Principal’s Corner

Today we held the first Prep Transition Session with our eager 2016 prep students. This was the first of four sessions to be held on Thursdays at 2.15pm over the next couple of weeks. The purpose of transition is to support students in developing familiarity with their new environment and develop new friendships. Whilst students were having fun listening to a story, singing and cutting and pasting families joined the leadership team for an information session. It was wonderful to meet our new families and we look forward to developing a positive home / school relationship.

Two Whole School Transition Sessions will be held to coincide with Prep Transition in weeks 9 and 10. This is when students will meet their teacher and classmates.

Congratulations to Feba and Andrew from 5/6K who attended the launch of the Early Harvest Magazine with Miss Kent last Saturday. Both of these talented students had their work published in this year’s technology edition.

This week our grade 4/5/6 students headed off to Scienceworks as part of their integrated unit of work this term. Our grade one students were fortunate enough to participate in a free First Aid in Schools Program which was held at APS.

Next Wednesday 25th November our Prep, One and Two students will participate in the Junior Athletics Carnival to be held at APS. This is always a fun morning with students participating in a range of activities. If you are able help out on the morning between 9 and 11am, please see Mr. Morris or your child’s classroom teacher.

Our Parent Education Program will once again be run over four consecutive weeks at the beginning of 2016. This program will support parents/caregivers in developing their understanding of literacy and numeracy strategies. If you would like to help in classrooms, participation in this program is a prerequisite. Further information is within the newsletter.

Have a great weekend,

Debbie Galvin/Nicole Fridey.
DATES TO REMEMBER 2015

Thursday 26th November
2016 Prep Transition 2.15pm-3.15pm

Friday 27th November
Whole school disco - Junior 6.30pm - 7.30pm
Senior 7.45pm - 9pm

Thursday 3rd December
2016 Prep and whole school Transition 2.15pm-3.15pm

Thursday 10th December
2016 Prep and whole Transition 2.15pm-3.15pm

Friday 11th December
Grade 6 Mystery Tour

Tuesday 15th December
Grade 6 Graduation

Friday 18th December
Last day of Term 4

BOOKCLUB DUE FRIDAY 20TH November

Bookclub orders are due by Friday 20th November to be delivered in time for Christmas. If your gift is for a gift, please mark this on the envelope and return to the classroom teacher. This is the last order for the year, no late orders will be accepted.
Dear Parents,

In 2016 Altona Primary School will once again be offering parents the opportunity to take part in our PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAM (Literacy & Numeracy). We welcome all of our 2016 Prep parents/caregivers and current parents/caregivers to participate in this wonderful program.

This program is designed for parents/caregivers who wish to assist in classrooms within the Literacy and Numeracy block and/or who wish to learn some strategies for helping their own children with Literacy/Numeracy at home. Please be aware that this Education Program is a requirement for all parents who wish to assist with Literacy and Numeracy within our classrooms. Participants will have the opportunity to explore how children learn and how, together with classroom teachers, parents/caregivers can continue to support their children’s Literacy and Numeracy development. The program focuses on Literacy and Numeracy learning of all students; however it is particularly beneficial to parents/caregivers of Prep – 2 students and/or new families to the school.

Previous participants have ranged from Mums and Dads to Grandparents and/or other persons supporting student learning at home. Feedback from previous participants indicated that the program gave them a valuable insight into how students learn within the current educational context and strategies they can utilise at home.

The program will run at the beginning of Term 1 over four weekly sessions as follows:

- Wednesday 10th February 2016
- Wednesday 17th February 2016 (Literacy)
- Wednesday 24th February 2016 (Numeracy)
- Wednesday 2nd March 2016 (Literacy)

These sessions will be held at the Altona RSL (31 Sargood Street, Altona) Sessions will commence at 9:15am and conclude at 11:15am.

If you are interested in participating, please fill in the expression of interest below and return it to your child’s classroom teacher or the office no later than Monday 14th December.

Please note: Unfortunately we are unable to cater for children (Toddlers and babies) during these sessions at this venue. We apologise if this causes any inconvenience.

We look forward to meeting and working with you.

Thankyou, Strategic Leadership Team

Please return this slip to the office by Monday 14th December

Parent Education Program – Expression of Interest 2016

I wish to participate in the Parent Education Program commencing on Wednesday 10th February 2016

Please circle: I am a new Prep parent or a current parent

Participant Name: ________________________________

Child’s Name: ________________________________

Child’s Grade: ________________________________

Contact phone number: ________________________________

Email Address: ________________________________
It’s that time of year again when we start to think about Christmas. As a school we have come together over the last few years to create food hampers for the local community.

These hampers are distributed to those in need by the Altona Salvation Army. We are asking for donations of non-perishable food. Each class will have a box for collection and these boxes will be in the classroom from Monday 23rd November to Friday 4th December.
After school art and craft classes will be held in the art room on a Thursday afternoon between 3.30-4.30pm in term 1, 2016. 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 $100 for 7 Sessions

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

Session 1 (04/02/16): Papier mache mask creation
Session 2 (11/02/16): Embellish your mache mask
Session 3 (18/02/16): Fold up a wild animal mask
Session 4 (25/02/16): Decorate animal mask
Session 5 (03/03/16): Up up and away hot air balloons
Session 6 (10/03/16): Air balloons continued
Session 7 (17/03/16): Feathers, fur, sequins and beaded creations

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 (14/12/15) 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

Child’s name____________________________________________ Grade________
Parent/Guardian_________________________________________
Contact Number: ________________________________________
Thank you, Mrs Cain
For those students who are in Grade 6 in 2016 and will be entering high school in 2017, we will be holding an ‘Information Evening’ on how the process of applying for secondary school works.

This evening will be held on Tuesday 1st of December (Week 9) commencing at 6:30pm in Andrew Gilpin’s classroom, room 5 (big yellow doors next to the netball court). Parents of current Grade 4 students (Grade 6 2017) 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 the end of this week.

Kind regards,

Andrew Gilpin
Grade 5/6 Team Leader

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Application to Secondary School Information Session
Tuesday 1st of December, 2015

Name:

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

*Please return to your child’s teacher by Friday, November 20th.*
Last Saturday afternoon I attended the Early Harvest magazine launch at the 100 Story Building in Footscray. APS was represented by two Grade 6 students, Feba S. and Andrew K. from 5/6K who had their work published in this year’s technology edition. Their writing was critiqued by 12 members of the Early Harvest editorial board, comprising 12 grade 5 and 6 students from the inner western suburbs. Our two authors had the opportunity to meet Andy Griffiths, and they were asked to sign his copy of Early Harvest. Not only are they published authors, but they are now signing autographs! Wow! Unfortunately Andy was absolutely exhausted after posing for dozens of photos so he had to send in a Cyborg - Andy 2000 to officially launch the magazine. Andy 2000 was a little rusty, and needed to be restarted in the middle of a story about how the real Andy’s first published story was about technology.

There are two copies of Early Harvest available or viewing at the office, or if you are interested in purchasing a copy (which features 18 incredible pieces written by young people), you can visit the 100 Story Building Website.

Well done Feba and Andrew! I also want to say congratulations to the other students who submitted pieces this year – they were all fantastic!

Miss Kent 😊
JUNIOR ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

With such a busy term slowly coming to a close it’s time for the Preps, 1’s & 2’s to show what they’re made of at the Junior Athletics Carnival!

The Junior Athletics Carnival will be held at Altona Primary School on Wednesday November 25th and will run from 9am – 11am.

It would be great to see parents and guardians there to support the students during this fun event. Students will receive an information note this week as well as a volunteer form for any parents or guardians wanting to help run any of the events with support of our grade 6 students.

Students can wear a coloured t-shirt that represents the house they belong to on the day of the event.

See you at the Carnival!

Mr. Morris
At some point we have all sat down with our parents for ‘the talk’. It’s not always easy, but learning about sex is an important conversation that every parent and child should have. But what about ‘the other talk’—a conversation about alcohol and other drugs?

The Australian Drug Foundation is holding a free workshop to help parents have ‘the other talk’. Parents are still an important and trusted source of information for young people and play a crucial role in children’s future decision making.

The Other Talk workshop discusses real life situations, covers some of those uncomfortable questions and provides you with basic alcohol and drug information so that you can have ‘the other talk’ confidently and effectively.

Who should attend?
• Parents and guardians of children aged 8–15 years.
• Teachers and professionals who work with young people.

Why should I attend?
• Learn how and what age to talk with your child about alcohol and drugs
• Learn how to manage real-life situations involving your child
• Get the facts and learn the myths

How do I register? altonanorthtot.eventbrite.com.au
FREE SCHOOL DISCO
Friday, 27th November 2015

Time to dust off your dancing shoes and dress up (or down) and boogie at the APS School Disco!

**Movie Character Junior School Disco** (Grades Prep – Grade 3*): 6:30 -7:30pm.
**Rockstar/Popstar Senior School Disco** (Grades 3* - Grade 6): 7:45pm - 9:00pm.
(*Grade 3 students may choose **ONE disco only** to attend)

**Refreshments**: Drinks & Snakes $1 each
Water will be provided.

**Glow Packs** ($5 for 2 bracelets, 1 necklace, 1 glow stick) will be on sale Friday 27th Nov at the Flagpole.

Please note that Dress up is not compulsory, but it is lots of fun!
• All children need to be dropped off and picked up by an adult at the PAC.
  • No child will be allowed to leave the disco area at anytime.
  • Only current Altona Primary School children are allowed to attend.
    • NO PARENTS allowed in the PAC.
    • Entry through gate on Blyth Street

**DISCO PARENT HELPERS FORM**

Name: ...............................................................................................................................................................

Child’s Name: ................................................................................................................................................. Class: .................................

Yes, I am able to help on Friday 27th November, 2015.
Please circle which disco you can help with: 6:30pm – 7:30pm JUNIOR 7:45pm – 9:15pm SENIOR 6:30pm – 9:15pm BOTH
**ICY POLE NEWS**

Icy Poles will be sold every Wednesday until end of Term 4.

**Price:** $1.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Icy Pole orders need to be handed into the Classroom teacher when students arrive into their classrooms. Last orders accepted before 9am. Unfortunately we cannot take orders past this time.
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