Principal’s Corner
Welcome back to term 4. It is a sad but exciting term for our grade 6 students. They have been fantastic leaders and role models so far this year. I hope they all enjoy and savour their last term at Altona P.S. with their friends and teachers.

I was on long service leave for the last 2 weeks of term 3. My wife and I holidayed in Broome, Perth and Koh Samui. I am ready for an invigorating term 4. It is such a delight to work at Altona P.S. Thank you to Mrs. Fridey who was fabulous as Acting Principal.

This term we will complete all of our 2014 work and plan strategically and precisely for 2015. Assessment, reports, grade placements and teachers for 2015, budgets, performance plans, and our 2015 Annual Implementation Plan are some of our tasks. I am really pleased with the social, emotional, creative and academic achievements of all of our students so far this year.

At the next Farmers Market, Saturday October 18th, we will be having a parents vs teachers soccer match at 10:00 a.m. If you would like to play contact the school.

The Parents Club are holding a trivia night hosted by Ms. Beckman and Ms. Farrow. Come long and book or join with a table. It should be a fabulous night. Details are in this week’s newsletter.

Welcome back to Ms. Helen, Ms. Thompson and Mrs. Galvin. They all had overseas holidays. We are glad to have them back. We now have all our staff on board. Thank you to Mr. Mcpherson and Ms. Thompson for their work as Acting Assistant Principals. They were both outstanding.

Thank you to all of the parents who completed the 2014 Parent Survey. We had a 100% return this year, our best return ever. The survey results are on our website.

In 2015, in order to reduce the number of students in grades 3 and 4, we will add a composite grade 3 / 4 along with the usual straight grade 3’s and 4’s. We will revert to four grade Preps in order to achieve this. This grade will be taught by Ms. McDonald who is the grade 4 team leader. The grade 3 / 4 will be part of the grade 4 team and included in the netbook program. It will be an extension grade. This grade will consist of students who are academically 6-18 months ahead. Parents will be contacted over the next fortnight prior to the finalisation of this grade. Please contact me by phone, e mail or in the school yard if you would like to further discuss this. The main aim is to reduce the numbers but the positive benefit is the opportunity to extend our grade 3 and 4 students.

We have received $187,000 from the department for maintenance and repairs to the main building ($158,000) and the grade one portables ($29,000).

The 2015 Grade Four netbook program is almost finalised. We will send out final notes for deposits in the next few weeks. Families who have never seen the grade 4-6 students using their netbooks are welcome to visit at any time. I will take you through our ‘new’ building and show you the program in action. It has made a huge difference to learning and teaching in grades 4-6. We would like to see all students involved. Please contact me if the cost is prohibitive.

Have a great weekend
Kevin Enright
DATES TO REMEMBER 2014

**Wednesday 15th October**
Jump Rope for Heart

**Wednesday 22nd October**
Grade 2’s Excursion to Scienceworks

**Wednesday 29th October**
Parents Club Obstacle-a-thon

**Monday 3rd November**
Curriculum Day – pupil free

**Tuesday 4th November**
Public Holiday Melbourne Cup

**Thursday 20th and Thursday 27th November**
Prep Transition for 2015

**Friday 28th November**
Grade 4 Excursion to Werribee Mansion

**Thursday 4th December**
Prep 2015 information evening

**Thursday 4th and Thursday 11th December**
Prep 2015 and whole school Transition

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

**Wednesday 10th December**
APS Carols Evening

**Tuesday 16th December**
Grade 6 Graduation

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

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**After School Art and Craft Classes. Term 4, 2014.**

**I’m stuck on you!**

Child’s name__________________________________________Grade_________________

Parent/Guardian__________________________________________

Contact Number:_________________________________________

Thank you, Mrs Barry and Mrs Cain
TRANSITION NEWS
Grade 6 2015-16
For those students who are in Grade 6 in 2015 and will be entering high school in 2016 we will be holding an information evening on how the process of applying for secondary school works. This evening will be held on Thursday 30th October commencing at 6:30pm in Andrew Gilpin’s room (LS4). Parents of current Grade 4 students (Grade 6 2016) are more than welcome to attend also.

While thinking about prospective high schools for your child might seem like a long way off, private schools such as Westbourne Grammar have started the process of having placement exams as early as two years in advance (when your child is in Grade 5), and other private schools have cut-offs for the application process in early February of the previous year, so it pays to have a look at these options as early as possible if it is a path in which you would like to explore.

In order to set up the venue could you please return the slip below to your child’s classroom teacher by no later than Tuesday 28th October.

Kind regards,

Andrew Gilpin
Grade 5/6 Team Leader

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Application to Secondary School Information Session
Tuesday October 15th, 2013

Name: _______________________________________________________

Yes, I / we will be attending the Information Evening at 6:30pm

Please return to your child’s teacher by Tuesday, October 28th.
Dear families of OSHC,

It saddens me to inform you that my time at Altona P.S OSHC has come to an end. I have been fortunate enough to receive an early teaching position for Term 4 at Alamanda College. My time here at OSHC over the past 9 years has brought me fond memories that will stay with me for a lifetime. It has been an absolute pleasure to be involved in the Altona P.S community and work with such great families and children. OSHC was the turning point for me to take the pathway of teaching, having the opportunity to watch individuals grow and develop a love of learning.

I’m going to miss everyone at Altona P/S tremendously and it will be hard to leave the children and families I have grown to cherish but I am ready to begin my teaching career. I thank you all for contributing to my amazing time here at Altona P.S OSHC. My last day will be Friday 10th October and as a farewell I will be throwing a little party after school (3.15pm – 4.15pm) in the PAC where all families and children are welcome to attend. If your child wishes to attend you must be in attendance unless your child is booked in to After School Care.

Felicity

BOOKCLUB ISSUE 7
All orders are due back at school by Friday, October 24th. If your order is for a gift, please mark this on the envelope and your order will be left at the office.

Sports Corner

Western Region Athletics
As mentioned at assembly we had a number of students who did well enough to qualify for the Western Region Athletics Carnival to be held in Keilor on Tuesday the 14th of October against other competitors from across the Western Suburbs. We wish all of those competitors the best of luck with their events and I'm sure they'll represent the school extremely well. Great job on making it this far into the competition.

Jump Rope for Heart
Next Wednesday the 15th of October will be our schools Jump off morning. We have some fun activities for both the junior and senior school to take part in on the morning. You can still fundraise and win prizes at this late stage by registering at www.heartfoundation.org.au/jumpropeforheart
Let’s look forward to a great morning of skipping.

Mr Clarke
Enrolling in OSHC and Vacation Care

At Altona Primary OSHC and Vacation Care we use the computer system “HubWorks” to manage our program. This system enables all families to access their accounts online to make payments and bookings 24/7.

To enrol go to this link and click on the enrol button.

Please note: It is advised that you click to enrol in all three of our services. Even if your child is only going to attend one of the services we advise you to enrol them in all three to avoid future delays in the booking process.

Once you have completed the enrolment form it will be sent to us to confirm the enrolment. After we have done this you will then be sent an email with your log on details. From here you will then be able to make payments and alter bookings for your children online.

If you have any other questions or require assistance please come and see us at any time.
You can also contact us by phone or email
Phone: 9398 8310
Email: apsoshc@gmail.com

| Before School Care | Hours: 7.15am – 8.45am | Cost: $11 per child |
| After School Care  | Hours: 3.15pm – 6.15pm | Cost: $14 per child |

| Vacation Care      | Hours: 7.30am – 6pm     | Cost: $50 per day, $60 for Incursions, $65 for Excursions |
Ride2School, HandsUp! Count – Wed 15th October

Altona Primary is now part of the Bicycle Network Ride2School program. This program is designed to get children more active and facilitate active transport to and from school. APS will now be holding a monthly HandsUp! Count to encourage active transport to school. After 5/6 C taking out the class trophy for September, it will be interesting to see who gets the trophy this month. Students will be surveyed in the morning to “Put their hands up” and be counted, if they: rode, walked, skated, scootered, caught public transport or were driven to school. These results will be entered into the Bicycle Network data.

Simon Clarke

BOOKPACK COLLECTION DAY 2015

The date for collecting Grade 1 - 6 bookpacks has been set for Wednesday 28th January.

Hours 9am-12.30pm, closed for lunch, 2pm-6pm.

Prep packs do not have to be collected as these are distributed by the classroom teacher.

“Parents versus Staff Soccer Challenge”
Saturday 18th October

It's getting close to the big game and we are delighted to confirm the line up for the teacher's team in next week's soccer match at the Farmers Market: Andrew Gilpin, Jaime Flores, Joanne Mathrick, Stephen Fava, & Eoin Corr. So now parents, it's time to get our team together and if you fancy a bit of fun and a kick around next Saturday morning (18th October, 10am), then please contact Liz Brown who will pass your details on to Ed Geraghty. And don't forget the supporters are just as important too, so come along and cheer on your teachers & parents!

MOUNT ST JOSEPH COLLEGE
Open day Sunday 12th October 2014.
Pre register online at www.msj.vic.edu.au phone 8398 2000

SOMERS PARADE KINDERGARTEN
50 YEAR CELEBRATION
Sunday 19th October 2014
12pm-3pm
• Sausage sizzle
• Children’s entertainment
Lest We Forget

Does your family have an ANZAC - World War I connection?

If your family has a relative that was involved in the World War I campaign we would like to hear from you. We are hoping to gather a list of service men or women from WWI, briefly research their service and develop a profile of them that could be used by our students during the centennial.

On the eve of the 100th anniversary of the landing of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps troops at Gallipoli, we are beginning to plan how we can commemorate this event.

It is important that we commemorate ANZAC DAY, and exactly what it means to us all as a nation and as individuals. But of course it is just not Gallipoli we remember on this day, nor is it even the First World War. This is a day set aside for us all to collectively give thanks to all those men and women, who have put their lives at risk, and in many cases paid the supreme price. We also acknowledge the losses and sacrifices of their families.

In 2015 Altona Primary School is also turning 100 years old and we want to acknowledge these two events and how they have influenced the development of Altona Primary School.

If you are able to provide us with some information:
- Service man/woman's full name
- Date of birth
- City they were living in.
- City they were living in at time of enlistment
- Soldier / Sailor / Nurse / Air Force
- Parents name or spouse's name

The more information we have the easier it might be to narrow the search and identify the service man/woman's records.

Contact: Joanne Mathrick - mathrick.joanne.s@edumail.vic.gov.au
The Parent’s Club can be contacted anytime by email: APSParentClub@altonaps.vic.edu.au

FARMERS MARKET DATES
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.

**APSP Trivia Night - 7th November, 2014**

The APS Trivia Night will be held on the 7th of November and in order to make this event a success we need your help. We are asking each child to donate something according to a specific “theme”. Items from each class will be combined with items from the other year levels to make a number of different baskets to be used as prizes during the trivia night.

All donated items will be gratefully accepted, but please remember, all items must be new, in original packaging and must be non-perishable. Some ideas have been provided with each theme – donated items could be appropriate for male/female, the young or old.

Items for donation can be left in the allocated box in your child’s classroom. All items will need to be donated by 24 October 2014. Thank you for your help and support!

**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.

**ICES 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.
Naturals

Made from real fruit
100% Natural

Jüsses & Purées
Vegan
Non-GMO
No Trans Fats
Rich in Vitamin C
Cholesterol Free
Nutfree
Soy free
Egg free
Dairy free
Gluten free

Store on shelf & freeze to serve
No artificial additives
Concentrated Nutribone Ice
Amber Rared

real fruit juices; not concentrates or reconstituted juices.
THANK YOU!

A really big Thank You to everyone who came along to our Farmers’ Market last month to celebrate our 2nd Birthday! We held our Family Fun Day and there were fabulous facepaints, funky hairsprays. Super stories and lots of fun had on the bouncing castle and in the petting zoo. It was great to see so many of our families out and enjoying the sunshine, activities and our market fare. Thank you to all those people behind the scenes who helped to co-ordinate and run the activities and the school stall and gates. Takings from the last two markets still raised $897, even after costs for all the Free Family Fun day activities were deducted.

COMING UP AT NEXT MARKET:

DATE: SATURDAY 18th October 2014

More details to follow next week!
**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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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 class room teacher.
Dear Parents and Friends,

The APS Trivia Night will be held in November this year and in order to make this event a success we need your help. We are asking each child to donate something according to a specific “theme” (see below for the themes). Items from each class will be combined with items from the other year levels to make a number of different baskets to be used as prizes during the trivia night.

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Thank-you for your help and support.

APS Parents Club
Altona Primary
TRIVIA NIGHT

7 November 2014
Altona RSL

80’s Music Theme
Door Prizes
Raffle
Games

Live Performances and much more
$10:00 per adult. Table seating 10 adults per table.

Trivia Night Booking Form

Name: ____________________________________  Contact No: ____________________

Child’s Name: ____________________________  Class: __________

Yes, I would like to book:

□ TABLE of 10    or    NUMBER of TICKETS REQUIRED: __________

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: $ __________