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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: 14/02/2008

### Principals Corner

The school swimming squad began their early morning training sessions this week. Thank you to Mr. Fava, Miss Barbetta, Parents Club and all the parents who helped with the swimming and the big breakfast back at the school. Well done to all the students who attended the swimming training.

Parents are welcome to join the Outside School Hours Care committee. We meet once a term to oversee the program. Contact Laura or the office if you are interested.

Nominations are being called for positions on the School Council. There are three parent positions up for re election. Nominations close on Friday February 29<sup>th</sup>. Nomination forms are available at the office.

Car registration plates were stolen off a parent's car parked in Blyth Street after school this week. Make sure valuables are not left in cars and let us know if you see anything that might appear suspicious.

School Captains and House Captains were elected this week and announced at Monday morning assembly. I was again impressed with the number of students who nominated themselves for these leadership positions and their 'election campaigns'. Congratulations to the following students:

**Congratulations**

School Captains:

Evan Zhang and Irena Vecris

Red House Captains:

Shaelea Wade and Angus Spry

Green House Captains:

Maria Banica and Brett Muirhead

Blue House Captains:

Peta Saul and Andrew Jarvis

Yellow House Captains:

Jessie Davies and Jerome Love

Thank you to Christina Banica (Maria's Mum) for supplying cakes for the 5/6 students and teachers to celebrate the School and House Captain selections.

The grade 5/6 students have really taken up the challenge of being the leaders of the school. The grade Prep children have settled in extremely well. It is fantastic to see their smiling faces as they work in the grades and enjoy themselves in the playground.

Congratulations to our office staff; Kathy, Maree and Lee for another successful annual audit by DEECD (Department of Education and Early Childhood Development) of the financial and enrolment operations of the office.

Well done to our school sports teams for another fabulous start to the summer sporting season. A big thank you to the teachers who give up their lunchtimes to coach the teams.

Kevin Enright

Principal.

## 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

### Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February

Grade 1/2 Information Evening 6:30pm-7:15pm  
and 3-6 Parent/Teacher Interviews 1:30pm-7pm

### 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 and  
Japanese Farewell Concert

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

Bayside Festival

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

Bayside Festival Parade

### Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March

Labour Day – Public Holiday

### 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



## TERM DATES 2008

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

## PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Dear Parents,

As advertised in the last school newsletter Altona Primary School will once again be offering parents an opportunity to take part in the '*Classroom Helpers Program*' and '*Developing Literacy Partnerships*' information evening. The '*Classroom Helpers Program*' will run over four weekly sessions between 9:15am and 10:45am in the school Library on Friday February 22<sup>nd</sup>, Friday February 29<sup>th</sup>, Friday March 7<sup>th</sup> and Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March. The '*Developing Literacy Partnerships*' Information evening will be held on Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup> of March. There are still places available in both programs, so if you would like to attend either of these programs could you please send all expressions of interest to your child's classroom teacher.

**Thank you**

**Nicole Fridey**

**P-6 Literacy Coordinator**

## **FOUND**

We have 2 memory cards at the office from digital cameras. They were found in the school yard. Please see Maree if you have lost these cards.



### **LOCAL ALTONA WALK 1/26 and 1/27**

Unfortunately due to the weather today the local Altona walk was cancelled. The walk will be rescheduled for a finer day.

The permission form that has already been signed will cover this new date.

**Thank you**



### **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”.

**Entry forms for the Bayside Qenos Art show are available from Mrs. Barry.**

### **BOOKCLUB ISSUE 1**

All orders are due tomorrow Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February. If you are buying the books as a present your order can be kept at the office. Mark your request on the envelope and send to the classroom teacher.

### **INFORMAL CROSSING POINT**

The Hobsons Bay Council has written to us to let us know that the school crossing on Civic Pde. near Sugargum Drv. Has been deleted because of inadequate use.

The Council has established an informal crossing point on Civic Pde. just east of Upton St.

Council has asked us to impress on parents that this is **not a pedestrian priority crossing** and that vehicles are **not required** to give way to pedestrians. It is simply a short length of road with caution notices on either side advising drivers that child pedestrians may cross in this location.

