Principal’s Corner
On Saturday, the voting for the state election will be held at Altona P.S. Our Parents Club will be holding a barbeque so come along and support them. All proceeds will go towards the Centenary Playground.
We wish Zoe and Lucinda all the very best as they fly to Tasmania today to compete in the National Track and Field Championships. This is a fantastic achievement.
We had our first Prep 2015 induction last week for both students and their parents. It all ran very smoothly. The new Preps are very eager to start school. I have noticed a couple of future Preps already wearing their uniforms to Day Care across the road.
This week we have been completing the Performance Appraisals for all staff. The improvement in student achievement across the entire school is quite amazing. The dedication, enthusiasm and high quality teaching skills matched with the hard work of students and families has made a big impact.
As the leadership team met with staff and went through their goals and achievements we were so proud and excited by the work of our teachers. We have easily achieved our ambitious 2014 Annual Implementation targets.
Mr. Macpherson will be on paternity leave for the remainder of 2014. We all look forward to the arrival of his son on December 3rd.
I am not sure if all of our community is aware of the parking restrictions at the front of the school. There is no parking at all before school and a 10 minute limit after school. A number of families have been fined recently.
Friday December 5th is a curriculum day. The OSHC program is running all day. We have reports, induction sessions, grade placements, graduation, changing of rooms, Christmas Carols and planning for 2015 to go so the rest of the year will be a busy but enjoyable.
Please check your child’s hair this weekend.
Have a great weekend
Kevin Enright
DATES TO REMEMBER 2014

**Friday 28**\(^{th}\) **November**
Werribee Mansion Grade 4 excursion

**Thursday 4**\(^{th}\) **December**
Prep 2015 information evening 6.30pm-7.30pm

**Thursday 4**\(^{th}\) **and Thursday 11**\(^{th}\) **December**
Prep 2015 and whole school Transition

**Friday 5**\(^{th}\) **December**
Curriculum Day – Student free day

**Tuesday 9**\(^{th}\) **December**
Transition for Grade 6 students

**Wednesday 10**\(^{th}\) **December**
APS Carols Evening

**Friday 12**\(^{th}\) **December**
Grade 6 Mystery Tour

**Tuesday 16**\(^{th}\) **December**
Grade 6 Graduation 6:30pm

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

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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\(^{th}\) January.

**Friday 30**\(^{th}\) **January 2015**
First day of Term 1 for all students
After School Art and Craft Classes

Beautiful Birds

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

______________________________
Child’s name
______________________________
Grade

______________________________
Parent/Guardian

______________________________
Contact Number

Thank you, Mrs Barry and Mrs Cain
Hello Parents and Students,
On the 12th of November we had a ride to school day. We will be having a ride to school day on the second Wednesday of each month; we hope this will make everyone in our school more active. The class that has the most people ride/walk/scooter/skateboard to school will win a golden trophy.

This month 3H came first with 68% of their class coming in a different way than public transport or by car. In second came Prep S with 65% and in third place there was a draw with two classes! 2K and 1B came third each with 60%. 5/6SC’s streak has been broken by 3H and they shall receive a trophy from Isaac Johns at assembly. The most active grade was Grade 3 with 61%.

By Michael Caleo

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**Sport Corner:**

National Cross Country

This weekend we have two of our students competing at the National Track and Field Primary Schools Championships. Both Zoe Woods and Lucinda Rourke have qualified to compete in the championships in Tasmania for Team Vic. It really is an amazing effort to reach this level of competition and is a testament to all of the hard work they have put in whilst training. Good luck girls, I'm sure you'll represent the school really well and we'll be thinking of you over the weekend.

Mr Clarke
MISSING SCOOTER – please check at home
Erin Geraghty from 3H had her Razor scooter taken by mistake on our Ride2School Day.
She is feeling very sad about it not being returned. 😞 It has black handle grips.
Someone has taken the wrong one and left theirs here!
Could you please check and return Erin’s scooter to the school.
Thank You

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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR PARENTS
The Government is no longer providing Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) for families. Therefore Student Contributions (Book pack payments) need to be made on or before the 28th January 2015 in FULL.
The Parent’s Club can be contacted anytime by email: APSParentClub@altonaps.vic.edu.au

Thurday
27th November, 2014

Altona Primary School Parent’s Club….
“Always there with a helping hand”

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.

The final market for 2014 is on the 20th December from 9am until 1pm.

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.

All positions will be called vacant.

We need your help to make things happen, whether you are a fundraising expert or someone who wants to lend a hand, bring your ideas, sense of fun and enthusiasm and make a change.

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!

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.
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
6:30pm – 9:15pm BOTH
7:45pm – 9:15pm SENIOR
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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.

………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..

Shopper Cards 2015

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

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

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

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

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