Principal’s Corner

It has been a quieter, task focused week as we complete all of our 2015 tasks and finalise the planning and organisation for 2016. We had a leadership planning day on Wednesday to complete this work and finalise our 2016 Annual Implementation plan.

Congratulations to our grade 3/4 and 5/6 girls basketball teams that played in the state championship this week. We are very proud of their achievement. Thanks to Mr. Mac and Mrs. Kenny for coaching and managing the teams.

The final Disco is on this Friday night. Please remember that running is prohibited at the Disco and your best manners are expected. Thank you to our Families and Friends committee for all of their wonderful work this year.

We are looking forward to spending the last 3 weeks with our grade 6 graduates. They have been outstanding role models this year and really worked hard.

Can all families please check their children’s hair this weekend for headlouse.

Have a great weekend,

Kevin Enright.

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**APS CHRISTMAS FOOD HAMPER APPEAL**

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.
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 - **early finish 1pm**

SCHOOL SUPPLIES 2016

Parents please note that there will not be a Bookpack collection day next year. All supplies will sent to the classroom and distributed to the students.

Fees can be paid at the office or through BPay online.
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:

- Friday 12th February 2016 (Introduction & Literacy)
- Friday 19th February 2016 (Literacy)
- Friday 26th February 2016 (Numeracy)
- Friday 4th 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

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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 Friday 12th 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 23\textsuperscript{rd} November to Friday 4\textsuperscript{th} December.
ALTONA EARLY YEARS
SERVICES AND FACILITIES
HOBSONS BAY

Have your say Hobsons Bay City Council is consulting with the community on future options and recommendations relating to early years services and facilities in Altona. A recent feasibility study identified a range of benefits of bringing together a number of nearby kindergartens and the Altona Maternal and Child Health Centre into a one-stop-shop facility. View the feasibility study or download it from http://participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au
Community and stakeholder consultation will take place from 23 November 2015 to 11 February 2016.
To find out more or to register for one of the public information sessions below please visit http://participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au If you require assistance with your registration please contact Customer Service on 9932 1000.

How to get involved
1. Provide feedback on the feasibility study on early years services and facilities in Altona
Monday 23 November 2015 to Thursday 11 February 2016
Visit participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au to submit your feedback online or provide your feedback by writing to Hobsons Bay City Council, C/o: Jenny DenOuden, PO Box 21, Altona VIC 3018.

2. Attend a Community Information Session
Monday 14 December 2015 from 7pm to 8.30pm
Hobsons Bay Civic Centre, 115 Civic Parade, Altona
Register by Wednesday 9 December, 5pm

3. Tour the Newport Gardens Early Years Centre
Wednesday 3 February 2016 from 6.30pm to 8pm
51 Maddox Road, Newport
Register by Thursday 28 January, 5pm

4. Children and adults are invited to a workshop to explore the options for early years services and facilities in Altona
Saturday 6 February 2016 from 10am to 12pm
Hobsons Bay Civic Centre, 115 Civic Parade, Altona
Register by Monday 1 February 2016, 5pm

5. Attend a presentation of the consultation findings
Thursday 25 February 2016 from 7pm to 8.30pm
Altona Library, 123 Queen Street, Altona
Register by Thursday 18 February 2016, 5pm

Key contact: Jenny DenOuden, Early Years Development Officer
Email: jdenouden@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au Phone: 9932 1000
2015 WHOLE SCHOOL TRANSITION PROGRAM
Session 1 – Thursday 3rd Dec 2.15pm – 3.15pm
Session 2 – Thursday 10th Dec 2.15pm – 3.15pm

The purpose of a transition program is for students to develop familiarity with their new environment and develop friendships with their peers and teachers.

The Prep transition program has already commenced. We have welcomed our 2016 Prep students and families, students have now had two of their four sessions. It has been a very rewarding two weeks for all involved.

The whole school transition program will commence with the first session on Thursday 3rd December at 2.15pm – 3.10pm and again on Thursday 10th December. Students will spend time with their new teacher and grade during each of these sessions. This is a great opportunity to get to know each other and look forward to 2016.

We believe this process will be supportive for all students. We ask that families support the transition process by talking positively to their child about the upcoming year, sharing their enthusiasm about making new friends and learning new things.

Keen gardeners wanted!

Due to work and other commitments Adeline and I are no longer able to maintain the veggie gardens/class gardening.

If you have an interest in the veggie gardens and some spare time please contact one of us for hand over.

Sally Leung 0409 360 232
Adeline Barham 0400 002192
History of Altona

State/Primary School Book
Researched and compiled by Joanne Mathrick

$20

Please note as this is the 2\textsuperscript{nd} run of publication of this book, we cannot guarantee delivery by the end of Term. Please have your order in no later than 6\textsuperscript{th} December and we will endeavour to get delivery by 18\textsuperscript{th} December however it may not be until the beginning of Term 1 2016

Name:………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Childs Name & Grade: …………………………………………………………………………… or address if you don’t have a child here at APS …………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

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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.