Principal’s Corner
We will finally fix the spider play equipment on Saturday 16/8/14. We were sent the right bolts but the wrong nuts. The correct ones were delivered yesterday. The Farmers Market and the Art show are both happening on this same Saturday morning so come along.

The Art show is next week. You will be amazed at how the new building has been turned into an art gallery and the quality of the student and grade art pieces. It really is a big community event so come along and help us celebrate the art program. Mrs. Barry and Mrs. Cain do an amazing job. Thank you to all the parents who have helped with the grade art pieces or donated pieces of artwork.

The school athletics day is the 19th of August. This also is a fantastic, action packed day. Mr. Clarke would love to have as many parents as possible to help with the events. A big thank you to Simon for organising the day. We have had a few excursions and incursions this week. We are really very proud of how our students represent themselves, their families and the school.

Last week and this week we worked with staff and our leaders to document performance plans for the remainder of the year. It is quite inspiring to see the level of work happening in each grade and the dedication by staff to continue to improve student learning and their own professional knowledge, practice and leadership. I hear so many positive stories about students each day which helps to maintain and build our culture.

Ms. Nicholls, Ms. Kent and Ms. Hruschka have all been re-employed for 2015. We also have Ms. Hannah Beckman, Mrs. Tiffany Verwoert and Mrs. Douglas returning part time. We are very lucky to have such high quality teachers right throughout our school.

An important reminder for our grades 4-6 students; if you choose to return your netbook at the end of the lease, your netbook chargers have to be returned as well. Please look after your charger. Chargers are $35 to replace.

If you haven’t checked your child’s hair, can you do so this weekend in order to have ‘clean’ hair across the school.

Prep enrolments close on September 1st.

Have a great weekend,
Kevin Enright
Principal
DATES TO REMEMBER 2014

**Art Show Grand opening**
*Wednesday 13th August*
7.30pm – 10pm – **Adults only**

**Thursday 14th August**
Art Show 3.30pm – 7pm - **All welcome**

**Friday 15th August**
Art show 3.30pm – 6pm – **All welcome**

**Saturday 16th August**
Art show 10am – 12pm – **All welcome**

**Tuesday 19th August**
Athletics day Grades 3-6

**Thursday 28th August**
Festival of Performing arts (FOPA)

**Wednesday 3rd September 2014**
**Curriculum day**
3-Way Student Led Conferences

**Friday 19th September 2014**
End of Term 3 – early finish 1.30PM

**Tuesday 16th December**
Grade 6 Graduation
**ALTONA PRIMARY SCHOOL ART SHOW**
We are all very excited about the Art Show next week. The Art show opening night is a fun filled evening, with lots of excitement and laughs.
Just a note to parents attending the opening night, that only cash, cheque or credit card will be accepted on the night for auction pieces. **NO EFTPOS.**
Parents will have the first opportunity to purchase their child’s art work. Other families can leave an expression of interest for another child’s piece, but they will only be able to purchase it if the family of the student does not want to buy it.

**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.

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2015 PREPS**

**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

**PARENT OPINION SURVEY**
Parent Opinion Surveys were posted to families.
If you received one of these surveys, please return immediately.
**Farmers Market Dates.**

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.

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**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.

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**Second-hand Uniform Donations**

Just a friendly reminder that second-hand uniform donations are gratefully appreciated, but please ensure that they are 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.

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**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.

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**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Farmers Market**

16th August, 2014

**Dedicate a Book**

25 – 29th August, 2014

**Obstacle a thon**

29th October, 2014

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**PARENTS CLUB MEETINGS**

Next Meeting: TBA. All are welcome to attend.

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**SHOPPERS CARDS**

Our Shoppers Cards are being revamped. Watch out for the new and improved cards available soon!!

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**ICY POLES**

Return in Term 4.

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**SCHOOL BANKING**

Every Friday. Please limit deposits to $10 or under.

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**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!

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**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    PARENT HELP

Yes, I am able to help on Wednesday 29th October

Obstacle-a-thon 10:30am to 1:30pm

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

Dedicate a Book Promotion

Literacy and Numeracy Week (25 - 29 August 2014)

Order Form

To assist Altona Primary School’s library book collection, the school is running a promotion where you purchase a book for the school library and a dedication will be placed inside the cover of the book acknowledging who donated the book. Your donation will go directly to purchasing a book for the library. Due to families selecting the same book, we have not given the option to select a book. If you would like to choose a book we will be holding stall in literacy & numeracy week (25th - 29th August), where you can select the book(s) you would like to donate. However, if you are unable to make the selection we can do this for you.

Please tick the value of the book you wish to donate:

- $5.00
- $10.00
- $15.00
- $20.00

Please tick the age group of the book you would like to donate

Junior
(Grades P - 2)

Middle
(Grades 3 - 4)

Senior
(Grades 5 - 6)

A book will be selected for you to the value of your gift and a note sent home with your child letting you know which book you have generously donated.

Please fill out the dedication below. This will be typed up and placed inside the front cover of the book.

This book has been generously donated to Altona Primary School by:
Names that will appear on the inside cover of Book
(e.g. Family name, individual children's names or your own name.)

If donating more than one book, please fill out a dedication for each book you would like to donate

Please print names to ensure correct spelling when dedication is printed.

Please fill out the following details:

Your Child's Name: __________________________

Your Child's Grade: _________________________

Teachers Name: ____________________________
Altona Primary School Farmers’ Market
Saturday 16\textsuperscript{th} August 2014

This month our Farmers’ Market coincides with the Altona Primary School’s Art Show on Saturday 16\textsuperscript{th} August. The market will be open from 9am – 1 pm. If you have tickets to see the show, please come along to the market and browse the local tasty produce on offer and take home some bargains!

We will be running a school Sausage Sizzle stall and we need a few more volunteers to help us run the stall. If you are available for an hour on the day and would like to help out, please contact Carol on 0432862592 with your details/time available. Thank you!

It is the APS Farmers’ Market’s 2nd Birthday next month. We are planning some special celebrations – watch this space to find out more!