Principal’s Corner

Another week and more good stories to celebrate the school and students. The Athletics day was a big success despite a few showers. It was a delight to spend the whole day having fun with the students, parents and teachers. A big thank you to Mr. Morris and Mr. Corroon for organising the day and to the Mr. Fava, Mr. McPherson, Mr. Hargreaves and Mr. Gilpin who arrived early in the morning to set up the events and the teachers and parents involved.

The Prep-Two grades also had a fabulous ‘Athletics’ day today. Thank you to the parents who attended and the 5/6 students for their help.

We also had a number of students successful in the Altona Beach film festival. Their films were terrific. On Saturday night, Netty Gentile’s film, Wave Catcher, won the pre-teen section. Netty wrote, directed and edited the film. It starred Alexandra, Francesca and Kayla. The prize was $200.

Congratulations also to Heath (Wave Wars) and Shirkhar (Sound Waves). Heath’s film won the people’s choice award in pre-teen category. It had a great environmental message.

Prep and Grade 1 students enjoyed the incursion “The Hunchback of Notre Dame” and the Grade 3’s had fun taking part in their incursion “Road to Rio”.

Altona P.S. featured on Channel Nine news this week. The story recognised APS as one of three outstanding Primary schools around Melbourne where the real estate values have risen appreciably due to families wanting to live near and attend the school. I was pleased at the recognition of APS for the accomplishments of our students and staff and the filming of the students at work. My five minute interview was reduced to one sentence about real estate not Education.

Thank you to our wonderful community for your support last week. The staff greatly appreciated the support.

Good luck to our inter school sports teams in the finals tomorrow.

Have a great weekend,

Kevin Enright
### 2016 TERM 3 WHOLE SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR FAMILIES

**TRANSITION DATES:** Please note a change to these dates (moved one week forward, commencing on 24/11 not 17/11)

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“3 WAY STUDENT LED CONFERENCES”

When: Thursday 8th September 2016 (11am – 7:15 pm)
Where: Classrooms
Who will participate: The student, parents/carers and the classroom teacher

It is crucial for every family to participate to support your child’s learning

Dear Parents/Carers,
On Thursday 8th September 2016 3-Way Student Led Conferences" will be held for all students from Prep – Year 6. As this is a Curriculum Day students will not be required to attend school, other than their scheduled conference time with their parents. Out of Hours Care will be running a full day program.

At Altona Primary School we aim to give the learner increasing responsibility and ownership for their learning so they can develop into independent, life-long learners. A ‘Student-Led Conference’ is a way to encourage students to take responsibility for their own learning, actions and decisions. It also demonstrates that, together, we will support their learning and celebrate their achievements.

Roles & Responsibilities:
Students:
➢ Students plan and prepare their work for discussion with the support of their teacher. During the conference students demonstrate their learning goals with evidence of their learnings. This enables students to share their work in a confident and articulate manner.

Parents:
➢ Parents are expected to attend the conference with their child. Parents can offer support and encouragement, be active listeners and praise their efforts.

Teachers:
➢ Teachers support students develop their confidence to share their work and understandings effectively. They play a crucial role in supporting students to plan and prepare the work they choose to present as evidence of their learning. Teachers support students in selecting effective presentation skills. Teachers will also assist with other information for parents regarding their child’s learning.

The conference will take approximately 15 minutes. The structure of the conference may differ across year levels, however, this opportunity allows for students, parents and teachers to meet and continue a partnership that will produce the best possible learning environment for your child and to celebrate their achievements.

With thanks

Leadership Team
Dear Parents and Carers, (Grade Prep-6)

Altona Primary School “3-Way Conferences” (Parent/Teacher/Student) interviews will be held from **11:00am to 7.15pm on Thursday 8th September 2016**

You can now book interviews at times that suit **YOUR FAMILY BEST**. Go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and follow these simple instructions.

**BOOKINGS CLOSE Wednesday 7th September 2016 at 3:15pm**

For parents that don’t have access to the internet at home, at work, at a friend’s house or on their phones, please contact the school office and we can help you. Interviews are strictly 15 mins and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements for another day.

Parents can change their interview bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) website, and using the event code. **Remember to use the same name and email address, you used when you made your original booking.**

Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date, should contact the school directly on: 9398 2925.
School/District/Divisional/Regional/State Sports Events:

APS Junior Carnival (P-2) – August 25th, Altona Primary: 9am – 11am
Summer Interschool Sport Finals – August 26th, Altona Area: 9am – 3pm
District Athletics – September 6th, Newport Athletics Track: 9am – 3pm
Jump Rope for Heart (P-6) – September 7th, Altona Primary: 9am – 11am

Summer interschool Sport finals this week at the following locations;
- Softball – Civic Parade, Altona
- Cricket – Civic Parade, Altona
- Basketball – Altona College
- Hot Shots & Volleyball – Altona Primary School
All competitions start at 9:30am and conclude at 2:30pm on Friday August 26th.

Jump Rope for Heart is scheduled for week 9 this term but will be just part of the school sports program and will not be a fund raising event this year.

Interschool/District/Divisional/Regional/State Sport Results:

Community Sporting Achievements:

If you have any community sports achievements that you’d like mentioned in the school newsletter please email Mr Morris.

morris.jayme.j@edumail.vic.gov.au
**NETBOOKS** – Term 3 Netbook lease payments were due by 12/8/16. Statements were emailed earlier this term. Please contact the office if you did not receive your statement.

**OSHC – SEPTEMBER 8th** – Please contact OSHC on 9398 8310 to book in for the all day program.

**PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2017**
Please note that Prep enrolments for 2017 close on Friday 2nd September. All sibling enrolments must be in by this date.

**SCHOOL CROSSING UPDATE**
Our lovely crossing man Don retired last week and the Council will be sending whoever is available until we get a permanent person next term. Therefore the crossing may not always be supervised. Please make your children aware of this.

**IF YOU ARE UNWELL** – We have had many children unwell with gastro. Please keep children home for 48 hours after the last symptom.

**PHOTOS FROM OLYMPIC OBSTACLE-A-THON** – If you have any photos from Monday we would love a copy. If you could put them on a labelled USB and give them to the office we will take a copy and return them to you.

**OBSTACLE-A-THON MERCHANDISE**
We will be selling lollies, wristbands, fairy floss and yo yo’s from the office windows starting next Monday 29th August.

**FAMILY LIFE** – Due to that change of date for Athletics, Family Life will now occur on August 29th and Sept 12th & 13th.
Altona Primary School
Dedicate a Book 2016

Would you like to support Altona Primary School’s library? We are looking to add new books to the school library collection. We would like to offer you the opportunity to purchase a book for the school library. A dedication will be placed inside the cover of the book acknowledging who donated it. If you would like to choose a book, we will be holding a stall where you can select the book(s) you would like to donate. Books will be available to view and buy in the library, before and after school (8.30- 9 am and 3.15-3.45pm), from Monday 29 August to Thursday 1st September.

If you are unable to make the selection in person, you can still support us by giving a donation. Your donation will go directly to purchasing a book for the library which we will select for you. You will be informed which book you have donated and your dedication will be placed inside. If you would like to donate a book and cannot attend the stall, please fill in the reply slip below and return it to school. Thank you.

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I would like to make a donation and buy a book for the school library:

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 has been chosen and dedicated to you.

Please fill out the dedication below and return to school with your donation.

The dedication will be typed up and placed inside the front cover of the book.

This book has been generously donated to Altona Primary School by:

____________________________________________________________

____________________________________________________________

(Please print names to ensure correct spelling when dedication is printed onto bookplate.)

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

Your Child's Name:___________________________________    Grade:______
Well the fun and colour of the Olympics wasn't just in RIO in the last few weeks it was also at APS! The smiles on the children’s faces all day showed us our Olympics Colour Crazy Obstacle-a-thon was a HUGE success. The endless planning almost drove us CRAZY but the hard work of parents and staff paid off tenfold seeing the children have an absolute ball.

The day started with a magnificent Opening Ceremony with Mr Enright entering with the Olympic torch and each grade showcasing their flag, mascot and theme song.

The children then participated in 25 unique Olympic style activities whilst rolling, running through and having coloured powder thrown at them and their teachers. Absolute GOLD!!!!!

The day concluded with a Colour Bomb the teacher event with the children not holding back creating clouds of rainbow colours which we are sure could have been seen from the moon.

As they always do our children amazed us with their amazing attitudes giving every obstacle a red hot go.

What an amazing community event, with many families making a full day of it and joining in the fun. The weather was amazing and the atmosphere was electric.

We had several representatives from some of our generous local business sponsors come and visit on the day. They were in awe of our children and were proud to support such a magnificent event.

If you have any photos taken on the day please can you put them on a USB and give them to Liz at the office or your class room teacher who will download the photos and return the USB.

We have received positive feedback in many forms such as emails to the school, people coming to the office and even passers-by popping past to comment on the day.

The children are still talking about the day and many of them have visited the office with written reflections and the most colourful drawings we have ever seen from the day. We are sure they will be talking about it for years to come.

Highly successful events like this cannot happen without many months of pre-planning and an army of helpers and supporters.
We would like to thank everyone involved in making this day such a success, in varying capacities every contribution both big and small contributed to the success of this event.

**Family and Friends Committee** – Thank you to all members for their assistance in varying capacities, including:
Planning the event, sponsorship, raffle tickets, sourcing and purchasing equipment.

**Course Map** - Thank you Rod Verwoert for the creative course map

**Families and Children** – thank you to the many families who donated items, sponsorship and helped out setting up on Sunday and on the day.

**Families and staff** - thank you for giving up your Sunday morning and working as a team to set up on the Course.

**Volunteers on the day** – Thank you to our Student teachers, staff family members, parent volunteers and photographers

**APS Staff on the day** – A huge thank you to all of the staff for their support and enthusiasm.

**Pre-event Planning** – Rebecca Letson, Terri Jackson, Chelsea Hughes and Carol Preston
Thank you to the following business for their involvement on the day:

**teeny rabbit**

We would like to thank Virginia for the delicious coffee & treats.

From sales made on the day $130.00 was donated back to the school.

m: 0448 104 172  e: virginia@theteenyrabbit.com.au

**Kennards Hire**

For their kind donation of barriers

**Mitre 10**

For the mountains of tarps that were donated to us.

Overall if our **Olympic Colour Crazy obstacle-a-thon** was to be measured in smiles it was a **HUGE** success. An additional bonus from the day was we raised approximately $7000 (and still counting).

An event like this cannot be created or bought to fruition without an enormous of community spirit and hard work. As they say "many hands make light work" and we appreciate the support of every individual who was "Crazy" enough to help!
Thank you to all of our fabulous sponsors

GOLD LEVEL

FUTURE TECH WINDOWS & DOORS

ALTONA BOWLING CLUB

ALTONA Veterinary Clinic

Tom Sarros Pharmacy

SILVER LEVEL

Diamond Hand Cash Wash & Cafe

Altona Community Bank® Branch

Bendigo Bank

SECON

BRONZE LEVEL

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SWEENEY’S SCHOOL OF SWIMMING

The Davidson Family
THANK YOU

We would like to thank Virginia from the Teeny Rabbit Coffee van for the delicious coffee & treats.

From sales made on the day $130.00 was donated back to the school.

m: 0448 104 172
e: virginia@theteenyrabbit.com.au
www.theteenyrabbit.com.au
www.facebook.com/theteenyrabbit
Altona Primary School - Produce Swap!

BYO home grown:
- FRUIT
- VEGETABLES
- FLOWERS
- SEEDS
- WORM FOOD
- Homemade sauces & jams

To Swap!!

Wednesday 31st August
Before school 8.20 to 8.45am
After school 3.15 to 3.45pm
(On the basketball court)

No produce?
No worries. Make a gold coin donation.

Please join us for our schools’ first produce swap. Just bring along things from your garden to swap or make a gold coin donation.

Helping our School to Reduce, Reuse & Recycle!!
Next week is a busy week with ‘Dedicate a Book’, Father’s Day Raffle and our fantastic Fathers Day Stall.

If you would like to ‘Dedicate a Book’ to the school library, with a dedication inside the cover, there will be a variety of books to choose from in the school library from 8.30 – 9 am Monday to Thursday and after school until 3.35. Prices range from $5 to $20. Come along and have a look at the great selection.

Our Father’s Day Stall is next Friday, 2nd September, with gifts from $1 to $5. This year we will also have a grandfathers table with a range of gifts, again from $1 to $5. If you can spare an hour to help run a table, all volunteers gratefully received.

Raffle tickets are still available to win this fantastic prize just in time for Father’s Day!

Entertainment Books – New Books. Out now!

Entertainment Books are now available to buy, packed with hundreds of up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers from many local popular businesses. For every book bought through us, Altona Primary school will receive a percentage of the profit. Jump online to look at some of the great deals it contains - http://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/

They are priced at $65 each for either digital or hard copy. If you are interested in buying one, enquire at the school office.
After school art and craft classes will be held in the art room on a Thursday afternoon between 3.30-4.30pm in term 4, 2016. 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.

Session 1 (06/10/16): Christmas clay play
Session 2 (13/10/16): Handmade gifts for Christmas
Session 3 (20/10/16): Make your own decorations
Session 4 (27/10/16): Handmade gifts for Christmas continued
Session 5 (03/11/16): Create a Christmas tree with a twist
Session 6 (10/11/16): Complete Christmas tree
Session 7 (17/11/16): Brilliant birdseed Christmas ornaments
Session 8 (24/11/16): Make and decorate reindeer treats!

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 3 (12/09/16) 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

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After School Art and Craft Classes. Term 4, 2016.

Child’s name ___________________________ Grade ______________

Parent/Guardian ____________________________________________

Contact Number: ______________________ Email: ______________________
Dear Parents and Students,

We are pleased to offer an After School Science Program that will be held on Thursdays from 3.15pm – 4.30pm. The opportunity to participate in the program is offered to students from grades 2 – 6.

**Location:** Miss Hruschka’s classroom – Room 17  
**Dates:** Term 4 – Week 2 Thursday 13th of October – Week 3 Thursday 20th of October  
– Week 4 Thursday 27th of October – Week 5 Thursday 3rd of November  
– Week 6 Thursday 10th of November – Week 7 Thursday 17th of November  
– Week 8 Thursday 24th of November – Week 9 Thursday 1st of December  
– Week 10 Thursday 8th of December

We are excited to be involved in this fabulous science program where our hands-on science experiments will complement classroom learning and inspire the scientist in each student involved. We look forward to working with our new scientists and having fun experimenting. Please complete the attached form below to indicate interest and we will contact you. A deposit of $30.00 will be required by the last week of term 3, Wednesday 14th of September to allow time for the purchase of materials. The cost of each session will be $10.00.

Thank you,
Mrs Kenny and Miss Hruschka

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**After School Science Program – Expression of Interest Term 4 2016**

*Please return to your child’s classroom teacher by Friday 2nd September*

I wish to participate in the After School Science Program commencing on Thursday 13th October 2016, Week 2.

Child’s Name: __________________________________________________________

Child’s Grade: ____________________________

Contact phone number: ________________________________

Email Address: ________________________________________________

Please indicate the arrangements for your child after the class:  
PLEASE CIRCLE

My child will be picked up    My child will walk home    My child will go to OSHC
Get excited! Fitastic Kids Club is coming to Altona Primary School in Term 4. Fitastic Kids Club is a structured physical activity multi-sport afterschool program run by 3 qualified instructors.

This program will be offered to students at Altona Primary School (Grade 1-6) on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays (3:15-4:15pm), starting Monday 10th October in Term 4.

The last session for the year will be Friday 16th December 2016.

The program will be an hour long, inclusive of a 10 min break with fruit provided for participants.

Each session is $10 per child.

If you would like your child to be involved in this exciting and energizing program, please complete the tear off booking form below and return it to school to 

**Friday 9th September**

*(spots are limited)*

You will then receive further information via email to confirm your child’s place.

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Child’s Full Name: 

Class: 

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Parent Name: 

Email Contact: 

Phone contact number: 

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Altona Little Athletics Centre

24th September 2016
9am to 12noon
George Nevitt Athletics Track
Sugargum Drive, Altona

**Registration:** $160 1st child, $150 2nd child, $140 3rd child & thereafter

**Orientation Day:** 1st October 2016, 9am -11am

**Season Starts:** 8th October 2016, 9am -11am

For more information contact **Rebecca** on **0499 994 305**