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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: 15/05/2008

Principal's Corner

I hope all of our 'Mums' had a happy Mothers Day and were spoilt on Sunday. A big thank you to the Parents Club for the Mothers Day stall. The students all appreciated the opportunity to purchase a small gift at the school. As it is National Volunteer Week, the school would like say a big THANK YOU to all of our parents and friends who so willingly give their time to help the school community. From classroom helpers to Parents Club and School Council to working bees - the opportunities for involvement at school are vast and varied. Keep up the great work - it is very much appreciated. Thank you to all of the parents who attended the Maths and Boys Education nights last week. Congratulations to Ms. Barbetta for organising the Maths night. It was very well attended and extremely informative. Ms. Barbetta is our maths coordinator and working to improve the learning and teaching of maths across the school. Thank you also to Mr. Hume for his engaging presentation on Friday night. I am sure families who attended gained some valuable insights into raising boys.

A reminder to all students that we do have a set school uniform and particularly our female students need to make sure they are wearing the right clothing. Girls in younger grades often want to copy the incorrect uniform worn by older girls. This can make it very difficult for parents and create arguments in homes. There is a list of the correct uniform attached to the Newsletter. Children need to take care when crossing the crossings at the back of the school. If your child

walks this way please reinforce the correct railway crossing procedures. Parents who drive along the road at the back of the school please be patient and stop and allow families to cross safely.

The footsteps dance program begins next week. All grades will have a one hour session for the next 6 weeks.

Next week is Education Week so come along and join in. The grade Prep – Grade 4 performances and the disco night will be some of the highlights.

The grade 1/2 excursion was a great success. This is wonderfully expressed in an email from one of our parents; "Thank you so much for such a lovely day today at Collingwood Children's Farm – I love being part of an excursion ... and having so many parents able to go was just magic.

I am sure I speak for most parents ... having many eyes and hands must make it a more pleasant day for you – I know cost is always a factor but I just wanted to say THANK YOU. The children were all so beautifully behaved too – they were just a pleasure to be around. Once again thank you for a great day out."

If any parents would like to nominate a teacher, nomination forms for the 2008 teacher of the year are available at the office. Nominations close on May 23rd.

I have included an article "What makes a School Good" with the Newsletter. It is interesting reading and valuable in reflecting on our school. Have a great weekend

Kevin Enright
Principal.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Important
DATE!

Wednesday 21st May

School Council Meeting 7:30pm

Monday 26th May

Westside Arts – the Arts Centre, Hamer Hall

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

SCHOOL COUNCILLORS

2008

Staff: Kevin Enright, Danielle Barbetta,
Michael Spelic
Parents: Sandra Wilson (President), Bruce
Evans (Vice President), Lenore
Stote, Liz Brown, Naomi Nolan,
Davina Clarke, Sarah Spry, Vic
Webster

UNIFORM NEWS

We will have stock of grey pinafores from a new supplier by next week in sizes, 4, 6, 8, 10. There is a chance of ordering more if required. The uniform shop is open Tuesday morning 8:45am – 9:30am and Tuesday afternoon 3:15pm – 3:45pm. If these times are not suitable you can leave an order form with money in an envelope and we will fill the order and send it home with your child.

LOST UNIFORM PIECES

There are approximately 40 jumpers named and un-named on the lost property racks outside Room 20. Please remember to clearly mark all clothes, lunch boxes, drink bottles etc.

MUSIC NEWS



The Altona Primary School choir are performing in the Westside Arts Concert at Hamer Concert Hall on Monday the 26th of May.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our children and we wish them the best of luck. Westside Arts is a regional event which promotes and supports performing arts in the Western Metropolitan Region schools. It is a vibrant and dynamic concert showcasing dance, music, drama and film. Westside Arts gives primary and secondary students an opportunity to perform in a world-class venue, the Arts Centre’s Hamer Concert Hall.

In 2008, more than 1000 students will be involved in the concert through individual school items, backstage crew, film crew, and a Regional Finale item.

Tickets are available through Ticketmaster.

EDUCATION WEEK



Don't forget next Wednesday the 21st of May we are having an Education week concert at 2.15 in the PAC. All grades from Prep to 3/4 will be performing some of the songs and activities they have been working on in Music. We look forward to sharing out talents with the School Community.

Stay tuned

Julie Enright (Music Teacher).

Altona Little Athletics

Cross Country / Fun run season commencing:
Saturday 17th May 2008
and running every Saturday until Sat 19th July.
(excl. School holidays, Queens Birthday weekend and Regional Cross country weekend yet to be confirmed). Sat: 9.30am to 10.30am commencing from Altona Little Athletics Centre – Cherry Lake Sugar Gum drive Altona.

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Photos:

The following families have some photos from the Altona Little Athletics club that can be collected: Reason, Costa, Schaumberg, Vecris, Lawlor, Keech and De Zeeuw.

For any queries phone Leanne Tipper 9398 8095.

