec and George were the past contestants who created it. Flynn now has the best room in the house!

We are now moving on with the incredible support of an amazing school community.

Thank you all so very much.

Louise & Flynn
**CENTENARY EMBLEM SHORT SLEEVED POLO TOPS** will be available 2015. Orders can be placed from Monday 2\(^{nd}\) February until Monday 2\(^{nd}\) March 2015, for delivery mid March. Don’t miss this opportunity to have a polo top with our centenary logo! All details are below.

**Double “C” Jeanery**  
2 Aviation Rd Laverton VIC 3028, Australia  
03 9369 4307

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**Altona Primary School Centenary short sleeved gold polo top with special Centenary emblem**

**ORDER FORM**

**Price size 4-16 $20**

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Please note only the SHORT SLEEVED POLO is available with the Centenary Emblem.

**ALL ORDERS MUST BE PAID IN FULL**

Cash total amount: $

**Credit card payment:** Name: .................................................................

Card Number _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ Expiry Date: _ _ / _ _

Signature: ..................................................... Total Amount to be charged: .................

**APS staff member:** ........................................... Date: .............
The Parent’s Club can be contacted anytime by email: APSParentClub@altonaps.vic.edu.au

THURSDAY
11th December, 2014

Whole School Disco - 12th December 2014

Dust of your dancing shoes and get ready to dance the night away at the APS School Disco on Friday 12th December.

Tickets are available for $5.00 per single ticket or $10.00 per family. Tickets will be available at the door.

Parent’s Club Name Change

The Parent’s Club is undergoing a change and we would like your input! We feel that the name should be more reflective of what we do and more inclusive for all the friends and families of APS.

You do not need to be a member of the Parent’s Club to cast a vote. Please mark one of the names below, or suggest one of your own! The name with the most votes will be the new name for 2015.

Votes can be returned via your classroom teacher or lodged at the office.

Thanks for voting!

Name Change Voting Form.

- Family and Friends of Altona Primary School
- Parent and School Partnership
- Parent Involvement Committee
- Family and Friends Involvement Committee
- Parents and Pupils Partnership
- Fundraising Committee
- Other suggestion: ...........................................


DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Whole School Disco
  12th December, 2014

Merry Christmas

The Parent’s Club would like to wish everyone a very safe and merry Christmas.

We look forward to working with all families and friends next year.

Thank You

Thank you to all who donated their time and helped to make our Carol’s BBQ a success. We couldn’t have done it without you!

SHOPPERS CARDS

Our new Shoppers Cards are here!

Please see the attached order form and list of great deals!

ICY POLES
WEDNESDAY!

This term the parents club have changed the icy poles from paddle pops to Smooze. The cost of the new product is still $1.00.

Thank you to all who donated their time and helped to make our Carol’s BBQ a success. We couldn’t have done it without you!
Altona Primary School Farmers’ Market:

Saturday 20th December 2014

Christmas is coming – and so is SANTA!

Come along on to our December Farmers’ Market and you will be able to meet Santa and make sure he knows what is on your Christmas list! Parents – you will have the opportunity to take some photos of your child with Santa, capturing special Christmas memories. We will also have a piper, our talented busker, Monty, and an opportunity to sing along to some favourite festive tunes. An ideal time to pick up some great local produce for your festive fare for the Christmas week, with our usual range of fresh fruit, veggies, eggs, bread, condiments and chutneys.

We look forward to seeing you on the 20th, thank you for all your support in 2014. If you would like to get involved in helping on the gate for an hour, please contact Carol on 0432 862 592.
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Altona Primary School Shoppers Card has arrived.

Cards will be sold from the 1st November 2014 at the cost of $10.00.

If you require a card please fill out the form below and hand it in to your classroom teacher.

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**Shopper Cards 2015**

Name: .........................................................

Child Name and Grade: ............................................

Number of cards: ..................................................

Total enclosed: $10.00.  ............................................

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