Principal’s Corner

Congratulations to the grade 3 students for a wonderful Remembrance Day Ceremony on Friday. Thank you to all who attended. It was a very respectful and moving ceremony. We had the first day of the school review days yesterday. All aspects of the school’s performance were looked at as we complete the review and build the new Strategic Plan in a fortnight. The student academic data is above the state average but we are looking at taking the school from good to great to excellent for the benefit of all students and families. We have received a grant of $108,000 to repair some of our synthetic grass, bitumen and concrete areas depending on the overall cost of each. We will stretch the budget as far as we can.

The grade 3 /4 and Year 4 netbook information evening is on Wednesday 23/11/16 in the learning street at 6:30pm. We will discuss the program and give details of the cost for 2017–2019. The netbook program has transformed the learning and teaching in grades 4-6. Prep 2017 Transition begins next week. We will announce the grade teachers for 2017 in the coming weeks in preparation for the whole school transitions days. An enormous amount of work has gone into matching students with students and teachers to make sure all students have an enjoyable and productive 2017.

All the grades are busily rehearsing and recording their songs for this year’s Christmas Carols night. It is always one of the highlights at Altona P.S. to spend the evening with our community and their extended families enjoying the carols. All friends and neighbours are welcome. Today the grade 5 students will be making their speeches vying for school and house captain positions in 2017. It is so inspiring and emotional to hear every student’s speech. We are so proud of them all. The students vote in the new captains. The staff and school leadership have no part in the process. I really like the fact that the captains are chosen for the students by the students. Ms. McKendrick does an amazing job building their leadership capacity throughout the year.

Have a great weekend
Kevin Enright
Principal
## 2016 WHOLE SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR FAMILIES

### After School Activities:
- **Dan-sing** Monday & Wednesday 3:20pm-4:20pm  
  Mrs Cains **Art Class** Thursday 3:30pm-4:30pm
- Mr Corroon **Robotics** Wednesday 3.30pm -4.30pm  
  **Guitar** with Tim R, Andrew G & Leigh E Wed & Thurs. 3:15-4:15pm
- **Music Production** with Tim R Tues 3:15-4:00pm. **Singing** with Tim Henwood Tuesdays 3:15-4:15
- Carl Manuel **Drums** (also during school) Thurs & Fridays until 4:30pm. Tim Nelson – **Piano** Wed & Thurs – till late
- **Science Program** with Mrs Kenny & Miss Hruschka each Thursday in Term 4 from 3:15 – 4:30pm
- **Fitastic Kids Club** Mon, Wed & Fridays 3:15 – 4:15pm
- **Ukelele Group** Friday’s 3.15pm with Mr Rouse

### 2016 TERM 4 WHOLE SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR FAMILIES

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Olympic Colour Crazy Obstacle-a-thon

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We would like to thank our Sponsors for their support with the Girls Night Out event. Their generosity is greatly appreciated within our school community.

Platinum Sponsors - $1500  Naming Rights  Sweeney Real Estate Altona

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On Thursday 8th December 2016, Altona Primary School will be having a coin trail to see which grade has the longest line of coins. Each grade will be given a jar on Monday to start collecting coins for the coin trail. The grades will then line up their coins on 08/12/16 and measure the length of their trails. The winning grade will get a trophy for their fundraising efforts.

On this day, students who have donated coins are invited to wear casual clothes to school.

All money raised will go towards the Chromosome18 Research and Registry Society to support families affected by chromosome abnormalities.
Walk to School Month 2016
As part of a healthy school initiative set up by VicHealth, Altona Primary will be having “Walk to School” Month for the month of November.

We are encouraging students along with parents to walk, ride or scoot to school to promote healthy and environmentally friendly ways to get to and from school. There will be a competition between classes with prizes for the most active class in the school over the month of November.

Walking to school can count as parking your car around the block and walking the rest of the journey with your child so all children have the chance to participate. It is also a good opportunity to talk about road safety with your children such as pointing out the designated road crossing points and ensuring students are following road rules on bikes.

TERM 4 NETBOOK PAYMENTS DUE
Netbook payments for our current grade 4, 5 and 6’s are due by Friday 25th November 2016. Please send payment in an envelope to the classroom teacher, or pay by credit card at the office.
Altona Primary School invites families of the ‘2016 Grade 6 graduating class’ to attend our Graduation Ceremony at the Wyndham Cultural Centre. The graduation begins at 6:30pm sharp, so make sure you don’t miss a second. We ask that families drop students who are graduating off at 5:15pm (where their teachers will be waiting for them). Feel free to grab a bite to eat or a drink nearby while you wait. Wyndham Cultural Centre is located at 177 Watton Street Werribee and is surrounded by many food and beverage venues. It is a five-minute walk from Werribee Train Station for those of you who are taking public transport.

Extra Graduation tickets now available for sale – hurry only a few left

This year tickets will be sold online at the following website: http://www.wyncc.com.au/whats_on/schoolsandcommunities

Wyndham Cultural Centre can also take personal bookings at their Box Office counter or phone bookings (8734 6000) if you are unable to book online. Both VISA and Mastercard are accepted.

After the Graduation Ceremony, light refreshments will be served in the foyer until 9pm.

We are looking forward to a fantastic evening celebrating your child’s time at Altona Primary School.

Kind Regards,
The 5/6 Team.
Dear Families,

We are constantly inundated with massive amounts of lost property and have put some new procedures in place. Please ensure that all items that come to school are clearly named so if items are lost we can return them. This includes all clothing items and equipment. Lost Property will now be stored for easy access in the undercover area out the front of the Library. We ask families to please check this weekly to ensure items are returned to students. At the end of each week any items not collected will be disposed of (eg. Lunch boxes with rotting food) and any other items will be cleared away and donated. We thank you for your assistance in this area.

**WESTERN BULLDOGS PREMIERSHIP SCHOOL VISIT**

**Friday 25th November 10am – 11am**

The Premiership Cup will visit APS for 1 hour. This event may never come our way again! All students and families are invited to join in the photo opportunity and see what this amazing cup looks like in reality. Don’t forget to wear your red, white and blue on the day and/or wear your footy gear.

In order to allow time for everyone to be involved in a photo, the following schedule has been organised:

10am – 10.20am PREP/1/2  
10.20am – 10.40am GRADE 3/4  
10.40am – 11am GRADE 5/6
After school art and craft classes in 2017 will be held in the art room on a Thursday afternoon between 3.30-4.30pm in term 1.
The opportunity to participate is offered to children from grades 2 – 6.
The cost will be $30 to cover materials and $10 per session, making a total of $110 for 8 Sessions.

Please note: Permission slips and payments must be directed to Mrs Cain in the art room and not the main office.

**PROJECT ONE**

**Session 1** (09/2/17): Design mosaic image and paint chosen side table.
**Session 2** (16/2/17): Start gluing the mosaic tiles down.
**Session 3** (23/2/17): Continue with mosaic tiles.
**Session 4** (02/3/17): Mix up and apply the grout to the table top.

**PROJECT TWO**

**Session 5** (09/3/17): Begin making a kitchen mosaic tray.
**Session 6** (16/3/17): Continue gluing the mosaic tiles.
**Session 7** (23/3/17): Grout the mosaic tray and attach stoppers to the base.
**Session 8** (30/3/17): Create a simple piece of own choice.

Please complete the attached form to indicate interest in attending. I will contact you as soon as possible. A deposit of $30 will be required by the last week of term 4 (12/12/16) to allow time for the purchase of materials.

I am delighted to offer this opportunity out of school hours and look forward to working with children who enjoy art and craft as much as I do.
Thank you, Mrs Cain

__________________________  
**After School Art and Craft Classes. Term 1, 2017.**

Child’s name__________________________________________ Grade______________

Parent/Guardian _____________________________________________________________

Contact Number: _________________________________________________________

Email: _______________________________
"You can do it"
Monday 14th November - Awards Week 7 Term 4

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<td>Autumn</td>
<td>Persistence – for displaying healthy habits when learning new spelling words. Determination and persistence pays off! Well done Eva!</td>
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<td>Bess</td>
<td>Persistence – for showing huge improvements with his handwriting – Well done Liam!</td>
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<td>Confidence – for confidently skip counting by 10’s, 5’s, &amp; 2’s – Well done Lily</td>
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<td>Ophelia</td>
<td>Confidence – for showing confidence and creativity when writing her “what a mess!” narrative. We loved hearing you share it! Excellent job Miranda!!</td>
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<td>Eva</td>
<td>Getting Along – for being an absolute SUPER STAR and always cleaning up after everyone. We are very lucky to have you in 1F</td>
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## Grade 2 Awards

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<td>2N</td>
<td>Confidence</td>
<td>for adding extra detail to her narratives and having fantastic spelling attempts of new words. Well done!</td>
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<td>Jake</td>
<td>2N</td>
<td>Confidence</td>
<td>for solving multiplication problems with multiple strategies. Well done!</td>
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<td>Meisha</td>
<td>2W</td>
<td>Organisation</td>
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## Grade 3 Awards

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<td>Persistence</td>
<td>for writing a superb “Halloween” narrative incorporating lots of spooky adjectives and plenty of tension.</td>
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<td>Kyran</td>
<td>34J</td>
<td>Organisation</td>
<td>for becoming more independent daily with his belongings and class jobs – Keep it up!</td>
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<td>Nicholas</td>
<td>34J</td>
<td>Resilience</td>
<td>for working hard to achieve his goals in all areas. Keep it up!</td>
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<td>Sam</td>
<td>34H</td>
<td>Getting Along</td>
<td>for always setting a good example for others in class.</td>
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<td>Kyra</td>
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<td>for completing recent assessments with confidence and persistence! Well done Kyra!</td>
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<td>Tangel</td>
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<td>for speaking with confidence to the entire school for Remembrance Day!</td>
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## Grade 4 Awards

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<td>Lucca</td>
<td>4F</td>
<td>Getting Along</td>
<td>for giving absolutely everything that you do a red hot go! You are a super star!!</td>
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## Grade 5 / 6 Awards

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<td>Confidence</td>
<td>for excellent reading and comprehension when conferencing with Miss Mac, so impressive!</td>
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<td>Lavinia</td>
<td>56J</td>
<td>Resilience</td>
<td>for pushing through one tough week to have a super successful one the next week; You’ve worked so hard and achieved so much!!!</td>
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To current Grade 5 parents/guardians,

Thank you to those who attended the Transition Information Evening on Tuesday night. Due to the large number of students in Grade 6 next year we will be holding another Transition Information Evening for those who were not able to attend on Tuesday night. This will take place on Thursday the 24th of November at 6.30pm in Andrew Gilpin’s classroom (Learning Street Room 2, accessible via Blyth St gate).

Attendance is optional. The aim is to provide general information regarding the secondary school placement process for students in 2017 who are in Grade 6.

Look forward to having a chat with you.

Regards,

Andrew Gilpin
Thank you for your input!

Every 4 years schools review their performance and set a new 4 year plan. (Strategic Plan). The purpose of a review year is to evaluate and diagnose our performance, prioritise and set goals and then develop a plan that we can implement and monitor each year.

We have received some very useful and informative feedback from the forums, interviews and focus groups that has been collated and now shared at school council.

It has been pleasing to see so many positive comments and also some new ideas for the school to consider during the review.

We all talk to many parents in our roles as your representatives, so seeing the topics from our discussions appearing in the feedback reconfirms what you would like us to reinforce during the review and more importantly the planning. Kevin and the leadership team will set a vision, strategy and operational plan for the next 4 years.

Hot Topics from our last meeting...

Our last 2 meetings have covered a variety of topics. In both meetings we conducted our usual review of the reports from each sub committee and also the Principal’s report (which is very similar to the messages Kevin puts into the weekly newsletter). We then also covered a number of general discussion topics, some from the Leadership Team and some that were raised by parents.

In September: we discussed a range of policies and documents related to Child Safe in line with the Department of Education requirements. These included things like Child Safe Policy, Staff Code of Conduct, Recruitment processes and risk management across the school.

Term 4 will also see an OH&S Audit of the school, a big responsibility often undertaken quietly in the background, however this work is very important to ensure our facilities and policies are always at or above the appropriate standards.

Anaphylaxis was a big topic following a number of occurrences in the school in recent times. On each occasion the staff managed the situation extremely well and students were also able to assist their classmates in the playground. Each year the staff undertake first aid refresher courses, including Anaphylaxis.
We also heard positive feedback from the recent Cancer Council puppet shows that were offered to students to support an awareness and understanding of the illnesses that can sometimes affect families and friends.

The School Leadership team is in the process of interviewing for teaching positions that will become available in 2017, with many excellent candidates putting themselves forward for consideration.

A desire for more science programs to be available (in addition to the after-school sports programs which were mentioned in the last update) was raised and will be discussed with the teaching staff. An after-school science program began this term.

From a building and grounds perspective there will be an extension later this year to the “data room” to enable it to be used as a classroom in 2017.

Finally, a wrap up from the Colour Crazy Day included an overwhelmingly positive response from the entire school community. Students, teachers, families and friends of the school were thrilled with the day. Apart from all the teamwork, positive energy, and memories made, we also raised around $7,500 for the school and started some ongoing community connections with local businesses. Other schools have shown an interest in learning more about our fantastic day so we are sharing the planning and ideas with them so they can enjoy a similar experience.

In October: we were presented with the 2016 Naplan data analysis. Always an interesting view into the work our school does with our children, understanding where they have areas of strength and where there are opportunities for improvement across the various cohorts. It is fantastic to listen to the way in which this data is used by our teaching staff to better understand the students needs and then put strategies in place.

Overall the results continue to be very strong which in itself can be a challenge when they are looking for areas of improvement however this will be discussed in more detail during the upcoming school review in November.

Key points to note from the results were: Year 3 and Year 5 are both significantly above the state average in all areas and Year 5 results were the second highest score in reading, writing and spelling APS has ever achieved! Well done to the students and their teachers.

The school has started to prepare for the strategic plan review. A self-evaluation document has been completed highlighting APS has much to celebrate in terms of achievements across the school by staff, students and the community. The report will be provided to the official reviewer in October and the official review days involving the Leadership Team, School Council President and Department of Education Reviewers is planned for November.

The Child Safe Standards action plan (Based on 7 Child Safe Standards) has been completed with implementation this month.

A proposal for a Little Athletics (LAPS) Program was presented for consideration. The LAPS program comes to the school and can pitch lessons to all classes. It can be an add on or built in to part of current curriculum, something we will discuss further with Jayme Morris as he plans for 2017.
Securing a Premiership cup visit was an exciting announcement. The cup will come to the school on the 25th November for one hour from 10am.

We have had some strong weather lately and a few parent requests for improvements to school grounds so shade sail replacement, mulch for the playgrounds, tree stump removal and concreting to level out area between ICT lab and portables were all approved following staff OH&S representative and site manager inspections.

The Family and Friends sub committee reported the recent Father’s Day Stall was very successful and they are now busy planning the October Disco.

The Altona RSL has once again offered to fund 2 students to attend a camp at Portsea over the 2017 Christmas break, a fantastic example of our ongoing community partnerships and support.

The interview process has been completed for the 2 new graduate teacher positions and a Leading Teacher appointment for 2017.

As a follow up to the recent Peer Study Research, staff undertook professional learning in October facilitated by Professor Vicki Anderson from the Murdoch Children’s Research Institute. The research is based on the development of an upcoming app which will measure student’s social skills.

Our Grade 3 students spent 3 days at Camp Wilkin with feedback from the staff, students and volunteers all being very positive. Thank you to the staff and volunteers who attended. Our Grade 4 students headed off to Camp Wilkin for a 3 day camp later in October.

Monday 31st October is a pupil free day with staff involved in report writing.

**Councilor Spotlight**

Each issue we will feature some of our fantastic Councilors so you can learn more about us.

**CLAIRE CARSON** has 2 children at APS. Domenic is in (5/6 AC) & Holly in (4F). She is an architect with almost 20 years’ experience in designing public buildings. Predominantly her work has focused on educational facilities, master planning and designing schools for the Department of Education and independent schools across Victoria so her insights are invaluable. She has served on Kinder committees at Altona West and Altona and has been a member of the APS school council for the last year. Claire has contributed to APS in various roles over the past seven years, from classroom help through to concert costumes, art show pieces, Mother's/Father's Day stalls, excursions. “I have been very pleased in our time here to watch the range of extra-curricular activities grow and think the students benefit immensely from having these options readily available to them, I value the role of
School Council as an important part of the school-home partnership. I believe that it gives the school leadership team an opportunity to present their values and goals for the future of the school and allows for an input of ideas from the broader school community.”

Our next meeting in November...

In the meantime your child’s teacher, the lovely ladies in the office, Kevin, Nicole or Debbie can also assist with any questions or enquiries.

We hope you enjoyed reading more about the School Council and would love to hear any feedback or ideas that you may have.

Kind Regards,

Alexis Beckwith
School Council President

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Somers School Camp Update

Earlier this month, we received our Somers School Camp Allocation for 2017. This camp is attended by 160 students from a number of schools across Hobson’s Bay and Maribyrnong. Interest to attend Somers School Camp is always high and this time around there were over 510 expressions of interest from students in the local area. Interested student names from each school are forwarded to the camp organisers who then allocate places to each school based on the number of expressions of interest relative to the size of the school. The students who have been selected to attend the camp next year were assigned a number which were then randomly selected using a computer program. Due to high demand this unfortunately does mean many students from APS did miss out and there are around 350 students currently on a waiting list.

Both myself and Jayme Morris will be attending the camp as visiting teachers next year and met with the selected students this week. Could selected students/families please ensure they return their application and medical forms along with the $250 by the due date so numbers can be finalized with the camp. I will endeavor to have a suggested packing list sent home prior to the end of the year.
Feel free to pop in to see me with any queries.

Shonelle Kent
APS Somers Camp coordinator
CHALLENGE YOURSELF

SATURDAY 17 DECEMBER - WILLIAMSTOWN BEACH

Kids Challenge (Ages 7-11): 750m
WOW Challenge: 1.2 km and 2.5 km
WOW Challenge & Victorian Championships: 5 km and 10 km

FEATURING OPEN WATER LEGENDS:
Chloe McCardel - English Channel Record Holder
Jarrod Poort - RIO 10 km OW Olympian
Sam Sheppard - 6 x Winner Lorne Pier to Pub
Mel Cunningham - Former World 25km OW Champion

PRE-REGISTER AND SAVE NOW!

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(Entry to the Victorian Open Water Championships events is open to Swimming Australia and Masters Swimming Australia members only. See vic.swimming.org.au or WOWChallenge.com.au for more details)
Once again, we will be supporting local families in need with our Christmas Hamper collection in conjunction with The Salvation Army and the Community Information centre of Hobsons Bay. Boxes will be placed in each classroom on 18th November and collected on 9th December. We are asking for donations of non-perishable food such as canned goods, pasta, sauces, sugar or drinks. The leaflet lists requested items for donation. As it is the festive season, as well as the goods listed, sweeter treats such as biscuits, Christmas cakes, chips and lollies are also much appreciated. Please ensure that foods donated are within the expiry date. Thank you for your support.