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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: 13/03/2008

Principal's Corner

This will be the last newsletter for the term as we finish early on Thursday next week.

A big thank you to all the staff for another terrific term. I don't think I can remember a term where we have worked so hard and still had more to do. The staff have certainly earned their break. Many staff are still here at school at 6p.m. at night, after starting at 8:15a.m. or earlier, organising their teaching and learning.

The Parade down the main street was fantastic. Thank you to all the children and parents who attended. The children's outfits looked fabulous. For those who didn't recognise me I had the huge white bunny head on at the front of the procession. Altona PS was awarded the 'Best Theme' award.

Congratulations to our swimmers who represented the district at the regional finals. They all swam very well with Andrew Jarvis winning and now going on to the state finals. We wish him all the very best.

Mr. Ian Hume is working as our school welfare officer. This is a new position for 2008 funded through the department. Ian's role will be to work with children and families where a more personal involvement would assist their child's progress. One of his foci will be working with boys throughout the school.

The grade 5/6 camp in the city this week was a great success. Thanks to the grade 5/6 teachers for organising another innovative experience for the students.

Next Wednesday the new School Council for 2008 meets for the first time.

The students have been terrific during this term. It is a pleasure to come to work each day and work in an environment that encourages hard work and good relationships. The grade 5/6 students have really impressed the staff with the leadership they have shown so far. Keep up the great work.

Congratulations to Mrs. Nicole Agius who is one of our parents. Nicole was awarded the 'Youth Parent of the Year' by Lifesaving Victoria. Nicole worked here last year as a trainee teacher. Nicole has been instrumental in getting the Nippers program running at Altona. Enjoy the first term holidays and Easter.

Kevin Enright
Principal.

HEAD LICE

We have had several cases of head lice in grades and would advise parents to check all children for signs of head lice.

Please treat as necessary, it is always a good idea to check the whole family.

If you are unsure of how to treat this problem, the local chemist will be able to advise you.

TERM DATES 2008



Term 1: 30th January – 20th March
(Thursday)

Term 2: 7th April – 27th June

Term 3: 14th July – 19th September

Term 4: 6th October – 19th December

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 17th March

Parents Club meeting MPR – 9am

Tuesday 18th March

Grade 5/6 Life Saving

Wednesday 19th March

A.P.S. Cross Country
School Council Meeting 7:30pm

Thursday 20th March

APS Cross Country **Back up date**
Last day of Term 1- early finish 2:30pm

Monday 7th April

First day of Term 2

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

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

AFTER SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS

We ask that parents and children make arrangements for their after school pick up before coming to school.

If arrangements change we will pass on messages to children if necessary. We also have a lot of children coming after school asking to use the phone because they are not sure who is collecting them.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

UNIFORM

We now have size 10, 12 and 14 short sleeve polo shirts in stock.

We are still waiting on purple shorts. The company has been out of material, we are hoping to have them in stock soon.

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A big thankyou is extended to Miriam Mountford and Melissa Zahra for guest speaking at our 2008 Parent Helpers Course. Miriam and Melissa gave the training group an insight into 'What it means to be a Classroom Helper' and were happy to answer a range of questions. All at APS would like to thank them for their time and ongoing commitment to our home/school partnership.

**Thankyou Nicole Fridey
P-6 Literacy Co-ordinator****ATTENTION ALL MUMS**

Come along and join our morning netball program every Wednesday at 9:30am at Altona Sports Centre Queen St, Altona. For more information phone Marilyn or Glenn 9360 9288.

4TH ALTONA SEA SCOUTS

Are you interested in fun and some challenging activities? The the Altona Sea Scouts may be for you!

Joey Scouts 6-8 years meet on Tuesday 5:45pm-6:45pm, Cub Scouts 8-11years onTuesday 7:15pm-8:45pm and Scouts 10-14 years meet Wednesday 7pm-9pm.

The Scout hall is in the Pines Scout Camp, which is located 400 metres down from the Altona Sports Club on Altona Rd.

For more information phone Sandra 9398 3893.

ALTONA NETBALL ASSOCIATION

Net-Set-Go is a beginners program for girls and boys aged from 6 years to under 12 by 31/12/2008.

This is a 10 week course featuring skills learning and court play.

For more information phone Marilyn Brakey 9360 9288 between 10am-4pm Monday-Thursday.

