Principal's Corner,

Today was the final day of our Parent Education Program which was held at the Altona RSL. We had 48 parents who participated in this 4 week program. We thank all of the parents involved for their time commitment and support of our school. From the feedback provided the participants found this a valuable program which has equipped them with a range of strategies to support children within our classrooms and their own children at home. At Altona Primary School we recognise the significant role that parents play in their childrens’ education and the impact a positive home school partnership has on a child’s education.

As part of our Centenary celebrations and in conjunction with the 100 Anniversary of the ANZACs Joanne Mathrick has been researching the connection. We thank Joanne Mathrick for all her hard work in organising the filming of a DVD today about the 100th Anniversary of the ANZAC landing in Gallipoli. Joanne has many original letters and cards that belong to her family sent from Gallipoli and France. Some of our families have connections to the event and their children have been involved with the filming.

Only 6 more sleeps until the eagerly anticipated Muddy Madness event. We have never seen the children so excited, nor the staff so nervous about getting down and dirty. There are huge preparations going on behind the scenes to transform our playground into an obstacle course like no other.

Thank you to all those families and businesses that have supported us by sending in your sponsorship and donations. There are still sponsorship opportunities available please get you sponsorship office NOW!

We are looking forward to a fun filled day, so don’t forget to wear your old clothing and prepare to get Muddy! Thank you to all of the parents and friends who have volunteered their assistance on the day, the success of these events rely on the support of volunteers.

Tremendous thanks goes to our Family and Friends Committee who constantly work tirelessly behind the scenes. Without their organisation, time and support a huge event like Muddy Madness would not be possible. This is only one example of the wonderful work that this committee supports throughout the year.

Today is National Young Leaders Day and our School and House Captains have set off on an early morning train to the Melbourne Convention Centre, where they will be inspired with a range of guest speakers and leadership role models. We are looking forward to hearing their thoughts and experiences of the day.

We have our Grade 5/6 camp to Camp ADANAC in the Yarra Valley during our last week of term. We highly value our Camp program and see it as a valuable and enjoyable educational experience for our students.

Have a great weekend

Debbie Galvin & Nicole Fridey
Assistant Principals
DATES TO REMEMBER 2015

Thursday 19th March

MUDDY MADNESS
Whole school Muddy Madness fundraiser for Centenary Playground

Monday 23rd March – Thursday 26th March
Grade 5/6 camp

Friday 27th March
End of Term One – early finish 1.30pm

Monday 13th April
First day of Term 2

Monday 19th October- 24th October 2015
Centenary Week Celebrations

Thursday 17th September
APS Concert
The Plenary
Melbourne Exhibition Centre
Filming for the ANZAC DVD

On Thursday, March 12th I had the privilege of working with 9 of our students from grades Prep to grade 5. Each of these children has a direct connection to an ANZAC serviceman. We have researched each soldier and the children were recorded reading a brief summary of their ancestor's experience.

We spent the day filming our students in different locations with a historical connection around Altona; the RSL, Homestead, Cenotaph, pier and our school.

It was a very long day but an amazing experience for the students to see how much effort goes into producing a short film, 7 hours filming & recording for 7 minutes air time as well as developing their personal knowledge about our war time history and what service or sacrifices their ancestors made.

The students involved were terrific and really did Altona PS proud. There was a lot of waiting around, re-shooting scenes, reading & re-reading their scripts and just being patient but there were no complaints and everyone displayed their very best manners.

The end product will be a DVD about Altona PS’s connection to ANZAC that will be ready for April 25th, ANZAC Commemorations in our classrooms.

Congratulations to all involved,

Joanne Mathrick
NARRATIVES  GRADE 5/6’S

During the last couple of weeks the grade 5/6’s students have been writing personal narratives and have recently commenced writing creative narratives. Below are some published character descriptions and a short personal narrative from some of the students in 5/6 G.

Darkness –
Written by Monty Price of 5/6G

Running. Breathing. Striving. The welcoming incitement of the solitary darkness is overwhelming. Is adrenalin a feeling? No. Can it be described as one? No. Is there a moment in your life where you have truly felt adrenalin? I know one, running. Not the civilised races at school or in the Olympics, I’m discussing the savage and bare feeling of running at night - this is how I describe adrenalin. I feel that I strive when I run at night, like a switch in my brain is turned on. The sheer disorientation, the extreme lack of visibility and inability to judge distance is enough to invigorate anyone.

A party - I don’t know whose, some friends fortieth, in my opinion they’re nonpareil. They own a massive farm estate. The get together lasted through the night. The friend’s sons and I were permitted to abscond and explore the area. We went out to the desolate space of grassland. We raced past the drainage pipe littered with graffiti, up to the violent change of shrubbery that is the grassland. We noisily waded through the knee high sea of beige. It all seemed to be overwhelmingly monotonous and samey - that is until one of the others traced movement from an unidentified creature.

Filled with curiosity and overenthusiasm we conspire to follow it. A failed attempt to approach it sends it scuttling into the unknown. Impatient we give a short and secretive chase. It seems to be immensely fast compared to us. We almost catch it but it suddenly sped off into the distance with an unexpected burst of power and agility. We eventually got back to the estate and pondered for hours about what it was but never came up with a plausible explanation, perhaps you can...

Jacob – By Nikau Pouaka Grego 5/6G about my mate Jacob

There once was a kid called Jacob
He liked to play b’ball for the gators
He wore number 30 and his top was never dirty
Each and every day he was learning.
He wanted to play for Golden State
At this rate he wouldn’t be late
When he turned up to try-outs
He had eaten too much golden steak.
To the NBA he made it in
2020 draft Golden State put him in
He got picked up by the Cavs
In his first game he faded and got a quadruple single
Tural – By Ciara Duffy-Quinn 5/6G about my friend Tural
Obsessed with sustainability
She is the cheeriest person you can see
Although she can get annoying
Her personality is enjoying
Loves to be neat
But it’s extremely hard for her to stay in her seat
Sometimes she goes a bit crazy
This person is the opposite of lazy
Gymnastics is what she has done for years
Tural, she has a lot of peers

JOHN – BY JOSH WHITE
When I wake up at dawn,
My housemate is already gone,
He’s downstairs,
Eating pears,
A man that I call John

He’s the joker of the town,
At school he’s the class clown,
Teachers get sad,
Then they’re mad,
And upon him they do frown

You wouldn’t want to see,
What he does to me,
When all my friends go home,
He begins moan,
Only because he’s stuck with me

Although he’s not that smart,
He has a place in my heart
That’s filled fun
Until the day’s done,
He and I could never be apart.
**Cross Country**

On Wednesday of this week the students of Altona Primary School took part in the school House Cross Country Event. We were very lucky to have such wonderful weather. All of the students put in their best efforts and it was great to see such determination from all that took part. All houses did extremely well, but it was Yellow house who came out on top for the day which makes it an unbelievable 7 in row. Thanks again to all of the parents who came down to help out and support the students. Well done everybody!

**Divisional Swimming**

On Thursday of this week, I was lucky enough to go to Werribee Outdoor Pool as the ADSSA Representative to watch students from the district compete in the Hobsons Bay divisional swimming event. Altona PS had a number of representatives who did extremely well in their events. Well done to the boys relay team of Heath, Cooper, Kobe, and Finn, who finished 3rd in their event. Also, Natasha and Lucinda Rourke both did extremely well in their individual events with podium finishes. I'm looking forward to seeing our students at the next level of competition later in the term. Great job guys!

**Mr Clarke**

BAYSIDE P-12 COLLEGE
Open evening all campuses
Wednesday 18th March 2015 4pm-7pm.
LET'S JOIN TOGETHER & SHOW THEM HOW TO RAISE MONEY

Bringing the Community together & Fundraising as One

Spottiswoode Hotel

Good Friday Appeal
The Royal Children's Hospital

Silent Auction

Keep Calm and Buy Raffle Tickets

Come down and join us for a family fun filled day.

A host of activities going on to ensure we all have a brilliant time trying to beat last year's target.

With filled pockets & a heavy heart for such a great cause. We encourage you to call & book your spot for the day.

Meet Oliver
Give that they may grow

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Muddy Madness
Thursday 19th March 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Muddy Madness Event
The big event is almost here and the school is buzzing with excitement. We will be opening the course from 1:00pm where year levels will be allocated a staggered start. The last event of the day will be open to our parents, staff and sponsors to take on the Altona Muddy Madness challenge. With the signing of a waiver and a gold coin donation parents and community members are encouraged to take on the challenge and join in the fun. If you are planning on entering the last event, please register as soon as you arrive at the school, at the Registration Table located outside the BER Building in front of Kate Beckman’s room. If you are not up for the challenge we would encourage as many parents, family and community members as possible to come along to view, cheer on the participants and enjoy this fun filled event. The course will be mapped out with signage and flags, however if you are viewing the event be careful not to walk onto the running path of the participants. The main viewing area for most of the obstacles will be in the centre of the large oval.

Sponsorship
We have had a positive response to our family and business sponsorship opportunities. We greatly appreciate all sponsorship and donations and there are still opportunities to do so. If your family or business would like to take up this opportunity, please complete the sponsorship/donation forms and return them to the front office.

Volunteers
The Families and Friends Committee are actively seeking volunteers to assist us prior to and on the day of the event. If you can assist in anyway please fill out the volunteers form and return it to the school office. We thank those parents who have already offered their time however we still require more volunteers.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be an information meeting for all volunteers in the staffroom on Wednesday 18th of March at 3:00pm.

Participation Permission
PLEASE NOTE: All children require signed permission to participate in this event, if you have not returned your child’s signed permission please do so, no later than Monday 16th of March. Children who do not have signed permission will be spectators on the day.

Children's Sponsorship
Forms and money are due back at school today Thursday 12th, if they have not already been returned please do so immediately.
**Special Lunch**
A special lunch has been organised and is being run by our wonderfully supportive Families and Friends Committee. Special Lunch order forms have been sent home today for the Muddy Madness BBQ. All orders must be returned to school no later than Tuesday 17th of March. Please Note: There will be no Hideaway lunch orders on this day.

**BBQ Lunch for School Community**
The sausage sizzle and other food items (soft drinks, juice, bottled water, ice creams) will be available for sale from 1.00-3.00pm for families and other community members to purchase. Sausage in bread $2:50, soft drinks, juice, bottled water and ice-creams $1:00.

**What to Wear and what to bring on the day**
- Wear comfortable casual clothing you are prepared to get down and dirty in.
  - Preferably old clothing. **No Bathers or bikini tops are permitted**
- A small bag with a change of clothing or an old towel for after the event is recommended. Remember the students will be wet and muddy, so a plastic bag for wet dirty clothes is a good idea
- Enclosed toe footwear. **No sandals or thongs**
- Broad rimmed sunhats and sun cream (sunglasses- optional)
- Water bottle
- Money for extra sausage, drink, ice-cream and water bombs after the event
  (Sausage in bread $2:50, soft drinks, bottled water, juice and ice-creams $1:00,
  water bombs 50c each or 5 for $2:00
- A smile and a ‘Give it a Red Hot Go’ attitude

**WATER BOMB THE TEACHERS**
After the teachers complete the event children will have an opportunity to purchase WATER BOMBS to throw at participating teachers in the designated area.
Cost - 50c each or 5 for $2:00. Lots of teachers have signed up to put their bodies on the line and are prepared to be water bombed. You will be very surprised by which and how many teachers are willing to be involved in this event.

**SUPERVISION**
Children will be supervised by their classroom teacher prior and after their participation in the event. After the completion of their event children will return to their designated class area. Parents then have the opportunity to collect their children from their classroom teachers and are encouraged to stay as a family to enjoy the rest of the afternoon e.g the parent, teacher and sponsor event is one not to be missed.

**Special Assembly Friday 20th of March 2:30pm**
Prizes for the most money raised by an individual in each year level and the individual who raises the highest amount of money across the school will be given out at a special assembly on Friday 20th of March at 2:30pm
**EVENT SCHEDULE**

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<td>All grades to place bags outside classrooms and assemble in allocated areas. Please note, there will be NO access to classrooms or buildings once the event has started and at the completion.</td>
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Grade Levels will assemble at the same time however each grade will be sent off at several minute intervals

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<td>Children collect their bags &amp; are dismissed from their allocated area by their classroom teacher</td>
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**It is with great pleasure we reveal our APS Muddy Madness Map - attached**

Thanking you in anticipation

The Centenary ‘Muddy Madness Focus Group’

Nicole Fridley                Adam McPherson
Thashnee Ramkilawan          Hannah Wilkinson
Erin Douglas                  Tiffany Verwoert
Simon Clarke                  Families and Friends Committee
APS Staff
The Friends and Families Committee can be contacted anytime by email: APSParentClub@altonaps.vic.edu.au

Friends and Families Committee of Altona Primary School…….
“Always there with a helping hand”

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**
- Thursday 19 March 2015
  - Muddy Madness
- Monday 16 March 2015
  - Cadbury Fundraiser Drive
- Wednesday 25 March 2015
  - Friends and Families Committee next meeting

**SHOPPERS CARDS**
If you require our new shoppers card, it can be purchased from the office at the cost of $10:00

**School Banking**
School banking is done every **Friday**.

**ICY POLES**
Every Wednesday for a $1:00

Thanks to everyone that supported the Cadbury fundraiser. Please note that all monies will need to be in on Monday 16th March 2015.
ALTONA PRIMARY SCHOOL MUDDY MADNESS
Thursday 19th March

VOLUNTEERS

WE NEED YOUR HELP FOR THIS FABULOUS EVENT

As part of our Centenary Year Celebrations and to raise funds for our planned New Centenary Playground, Altona Primary School is hosting a sponsored ‘Muddy Madness’ fundraising event to take place Thursday 19th March.

The fundraising event, “Altona Muddy Madness” is a ‘Tough Mudder’ style obstacle course set around the school grounds. It will be a fun filled event where the participants are guaranteed to get wet, dirty and have lots of laughs. Students of Altona Primary School will be asked to seek sponsorship for their participation in the event.

The obstacles will be of varying difficulty to meet the needs of all our ages from Prep-6, however it is designed to be challenging and for the students to test themselves.

We are seeking volunteers to help set up, supervise and pack away the obstacles.

I _____________________________would like to volunteer to assist with the Muddy Madness Event. I am available;

Wednesday 18th of March (the day before to help set up) between ____________am and ___________pm

and/or

Thursday 19th of March (the day of the event) ____________am and ___________pm

Please return this form to the office no later than Tuesday 10th of March.
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Lunch Orders are due back in no later than Tuesday 17th March 2015. No later orders will be accepted

Please make sure that the exact amount is included