Principal’s Corner
It has been an incredible couple of weeks with; the art show, the farmers market, the ‘Altona PS Has Talent’ performances at Monday’s assembly, the Hooptime basketball finals on Friday, the athletics day on Tuesday and the Robotics state finals next Friday 29th August.

Monday Morning’s assembly was really quite special. Students sang, danced and played musical instruments while whole assembly was enthralled.

The art show was amazing. We have had such fantastic support and feedback from staff, students and parents. Over 60 staff members and 75+ parents attended the opening night. We had many families attend on Thursday and Friday night. We had a large attendance during the Farmers Market on Saturday morning. Thank you so much to everyone who attended.

As I took the 5 art display boards back to the Louie Joel Art centre with 10 grade 5/6 students, I reflected on how privileged we are to work with such brilliant and respectful students. The 10 students who walked the display boards back with me were just outstanding.

The Athletics Day was a huge success. We felt so proud to see all of the students giving the events a ‘red hot go’ and really enjoying competing for their team. Thank you to all of the parents who attended and/or helped on the day.

August is ES staff month. This month celebrates the wonderful work of our office, integration, IT, and OSHC staff. They are all so important in making APS an excellent school. We are very lucky to have such high quality, enthusiastic and dedicated ES staff working at APS.

Enjoy the weekend as the weather warms up.

Kevin Enright
Principal.
DATES TO REMEMBER 2014

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
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
PREP ENROLMENTS 2015

Please note that the cut off date for Prep enrolments in 2015 is Monday 1st September. If your child is a sibling, please be sure to hand in the forms ASAP.

Sports Corner:

Athletics Carnival
This week on Tuesday, all of the Grade 3-6 students took part in the Altona Primary School Athletics Carnival. We were very lucky to get some nice weather with not too much wind and no rain which was great.
The day ran extremely smoothly thanks to our great parent helpers and teachers who did an amazing job running the events for us. All of the students should also be commended on the fantastic behaviour that they showed throughout the day. I hope everyone had fun and we can enjoy another great day next year.
Well done to Red House who were the winners of the 2014 Athletics Carnival, their win will be marked on our perpetual trophy which was kindly donated by the Buckner family. Thanks guys!

Jump Rope for Heart
As mentioned at assembly last week, our school will be taking part in a Jump Rope for Heart morning this year on the 14th of October. In the lead up to this event you can help raise money for the Heart Foundation which we all know is a great cause. Students can also win great prizes when they raise funds. The best way to register and start receiving donations. I encourage as many students as possible to register this year you can register by clicking here.

Remember to enter your first and last name when you’re registering kids.

Mr Clarke
ALTONA PRIMARY SCHOOL CENTENERY AFTERNOON TEA
If you or any member of your family or friends attended Altona Primary School before 1950, we would like to invite you to an Afternoon Tea on Wednesday 27\textsuperscript{th} August 2014 from 1.30pm-3pm.
Please come along and share your stories and experiences over a cup of tea or coffee.
Please RSVP to Liz Brown 03 9398 2925.

SCHOLASTIC MINECRAFT
Scholastic’s recent MINECRAFT competition has been drown. To see if you are a winner, visit \url{www.scholastic.com.au} to see a funny You Tube video of Geronimo Stilton drawing the prize winners.
Good Luck!

Current Issue 6 orders are due by Friday 29\textsuperscript{th} August.
If your order is for a present, please indicate this on the envelope and it will be left at the office.

MSJ 2015
Limited places are available for 2015. Further information can be found at our website \url{www.msj.vic.edu.au} or by contacting the College Registrar at registrar@msj.vic.edu.au.

MSJ Open Mornings - 9.30am – 10.30am (Thursday)
28\textsuperscript{th} August, 11\textsuperscript{th} September, 13\textsuperscript{th} November 2014
Hello Altona Primary School Community,

Literacy and Numeracy week will begin on Monday 25\textsuperscript{th} August until Friday 29\textsuperscript{th} August. This is a fantastic time for the students to have fun and celebrate the learning in literacy and numeracy over their time at Altona Primary School. This year’s theme is ‘Explore’. Below is a timetable of events that will be taking place during this fabulous week.

**Monday 25\textsuperscript{th} August**
- *Morning Assembly 9am-10am “Family Feud”* Opening of Literacy & Numeracy Week
- Students will begin to write the ‘Progressive Story’
- Parents Club Book Dedication stall held before and afterschool

**Tuesday 26\textsuperscript{th} August**
- Students can dress up as their favourite explorer
- Morning parade of costumes 9am – (weather permitting) Families welcome
- Students continue to write the ‘Progressive Story’
- Parents Club Book Dedication stall held before and afterschool

**Wednesday 27\textsuperscript{th} August**
- Students continue to write the ‘Progressive Story’
- Centenary Afternoon Tea – If you attended Altona Primary School before 1950, you are invited to a special afternoon tea from 1:30pm-3pm
- Parents Club Book Dedication stall held before and afterschool

**Thursday 28\textsuperscript{th} August**
- **Mathematical Scavenger Hunt (organised by the year 5/6 Students)**
  The 5/6 students will be organising and running a mathematical scavenger hunt for students in Prep to Year 4. The scavenger hunt will take up an hour of class time. Each grade will be timetabled between 9am-1:30pm
- **Family reading or maths games afternoon (2:15 – 3pm)**-Parents/grandparents are invited into classrooms to participate in an afternoon of fun. More information on this afternoon will be provided by individual classroom teachers
- Students continue to write the ‘Progressive Story’
- Parents Club Book Dedication stall held before and afterschool

**Friday 29\textsuperscript{th} August**
- Students continue to write the ‘Progressive Story’
- Sausage Sizzle Lunch – supplied by Parent’s Club
- Parents Club Book Dedication stall held before and afterschool
- Our robotics team will be participating in the Robocup Junior state competition (Held at Melbourne University)

Tammie Thompson and Adam McPherson
APS Literacy and Numeracy Coaches
Tuesday 26th August

Dress up as your favourite explorer
When you click finish, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - check your junk mail folder if you do not receive your email immediately.

You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

For parents that don’t have access to the internet at home, at work, at a friend’s house or on their phones, you can come to the office and we can book a time for you.

These student led conferences are strictly 15 minutes. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

Parents can change their interview bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address, you used when you made your original booking.

BOOKINGS WILL CLOSE at 3:30pm Tuesday 2nd September 2014.

We would love to hear what you think about online booking. If you get time, click on the “contact us” button on the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and leave some feedback - anonymously if you wish, but please include the school’s name and suburb.
Farmers Market Dates.

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.

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dedicate a Book
25th – 29th August, 2014

Book Fair
1-5 September 2014

Father’s Day Stall
5th September, 2014

Farmers Market
20th September, 2014

Obstacle-a-thons
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.

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.
Come to our
BOOK FAIR GARDEN
Catch the reading bug!

Dear Parents,
Reading takes children further by engaging their imaginations. Our Book Fair will be a great way for you to:

• View the best selection of affordable picture and board books.
• Encourage your child to explore new books.

The more children know about reading, writing, listening and speaking before they arrive at school, the better prepared they are to become successful readers.

Date: 1st-5th September 2014
Time: Before & After School
Place: APS Library

Did you know?
Every purchase you make from our Fair earns Rewards from Scholastic to help us obtain more learning and literacy resources!

LET’S GROW READERS!
Come to our Book Fair
Catch the reading bug!

Date
Time
Place

Let's Grow Readers!
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 classroom 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

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NUMERACY AND LITERACY WEEK BBQ   PARENT HELP

Yes, I am able to help on FRIDAY 29\textsuperscript{th} AUGUST

Name: ..............................................
Child's Name: .................................................. Grade: .............

Please return this form to your classroom teacher.
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 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.
Altona Primary School Farmers’ Market  
Saturday 16th August 2014

Thank you to everybody involved in last week’s Farmers’ Market, it was a great success! It was lovely to see so many people coming along to support the APS Art Show and getting the opportunity to visit the market too. I am sure you enjoyed listening to our talented buskers, browsing the stalls and our sausage sizzle was a sell-out! Many thanks again to the Bigolin family for donating the sausages and all of the volunteers who gave their time to man the stall and gates.

Next month, we will be celebrating 2 years of Altona Primary School’s Farmers Market and to celebrate we will be holding a Free Family Fun Day. We will send out more information in the coming weeks but make a note of the date and have a peek below at what will be on offer!