Principal’s Corner,
What an ‘Icy’ start we had to Monday mornings Assembly with 8 of our staff participating in the ‘Ice Bucket Challenge’. The children squealed and cheered in delight as the teachers poured the ice filled and cold buckets of water over their heads. Congratulations to all of the staff involved for being such good sports and supporting this wonderful cause. A very big thank you to our SRC for organising this event as a fundraiser for the MND Foundation. Special thanks to our students and families for your amazing donations, we as a school raised $1078. We have been in touch with MND Victoria and they really appreciated our support. They indicated that that there are 3 ways to donate: 1. All funds received at MND Victoria for Ice Bucket Challenges will be included in this campaign and will be used to support Victorians living with MND. This could mean purchasing new equipment such as wheelchairs, hoists, electric riser chairs etc, that are loaned to people with MND or support programs for families living with the disease, those recently bereaved, and those bereaved more than 12 months. 2. Donations made to MND Australia (www.mndaust.asn.au) the funds will be allocated partially to research and partially to the state associations. 3. Donations made to MND Research Institute (via the MND Australia website) funds will be used for research here in Australia. For more information about this cause please access the following website www.mndaust.asn.au.

A very big thank you to our amazing Parents Club for their tireless efforts and ongoing support. Throughout the week the Parents Club ran the highly successful Book Fair. It was wonderful to see how excited the children were about purchasing new books to read. One of our Literacy aims at APS is to develop a love of reading with the children and this was particularly evident with the success of the book fair. A percentage of the money collected comes directly back to the school to purchase new books, which we all love. The Parents Club ended the week with a fabulous Father’s Day stall to help the children make their Dads feel special. It was heart-warming to see how excited the children were to select just the right gift for dad. These wonderful opportunities could not be provided for the children without all the wonderful parents who volunteered their time to run both events, thank you very much for your time and commitment to our school.

Last weekend one of our families found themselves in a very unfortunate situation, losing their entire belongings in a house fire. Thankfully the grade 5 student and his mum were not at home at the time, however they have lost basically everything they own. We are doing whatever we can
at the moment as a school to support the family and are seeking the school communities’ assistance in whatever way possible. The family need immediate assistance with day to day living essentials such as; clothes for an 11 year old boy (Size12-14), women’s clothing (size 10-12) linen, towels, kitchen appliances, pots and pans and some furniture items such as a bed for the boy. We would sincerely appreciate donations of items listed, to assist the family. As of tomorrow we will be setting up donation boxes in the front office corridor for any donations to be placed in. If you are able to assist with larger furniture items please contact the office and speak to Tammie Thompson or Nicole Fridey in order to coordinate these items. We ask that all donations are brought to school No later than the last day of School this Term Friday 19th of September, for pick up on that day. Any excess items that cannot be utilized by the family will be donated to assist needy families. If there are any questions or families would like to donate or assist in any other way please do not hesitate to contact me. We sincerely thank you in anticipation for your support with this family.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Nicole Fridey
Acting Principal.

Sports Corner:

Junior Athletics Morning
This term, students in Grades P-2 have been practicing various athletics skills and activities in Physical Education Lessons. As is the case every year we will be having a Junior Athletics Morning for these students to showcase the skills they have learnt. It is a great way for the students to have some fun with their peers and teachers as well.

The Athletics morning will take place on Tuesday the 16th of September and all parents/family members are encouraged to come along if you can make it and support the kids. It is a really fun morning for all!!

We will have our first event at around 9:05am and continue through until 10:45am or so. Students can wear house colors if they wish so they can get into the spirit of the event.

Mr Clarke
Dear Parents,

A proforma is available at the office for you to complete if you wish to inform the school of any educational, social and/or emotional information relevant to the needs of your child prior to the school beginning the process of grade selection for 2015.

**This proforma needs to be completed and returned by the 17th SEPTEMBER 2014.** Please Note: Requests after the grade placement process has commenced cannot be accepted.

Altona Primary School prides itself with having a dedicated, motivated and supportive staff. We have every confidence that each of our teachers is able to cater for the needs of all the children at APS. Therefore we ask that you do not nominate a specific teacher for your child. There are teachers on leave from APS that may return, teachers on short term contracts and teachers changing year levels thus it is impractical to give assurance for placement with particular teachers. The emphasis should be on the educational, social and emotional needs of your child. Relevant information will be considered by the grade teachers in consultation with team leaders when grade lists are completed for 2015.

Please Note: The use of parent requests may take precedence over your child’s choice of friendship group.

**Friendships**

Early Term 4 your child will have the opportunity to complete a friendship list in his/her class. The teacher will refer to this list, as well as any completed proformas and current knowledge of the children, before allocating your child to a class for next year.

Our aim is to create a learning environment in each classroom that promotes optimal learning. Teachers spend considerable time and effort creating grades which cater for the educational, social and emotional needs of all children.

You will be contacted should there be a need to clarify any of the information you have raised.

Regards,
Kevin Enright
Principal.
After school art and craft classes will be held in the art room on a Friday afternoon between 3.30-4.30pm in term 4, 2014. **The focus is fun fridge magnets!**

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** (17/10/14): Creating fabulous framed fridge magnets
**Session 2** (24/10/14): Designing and painting wooden magnets
**Session 3** (31/10/14): Continue wooden magnets
**Session 4** (07/11/14): Making and baking sculphey magnets
**Session 5** (14/11/14): Drawing own designs on magnetic materials
**Session 6** (21/11/14): Designing and stitching felt magnets
**Session 7** (28/11/14): Magnificent Christmas magnets
**Session 8** (05/12/14): Continue with Christmas magnets

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 3 (15/9/14) 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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**Child’s name_________________________ Grade________________**
**Parent/Guardian______________________________**
**Contact Number: ____________________________**
Thank you, Mrs Barry and Mrs Cain
DATES TO REMEMBER 2014

Friday 19th September 2014
End of Term 3 – early finish 1.30pm

Monday 6th October
First day of Term 4

Monday 3rd November
Curriculum Day – pupil free

Tuesday 4th November
Public Holiday Melbourne Cup

Thursday 20th and Thursday 27th November
Prep Transition for 2015

Thursday 4th December
Prep 2015 information evening

Thursday 4th and Thursday 11th December
Prep 2015 and whole school Transition

Friday 5th December
Curriculum Day – Student free day

Tuesday 16th December
Grade 6 Graduation – Altona Theatre

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

LOST JACKET
Miles Goldstraw in PN has lost his brand new jacket, size 8 with his name on the tag. Please help out and have a look to see if it has found it’s way to your house. You would make a Preppie very happy if you find it.
Hello Parents and students,

On the 10th of September we had a ride to school day. We will have a ride to school day once a month, this will help our school be more active. The class that is most active will win the trophy. A new class every month will have the trophy depending on who was most active. In first place we had 5/6 C with 71% of their class active. In second place we had a draw between 3M and 3H with 52%, and in third place we had another draw between Prep S and Prep M with 50%. The Less active grade was 1L with 11%. The average for the grade 5/6’s was 47%, grade 4’s 37%, grade 3’s 50%, grade 2’s 22%, grade 1’s 28%, and grade Preps was 43%. We would like to congratulate 5/6 C for winning the trophy. We would like to encourage students to, ride their bike, ride their scooter, skateboard, or even take public transport to school everyday. It has been a great way to get people out and about.
Thanks
By Isaac Johns

MICROCHIPPING DAY
Don’t lose your fluffy family pet!
Hobsons Bay Council are holding a Microchipping Day at Cherry Lake Reserve Millers Road, Altona.
Sunday 21st September 2014.
Bookings and prepayment are essential.
Register at petregister.com.au/events or phone 1300 734 738.

MSJ 2015
Limited places are available for 2015. Further information can be found at our website www.msj.vic.edu.au or by contacting the College Registrar at registrar@msj.vic.edu.au.

MSJ Open Mornings - 9.30am – 10.30am (Thursday)
11th September, 13th November 2014

MSJ Open Day 2014 ~ Sunday 12th October, 10am – 1pm
All parents are invited to our Open Day on Sunday 12th October from 10am to 1pm. During the day you will have the opportunity to see our school in action, speak with staff and students and learn about how our College specializes in girls’ education. If you are unable to attend at this time please contact the school to make arrangements for an alternative tour time.
There are currently limited vacancies at some year levels. Applications for Year 7 2015 have closed but a waiting list is available. Enrolment application forms can be obtained from the website www.msj.vic.edu.au or by contacting the school on 8398 2000 or emailing the College Registrar at registrar@msj.vic.edu.au

Back to MSJ Day ~ Sunday 12th October, 1pm – 4pm
Join us for a tour through the school and a picnic on the green. Reconnect with past friends, colleagues and teachers.
On Tuesday Eden’s dad, Adam Carruthers came to talk to us. He told us how to draw a tiger. It was fun. Eden got to hold up the paper. Willem

On Tuesday Mrs Mathrick’s Preps went to Mrs Wendt’s Preps. Eden’s dad, Adam Carruthers showed us how to draw a tiger. My favourite book was the book of Ruffy and Me because I liked all of the places in the story. Hunter

Today Eden’s dad, Adam Carruthers came to talk to all of the preps because he is an illustrator. He taught us how to draw tigers. He read two stories and they were called ‘The Big Beet’ and ‘Ruffy and Me’. Ava

Today Eden’s dad came to school and all the Preps went and drew a tiger. Adam read two books. He read ‘Ruffy and Me’ and ‘The Big Beet’. An illustrator is a person who draws the pictures for books. We listened and we had to sketch and we were quiet. Adam talked a lot and in the end we asked questions. Mila

On Tuesday Eden’s dad went into Mrs Wendt’s grade and he showed us how to draw a tiger and he read a book. Eden held up the pictures and he showed me how he draws. He showed me cool pictures. Gabriel

On Tuesday Eden’s dad, Adam Carruthers came into Prep W and all the other preps were in there as well. Adam read us two story books he illustrated; they were called ‘Ruffy and Me’ & ‘The Big Beet’. He taught us how to draw tigers neatly and told us the process of making a book. Tom
Fathers Day Stall

A BIG Thank You to everyone who lent a helping hand and made Father’s Day stall a huge success. It wouldn’t have been possible without you. Congratulations to Elisha Fortuna from Prep M on winning the Lolly jar. She looks so happy.

Obstacle-a-thon: Wednesday 29th October, 2014

The new date for the Obstacle-a-thon has now been confirmed. If you were unable to collect sponsors the first time around, now is your chance. Please collect as many as you can and return them to your classroom teacher by Monday the 27th October.
DON'T MISS OUT!
HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR
Altona Primary School

A3 Pencil Sketch

You receive these 3 items for $20

10x13" family portrait

Or

Keyring

Plus

Wallet sized portrait

Location: Altona Primary School
Date: Sunday, 26 October 2014
Contact: Liz Brown
Phone: 9398 2925
Email: brown.elizabeth.l@edumail.vic.gov.au
(TO PREPAY AND BOOK YOUR PHOTOGRAPHIC SESSION)

Don't wait until it's too late!
Book now and secure professional portrait images of this special time in the life of your family
Brand New Package Featuring Pencil Prints & Greeting Cards

Family Pose
- 8" x 10" (2)
- 5" x 7" (2)
- 4 Personalised Folding Greeting Cards

Children's Pose
- 8" x 10" (2)
- 5" x 7" (2)
- 4 Personalised Folding Greeting Cards

Parent's Pose
- 8" x 10"
- 5" x 7" (2)

- No obligation to purchase
- Includes a range of gift ideas
- Extra poses available
- Digital images complimentary when complete package is purchased

Fundraising Package
- OR
- 10" x 13"
- Pencil Sketch
  (12 ¾ x 17 ¾ inch)

Package Purchase Bonus
FREE BONUS Pencil Sketch (12 ¾ x 17 ¾ inch) and 10x13 Inch photographic print when you purchase the entire package

Three Things You Can Do To Help
A) Encourage as many of your family and friends as you can to participate in our fundraiser.
B) Promote our fundraising event on your facebook page.
C) Get your fundraising contribution in early and guarantee your preferred portrait time.

Three Simple Rules
1. There must be a minimum of 2 generations in each fundraising family portrait (children must be photographed with parents).
2. No person may appear in more than one fundraising portrait.
3. Three different poses will be taken of each family.

Head to our facebook page for further details and advice on what to wear to your portrait session
facebook.com/advancedlifefundraising

1300 653 883
**FAMILY PORTrait FUNDraiser**

**Sunday 26th October 2014**

**Altona Primary School Parents Club** invites you to participate in our Family Portrait Fundraiser. Advancedlife Professional Photographers will provide you with a Family Portrait for only $20 (valued at $130).

For your $20, you receive your choice of a 10 x 13 inch print (in colour) OR a Pencil Sketch with a bonus keyring with a family portrait photo to fit. 100% of this money is retained by **Altona Primary School**!

Please contact Liz Brown on 9398 2925, or email altona.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au to reserve your photography session before they're all gone! Our fundraiser will be held on **SUNDAY 26TH OCTOBER 2014** at Altona Primary School in the Staff room of the main building.

Additional photos will be available for purchase at no obligation. These additional photos include: Portraits & Greeting Cards – featuring your Family Portrait & other photos taken on the day, with a Complete Package for only $199.00! Please visit our facebook page on [www.facebook.com/advancedlifefundraising](http://www.facebook.com/advancedlifefundraising) for more information about the images on offer, what to wear or other general queries.

**There are four rules for participation in this fundraiser:**

**Rule 1** Minimum of two generations in the Family Portrait

**Rule 2** No person may appear in two separate fundraising Family Portraits (exception of separated couples)

**Rule 3** An adult family member appearing in the fundraising Family Portrait must be present to collect & view their family portraits (or able to make alternative arrangements)

**Rule 4** Families must sit for a minimum of three separate poses on the day

Please help **ALTONA PRIMARY SCHOOL** raise valuable funds by participating in our upcoming advancedlife Family Portrait Fundraiser. Invite your neighbours and friends - Family Portraits provide memories to be kept & cherished by the entire family for years & generations to come.

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

Childs Name & Grade: ..................................................................................

Contact Number:..........................................................................................

Cost $20 (Cash please)
Dear Parents and Friends,

The APS Trivia Night will be held in November this year and in order to make this event a success we need your help. We are asking each child to donate something according to a specific “theme” (see below for the themes). Items from each class will be combined with items from the other year levels to make a number of different baskets to be used as prizes during the trivia night.

All donated items will be gratefully accepted, but please remember, all items must be new, in original packaging and must be non-perishable. Some ideas have been provided with each theme – donated items could be appropriate for male/female, the young or old.

Items for donation can be left in the allocated box in your child’s classroom. All items will need to be donated by 24 October 2014.

Year level themes:

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Thank-you for your help and support.

APS Parents Club
Altona Primary
TRIVIA NIGHT
7 November 2014
Altona RSL
80's Music Theme
Door Prizes
Raffle
Games
Live Performances and much more
$10.00 per adult. Table seating 10 adults per table.
IF WE HAVE ENOUGH INTEREST WE WILL RUN A TALENT SHOW FROM 10-12 ON MARKET DAY. SO FAR NOT MANY REPLIES - SO GET BACK TO ME BY SAT 13TH PLEASE IF YOU WANT TO BE IN IT.

NAME ________________________ AGE__________

Group Name?________________________________________

Type of Act?________________________________________

Length of Act?______________ Number in group?_______

Preferred time? 10am – 11am or 11am -12 noon

Parent Permission ______________________________________

Email: warehouse@secon.com.au or call/text Anne 0435 130-355
BRING YOUR CHAIR OR A PICNIC RUG & COME ALONG WITH THE KIDS TO OUR “FAMILY DAY”

ENJOY THE FREE ACTIVITIES

JUMPING CASTLE, PETTING ZOO, FACE PAINTING, TATOOS, HAIR SPRAY, STORY TIME & MORE.
BROWSE THE MARKET STALLS FOR FARM FRESH APPLES, ORANGES, EGGS, FRUIT & VEGIES, MEAT, ATISAN BREADS & PASTRIES, JAMS, PICKLES, DOGGY TREATS, CAKES, SCENTED CANDLES & MORE

2ND BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION
SATURDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER
VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED TO HELP ON GATE OR BBQ SO IF YOU HAVE A SPARE HOUR PLEASE CALL OR TEXT CAROL ON 0432 862-592

ALTONA FARMERS MARKET
Into your hand straight from the land
3RD SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH 9AM-1PM
ALTONA PRIMARY SCHOOL
109 BLYTH STREET ALTONA