Principal’s Corner

Congratulations to Fran from 4M who is now a published author. Fran has been published in this year’s edition of Early Harvest for young Australian writers. Fran’s work was selected from the many entries received. Early Harvest includes short stories by famous authors: Andy Griffiths, Terry Denton and Chris Miles. Andy Griffiths asked Fran to sign his edition of Early Harvest after first signing hers. This is a significant achievement.

The work students and teachers have produced in writing this year has been fabulous. Writing has been a major focus this year for learning and teaching in all grades. Our data indicates a very successful year across the entire school. We have grade Prep students writing at early grade two level. We have grade 5/6 students working at year 7, 8 and 9 in both literacy and numeracy. This is really worth celebrating. Developing the academic, social and emotional well being, self confidence, interpersonal skills, and the curiosity of all students is our strategic intent. We are very proud of all of our students. The high quality of their behaviour, both in and out of the classroom, is a credit to their families.

We have just received the 2015 Staff Survey data. We are above the state mean in all areas, and significantly in most. The one area that I am most proud of is our ‘mean score’ of 636 compared to the state mean of 531 for a ‘Collective Focus on Student Learning.’ According to our data, 100% of all staff members agree that the entire school has a collective focus on student learning. I will have the survey data placed on our website for the community to celebrate. I couldn’t be prouder of our staff.

We have received a grant of $189,000 for some specific building improvements. We will be fixing leaks in the roof of our main building, moving the office to the current resource room, painting and repairing some areas of the outside of the main building and the exterior of Mr. Fava’s room. We will also paint the exterior of Mrs. Luketic, Ms. Petalas, Ms. Christina and Mrs. Mathrick’s portables. We will also complete some work on the interior of all the rooms mentioned above. The work will depend on the tender prices and how far we can effectively stretch the grant. This will go to tender early in term one.

Have a great weekend.

Kevin Enright
DATES TO REMEMBER 2014

Thursday 20\textsuperscript{th} and Thursday 27\textsuperscript{th} November
Prep Transition for 2015

\textbf{Friday 28\textsuperscript{th} November}
Grade 4 Excursion to Werribee Mansion

\textbf{Thursday 4\textsuperscript{th} December}
Prep 2015 information evening

\textbf{Thursday 4\textsuperscript{th} and Thursday 11\textsuperscript{th} December}
Prep 2015 and whole school Transition

\textbf{Friday 5\textsuperscript{th} December}
Curriculum Day – Student free day

\textbf{Wednesday 10\textsuperscript{th} December}
APS Carols Evening

\textbf{Tuesday 16\textsuperscript{th} December}
Grade 6 Graduation 6:30pm

\textbf{Friday 19\textsuperscript{th} December}
Last day of Term 4 – \textit{early finish 1.30pm (no lunch orders)}

2015
Altona Primary School will celebrate its CENTENARY YEAR

**BOOKPACK COLLECTION DAY 2015**

The date for collecting Grade 1 - 6 bookpacks has been set for Wednesday 28\textsuperscript{th} January.

\textbf{Friday 30\textsuperscript{th} January 2015}
First day of Term 1 for all students
2015 JAPANESE HOMESTAY PROGRAM

Dear Parents,

We are seeking a few more families to take up this exciting opportunity next year. We will hold an information session for families who would like to host a student in the near future. If you have any questions in relation to the program which may support your decision, could you please see Debbie Galvin.

JAPANESE STUDENTS
Altona PS - Homestay
Sunday 22nd February – Tuesday 10th March 2015

Altona Primary School has offered to host 9 Japanese students from Nagoya Women’s University. The program commenced in the Hobsons Bay area in 2005 and will commemorate its 10th year next year, targeting students who are intending to become teachers in primary school or kindergartens. Along with two other schools we have this special opportunity to have APS families host the students for the duration of their stay. Becoming a host family is a great way for your children to experience further Japanese culture and extend their experiences provided in our LOTE program.

Many of our families have previously hosted students and speak highly of the experience for their own family and the student.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of the homestay, please contact Mrs Galvin anytime.
If you are interested in hosting a student, please complete the expression of interest below and return to Mrs Galvin or the office by Friday 21st November.

2015 JAPANESE STUDENTS HOMESTAY
Sunday 22nd February – Tuesday 10th March 2015

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

We are interested in knowing more about the program.

Family Name: .............................................................

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

Contact No. ..........................................................
After school art and craft classes will be held in the art room on a **Thursday** afternoon between 3.30-4.30pm in **term 1, 2015**.
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** (05/02/15): Create a clay bird
**Session 2** (12/02/15): Construct a cardboard bird house
**Session 3** (19/02/15): Complete and decorate bird house
**Session 4** (26/02/15): Make a magnificent peacock
**Session 5** (05/03/15): Finish and frame peacock piece
**Session 6** (12/03/15): Make a colourful bird garland
**Session 7** (19/03/15): Complete and hang bird garland
**Session 8** (26/03/15): Paint and decorate clay bird

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 4 (15/12/14) 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 1, 2015.**

**Beautiful Birds**

Child’s name ________________________________________ Grade __________________
Parent/Guardian ________________________________
Contact Number: _________________________________
Thank you, Mrs Barry and Mrs Cain
Dear Families,

An all-day program will be running at OSHC on December 5th as it is a student-free day. The program will run from 7:30am-6:00pm with a cost of $35.00. Please arrange bookings ASAP to avoid missing out.

Can you help

We are looking for someone to sand and varnish an old fashioned desk for our Centenary Year. If you can help, please see Joanne Mathrick in PM.

GRADE 6 WINDCHEATERS 2015

Grade 5 children will soon be fitted for their Grade 6 special Windcheater for 2015. We hope to have the samples here next week and parents will receive a note regarding payments. The cost of the windcheater is $35 and will be required by 4th December.

Regards,
Lee Ogden

WHOOPING COUGH

We have had a confirmed case of Whooping Cough in the school. A letter has been sent to the year level affected.

GRADE 6 YEAR BOOK

Just a reminder to parents wanting to purchase a Grade 6 Year book, payment of $25 must be made immediately.

BOOKPACK COLLECTION DAY 2015

The date for collecting Grade 1 - 6 bookpacks 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.
The Parent's Club can be contacted anytime by email: APSParentClub@altonaps.vic.edu.au

THURSDAY
20th November, 2014

Whole School Disco - 12th December 2014

Dust of your dancing shoes and get ready to dance the night away at the APS School Disco on Friday 12th December.

Tickets are available for $5.00 per single ticket or $10.00 per family. Please complete the attached order form and return to your classroom teacher.

Grade 6 Graduation Bears

The Parents Club are again selling Grade 6 Graduation Bears for $5.00 each. You can get all your friends to sign them and they are dressed in a black graduation hat and cloak. We have limited stock, so first in best dressed! There will be one on display in the office. Please return your completed order form to your classroom teacher.

Grade 6 Graduation Bear Order Form.

Name: ...............................................................
Class: ......................... Quantity: ......................
Amount: $ ............................................................

Farmers Market.

Thank you to everyone who put up their hands to help out at our Farmers’ Market this month. Despite a forecast of rain, we had a lovely day and a big thank you to Monty for providing us with some great music while people shopped. We raised $240 which will go directly into school funds and back to the school community. Next month will be our last market of 2014; we hope to have some Christmassy events running. We will keep you updated and hope to see you there.

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.

Volunteers Needed!

The Parents Club requires volunteers to run a BBQ stall at the school on Election Day, 29th November. Please fill in the attached form indicating your availability and return to your classroom teacher. Thank you in advance.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- AGM – Parent’s Club Meeting
  2nd December, 2014
- Whole School Disco
  12th December, 2014

PARENT’S CLUB MEETING

The APS Parent’s Club invites all Parents, Guardians and Grandparents of children attending the School in 2015 to the:

2014 Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 2nd December at 9:15am, in the BER, Learning Street, APS.

We hope to see you there!

SHOPPERS CARDS

Our new Shoppers Cards are here! Please see the attached order form and list of great deals!

Cards will be available at the end of November.

ICY POLES WEDNESDAY!

ELECTION DAY BBQ HELPERS FORM

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

Yes, I am able to help on Saturday 29\textsuperscript{th} November, 2014. Please indicate the time you would be able to assist.

I am available from ..................... to .....................
Dear Parents,

Over the past two years, we have united as a school community with the collection of food hampers leading up to the Christmas period.

According to the Altona Salvation Army these generous donations have made a huge difference in our community to people in need.

This year parents club will again be asking for your donations. A donation box will be placed in each classroom from 6 November to 5 December 2014.

As with previous years, we ask that all donations be new, with emphasis on non perishable food items.

On a final note, it’s so rewarding to see our children getting involved in charity work. Their enthusiasm for the gift of giving has been heartwarming and truly reflects the spirit of Christmas.

Thank you in advance to all Altona Primary family and friends, for your continued support.

Merry Christmas – The Parents Club
Whole School Disco  
Friday 12th December, 2014

FAVOURITE MOVIE / BOOK CHARACTER DISCO

It’s back! Time to dust off your dancing shoes and dress up (or down) and boogie along to the APS Whole School Disco!

Tickets will be $5.00 per single ticket or $10.00 per family ticket of two children or more! The Super Spectacular Lower School Disco (Grades Prep thru to Grade 3*) will run from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. The Utterly Awesome Upper School Disco (Grades 3* thru to Grade 6) will run from 7:45pm to 9:15pm. (*Grade 3 students may choose which disco to attend, please mark on your ticket order form which disco you will be attending.)

Refreshments will be for sale at the disco for $1 each. (Water will be provided.)

Please note that Fancy Dress is not compulsory, but it is really fun!

- All children need to be dropped off and picked up by an adult at the PAC.
- No child will be allowed to leave the disco area at anytime.
- Only current Altona Primary School children are allowed to attend.
- NO PARENTS allowed in the PAC.
- Entry through gate on Blyth Street.

PLEASE RETURN SLIP AND MONEY TO CLASS BY:  
Monday 8th December, 2014.

DISCO TICKET ORDER FORM

CHILD’S NAME: ..........................................................CLASS: ..................
NUMBER of SINGLE TICKETS: ..............................
NUMBER of FAMILY TICKETS: ............................ AMOUNT ENCLOSED: ......................
Please note how many children require tickets in “Family Ticket” - Number: ..........
*Also if you are in Grade 3 which disco you will be attending .
JUNIOR or SENIOR

Yes, I give permission for my child to be photographed. Signed: .................................

DISCO HELPERS FORM

Name: ..........................................................
Child’s Name: .................................................. Class: ......................
Yes, I am able to help on Friday 12th December, 2014. Please circle which disco you can help with:

6:30pm – 7:30pm JUNIOR 7:45pm – 9:15pm SENIOR
6:30pm – 9:15pm BOTH
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Altona Primary School Shoppers Card has arrived.

Cards will be sold from the 1st November 2014 at the cost of $10:00.

If you require a card please fill out the form below and hand it in to your classroom teacher.

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Shopper Cards 2015

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

Child Name and Grade: ......................................

Number of cards: ...........................................

Total enclosed: $10:00. .............................................