Principal’s Corner,
It really is hard to believe that we have come to the end of Term 3, as always at Altona Primary School there has been fabulous learning to celebrate and range a of wonderful events. This has been highlighted in the last week with our school featuring in The Age Newspaper regarding the supporting letter we sent home to our year 3 and 5 students with their NAPLAN results. This also led to me being interviewed on 3AW on Friday afternoon. I was extremely proud to discuss the letter as another example of the positive and supportive culture we have developed at APS and how we value each and every one of our students as learners and individuals.

Another fantastic event we had this week was the Junior Athletics Carnival. It was wonderful to see so many parents enjoying the event and cheering their children on. Some of the events were: 100 metre sprint, hurdles, sack races and a modified version of the javelin. The P-2 children were so enthusiastic about each event, giving their all with smiles on their faces. I was particularly impressed with our Grade 5/6 students who ran the events. They enthusiastically and confidently instructed the children on each event and provided lots of encouragement. The leadership demonstrated on a daily basis by our senior students is to be commended.

I have been delighted to share the wonderful work of many students across the school throughout the week. They have come to the office to in their words ‘knock my socks off’ with amazing work such as; stories they have written, homework challenge games they have made, numeracy problems they have solved and demonstrations of reaching their current reading goals. The children were all so very proud to share their work and they absolutely did ‘knock my socks off’!

We cannot thank the school community enough for their generosity of donations for the family affected by the house fire. It has been extremely heart-warming to witness the wide range of support offered. This is just another example of the amazing and caring community we are a part of. The family have been overwhelmed by the support and kindness they have received and have asked me to pass on their sincere and heartfelt thanks. On behalf of the family and the school thank you so very much.
Our fabulous Farmers Market is on this Saturday and is celebrating its second birthday. What an amazing achievement given that it is all run by members of the school community volunteering their time. From the onset the Farmers Market has provided wonderful support across the school in a range of areas. We would like to thank everyone who has been involved with and supported the Farmers Market and we encourage everyone to continue to support this wonderful community event by attending this weekend and in the future. Happy Birthday and Congratulations!

I would like to thank all of the staff for another wonderful term, your commitment and dedication continues to make APS an amazing place to come to each and every day. Particular thanks to Adam McPherson and Tammie Thompson for their support stepping into the Acting Assistant Principal role whilst I have been in the Acting Principal role, with Kevin and Debbie on Long Service Leave. The seamless transition of the leadership team into these roles demonstrates our ongoing commitment to building leadership capacity and the importance of a collective and shared commitment to leadership across the school.

We farewell Mr. Marshall on Friday, what a fantastic job, he has done this term in 5/6XO. We wish Andrew all the best and look forward to seeing him again in the future at APS.

Finally I would like to thank all of the students and our wonderful families for your continued efforts, support and commitment in making APS the wonderful school it is. I hope you all enjoy a well-earned break. Safe and happy holidays everyone.

Nicole Fridey
Acting Principal

CURRICULUM DAYS 2014

Please put these Curriculum Days into your diary.
Monday 3rd November and Friday 5th December
DATES TO REMEMBER 2014

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

Monday 6th October
First day of Term 4

Sunday 26th October
*Parents Club* - Family portrait sessions

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

Friday 7th November
*Parents Club* - Trivia night

Friday 14th November
Grade 6 Graduation Photo session

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

Wednesday 10th December
Whole school Carol Concert
*Time to be confirmed but approx. 6:00pm – 8:00pm*

Tuesday 16th December
Grade 6 Graduation Ceremony

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

2015 – All students return Friday 30th January 2015
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
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
School Christmas concert Wednesday 10th December

Time of concert to be confirmed (usually from 6:00pm to 8:00pm approximately)

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**Somers Parade Kindergarten**

**50 Years Celebration**

Come and celebrate 50 years of Children’s kindergarten education in Altona.

**Sunday 19th October 2014**

**12pm – 3pm**

At 4 Somers Parade Altona West

Speeches, cake cutting and unveiling of plaque will commence at 1:30pm.

The day will also include

Sausage sizzle, Children’s entertainment, photo display

Would you like to share some pictures of memorabilia?

Please contact somers50years@gmail.com

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**MOUNT ST JOSEPH GIRLS’ COLLEGE**

Open Day Sunday 12th October 2014

1pm-4pm.

Pre register online at

[www.msj.vic.edu.au](http://www.msj.vic.edu.au)

Phone 8398 2000
2\textsuperscript{ND} BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION  
SATURDAY 20\textsuperscript{TH} 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

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

A3 Pencil Sketch

You receive these 3 items for $20

10x13" family portrait

Keyring

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 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 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 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.

Altona Primary School
FAMILY PORTRAIT
Sunday 26th OCTOBER 2014

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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<td>Candles, decorations, gardening items, kitchen items</td>
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<td>Literacy &amp; Numeracy</td>
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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.