Principal’s Corner,
We have a number of staff leaving us at the end of the year: Teachers: Ash Craig, Andrew Marshall, Tanaya Barnes and Kim Lawrie, ES staff: Jaime Floros, Thashnee Ramkilawan and OSHC staff: Lauren Bird (Jan 15th). We also say goodbye to Tanya Walker who is retiring. I would like to thank them for their work here at Altona P.S. and wish them all the best for the future. I know the teachers and students have really enjoyed working with them. I would like to congratulate Ash Craig and wish him good luck on his new Leadership position as Leading teacher at Seaholme P.S.

Congratulations to Lauren Bird (OSHC) who has been appointed to her first school as a graduate teacher in 2016. I know she will be an outstanding teacher. We wish Lucinda Rourke all the very best at the National championships in Canberra this weekend. Lucinda’s sporting achievements have been sensational this year and over the past few years. Mrs. Barwise and Ms. Nicolin’s portables will be demolished and removed this weekend. The two new double portables are scheduled on site on December 14th.

Today all students went to their new grades and teachers for 2016. It has taken a lot of planning, thought and effort over the whole of this term to put the grades together.

Mr. McPherson and Ms. Thompson have missed having their own grades and have asked to return to teaching a grade in 2016. They are both fabulous teachers. They will continue with their roles as Leading teachers. We are interviewing for the new grade 4 teacher on Monday. We had almost 100 applicants for the one job! Thanks to our Family and Friends committee and all the teachers who attended the Disco on Friday night. I was told it was one of the best ever.

I have included the grades and teachers in this Newsletter. It is a sad but exciting time as we farewell our 2015 graduates, welcome our 2016 Preps and finalise all of the planning for 2016.

Thank you to our School Council and sub committees for their wonderful work this year. We are lucky to have so many committed and appreciative families at APS.

Have a great weekend
Kevin Enright
Principal.
DATES TO REMEMBER 2015

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
12.45pm - Brief assembly to farewell Grade 6's

MUSIC!
Loving the music we make at Altona Primary School?

Well you can now download all the songs from our Centenary Concert plus some lovely songs by our talented Senior Singers.

Just visit www.altonaprimaryschool.bandcamp.com to download them all for FREE!
Parent Education Program 2016

CHANGE OF DATES

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.

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 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: _____________________________
2016 Grade Teachers

Prep
Tammie Thompson (Team Leader) & Hannah Wilkinson
Joanne Mathrick
Shonelle Kent
Christina Sakellarides

Grade 1
Lainee Barwise (Team Leader)
Megan Farrow
Athena Petalas & Christine Sperling
Jess Nichols

Grade 2
Jodi Kenny (Team Leader)
Natascha Hruschka
Nicole Nicolin
Melissa Wendt

Grade 3
Kerryn Rayson (Team Leader)
Martina Aird & Tiffany Verwoert
Tim Hargreaves

Grade 4
Kaela Jeselnik (Team Leader) Grade 3 / 4
Kate Beckman
Robyne Luketic & Hannah Wilkinson

Grade 5/6
Andrew Gilpin (Team Leader)
Jess McDonald
Laura McKendrick
Helen Xinomilakis & Tiffany Verwoert
Adam McPherson & Christine Sperling
Stephen Fava

Leadership
Kevin Enright
Debbie Galvin
Nicole Fridey
Adam McPherson
Tammie Thompson

Admin
Shelley Golz
Maree Wilson
Lee Ogden
Liz Brown
Lisa McKay

Specialists
Pam Barry & Brooke Caine – Art
Jayme Morris – PE
Eoin Corroon – ICT / PE
Kellie Larter – LOTE
Tim Rouse – Music/Marie Lynch
Claudia Robinson – Reading Recovery

ES Staff
Lisa McKay, Sue Solarino, Leanne Davies, Briony Walker
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
Friends and Families Committee

Thank you!

The APS Family & Friends Committee would like to thank the students and parent on a successful Disco last Friday. All the kids had so much fun and danced the night away. Without the continued support & assistance of the Parent Helpers such events would not be possible. Thank you to all involved.

Family & Friends Committee AGM

Please join us on the 15th December at 9.15am at Crème Café on Pier Street for our AGM. All Committee positions are available and we encourage new parents to join the committee. It’s a great way to be involved in your school community by assisting with extra activities.


We would love to see and welcome new faces.

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
15 Dec
Family & Friends AGM

SCHOOL BANKING
Every Friday

ICY POLES
Every Wednesday this term - $1 each

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS 2015-2016
Now available to buy online only.
### 2016 Altona Primary School Shoppers Card has arrived

Cards on sale for $10:00. Please completely the order form and hand it in to the office. Orders will be filled and the cards will be sent to your child’s classroom to be brought home.

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### Shoppers Card Order Form 2016

Name: ___________________________________________ Number of cards: __________

Child’s Name: ___________________________________________ Grade: __________