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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: 10/04/2008

Principal's Corner

The term has started off very well. It is terrific to see all the smiling faces of students, staff and parents around the school.

Congratulations and good luck to Andrew Jarvis when he swims in the state primary school finals on April 21st. Andrew has worked very hard to swim at this level.

Each department of teachers has had a day together to plan their curriculum for term 2. The grades are taken by the specialist teachers during these days. The children have all their specialist programs on the one day. When the new school website is completed shortly we will have a curriculum overview for the term available for each department level.

Again a big thank you to Vic Webster, Sarah Spry and Geoff McNab for their work at the school over the holidays.

Thank you to the parents club for our new playground equipment. It has been extremely popular this week. Vic Webster is organising 'softfall' bark for the remainder of the play area. It is very expensive.

Details for the grade 5/6 camp to Queensland went out this week. The first 40 expressions of interest returned will be considered first.

Children's behaviour over the next two terms will be taken into account when selecting the final 40.

On April 21st we will be inviting parents to attend a school review morning or evening. We will present all the school academic data and survey data and have those parents present work in groups or individually to look at what we have achieved, what we haven't achieved (in terms of

the last school Charter) and what we want to achieve in the future or to make any suggestions. The day and evening sessions will be facilitated by staff and hopefully members of the school council. This is a great opportunity to be involved in the school and help set the direction for the next 4 years via the school's Strategic Plan. The staff, school councillors, and students from grades 5/6 will also have input into the review.

The school will be sending home new student enrolment forms before the end of term two to ensure we have accurate information; addresses, phone numbers, medical information, contact numbers, occupations etc. Some of the forms in the office, particularly those children in grades 3 – 6, have not been updated for a few years. It is important that we have up to date, accurate family information. Further information will follow closer to the end of this term.

Have a great term

Kevin Enright

EDUCATION WEEK

18 – 24 MAY

**WATCH THIS SPACE FOR A LIST OF
EXCITING EVENTS PLANNED**

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 16th - Prep Information evening

7pm-8:30pm Performing Arts Centre

Friday 18th April

Curriculum Day – Pupil Free Day

Wednesday 23rd April

WADSSA Cross Country

Prep Fairy Park Excursion

Wednesday 30th April

WADSSA Cross Country Back up day

Wednesday 7th May

Maths Family Night – 6:30pm-8:30pm

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

Tuesday 15th July

5/6 Hooptime

Wednesday 23rd July – Friday 25th July

3/4 Camp to Anglesea

Tuesday 5th August

3/4 Hooptime

Friday 15th August

APS Athletics Carnival

Wednesday 20th August

School Council Meeting 7:30pm

Friday 22nd August

APS Athletics Carnival – back up day

Friday 5th September

Parents Club Fathers Day Stall

Tuesday 9th September

WADSSA Athletics Carnival

Friday 12th September

Whole school Disco “Sports Theme”

Tuesday 16th September

WADSSA Athletics Carnival – back up day

Wednesday 17th September

School Council Meeting 7:30pm

Friday 19th September

End of Term 3 – **early finish 2:30pm**

Monday 6th October

First day of Term 4

Tuesday 14th October - Art Show opening

(Adults admission 7pm-9pm)

Wednesday 15th October

Art Show 4pm-8pm

Thursday 16th October

Art Show 4pm-6pm

Wednesday 22nd October

Regional Athletics Carnival

Monday 3rd November

Curriculum Day – Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 4th November

Public Holiday – Melbourne Cup

Wednesday 19th November

School Council Meeting 7:30pm

Wednesday 17th December

School Council Meeting

Friday 19th December

End of Term 4 – early finish

Dear Parent/Guardian

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests for Year 3 + 5 students will be held on Tuesday 13 May 2008, Wednesday 14 May 2008 and Thursday 15 May 2008. The NAPLAN tests are conducted by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) on behalf of the Ministerial Council on Education, Employment, Training and Youth Affairs (MCEETYA).

The results of the tests provide diagnostic information for parents and teachers about a child's performance in Literacy and Numeracy. This information can be used to support teaching and learning programs and improve student achievement.

If your child has a disability which needs special consideration or has been learning English for less than **one** year, you should discuss with your child's teacher whether or not your child should undertake the test. Large Print and Braille versions are available for students with visual impairment.

Later in the year, you will receive your child's personal report. The report will describe your child's particular skills in reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy. The report will also show how your child performed in relation to national benchmark standards. These benchmarks describe minimum acceptable standards for students across Australia.

I am confident that the information you receive as a result of your child's participation in the NAPLAN tests will be valuable in helping you to assess your child's progress in Literacy and Numeracy.

For more information about the tests, please visit the VCAA website at www.vcaa.vic.edu.au or the NAPLAN website at www.naplan.edu.au

Yours sincerely

Kevin EnrightPrincipal

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LAVERTON PARK SOCCER CLUB invites girls and boys of any age from under 8s to 13s and Under 16s, of any ability to play. Over the season, all children get equal practice and game time and there is a focus on fun and development which go hand in hand. Despite new balls, new portable goals, new equipment, new lights, supply of training gear to children and qualified coaches, fees have been kept to a minimum. You are welcome on any Tuesday or Thursday at 6pm (Hall Avenue, Altona Meadows) TO TRY OUT A COUPLE OF SESSIONS WITH NO OBLIGATION TO JOIN. Interest and enthusiasm are the only criteria to play. For other enquiries please call Robert Palmaricciotti - 0408 401 928.

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CARPOOLING ANYONE?
If there is anybody interested in carpooling from Altona Meadows (Knightsbridge Avenue area) Call Kerry 0417 053 303.
I have a child at APS

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DO YOU KNOW THE NEXT VICTORIAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR?

The Herald Sun is seeking nominations for the 15th Annual Teacher of the Year Awards. Nomination forms are available at the General Office. A flyer is attached to this newsletter with categories and information. If you think your child's teacher has done a great job and would like to nominate them please call into the office for a form. Nomination forms must be received by 5pm May 23rd at the Herald Sun Offices

Sports Corner

INTER-SCHOOL SPORTS RESULTS

Last Term we played Altona North Primary away. The results were:

Team	ALTONA PRIMARY	Altona North Primary
Cricket	49 runs	75 runs
Newcombe	0 Sets	3 Sets
T-Ball	23 runs	15 runs
Bat Tennis	53 games	11 games

This was the last week of the summer interschool sports competition. We have the bat tennis team coached by Mr Fava making the final against Altona Gate Primary. This game will be played next term. The newcombe team coached by Mr McPherson just missed out on the finals finishing 3rd. The Tee Ball team coached by Mr Stanford had a good season finishing 5th and the cricket team coached by Mr Enright finished 6th. Well done to all teams. I know they all learned a lot about their sport and most importantly had fun.

Altona Primary Cross Country

The Altona Primary cross country event was held last term. All children participated enthusiastically and encouraged each other, especially along the back straight! The senior children of the school should be congratulated on their support that they gave to their peers who were doing it tough, such as running/motivating with children from other age groups. The winning house was Green with Maria Banica and Brett Muirhead as house captains for this house. Below is a list of the first six children over the line for each age group.

Prep Boys

- 1st Joe Jacobson
- 2nd Damon Trehwella
- 3rd Lachlan McNab
- 4th Matthew Hegarty
- 5th Jack Allen
- 6th Lachlan King

Prep Girls

- 1st Abi Inglis
- 2nd Gemma Egan
- 3rd Alice Dell
- 4th Hope Mancer
- 5th Alyssa Grego
- 6th Isabella Tipitsidis

Grade 1/2 Boys

- 1st Joel Carlton
- 2nd Rhys Puglisi
- 3rd Jack Bosnar
- 4th Isaac Zammit
- 5th Finn Clifford
- 6th Zach Hall

Grade 1/2 Girls

- 1st Chloe King
- 2nd Kara Bednar
- 3rd Carla den Oden
- 4th Kaede Weismann
- 5th Umi Weismann
- 6th Brooke McAuliffe

8/9/10 Year Boys

- 1st Aaron Kantar
- 2nd Matthew Wright
- 3rd Jake King
- 4th Jack Nolan
- 5th Matthew Schaumber
- 6th Joshua Hindle

8/9/10 Year Girls

- 1st Arlie den Ouden
- 2nd Leah Bednar
- 3rd Page Chapple
- 4th Isabella Mountford
- 5th Megan Bosnar
- 6th Evie Spelic

11 Year Boys

- 1st Jordan Mountney
- 2nd Isaac Corvo
- 3rd Mitchell Dean

11 Year Girls

- 1st Chelsea Puglisi
- 2nd Laura Rankin
- 3rd Maria Banica

4th Tyler Tipisidis
5th James Wright
6th Jessie Zammit

4th Emily Keech
5th Laura Costa
6th Bianca Fenech

12 Year Boys

1st Andrew Jarvis
2nd Darren McLeod
3rd Jerome Love
4th Henry Morgan
5th Jayden Jagos
6th Kayden Popovic

12 Year Boys

1st Casey Geard
2nd Madison Roache
3rd Jessie Davies
4th Briony Saunders
5th Irena Vecris
6th Tahlia Wright

The teacher Vs students (house and school captains) sack race was a great way to finish off the cross country carnival with the finish needing a photo to decide the winner. Some unusual tactics were used along the way with suspicious bumping on the cards. At the end, I found it impossible to make a decision, calling the race a draw for the second year in a row.

Finally like to thank all the teachers, parent helpers (Ljilana Sumiga, Mrs Yost, Silvana Brajkovic, Patricia Corvo, Sue King, Miriam Mountney, Lisa Paton, Helen Smith, Melissa Zarha and Glenn Paton) the Parents Club for supplying the ribbons, parents that supported their child/ren and the children for making this event such a great one.

Stephen Fava
PE Teacher



Dear parents and students, Circuit Kidz will be commencing in a couple of weeks starting on Tuesday 22nd of April in the PAC. There are only a few places left available. An enrolment form is attached to the newsletter if you would like your child to participate in this sporting/fitness program please fill in the form and return it to Mr. Puhar in room 4 ASAP.



FAMILY FOOTBALL



AFTERNOON

Saturday,

April 12th

Williamstown Seagulls vs. Port Melbourne

Come and join APS families supporting the "Seagulls" at **Burbank Oval, Williamstown at 2pm, Saturday, April 12th**

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

Join other families for a chat and kick of your football at ¼ and ½ time breaks.

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

Future dates are;

- Sunday, April 27th v North Ballarat
- Sunday, May 11th v Sandringham
- Saturday May 24th v Box Hill Hawks

Hope to see you there, Joanne Mathrick

Future AFL Players Wanted

Are you a boy or girl who turns 11/12 this year? Do you like Aussie Rules and would like to be part of a team in a family orientated club? Well Altona Juniors Football Club U12D side are in need of a few more players. Training Tuesday / Thursday afternoon, matches Sunday 12pm

Call Andrew 0401 787 151

Leanne 0402 300 890



Dear Parents,
 Please note that application forms for secondary schools without select entry will go home next Tuesday, April 15th.

Williamstown High School
Select Entry Program For Accelerated Learning

You will need to complete a special application by contacting the Bayview Campus on 9399 9228. The test is on May 17th. For further information please speak to John Pobjoy who is program co-ordinator.

The Williamstown High Open Day will be held on Thursday 8th May from 2pm-7.30pm at the Bayview Street Campus

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Hello! From the Big Apple!

To all my Prep happy Friends at Altona Primary

I have a baby sister, her name is Matilda and she is 14 days old. We love her very much and I get to cuddle her all the time. I hope that you are all well. I miss you all and the two playtimes. At my school in New York we only have one break and sometimes it's too cold to go outside. But we have two gym days, so that is good.

Love

Jack Thompson (Prep Happy and Prep Jolly 2006-07)

If you would like to write to Jack and his family, please see Miss Holgate for either the postal or email address. 😊