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MOTTO: Be True

VISION: Knowledge and Nurturing by the Bay

MISSION: *To provide a positive, challenging, innovative, caring and safe environment for our children, enabling them to learn academically, creatively, socially and emotionally in all aspects of life.*

## NEWSLETTER

Date: 07/02/2008

### Principal's Corner

Welcome back to the 2008 school year. I hope everyone had an enjoyable and restful break.

This year promises to be just as successful and exciting as previous years.

Welcome to our new staff members; Mrs. Aird, Mrs. Lawrie, Ms. Johnson, and Mrs. Luketic.

Welcome also to our new Prep students, our new students in other grades and their families.

Mrs. Sue Vermezovic will be Acting Assistant Principal during 2008. Sue has been an excellent teacher, team leader and school leader over the past 8 years.

Congratulations to our Before and After School Care (OSHC) coordinator Ms. Laura Kane and her staff. The OSHC program gained national reaccreditation at the end of 2007. The program scored very highly on all the quality indicators. Please check you children's hair this weekend for headlice and treat them if necessary. As was our practice last year, we are suggesting that families check their children's hair regularly but as a school we check them all at the one time at the start of each month and attempt to eradicate the problem.

The school architect has nearly finished the design for our new ICT (computer) centre to be built on the back of the library. The project should be completed during term2.

We have had a terrific start to the year. The Prep children have settled in extremely well and all of the grades are busily engaged in their learning. This is a review year for Altona P.S. We will be looking at all of our educational results and school operations over the past 4 years and looking at ways to improve what we do. We will

be specifically reviewing the learning and teaching within the grades.

Students are not to be at school before 8:40am unless they are in OSHC.

There is no yard supervision before this time. Children must be in school uniform, hats are compulsory for 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Term.

Remember if children do not have a hat they must sit in the shade during recess and lunch. Have a great year.

**Kevin Enright**  
**Principal.**

### TERM DATES 2008



Term 1:	30 <sup>th</sup> January – 20 <sup>th</sup> March (Thursday)
Term 2:	7 <sup>th</sup> April – 27 <sup>th</sup> June
Term 3:	14 <sup>th</sup> July – 19 <sup>th</sup> September
Term 4:	6 <sup>th</sup> October – 19 <sup>th</sup> December

### ART ROOM NEWS

It is important that all children have their own art smock to wear in the art room. This can either be a commercially purchased smock or an old adult shirt or T- shirt. Please make sure the art smock is named with your child's full name (not just first name) in a very visible place. Art smocks frequently get placed in the wrong tubs and can be difficult to return to owners if not easily identified.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>/26 February

Grade 5/6 Life Saving 9:30am-11:30am  
Altona Life Saving Club

### Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February

WADSSA Swim Carnival

### Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March

Japanese Cultural Day

### Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> March

Grade 5/6 Life Saving

### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March

Whole school photos

### Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March

Bayside Festival Swimming Carnival

### Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March

Bayside Festival

### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March

Bayside Festival Parade

### Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March

Grade 5/6 overnight camp Melbourne

### Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March

A.P.S. Cross Country

### Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March

Last day of Term 1- early finish 2:30pm

### Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April

First day of Term 2

## HC<sup>2</sup> Ripe for Launch



Eating out is a treat we all enjoy, but for the kids it means chips, chips and more chips!!

If you'd like to see them eat healthier foods, you'll find making those choices easier with Council's Healthy Choices for Children (HC<sup>2</sup>) Awards Program.

Through the HC<sup>2</sup> program, cafes, restaurants and bistros within Hobsons Bay are encouraged to improve the nutritional content of their children's menus.

With the program review complete, you are invited to come along and bring your kids to the **Healthy Choices for Children Awards Program Re-launch.**

Enjoy some **free** afternoon tea and take home a **free** showbag. A community dietitian will also be able to provide some hints for encouraging healthy eaters.

When: Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2008 at 4pm

Where: Walker Close Community Centre, 180 Millers Road, Altona North.

RSVP: Kylie Riley, Public Health Promotion Officer 03 9932 4044 or

[kriley@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au](mailto:kriley@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au) by Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February for catering purposes.

Look out for the HC<sup>2</sup> strawberry on the front of award winning businesses after April 2008.

For more information about the HC<sup>2</sup> program, visit [www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au](http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au)



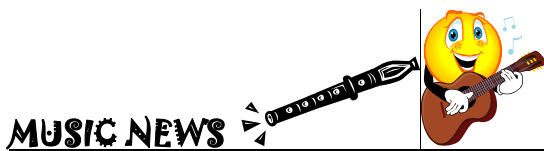
## **Bayside Festival 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> March**

In past years APS have entered in the Bayside Festival Sunday morning Parade.

There are prizes for the “Best Theme entry” - we won this last year!

It is such a fun community event – we are hoping that you and your family will join us in the march along Pier Street from approx 10.30am.

The theme this year is “Easter Parade”. We will have more details to follow in the next week or so – but for now “Easter Bonnet fancy dress thinking caps on”.



Dear parents, just a reminder that all children in grades 3 to 6 will be learning the **recorder** this year and will need to have a recorder to stay at school.

This can be one found at home or borrowed from a relative or friend or can be purchased from the music room for \$6.00. I have some pre loved recorders also for those people who are not able to buy a new one.

**Guitar** classes will be offered to children from grades 5 and 6 during lunchtime. Children do not need their own guitar.

Children who begin the program have a couple of weeks to decide if they are going to be committed to continue to come to guitar lessons at lunch time and if so, then need to make that commitment and stick to the program for at least 2 terms, otherwise it is unfair to the group and myself. Lessons at lunch time are free.

**Choir** will also be an option for children from grades 3 to 6 and again the choir session will be held during lunch time on a Tuesday.

Children can try out for the choir and I may recommend that they wait till their voice matures, however most children will be able to

join the choir and will again need to make a commitment to turning up weekly for practice. It is very difficult to attain a high standard when children are coming and going as they please. If your child wishes to be in the school choir they will need to make a commitment to attend practice for 2 terms, after which they can opt to continue or discontinue. This also teaches them a little about persistence and commitment.

I thank you for your continued support of the music program.

**Julie Enright (Music Teacher)**

## **Year 7 2009**

Grade 6 parents please keep your eyes posted to the newsletter over the next few weeks for enrolment dates and open days at secondary schools.

Many independent schools will close their enrolments by the end of February, so we encourage you to contact these schools and find out their requirements.

**5/6 TEAM**☺



**tim nelson music**

Piano and keyboard lessons available  
at Altona Primary School  
Contact Tim on 9398 4464

