Principal’s Corner

We are very proud of Lucinda and Zoe for the way they competed at the Primary Schools National Athletics Championships in Tasmania. What a fantastic achievement.

The Christmas Carols will be a huge community celebration. Last year we had over 2,000 people attend. The Parents Club will have a sausage sizzle, drinks and ice creams available. Some of our ex students are running the drinks and ice cream stall. It is always an amazing night uniting our school as a large family and community.

Mr. Macpherson is now the proud dad of Charlie. Adam loves being a dad. Mrs. Danielle Webster (Barbetta), who worked here for many years recently, also had her second son; Miles, on the same day. Congratulations to both Adam and Danielle.

Thank you to our School Council and Parents Club for all of their work this year. We really appreciate their hard work and dedication which helps every student in our school.

It is an exciting day today as all of our students find out their teacher and grade for 2015. We have spent months diligently matching students, friends and teachers for 2015.

We also have the school Disco, Graduation and the Mystery Tour as we race towards the end on the school year.

We hope our grade 6 students enjoy every moment of their last weeks at Altona P.S.

Have a great weekend,

Kevin Enright.
DATES TO REMEMBER 2014

**Friday 5th December**
Curriculum Day – Student free day

**Wednesday 10th December**
APS Carols Evening

**Thursday 11th December**
Prep 2015 and whole school Transition

**Tuesday 16th December**
Grade 6 Graduation 6:30pm

**Friday 19th 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 28th January.

**Friday 30th January 2015**
First day of Term 1 for all students
2015 JAPANESE HOMESTAY PROGRAM
Dear Parents,
We are seeking **two** 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.
Families receive a payment for hosting a student.
If you have any questions in relation to the program which may support your decision, could you please see Debbie Galvin.

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

Altona Primary School has offered to host 8 Japanese students from Nagoya Women’s University. The program commenced in the Hobsons Bay area in 2005 and will commemorate its 10\textsuperscript{th} 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 21\textsuperscript{st} November.

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2015 JAPANESE STUDENTS HOMESTAY
Sunday 22\textsuperscript{nd} February – Tuesday 10\textsuperscript{th} March 2015
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

We are interested in knowing more about the program.
Family Name: ..............................................................................................

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

Contact No. ..............................................................
INVITATION
Please join us for Morning Tea
in the staff room on
Wednesday 10th December 2014
9:30am

We want to say a huge “Thank you” to all the Parents
Club members and
all the wonderful volunteers
who help make this school as special as it is.

Please join us
Sports Corner:
National Championships for Athletics

As discussed in last week's newsletter we had two students represent the school at the National Track and Field Championships in Tasmania last weekend. Both Zoe Woods and Lucinda Rourke did an amazing job reaching that level of competition. The girls both competed extremely well with Zoe finishing 8th in the 800m event and 5th in the multi event for 11 year old girls, whilst Lucinda finished 9th in the 800m event for 10 year old girls. Well done on all of your hard work throughout the year girls, we're very proud of you.

Mr Clarke

Library News

Thank you to the many families who contributed to the Dedicate a Book fundraiser which was run by the Parents Club.

It was a huge success. Just over 200 books were donated, which is an incredible amount of books.

Some of these books will be displayed in our glass cabinet near the office during the last week of term.

The books will go on the library shelves early next year.

The money raised from the Dedicate a Book fundraiser has enabled me to order a wonderful selection of books which will be put in our wonderful library for all the children to enjoy

We still have many overdue library books. Parents could you please help your children to find their books and return to school ASAP.

Thank you very much.
Lee Ogden
After School Art and Craft Classes

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
The Parent’s Club News

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Parent’s Club BBQ at the Carols
  10th December, 2014
- Whole School Disco
  12th December, 2014

APS CHRISTMAS CAROLS - BBQ HELPERS FORM

This year the Parent’s Club would like to offer a sausage sizzle during the Christmas Carols. We would love to have some helpers to run the BBQ, sell drinks and icy poles. Please return this form if you are able to help out.

Name:………………………………………
Child’s Name:…………………………
Class: …………………
Yes, I am able to help on Wednesday 10th December, 2014. Please indicate the time you would be able to assist.

Set up will commence at 4:30 and the BBQ will run until the close.
I am available from: .........................
to: .........................

SHOPPERS CARDS

NEW shoppers cards have arrived. All orders of the shoppers card will be delivered Thursday 4/12/2014.

Please see the attached order form and list of great deals!

Ex-Students
Calling all ex-students of Altona Primary School. The Parents Club would like your help on the 10 December 2014 for the School Christmas Concert. If you are available please contact Thashnee (0411834046) or leave your details at the office.

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.

Parent’s Club Name Change

The Parent’s Club is undergoing a change and we would like your input! We feel that the name should be more reflective of what we do and more inclusive for all the friends and families of APS.

You do not need to be a member of the Parent’s Club to cast a vote. Please mark one of the names below, or suggest one of your own! The name with the most votes will be the new name for 2015.

Votes can be returned via your classroom teacher or lodged at the office.

Thanks for voting!

Name Change Voting Form.

☐ Family and Friends of Altona Primary School
☐ Parent and School Partnership
☐ Parent Involvement Committee
☐ Family and Friends Involvement Committee
☐ Parents and Pupils Partnership
☐ Fundraising Committee
☐ Other suggestion:..........................................................
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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. ..............................................

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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 12\textsuperscript{th} 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 8\textsuperscript{th} 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 12\textsuperscript{th} 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
Altona Primary School Farmers’ Markets:

Saturday 20th December 2014

Have you been good this year? ……Christmas is fast approaching and we have heard that someone very special will be coming along to this month’s Farmers Market on Saturday 20th December! There will be some fun Christmas activities too - look out for further information about our December market in next week’s newsletter.

Thank you for all your support in 2014, we look forward to seeing you on the 20th. If you would like to get involved in helping on the gate for an hour, or at future markets, please contact Carol on 0432 862 592.