Principal’s Corner

What a fabulous opening night for our art show. The students’ art work, the grade art pieces and the donated pieces are just amazing. Mrs. Barry, Mrs Cain and their team did a brilliant job.

I was so proud to see over 60 staff members at the opening night enjoying the art and interacting with our families. Staff attend because they genuinely want to and they are proud of their students’ work. We had the teachers, the office staff, the ES staff, the OSHC staff and our leadership team all present. We also had Mrs. Cain’s mum travel all the way from Queensland to see Brooke’s first art show. The opening night finished at 10:00 p.m.

A huge thank you to all of the parents who attended and bid for the auction items. The highlight was our auctioneer and Assistant Principal; Mrs. Fridey, breaking the drawer off one of the auction items in her exuberance to demonstrate the item. It is not often Nicole is lost for words. The art show is really community building and great fun for parents and staff to enjoy a night together.

Make sure you don’t miss the next two nights or the Saturday morning session. If you talk to any parents who attended last night they will agree that it is an event you must see, just like the school concert.

I have been chasing up student with significant absences this week. If you are interested in the research on student attendance there is quite a large report on student attendance at http://telethonkids.org.au/media/472779/final_report_2013.pdf

The school athletics day is on next Tuesday. This is another important, fun school community event, a day to enjoy with your children and help out at an event if you would like to. From the school athletics day we pick the school team to represent APS at the district sports. Some of our students will go onto the regional and hopefully the state championships.

School council meets next Wednesday. If you would like something to be discussed, talk with one of our school council members.

Have a great weekend

Kevin Enright
Principal.

LUNCH ORDERS
Parents please make sure you are using the current lunch price list. If the money is short, the item will not be supplied.
DATES TO REMEMBER 2014

**Tuesday 19th August**
Athletics day Grades 3-6

**Thursday 28th August**
Festival of Performing arts (FOPA)

**Wednesday 3rd September 2014**
Curriculum day
3-Way Student Led Conferences

**Monday 1st September**
Closing date for Prep enrolments 2015

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

**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

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**PREP ENROLMENTS 2015**
The cut off date for Prep enrolments for 2015 is the 1st September.
All sibling enrolments must be in by this date as well.
WANTED.......  

The Centenary Committee are looking for a set of cups and saucers to use for our Afternoon tea on 27\textsuperscript{th} August 2014. If you have a set you no longer use and would be happy to donate to us, could you please contact Liz Brown at the Office.

Thank you

Our fantastic art show is underway........

One of the major highlights of our school calendar is underway. Thank you to all the families who have attended or will be attending any of our four open sessions. The ‘adult’s only’ opening night was a huge success with amazing generosity shown by those who attended and purchased at our auction.

Soon it will be time to collect your children’s art work.

Items that have been bought will be given to the class teachers on Tuesday 19\textsuperscript{th} August. We request that an adult collect this work as it would be disappointing to have it damaged in transport. If not collected by an adult by Monday 25\textsuperscript{st} the teachers will distribute the work to the children.

Unsold work will be available for purchase from the art room before and after school commencing Wednesday 20\textsuperscript{th} August.

All items are $10 each.

From Monday 25\textsuperscript{st} August \textbf{ALL} unsold items will be made available for purchase to the general public. No unsold art work will be given to the children.

The fabulous raffle will be drawn at assembly on Monday 18\textsuperscript{th} August. First prize is a choice of art works made by Kirsten Craggs and Bruce Hargrave. Thank you to both of them for their generosity. Second prize is the other art work, third prize an art pack, fourth prize a beautiful children’s lamp.

Thank you again for your support,

\textbf{Pam Barry and Brooke Cain (APS art teachers)}
Victorian School Mountain Bike Championships - Round 2 – You Yangs - This Sunday

Do you have a budding mountain bike cyclist? This Sunday round 2 of the Vic School Mountain Bike Championships is being held at the You Yangs. Registration from 8.30am, youngest age races starting at 9.30am.

Any child born in 2006 or earlier is eligible to compete for their school and individually.

http://vic.cycling.org.au/Events-Results/Event-Details/ArtMID/3534/ArticleID/6279/Victorian-Schools-Cycling-Championships-MTB-West

See above for details and on-line entries - before 11.59pm Thu 14th Aug. Possible entries on the day (call organiser to check)

Or come and watch Natasha Rourke (grade 3), Magnus Woods and Finn Andersen (grade 2) compete in the youngest age groups.

Sally Leung
0409 360 232
THURSDAY
14th August, 2014

The Parent’s Club can be contacted anytime by email: APSParentClub@altonaps.vic.edu.au

The Parent’s Club are again selling Entertainment Books. Jump online to look at some of the great deals it contains! They are priced at $65 each for either digital or hard copy.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Farmers Market
16th August, 2014

Dedicate a Book
25th – 29th August, 2014

Father’s Day Stall
5th September, 2014

Obstacle-a-thon
29th October, 2014

PARENTS CLUB MEETINGS
Next Meeting: TBA.
All are welcome to attend.

SHOPPERS CARDS
Our Shoppers Cards are being revamped. Watch out for the new and improved cards available soon!!

ICY POLES
Return in Term 4.

SCHOOL BANKING
Every Friday.
Please limit deposits to $10 or under.

AUSSIE FARMERS DIRECT
Want to sign up? Fill in the form available at the Office or call Rohan Day on 0419905544. Please also consider nominating Altona Primary School for a percentage of any orders you currently have with Aussie Farmers Direct!

Dedicate a Book Promotion
This is an opportunity for all families to purchase a book for the APS Library and have a dedication note placed inside the front cover acknowledging your kind donation. Prices range from $5 to $20. Forms have gone home, but there is form attached for your convenience.

Father’s Day Stall - Friday 5th September
The Parent’s Club are again holding the Father’s Day Stall on Friday 5th September. We will have our usual beautiful gifts for your children to choose from. If you would like your child to participate please send them to school with some spending money and a shopping bag to help get their purchase home.

Items will be priced from $1.00 to $5.00.

Helpers will be required for the day, so if you are able to lend a hand please fill in the attached form and return to your classroom teacher, indicating which time would best suit you.

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.

Farmers Market Dates.
16 August, 20 September, 18 October, 15 November and 20 December
Volunteers are always needed and welcome.
Please contact Anne Sheehan: warehouse@secon.com.au or mobile 0435 130-355 for further information.

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ALTONA PRIMARY SCHOOL 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 Thashnee or Liz on the general office number 03 9398 2925, or brown.elizabeth.l@edumail.vic.gov.au to reserve your photography session before they’re all gone! Our fundraiser will be held on Sunday 26th October 2014 – on-site at ALTONA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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.

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.
DON'T MISS OUT!
HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR
Altona Primary School

You receive these 3 items for $20

- A3 Pencil Sketch
- 10x13" family portrait
- Keyring
- Wallet sized portrait

Or

Plus

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
- 10" x 13"
- Pencil Sketch (12 ¾ x 17 ¼ Inch)
- Package Purchase Bonus:
  FREE BONUS Pencil Sketch (12 ¾ x 17 ¼ 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
Altona Primary School

Dedicate a Book Promotion

Literacy and Numeracy Week (25 - 29 August 2014)

Order Form

To assist Altona Primary School’s library book collection, the school is running a promotion where you purchase a book for the school library and a dedication will be placed inside the cover of the book acknowledging who donated the book. Your donation will go directly to purchasing a book for the library. Due to families selecting the same book, we have not given the option to select a book. If you would like to choose a book we will be holding stall in literacy & numeracy week (25th – 29th August), where you can select the book(s) you would like to donate. However, if you are unable to make the selection we can do this for you.

Please tick the value of the book you wish to donate:

[ ] $5.00  [ ] $10.00  [ ] $15.00  [ ] $20.00

Please tick the age group of the book you would like to donate

Junior
(Grades P - 2)

Middle
(Grades 3 - 4)

Senior
(Grades 5 - 6)

A book will be selected for you to the value of your gift and a note sent home with your child letting you know which book you have generously donated.

Please fill out the dedication below. This will be typed up and placed inside the front cover of the book.

This book has been generously donated to Altona Primary School by:
Names that will appear on the inside cover of Book
(e.g. Family name, individual children’s names or your own name.)

If donating more than one book, please fill out a dedication for each book you would like to donate

Please print names to ensure correct spelling when dedication is printed.

Please fill out the following details:

Your Child's Name: ____________________________

Your Child's Grade: __________________________

Teachers Name: ________________________________
**OBSTACLE-A-THON   PARENT HELP**

Yes, I am able to help on Wednesday 29\textsuperscript{th} October

*Obstacle-a-thon 10:30am to 1:30pm*

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

*Please return this form to your class room teacher.*

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**Father’s Day Stall Helpers Form**

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

Child’s Name: ..................................................................Class: ............

Yes, I am able to help on FRIDAY 5 September, 2014. Please circle which time you can help with:

- 9:00 – 11:00
- 11:25 – 12:30
- BOTH
OBSTACLE-A-THON

WEDNESDAY 29th October, 2014

SPONSORSHIP FORM

PLEASE RETURN BY 27th October, 2014

STUDENT NAME: __________________________

STUDENT GRADE: __________________________

OTHER SIBLINGS:

Name: __________________________
Grade: __________________________

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Altona Primary School Farmers’ Market
Saturday 16th August 2014

Got tickets for the Art Show on Saturday morning?

Why not come along and check out the Farmers’ Market too? We are open from 9am ‘til 1pm. This month, the school will be running our popular Sausage Sizzle stall alongside all of the usual regular market stallholders. Many thanks to the Bigolin family for the donation of the sausages for the sizzle.

To coincide with the opening of the doors of the art show at 10am; there will be entertainment provided by our regular student buskers, Tom and Monty. Please come along and support them and our school.

Remember – any money taken on the school stall and all gate donations go into school funds and will be put towards next year’s centenary school project.

It is the APS Farmers’ Market’s 2nd Birthday next month. We are planning some special celebrations and entertainment – look in next week’s newsletter to find out more!