Principal’s Corner,

Our grade 3 and 4 campers had a fabulous time. Thank you to the parents and teachers who attended. We are really proud of our students and how they enthusiastically and respectfully participate in all school activities. We have truly great parents and families at Altona P. S. Seeing parents wave goodbye to the campers and then embrace them as they returned just highlighted again to me how lucky we are to have the families and students we have here at Altona P.S. This is what motivates and encourages the teachers to do the work they do. It is such a pleasure to come to work in an environment like this. Our 2015 prep parents can’t wait to get their children into APS.

We have a number of staff on long service leave next term. Ms. Helen for the whole of term 3, Ms. McDonald and Ms. Nicolin for the first 8 weeks, Mrs. Enright and Mrs. Luketic for the first week, Mrs. Wilson for the first 2 weeks, Mrs. Galvin for the last 4 weeks and myself for the last 2 weeks. We are interviewing tomorrow for some of the replacement teachers. We will let grades know once we have finished the interview process.

Congratulations to Netty Gentile. Netty is a trumpet player in the Hyde Street Youth Band (Footscray). They won their section at the Bendigo Eisteddfod on 24 May. It is nice to have such a diversity of musicians.

This week and part of next week are planning days for teachers in each year level. The students have specialists all day while the teams of teachers spend the day planning next term’s learning and teaching. This is why our curriculum is so strategically planned and organised.

Congratulations to our ‘Dansing’ after school group. I attended their concert for half an hour before the school council meeting last night. The concert was lots of fun and very entertaining. The students gave me a beautiful reception when I arrived. Thank you to Mrs. Enright for teaching this group.

The after school guitar, art and sports programs have also been very popular. Thank you to Leigh, Mr. Gilpin, Mr. Rouse and Jack McCarthy for the guitar group, Ms. Cain for the art and Ms. Beckman, Mr. Fava and Mr. Clarke for the after school sports. We are spoiled by our extra curricula activities.

Don’t forget the Farmers Market is on this weekend. Come along and support the school.

If anyone has any time over the next few weeks, our nature strips need mowing and the ride on mower is being repaired. This can be done during the day or after school. We have a hand mower and a whipper snipper if anyone would like to help make our school look better.

To each and every one of our students thank you for another fantastic term. You all deserve a two week holiday just like your teachers do

Thank you to our OSHC staff for running the vacation program. The OSHC staff are such an integral part of our school and so highly valued by our working parents.

Have a great weekend.

Kevin Enright
DATES TO REMEMBER 2014

Friday 27th June
Last day of Term 2 – early finish 1.30pm

Monday 14th July
First day of Term 3

Art Show Grand Opening

Wednesday 13th August
7.30pm – 10pm – Adults only

Thursday 14th August
Art Show 3.30pm – 7pm - All welcome

Friday 15th August
Art show 3.30pm – 6pm – All welcome

Saturday 16th August
Art show 10am – 12pm – All welcome
After School Art and Craft Classes

CRAFT IT!

After school art and craft classes will be held in the art room on a Friday afternoon between 3.30-4.30pm in term 3, 2014. 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 (18/7/14): Making your own notebooks
Session 2 (25/7/14): Creating sugar starch bowls
Session 3 (01/8/14): Canvas art
Session 4 (08/8/14): Canvas art (continued)
Session 5 (22/8/14): T-shirt decorating
Session 6 (29/8/14): Designing key rings/ bag tags
Session 7 (05/9/14): Using ‘Shrinky dinks dots’
Session 8 (12/9/14): Surprise craft session

*There will be no class during the week of the Altona Primary School Art Show on Friday the 15th of August.*

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 2 (23/6/14) 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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CRAFT IT!

Child’s name_________________________________________Grade________________
Parent/Guardian________________________________________________________
Contact Number: ________________________________________________
Thank you, Mrs Barry and Mrs Cain
Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (Data Collection) is taking place in government, Catholic and Independent schools across Australia and is a mandatory process for all schools. It will provide valuable information about supports required for a broad group of students. This will enable Australian and State governments to better target support and resources in schools. This in turn will help schools give students with disability the support they need.

The Data Collection is **not limited to students with diagnosed disabilities**. It uses a very broad definition of disability, taken from the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, which describe a broad range of health and learning conditions for which schools are required to provide ‘reasonable adjustments’ to support students to participate on the same basis as other students.

The Data Collection will take place during Terms 2 and 3. The data collected will relate to students who have been identified and adjustments made during Term 2, 2014. Parents of identified students will receive a letter with further information about the data collection at the beginning of Term 3. No personal or identifying information about any student will be included, however, if you decide you do not wish information about your child to be included in the Data Collection, you can opt-out by signing and returning the opt-out consent form. More information about the Data Collection is available on the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development website at: [http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/needs/Pages/nccd.aspx](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/needs/Pages/nccd.aspx) or you could contact the Principal if you have any further questions.

Please refer to “Fact sheet for Parents/Carers” for further information.
Fact sheet for Parents/Carers

Schools across Australia are taking part in a new national data collection on school students with disability.
The data collection is being introduced in stages over three years, and started in 2013. From 2015, this information will be collected in every school across Australia, every year. All Australian governments have agreed to this.

**WHAT IS THE BENEFIT FOR MY CHILD?**
All Australian governments agree that every child in an Australian school should have a high quality education. It shouldn’t matter what the individual child’s circumstances are – every child should have the same opportunity to succeed at school.
The aim of this new data collection is to have better information about school students with disability in Australia.
Better information about school students with disability will help teachers, principals and education authorities to support students with disability to take part in school on the same basis as students without disability.

**MY CHILD ISN’T “DISABLED”, WHY IS HE/SHE BEING INCLUDED IN THE DATA COLLECTION?**
There are many conditions which may impact on a child’s ability to participate in education. The *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* (DDA) and the Disability Standards for Education 2005 describe a broad range of health and learning conditions for which schools are required to provide ‘reasonable adjustments’ to support students to participate on the same basis as other students.
This Data Collection aims to gather information about how many students in our schools have these conditions and the adjustments schools are making to support them.
It is not limited to students with diagnosed disabilities, and will collect valuable information about supports provided to a much wider group of students than those previously included in individually targeted disability support programs such as the Program for Students with Disabilities.

**WHY IS THIS DATA BEING COLLECTED?**
There is nothing new about schools collecting information about students with disability – in fact, schools have had to do this by law for some time. But the type of information currently collected varies between each state and territory.

With the new data collection, every school in Australia will use the same method to collect this information – that is, a government school in suburban Sydney will collect and report data in the same way as a Catholic school in country Victoria and an independent school in the Northern Territory.
The information provided through this new national data collection will enable all Australian governments to better target support and resources to benefit students with disability. It will help to put the right supports in place for students with disability so that they have the same opportunities for a high quality education as students without a disability.
WHAT ARE SCHOOLS REQUIRED TO DO?

Every school in Australia is likely to have a number of students who require educational adjustments due to disability at some point. Schools need to be able to support students with disability by removing any obstacles for them to participate in their education.

By law, schools are required to make reasonable adjustments where needed to assist students with disability. These responsibilities are outlined in the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005. This means that schools need to talk to the student and/or their parent/carer about reasonable adjustments. These are things the schools do now and this won’t change.

The new data collection will record students who have been identified by a school team as meeting the definition of disability under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and provided with an adjustment.

WHAT IS AN ADJUSTMENT?

An adjustment is a measure or action taken to help a student with disability participate in education on the same basis as other students. Adjustments can be made across the whole school setting (like ramps into classrooms), in the classroom and at an individual student level (like extra tuition for a student with a learning difficulty).

WHAT INFORMATION WILL BE COLLECTED?

Your child’s school will collect and report information every year about:

- the number of students with disabilities who receive adjustments
- the level of adjustments provided
- the broad types of disability.

WHO WILL COLLECT MY CHILD’S INFORMATION?

Teachers and other school staff from your child’s school will collect the above information based on:

- consultation with parents/carers
- the school team’s observations and professional judgements
- any medical diagnosis
- other relevant information.

School principals are responsible for making sure that the information collected about each student is accurate.

HOW WILL MY CHILD’S PRIVACY BE PROTECTED?

Protecting the privacy and confidentiality of all children and their families is very important. With the new data collection, this will be done in the following ways:

- personal or confidential information will not be given to anyone not authorised to see it
- when the information is sent by your child’s school to the local or commonwealth education authority for combination with information from other schools, it will be by school only – student names will not be recorded as part of the data collection.
WHEN AND WHERE WILL THE DATA BE AVAILABLE?
Information collected in 2013 and 2014 will not be publicly available. Education ministers will receive a report on the results of the Data Collection.

CAN I DECIDE WHETHER MY CHILD’S INFORMATION IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL DATA COLLECTION?

It’s your decision about whether you want your child’s information to be included in the national reporting or not.

Including every school child who is being provided with an adjustment because of disability in this new national data collection each year will help schools, education authorities and governments to better meet students’ needs.

Your school will tell you what you need to do if you don’t want to have your child’s information included in the national data collection.

Even if your child’s information is not included in the national data collection, your school is still required to provide support to your child with disability and any adjustments that may be needed to help him/her participate at school.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Contact your child’s school if you have further questions about the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability and how it may affect your child.

You can also visit
SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

Last week Mr Hargreaves and Miss Kent spent a day with teachers from schools around the Western Region of Melbourne at the Victorian Association for Environmental Education to learn more about sustainability initiatives.

TRANSPORT AUDIT

As part of our commitment to becoming a Resource Smart School, we are required to conduct an annual transport audit to gain a big picture of the modes of transport used and average distances travelled by the school community.

Over the coming weekend, we are asking families to have a discussion about the different modes of transport people take to arrive at school, and investigate the distance they travel from home to school.

- Talk about how you get to school – car, bike, walking, public transport or other (scooter, skateboard etc).
- How far do you live from school? – Use google maps to put in your home address to find out how far it is from APS.

Next week Grade 5/6 students will be visiting classes to collect data for our 2014 transport audit. We will report the data back to the school community early Term 3.

Miss Kent and Mr Hargreaves (and the Resource Smart Sustainability Group)
Farmers Market Dates.

21 June, 19 July, 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.

Second-hand Uniform Donations

Just a friendly reminder that second-hand uniform donations are gratefully appreciated, but need to be in “good used condition”.

For anyone interested in purchasing items they are located in the cupboard outside the staff room. Items are priced at $1.00 each. Payments are to be made directly to the office.

Obstacle a thon – 25 June, 2014

It’s on again! Time to raise some funds and have a great time doing it. This year we are trying to raise some funds for the Altona Primary School 100 Year Celebration in 2015.

Please see the attached form so that you can start gathering your sponsors. Money and sponsorship forms are due back by 20 June.

As always helpers will be required. Please fill out the form if you are able to assist with either the Obstacle a thon or the BBQ that will follow.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Farmers Market
21 June, 2014

Obstacle a thon
25 June, 2014
(Form and money due back 20 June)

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!

Entertainment Books

New Book Out Now
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.
Altona Primary School Farmers’ Market
Saturday 1st June 2014

A our market this Saturday, 1st June 2014, we are very lucky to have some special guests - Mrs Enright and her Dansing Class! The performance will start at 10.30 so come along and join the fun! As well as our star performers we will have all of our usual stallholders (as listed alongside) – so come along and grab some fruit and veg, meat, baked goods or even some beer brewed by a ‘Sheila’! Pony rides and the jumping castle will provide extra entertainment – we look forward to seeing you!

The school stall will be selling second hand books again this month and there will be a colouring in table for children to use while you shop! All gate donations and money taken for books goes directly to school and put towards our School Centenary Celebrations next year!

We are always looking for more people to join our group of volunteers. It is a great way of meeting other parents and getting involved in the school and wider community. If you can give us an hour of your time on any of the following dates, please contact Anne – Thank You!

Upcoming market dates:
21 June  19 July  16 August
20 Sept  18 Oct  15 Nov  20 Dec

For any queries/further info please contact Anne Sheehan: warehouse@secon.com.au or mobile 0435 130-355
OBSTACLE-A-THON
WEDNESDAY 25\textsuperscript{th} June, 2014.

\textit{Raising funds for the}

\textbf{100 YEAR CELEBRATION OF ALTONA PRIMARY SCHOOL 2015}

On the 25\textsuperscript{th} June, students will be participating in a whole school Obstacle-a-thon. All funds raised will go towards the Altona Primary School 100 year Celebration.

Each class will participate in various activities around the school with the focus of the morning on participation and fun.

Students are encouraged to obtain sponsors for the day and the class who raises the most per student will be awarded a trophy. This trophy can be displayed in their class for the remainder of the year.

It will be a great day, with funds benefiting all students at Altona Primary School.

The Bigolin family will be sponsoring a lunch for all the students. On the day each student will receive a sausage in a roll at lunch time. If you do not wish your child to participate, please provide lunch for your child.

As always we need help running this event to make it a success. Help from parents and friends of Altona Primary School will be most welcomed. Please fill in the form below if you are able to assist on the day with either the BBQ or the Obstacle–a-thon.

Please return the attached sponsorship form to school by the \textbf{20\textsuperscript{th} June 2014.}

\textbf{Thankyou}
\textbf{Parents Club}
**OBSTACLE-A-THON PARENT HELP**

Yes, I am able to help on Wednesday 25th June

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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**OBSTACLE-A-THON BBQ PARENT HELP**

Yes, I am able to help on Wednesday 25th June.
Please return this form to your class room teacher.

Obstacle-a-thon BBQ 9:00am to 1:30pm

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

*Please return this form to your class room teacher.*
OBSTACLE-A-THON

WEDNESDAY 25th June 2014

SPONSORSHIP FORM

PLEASE RETURN BY 20th June 2014

STUDENT NAME: ______________________

STUDENT GRADE: _____________________

OTHER SIBLINGS:

Name: ____________________________
Grade: _____________________________

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This year we are Re-vamping the APS Shoppers Card!

As part of the revamp we are inviting parents at APS who own a business to jump on board and become a Shoppers Card sponsor.

The APS Shoppers Card is one of the yearly Fundraisers the School Runs. This Fundraiser is aimed at providing APS Families & Friends with some fantastic discounts at local stores as well as supporting our local businesses by giving them the opportunity to advertise their business within our School Community.

An example of the businesses that will be supporting us in 2015:

- Local movie theatre
- Local Kid’s Dance classes & Parties
- Local Cafe’s & Restaurants
- Local Sweets Shop
- Clothing Stores
- Computer Maintenance
- Online Toy Store
- Local services
- Local Butcher

If you would like to Sponsor our Shoppers Card in 2015 & Promote your business with our School Community & Friends please contact Stacey on 0413 007 344 to discuss.