Principal’s Corner

Congratulations to our girls’ soccer teams for the way they represented the school yesterday. Both teams enjoyed the day. Thank you to Mr. Clarke and Ms. Floros for coaching the teams. The girls really enjoyed the day and the opportunity to do something entirely different.

I am currently reading the grade 5/6 reports. It is amazing the level of work being taught in our grade 5/6 classrooms. As I take new parents on a tour of the school we see the grade 4, 5 & 6 students completely engaged in their work and striving to improve. The ‘learning street’ is often filled with groups of students working individually or in groups, working independently or interdependently. Their confidence, friendliness and self motivation make me very proud. The work of both the students and teachers is very impressive.

The student reports are almost finished. Teachers have a proof reading partner and then our leadership team completes the final check. The Education Department is allowing schools to report using their own preferred model rather than the current mandated format. We may have a change to our reports in the near future. Both parents and teachers would like to see the reports written in a clearer format. This is a strong message from our parent surveys.

The teachers and the students have worked really hard during this first half of the year. The improvement in student achievement across the school in both curriculum and extra curricula areas is very exciting and rewarding.

Our large after school guitar groups played at assembly on Monday. They were fabulous. Monty’s singing was one of the highlights. The music talent and interest throughout the school is extraordinary. Thank you to Tim, Andrew and Leigh for sharing their guitar skills and giving the students a love of music.

The grade 4-6 robotics program taught by Mr. Corroon is most impressive. If you haven’t seen the robotics in action arrange to come to the school and have a look. The robots are programmed through the student’s netbooks and use sensors.

Have a great long weekend

Kevin Enright

School Parking

We have had several complaints from parents regarding parking issues during drop off and pick up times. A child was almost hit by a car in Upton St because the parent was illegally parked and was talking when the child ran onto the road.

Another driver also parked illegally and then reversed down Upton St.

Please observe the road rules for the safety of all our children.
DATES TO REMEMBER 2014

Wednesday 4th June – Tuesday 12th August
ICAS Exams

Monday 9th June
Queen’s Birthday – Public Holiday

Monday 16th June
Melbourne Zoo excursion Grade 5/6’s

Monday 16th June – Friday 20th June
Grade 3/4 Camp Wilkin
Grade 4’s will attend Monday 16th – Wednesday 18th June
Grade 3’s will attend Wednesday 18th June – Friday 20th June

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

COOKING IN 3AL
Today in 3AL, we make Spanakapita. It is a Greek dish. We made it with our very own vegetables from our garden at school.
It contains: Spinach, parsley, dill, onion, spring onion, filo pastry, ricotta, feta and parmesan cheese, eggs, butter.
We cooked it at school with some parent helpers, Sally, Karen, Rachel and Adeline.
When it was ready we went to the staffroom and got our delicious meal.
Most people loved it. I thought it was sensational. I got two helpings of it and thought to myself, “I want this for dinner every night!”.
By Crystal, Elisha and Lucinda 3AL.
Vacation Care News

Holidays are just around the corner and vacation care is back in action. Due to our high demand of interest we have received lately it is imperative to book in as soon as possible to secure a spot!

Thanks
Felicity and the OSHC team

WESTBOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL
Westbourne Grammar is hosting a free evening for parents with acclaimed author and speaker, Andrew Fuller, on Tuesday 10th June.
A clinical psychologist, Andrew has much wisdom and advice to offer parents and will be focusing on the topic, “Building Resilience in Children”.
Topics covered will be:
- The active ingredients of resilience
- How parents can develop these in their children
- Friendship skills
- Parenting tricky kids
- Creating happy kids
- Building self-esteem and dealing with set backs
- How to talk to boys and girls

Further details about Andrew can be obtained from his website: www.andrewfuller.com.au
Venue: Horsburgh Centre, Westbourne Grammar, Truganina Campus
Date: Tuesday 10th June
Time: 7pm
RSVP: Friday 6th June events@westbourne.vic.edu.au
### A.P.S VACATION CARE

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<td><strong>Mad Hatter Monday</strong></td>
<td><strong>Disney Day</strong></td>
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<td>We will spend the morning creating the wildest and craziest hats to</td>
<td>Today isn’t just any Disney day; we will be incorporating all of the</td>
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<td>wear for our Mad Hatters Tea Party. Bring your appetite and bag of</td>
<td>greatest Disney movies. Slime from Flubber, the snow from Frozen, the</td>
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<td>jokes for the funniest, craziest tea party this side of the world</td>
<td>apples from Snow White and much much more. Dress up as your favourite</td>
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<td>complete with magic tricks and even a game of croquet. Let’s take a</td>
<td>Disney character and don’t forget to brush up on your Disney trivia.</td>
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<td>trip down the rabbit hole!</td>
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<td><strong>Tues 1st July</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Fun City</strong></td>
<td><strong>Everyone’s Birthday Party</strong></td>
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<td>What better way to spend a Thursday than at Fun City for a day</td>
<td>HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO EVERYONE!! It’s a birthday party for everyone! We</td>
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<td>of super charged fun! We will be partaking in a day filled with</td>
<td>will be having our own OSHC birthday party to celebrate another year</td>
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<td>entertaining and skill testing games and activities. Oh and did we</td>
<td>of awesome. Complete with games, party food lunch, presents and even</td>
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<td>mention they’re FUN!!! We will have three hours of unlimited</td>
<td>a jumping castle! And what’s a birthday party without pass the parcel,</td>
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<td>access to Darkzone Laser Tag, Laser Entrapment, the Bungeerun,</td>
<td>pin the tail on the donkey and even a piñata! Bring along your party</td>
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<td>Balladium and the Fun City Haunted House. Be sure to bring all of</td>
<td>hats and dancing shoes.</td>
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<td>your energetic stamina because today, you will need it!</td>
<td><strong>Wed 2nd July</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Farm Yard Hoedown</strong></td>
<td><strong>Minion Day</strong></td>
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<td>YEEE HAAAA! Today’s events will incorporate all the elements of</td>
<td>Are you Dave, Stuart or Jerry? Today we will all have the opportunity</td>
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<td>a south-east American hoedown! We will be having our own square</td>
<td>to live a day in the life of the devilishly cheeky minions from the</td>
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<td>dancing, burger eating, farm animal meeting party complete with</td>
<td>Despicable Me movies. Bring along your minion gear and be prepared for</td>
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<td>hay bales and checked shirts. This will be a day to wear your</td>
<td>an abundance of minion themed activities. It goes without saying that</td>
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<td>cowboy boots and farm yard attire. Cows are optional.</td>
<td>prizes for best dressed will be awarded as always!</td>
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<td><strong>Thurs 3rd July</strong></td>
<td><strong>Thurs 10th July</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Egyptian Day</strong></td>
<td><strong>Movies- Rio 2</strong></td>
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<td>These holidays our destination of choice is EGYPT! We are heading</td>
<td>The best part of winter holidays is indulging in our cold weather</td>
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<td>back to a time when the Pharaohs lived in Cairo. We will be</td>
<td>ritual of going to the cinemas! Bring on the popcorn and juice while</td>
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<td>recreating Egyptian jewellery, exploring our Egyptian names</td>
<td>we sit back and enjoy the viewing pleasure of Rio 2. A day of rest and</td>
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<td>through hieroglyphics, constructing our very own Pharaoh head</td>
<td>enjoyment. Join Blu and the fiercely independent Jewel as they take off</td>
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<td>pieces and even completing a tomb maze challenge. Let’s hope all</td>
<td>on an adventure to Rio de Janeiro with the bird of their dreams.</td>
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<td>the mummies stay locked away in their pyramid tombs!</td>
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<td><strong>The Ultimate Cupcake Day</strong></td>
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<td><strong>World Cup</strong></td>
<td>The ultimate of all cooking days. Today we will become master</td>
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<td>If you’re a soccer fan this is a day you will not want to miss.</td>
<td>decorators of the best sort. Bring along your creative flare to work</td>
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<td>Soccer, soccer and more soccer! Be sure to wear your soccer gear</td>
<td>alongside the renowned dessert artists of OSHC. We will be designing</td>
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<td>as we will be enjoying a range of world cup themed activities.</td>
<td>and creating our own edible works of art. Can you say SUGAR OVERLOAD!!</td>
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<td>Don’t forget to practise your impressive soccer tricks to share</td>
<td><strong>Fri 11th July</strong></td>
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<td>with us all.</td>
<td><strong>Program Times</strong>: 7.30am – 6pm</td>
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**Please note in the event an Excursion or an Incursion is cancelled due to unexpected circumstances, the activity will either be postponed or an alternative activity of equal value will be provided.**

- Days that involve incursions/excursions children are required to be at the program by 9am.
- All toys and technology devices are **not** to be brought to the program.
- **Food which requires heating or cooking should not be given.**

### COSTS INVOLVED:

- **Daily rate**: $50.00
- **Incursion**: $60.00
- **Excursion**: $65.00
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
Altona Primary School Parents Club....
“Always there with a helping hand”

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.

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.
OBSTACLE-A-THON
WEDNESDAY 25th June, 2014.

Raising funds for the

100 YEAR CELEBRATION OF ALTONA PRIMARY SCHOOL 2015

On the 25th 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 20th June 2014.

Thankyou
Parents Club
**OBSTACLE-A-THON  PARENT HELP**

Yes, I am able to help on Wednesday 25\textsuperscript{th} 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 25\textsuperscript{th} 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: _______________________

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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.