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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: 07/05/2008

Principal's Corner

The National Assessment Plan or NAPLAN replaces the AIM test for grades 3 and 5. The NAPLAN tests will begin next week. Parents who do not want their children in grades 3 and 5 to do the tests can write a note to me or their classroom teacher stating this before next week.

The school choir has been selected to perform at the Western Metropolitan Regional (WMR) concert at the Arts Centre in St Kilda Rd. Congratulations to the choir members and Mrs. Enright. The WMR concert is always an exciting event.

Mrs. Tiffany Verwoert begins her maternity leave today. We wish her all the very best with the birth of her first child. Tiffany is an excellent teacher and staff member and we look forward to her return. Mr. Andrew Gilpin will teach 3/4V for the remainder of 2008.

Mrs. Luketic has been doing some wonderful teaching of I.T. She is also running training sessions for staff after school. I have been very impressed with the progress of computer education across the school this year. The grade 5/6 staff and children are really enjoying having the Smartboards as an innovative learning tool. The architectural plans for the computer centre are almost finished.

We have collected all the information off parents, teachers and 5/6 student for the school self evaluation and will now complete this before the end of this month. The next step is an independent review by Anita Forsyth who is the head of the school review team at Monash University.

The children are all working well in their grades. The staff are very proud of their achievements and behaviour. Keep up the good work.

Have a great weekend.z

Kevin Enright
Principal.

Family Maths Night

Thank-you to all the families that attended last night's family maths evening. I am sure

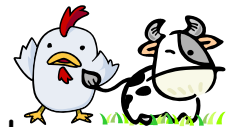


you got some great number games to take home and play together with your children.

A great night was had by all and it was great to see families from Prep through to Grade 6 in attendance.

Danielle Barbetta ☺

Grade 1/2's Collingwood **Children's Farm Excursion**



Mon. May 12th - Grades 1/2 L,
1/2 K & 1/2 M

Wed. May 14th - Grades 1/2 J, 1/2 G &
1/2 P

Children must be at school by 8:45am as the buses leave promptly at 9:00am and will return to school by approx. 2:45pm.



Miss Holgate and Miss **Keenan's Active After School Care** **on Fridays.**

If your child has been given a place in the program and your child is unable to attend, please notify Miss Holgate immediately so that other children who are on the waiting list may be involved.

Thank-you,
Yours in 'Huffy Puffy' -Miss Holgate

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 9th May

Parents Club Mothers Day Stall

Wednesday 21st May

School Council Meeting 7:30pm

Wednesday 28th May

Zone Cross Country

Friday 30th May

School Disco "Fancy Dress Theme"

Tues 10th June

Curriculum Day – Pupil Free Day

Wednesday 18th June

School Council Meeting 7:30pm

Friday 27th June

End of Term – early finish 2:30pm

Monday 14th July

Term 3 begins



National Walk to School Day – WHAT A SUCCESS!

A big-fat WELL DONE to everyone who walked to school last Friday. It was such a fabulous way to start the day together with friends, family and teachers. Several super-star staff members picked up children at a range of different points to do a little 'huffy-'puffy' before the start of the day. Lots of Australian children and their families took part in the National Walk to School day and in doing so, we reduced our 'environmental footprints' therefore reducing the impact we have on our environment. Once again, the brilliant people that make up our amazing Parents Club showed their ever present support by providing our walkers with breakfast which was enjoyed by many.

Thank-you Parents Club – we think you're GREAT!

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Book Club Issue 3

All orders have been placed

Thank you for the continued support.

I completed all Issue 3 orders on Tuesday, May 6th and these orders should be delivered within two weeks.

We have purchased over \$150.00 worth of books for the Lexile program using our bonuses with this order.

Occasionally I have an order without a name. If you don't receive an order please let me know.

Joanne Mathrick Room 20

Book Club Co-ordinator.

UNIFORM NEWS

We have very limited supplies of the grey polar fleece vest in sizes 6, 8, 10, 14 and Small. Vests cannot be re-ordered unless we have a minimum of 50. Please let Lee or Maree know if you are interested in ordering or buying one. Price is \$43. The uniform shop is open Tuesday morning 8:45am – 9:30am and Tuesday afternoon 3:15pm – 3:45pm. If these times are suitable you can not leave an order form with money in an envelope and we will fill the order and send it home with your child.

Premier's Reading Challenge 2008



We are off to a flying start with a number of children already recording the books they have read.

Parents wishing to receive their child's personal User Name & Password can speak to their child's classroom teacher. Each teacher has a list of their student's data.

If you DO NOT wish to have your child's name published in THE AGE newspaper at the end of the challenge please let your child's teacher know.

Students in Preps to Two can read and/or experience books.

For further information visit;

www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

All reading must be completed by August 31st.

Happy Reading

Joanne Mathrick



FAMILY FOOTBALL AFTERNOON



Sunday, May 11th

Williamstown Seagulls vs. Sandringham

Come and join APS families supporting the "Seagulls" at **Burbank Oval, Williamstown at 2pm, Saturday, May 11th**

Search out your Williamstown Seagull 2008 Family Pass that was handed out early this year.

Why not pack a special MOTHERS' DAY afternoon tea and join other families for a chat and kick of your football at ¼ and ½ time breaks.

Dress warm, it can be very cold on the hill behind the goals.

Future dates are;

- Saturday May 24th v Box Hill Hawks
- Sunday June 15th v Frankston

Hope to see you there, Joanne Mathrick

