Welcome back to Term 4, it really is hard to believe that we are now in the last term of the year. Mr Enright is currently on Long Service Leave and enjoying some beautiful beaches in Queensland, he of course will be back for our Centenary celebrations in week 3. It was wonderful to chat to many of the children throughout the week regarding their holiday adventures and/or just enjoying their time at home with their families.

What a fabulous end to Term 3 we had with our spectacular Centenary Concert, I’m sure you will agree that the children were absolutely amazing. They all took us on the most wonderful journey throughout the last 100 years. The costumes were outstanding and so too was the venue. The smiles on the children’s and parent’s faces were absolutely priceless. As you could tell by the quality of the performances on the night, the staff and children had put in many hours throughout the term to produce this spectacular extravaganza. The quality of the moves in the staff item could not be compared to the high quality of the children’s, but we did give it a red hot go.

This event was an absolute credit to all involved, particular thanks goes to the tireless efforts our fantastic music teachers Mr Rouse, Jess Nichols and Julie Enright, who scripted, choreographed and produced the entire event. Congratulations on what can only be described as a magnificent night.

Thank you to all the children for their wonderful performances and to all the staff and parent helpers who put in an enormous effort working behind the scenes to create another amazing event during our centenary year.

The performance was filmed, envelope’s for DVD orders are at the office and are due tomorrow. It has been almost 18 months in planning and our Centenary celebratory week is almost here beginning on Monday 19th of October. The staff and students have been working very hard to put together a fun filled week for our entire community to come along and share in the celebrations. We thank everyone involved for their tireless efforts in helping to bring this auspicious occasion to fruition. It is an absolute privilege to be a part of this occasion and anticipate it being an event to go down in history as one to remember.

Term 3 Curriculum has been focused around the history of Altona and our school, it has been wonderful to hear the students share the information they have learnt and the connections that many of their relatives have within the Altona community and the school.

Our office renovations are almost complete and look absolutely fantastic, giving our office staff a magnificent light filled space to work in, with fresh air. We have kept a beautiful section of the original brick work exposed celebrating our history. The Principal honour board has gone up and it has been wonderful to see many of the children stop and look at it.
Over the holidays the first section of our Centenary path way was laid and it looks amazing. It was delightful to see many families lined up at the gate in search of their paver and their delight once they had found it. There are still pavers to be laid and you can still purchase your piece of history with orders still available up until the 7th of November. Many thanks to Peter Stephens, grandfather of Zayne and Kade Galea who laid the pavers for us.

Mrs Barry, Mrs Cain, staff and students across the school have been working hard to create another wonderful Centenary icon, a stunning mosaic mural depicting the Altona and school landscape. This will be a permanent art piece located the entry to the BER. Keep a look out for this and numerous other centenary icons to be displayed around the school to commemorate our 100 years.

Within this newsletter there are lots of reminders and information regarding our centenary week including; what will be happening from Monday to Saturday, what the children will be doing, how you can be involved or assist us. Please make sure you read all the information available so you don’t miss any of the fabulous events.

Every child and staff member across the school will receive a special gift from the school to commemorate our Centenary year.

Have a great week,
Nicole Friday
Acting Assistant Principal

POLICE PRESENCE AT THE SCHOOL
We would like to inform the school community that we had a police presence at school yesterday on a non-school related matter. There was no immediate risk to staff or students on the school grounds. We requested a prompt exit from the school as a precautionary measure and we thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Regards,
Leadership Team

*IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING OSHC*
Please note that next week (Monday 12th, Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th and Friday 16th October) we are fully booked for the afternoons. There are only 8 positions left for Tuesday 13th in the afternoon. This is presenting to be the way for the rest of term 4. We recognise that parents need to work and have other commitments resulting in their children needing to attend OSHC but at the moment our afternoon sessions are at capacity.

We are licenced by the Department of Education to only have a certain amount of students in our care at any one time, regardless of how many staff we have in our ratio we cannot exceed those numbers under any circumstances.

This delicate issue has been taken to leadership and is currently being addressed by the team. We appreciate your understanding in the matter and are sympathetic to parents in a difficult situation but unfortunately at the moment our numbers are at capacity on most days, so please take this into consideration over the reminder or the term.

OSHC Co-ordinators
DATES TO REMEMBER 2015

Monday 19th October
Centenary Week Celebrations

Monday 2nd November
Curriculum Day

Tuesday 3rd November
Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

Thursday 19th November
2016 Prep Transition 2.15pm-3.15pm

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

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
Centenary Merchandise order form

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There is a separate order form for the 100 whole school photo and the black and white grade photos
Coasters $12  
YoYo $4  
Playing Cards $8

Pen & Key ring $15  
Mug $12  
Chocolate $3

Bag $2.50  
$25 (30cm x 20cm)
- Please use Schoolpix order form

All of the above items will be available for sale outside the office after Assembly on Monday mornings from 9am - 10am.

If you are unable to come to the office at this time - please use the attached order form and return via your child’s class, we will fill the order ASAP. But be quick we only have a limited number of items!!

If you wish to order the “100” whole school photos please fill in the Schoolpix order form
WHAT’S ON DURING OUR CENTENARY WEEK?

We warmly invite all families, our school & local community and visitors to attend the celebratory week with us. What a week it will be! Staff and students have been planning this event for over 12 months. There will be an array of fun filled celebratory activities throughout the week. It’s not every year that a school turns 100!

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED – We are seeking volunteers to guide visitors who come through the school. If you are available to give up your time on the following days, could you please see Liz.

Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st Oct – 1pm – 3.15pm
Saturday 24th Oct 9.45am – 1pm

CENTENARY PAVERS – The new path is looking spectacular. If you would like to purchase a paver you have until 7th November to complete your order.

Dear Parents,

As part of our Centenary Celebrations, on Monday 19th October, students will be singing Happy Birthday to Altona Primary School and will be offered a small piece of birthday cake afterwards. If your child has any type of allergy and cannot eat the cake, could you please send your child to school with an alternative treat that they are able to eat, on Monday 19th October 2015, to ensure they don’t miss out on any of the celebrations due to allergies.

On Wednesday 21st, students are involved in our “Back in time” day and will be offered milk and a cookie. If your child has any type of allergy, could you please send an alternative treat & drink on this day to ensure they don’t miss out.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don’t hesitate to speak to the classroom teacher. We greatly appreciate your support and understanding.
Important information for all families

During this week lunchtime will be from 12.30pm to 1.15pm everyday

The following information details the activities and events which will take place during our Centenary week. Please read all of the information and keep it in a safe place.

CENTENARY DISPLAYS

A Centenary Display has been put together showcasing the history and the journey of Altona Primary School through the decades. Families, all members of our community and visitors will be given the opportunity to peruse, reminisce and celebrate the 100 years of our wonderful school. The PAC will be open each day from 1.30pm – 3.30pm.

You can expect to see:

- A visual display of photos, documents and snippets of information pertaining to individual decades
- View a display of past pupils and teachers
- A collection of school artefacts that have been supplied by the wider school community
- A replica of an old style classroom
- Current student works based on the whole school Centenary theme
- A snapshot of our journey throughout this very special year of 2015, celebrating 100 years of Altona Primary School
MONDAY 19TH  OPENING CEREMONY
Everyone is warmly invited to attend our Opening Ceremony which will commence at 9.30am in the outdoor assembly area. Don’t miss this special event – official speeches, opening of our new playground, sing Happy Birthday with us. Students will enjoy a piece of birthday cake. (Parents, could you please provide a treat for your child on the day if your child has allergies of any kind.)

TUESDAY 20TH  WHERE ARE THEY NOW?
APS has had some notable names pass through its classrooms over the years – Gary Dempsey, Dr. Howard Bertram, Senator Janet Rice to name just a few.

Students will have guest speakers sharing their experiences from APS until now. Grades will send home information informing you of who and when they will have a guest speaker.
As part of our centenary celebrations in Week 3, we will be having a ‘Back in Time’ dress up day on Wednesday 21st October. On this day, we are encouraging all current students and staff to wear something that would have been worn to school at APS in 1915.

At 9.10am we will hold a short assembly and parade of costumes. Parents, families and friends are more than welcome to attend.

Throughout the day, students will also be visiting our special old time classroom to gain first-hand experience of what it was like to learn at APS in the past. The lessons will be vastly different to what they experience today! Following their lesson, students will also have the opportunity to experience the old time tradition of having a glass of milk and cookie. **Parents, please provide an alternative to the milk and cookie on the day if your child has allergies of any kind.**

**COSTUME SUGGESTIONS: Children’s clothes 100 years ago**

**Boys clothes**

Boys wore shirts, buttoned jackets, vest and shorts. They wore long socks and leather boots. Ties wore worn. Boys also wore woollen page boy caps.

**Girls clothes**

Girls wore cotton dresses, skirts and blouses. Dresses and skirts were gathered or pleated from the waist. Sometimes dresses had frills on the bottom. Dresses and skirts were below the knee in length and worn with stockings and leather boots. Girls wore hats called bonnets. These were tied under the chin. Sometimes aprons were worn.

There were no stretch fabrics and therefore no tee shirts, track suits. However they wore hand knitted woollen jumpers.
THURSDAY 22ND
VINTAGE ACTIVITIES DAY

Students will be participating in a vintage activity day as part of our centenary celebrations. Activities will run for the first four sessions of the day. Junior grades will do hopscotch, marbles, marching and olden day dances. The senior grades will play elastics, knuckles and rounders whilst also learning calligraphy. Parents and friends are welcome to attend please see you child’s classroom teacher if you wish to assist/attend on the day.
SENIORS AFTERNOON REUNION
1.30pm – 3pm
Join us for an afternoon in the PAC to reminisce, share stories, view our displays and enjoy afternoon tea.

THURSDAY EVENING REUNION
5.30pm – 9.30pm

Reunion update!
The Under 18’s and Adult’s reunions are now combined to allow for families and friends to enjoy this once off celebration together. The ticket you purchase will gain you entry to the reunion anytime between 5:30pm and 9:30pm.

For more information and ticket purchasing, please visit our website:
www.altonaps.vic.edu.au

FRIDAY 23RD OCTOBER CLOSING CEREMONY
Everyone is warmly invited to attend our Closing Ceremony which will commence at 2.15pm in the outdoor assembly area. Our time capsule will highlighted during this time. Students will receive a memento & certificate to commemorate our Centenary.
Miss anything during the week? Then why not stop by any time from 10am to 1pm on Saturday, October 24th for the A.P.S Centenary Open Day. Come and see the fantastic displays and artefacts of our school’s history in our Performing Arts Centre and a glimpse of the current day in our Learning Street.

There will be plenty of live music with performances from our talented students, including performances from two of our school’s bands, “The Lost Cats” and “The Eclipse”, along with some wonderful vocals from our Senior Sing Group, Senior Choir and Junior Choir.

Enjoy some of your favourite traditional activities such as hopscotch, elastics and knuckles or try your hand at some calligraphy in our ‘old style’ classroom. You might even get your friends together and organise a game of Rounders.

So what are you waiting for? Mark this down in your calendars as a must do family event to wrap up what is going to be a hugely historic week for Altona Primary School.
CENTENARY 10kg CHOCOLATE BLOCK RAFFLE

As it is the school’s 100 year anniversary, the SRC are raffling a ‘10kg 100 days to eat chocolate block’.

The raffle tickets will be $1 each.

The SRC will be selling raffle tickets at snack time every day next week, in front of Miss Johnson’s classroom.

Tickets will also be sold during the Centenary week in the PAC to the school community. The raffle will be drawn on Friday the 23rd Oct during our closing ceremony.

The winner will receive the 100 days to eat chocolate block.

Hope you love chocolate!
From the SRC