Thank you to all the students who rode to school on Wednesday. With so much traffic around the school riding or walking to school is a good healthy option.

Don’t forget the Farmers Market again this weekend. We have a staff vs parents soccer match at 10:00 a.m. It should be a lot of fun.

School council meets tonight. Next Wednesday we will have an IT information night at 6:30 p.m. for the 2015 grade 4 netbook program. Mr. Corroon and I will explain the program and how it works, the finances etc. We will have some students demonstrate their IT skills and present how the netbook have positively influenced their learning.

We are all working diligently for the rest of term 4 and strategically planning for 2015. It is quite a busy term getting all students in the right grade with friends and the right teacher. We also need to plan our Annual Implementation Plan targets for next year’s plan based on our 2012 – 2016 Strategic Plan and our successes so far. We have to continuously improve through strategic intent and successful processes.

Congratulations to Maria Banica for being awarded the Caltex award as the top student in year 12 at Emmanuelle College. Maria was an outstanding student at Altona P.S.

I have been asked to be one of the Triennial Review panel for 3 primary schools this term. This gives me insight into the successful practices in other schools.

Our Prep enrolments have closed for 2015. We have over 20 families on our waiting list. Have a great weekend.

Kevin Enright
Principal
DATES TO REMEMBER 2014

Wednesday 22nd October
Grade 2’s Excursion to Scienceworks

Wednesday 29th October
Parents Club Obstacle-a-thon

Monday 3rd November
Curriculum Day – pupil free
Tuesday 4th November
Public Holiday Melbourne Cup

Friday 7th November 7:00pm – 11:00pm
Parents Club Trivia night

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

Friday 28th November
Grade 4 Excursion to Werribee Mansion

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

Wednesday 10th December
APS Carols Evening

Tuesday 16th December
Grade 6 Graduation

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

2015
Altona Primary School will celebrate its CENTENARY YEAR
TRANSITION NEWS
Grade 6 2015-16
For those students who are in Grade 6 in 2015 and will be entering high school in 2016 we will be holding an information evening on how the process of applying for secondary school works. This evening will be held on Thursday 30th October commencing at 6:30pm in Andrew Gilpin’s room (LS4). Parents of current Grade 4 students (Grade 6 2016) are more than welcome to attend also.

While thinking about prospective high schools for your child might seem like a long way off, private schools such as Westbourne Grammar have started the process of having placement exams as early as two years in advance (when your child is in Grade 5), and other private schools have cut-offs for the application process in early February of the previous year, so it pays to have a look at these options as early as possible if it is a path in which you would like to explore.

In order to set up the venue could you please return the slip below to your child’s classroom teacher by no later than Tuesday 28th October 2014.

Kind regards,

Andrew Gilpin
Grade 5/6 Team Leader

Application to Secondary School Information Session
Thursday 30th October 2014

Name: _______________________________________________________

Yes, I / we will be attending the Information Evening at 6:30pm

Please return to your child’s teacher by Tuesday, October 28th.
After School Art and Craft Classes

I’m stuck on you!

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 sculpey 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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After School Art and Craft Classes. Term 4, 2014.

I’m stuck on you!

Child’s name_________________________________________Grade____________

Parent/Guardian__________________________________________

Contact Number: _______________________________________

Thank you, Mrs Barry and Mrs Cain
RIDE 2 SCHOOL

Every second Wednesday of every month we go around to every classroom and do a hand up tally of who rode or walked to school. We’ve had a big improvement since last time!

Well done to everyone who participated!

The most active class who will be getting a trophy presented to them by Lola and Lucinda at assembly is ……… 5/6SC with 70% of children walking or riding to school! Well done!

The most active year level with the total average of 49% is the 5/6’s!

We hope this procedure helps students from APS continue getting fitter every day

Congratulations to all the Altona Primary School students who participated in the 2014 Great Western Junior Basketball Tournament over the school holidays. The students played some impressive teams from all around the western suburbs. They played amazingly well while having a fantastic time!
National Bandanna Day this year is October 31st. For the rest of October the SRC will be selling Bandannas for CanTeen.

Young people at CanTeen wear bandannas to show they're fighting cancer together. Join the fight this National Bandanna Day and raise funds to help CanTeen support young people when cancer turns their world upside down.

Bandannas cost $4

Pens cost $3

Funds raised by National Bandanna Day pay for specialist hospital care, counselling and individual assistance as well as information and peer support programs for 12-24 year olds affected by cancer.

Thank you for your support!

The SRC

Western Suburbs Triathlon Club are holding a Duathlon specifically for kids on **Sunday, October 26th 2014**. A Duathlon consists of a Run, Ride, Run all at manageable distances and is a lot of fun for all involved. Each child will receive a medal and finishers certificate, there will be spot prizes and a BBQ after the race. For more information and entry details, please visit [http://www.wstc.org.au/index.php/kidsracing/](http://www.wstc.org.au/index.php/kidsracing/).

Sports Corner

There is no sports report this week as Mr Clarke has been unwell... Full and comprehensive report next week.

**BOOKCLUB ISSUE 7**

All orders are due back at school by Friday, October 24th. If your order is for a gift, please mark this on the envelope and your order will be left at the office.
Enrolling in OSHC and Vacation Care

At Altona Primary OSHC and Vacation Care we use the computer system “HubWorks” to manage our program. This system enables all families to access their accounts online to make payments and bookings 24/7.

To enrol go to this link and click on the enrol button.

Please note: It is advised that you click to enrol in all three of our services. Even if your child is only going to attend one of the services we advise you to enrol them in all three to avoid future delays in the booking process.

Once you have completed the enrolment form it will be sent to us to confirm the enrolment. After we have done this you will then be sent an email with your log on details. From here you will then be able to make payments and alter bookings for your children online.

If you have any other questions or require assistance please come and see us at any time.
You can also contact us by phone or email
Phone: 9398 8310
Email: apsoshc@gmail.com

Before School Care
Hours: 7.15am – 8.45am
Cost: $11 per child

Vacation Care
Hours: 7.30am – 6pm
Cost: $50 per day, $60 for Incursions, $65 for Excursions

After School Care
Hours: 3.15pm – 6.15pm
Cost: $14 per child
BOOKPACK COLLECTION DAY 2015

The date for collecting Grade 1 – 6 book packs has been set for Wednesday 28th January.

Hours 9am-12.30pm, closed for lunch, 2pm-6pm.

Prep packs do not have to be collected as these are distributed by the classroom teacher.

“Parents versus Staff Soccer Challenge”
Saturday 18th October

It's getting close to the big game and we are delighted to confirm the line-up for the teacher's team in next week's soccer match at the Farmers Market: Kevin Enright, Jaime Flores, Joanne Mathrick, Stephen Fava, & Eoin Corroon. So now parents, it's time to get our team together and if you fancy a bit of fun and a kick around next Saturday morning (18th October, 10am), then please contact Liz Brown who will pass your details on to Ed Geraghty. And don't forget the supporters are just as important too, so come along and cheer on your teachers & parents!"

PLAYGROUND SUPERVISION

The playground is only supervised by staff from 8:45am until 9:00am and again from 3:15pm until 3:30pm.

If you are unable to drop off or collect your child within these hours PLEASE BOOK THEM INTO OSHC.

At the end of the day it is lovely to see families catching up in the playground after 3:30pm however children need to be supervised at this time by their parents/carers.

The school office closes at 4:00pm

SOMERS PARADE KINDERGARTEN

50 YEAR CELEBRATION
Sunday 19th October 2014
12pm-3pm
• Sausage sizzle
• Children’s entertainment
Does your family have an ANZAC - World War I connection?

If your family has a relative that was involved in the World War I campaign we would like to hear from you. We are hoping to gather a list of service men or women from WWI, briefly research their service and develop a profile of them that could be used by our students during the centennial.

On the eve of the 100th anniversary of the landing of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps troops at Gallipoli, we are beginning to plan how we can commemorate this event.

It is important that we commemorate ANZAC DAY, and exactly what it means to us all as a nation and as individuals. But of course it is just not Gallipoli we remember on this day, nor is it even the First World War. This is a day set aside for us all to collectively give thanks to all those men and women, who have put their lives at risk, and in many cases paid the supreme price. We also acknowledge the losses and sacrifices of their families.

In 2015 Altona Primary School is also turning 100 years old and we want to acknowledge these two events and how they have influenced the development of Altona Primary School.

If you are able to provide us with some information:
- Service man/woman's full name
- Date of birth
- City they were living in.
- City they were living in at time of enlistment
- Soldier / Sailor / Nurse / Air Force
- Parents' name or spouse's name

The more information we have the easier it might be to narrow the search and identify the service man/woman's records.

Contact: Joanne Mathrick - mathrick.joanne.s@edumail.vic.gov.au
The Parent's Club can be contacted anytime by email: APSParentClub@altonaps.vic.edu.au

THURSDAY
16th October, 2014

Altona Primary School Parents Club.....
"Always there with a helping hand"

Farmers Market Dates.

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.

**APS Trivia Night - 7th November, 2014**

The APS Trivia Night will be held on the 7th of November 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”. 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. Thank you for your help and support!

**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.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

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**PARENTS CLUB MEETINGS**

Next Meeting: Wednesday 22nd October at 9:15am, in the canteen.

**SHOPPERS CARDS**

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

**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.
A really big Thank You to everyone who came along to our Farmers’ Market last month to celebrate our 2nd Birthday! We held our Family Fun Day and there were fabulous facepaints, funky hairsprays. Super stories and lots of fun had on the bouncing castle and in the petting zoo. It was great to see so many of our families out and enjoying the sunshine, activities and our market fare. Thank you to all those people behind the scenes who helped to co-ordinate and run the activities and the school stall and gates. Takings from the last two markets still raised $897, even after costs for all the Free Family Fun day activities were deducted.

COMING UP AT NEXT MARKET:

DATE: SATURDAY 18th October 2014

More details to follow next week!
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.

BYO nibbles
Drinks at bar
prices

Trivia Night Booking Form

Name: ___________________________________________  Contact No: __________________

Child’s Name: ___________________________  Class: _________

Yes, I would like to book:

□ TABLE of 10  or  NUMBER of TICKETS REQUIRED: __________

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: $ __________
Dear Parents and Friends

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Thank-you for your help and support.

APS Parents Club