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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: 17/04/2008

Principal's Corner

A big thank you to Mim Mountney for her work so far this year as Parents Club president.

Unfortunately due to home and other commitments Mim is unable to continue as president. This is an important position within the school and we ask that parents consider taking on this role. Please contact Mrs. Vermezovic or myself if you would like to take on this role or would like more information regarding what this role entails. The role could be shared between interested parents.

Regrettably the grade 5/6 camp to Queensland has been cancelled. As we looked further into the travel and legal requirements of such a camp and the duty of care necessary, it became increasingly difficult to complete the final organisation required. Thank you to Mr. Puhar for the time and effort he put into organising the initial stages of the camp. Repayment of deposits will be organised by Kathy in the office.

Good luck to Andrew Jarvis when he swims in the state swimming finals on Monday. Good luck also to the children competing in the district cross country championships next Wednesday.

On Monday morning and evening we are holding the open meetings for our school review. We have put a lot of time and effort into planning and preparing for these meetings and would really appreciate your attendance and a big input from families. Staff members are giving up their evening to present and assist with the process. At the moment 4 families have indicated that they will attend. Your input is a vital part of the

process. Please contact the office on Friday if you are planning to attend. The sessions are
Session 1 – Monday 21st April at 9.30 AM
Session 2 – Tuesday 22nd April at 7 PM

On Friday staff will attend a professional development day focussed on the teaching of oral language. High performing schools across the state who have improved the literacy skills of their students have had a focus on oral language. We believe this professional development day will enable staff to continuously improve the literacy skills of our students.

Enjoy the weekend

Kevin Enright

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

Math's 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

Year 7 2009.

A reminder to all Year 6 parents that application for government secondary schools in 2009 need to be returned by Monday 19th May.

Please see your classroom teacher if you have any questions.

BAYSIDE –WILLIAMSTOWN CAMPUS

OPEN DAY Wednesday 30th April (9am to 4pm)

INFORMATION EVENING Monday 5th May 7.30pm
Williamstown Library

Please contact Monica Bond on 93971377

ATHSMA

If your child's asthma information isn't up-to-date, could you please contact the office

PLAY SOCCER

Altona East Phoenix - April 2008

Altona East Phoenix are urgently looking for 3 to 5 players to join their Under 11 and 10 Joey teams . Training is Monday & Wednesday night at 5.30 pm at the Altona East ground Paisley Park Soccer Complex MEL REF: 55C5.

If you are interested in joining any of our teams, or want more information, please contact Michael Psomas on 9239 5553 (DH) or 0425822264 (AH), Jim Dimitriou on 0411069396 or Patrick Stankovic on 0425 750 664.

We welcome any players, new or established, that are willing to train hard to achieve their football goals. Ref:

<http://www.footballfedvic.com.au/clubnoticeboard.php>

All of our coaches are accredited by the Football Federation of Victoria.

Sports Corner

INTER-SCHOOL SPORTS RESULTS INTERSCHOOL SPORTS FINALS

Last Friday our bat tennis team played Altona Gate Primary in the summer interschool sports final.

The bat tennis team consisting of Callum Donohue, Brett Muirhead, Dannielle Calvi, Jerome Love, Anthony Lam, David Matic, Nathan Skinner, Jack Nottlemann, Maria Banica, Taylah McWilliams, Dylan Moloney, Jessie Davies, Kayden Popovic and Dillan Van Meersbergen had their work cut out for them with Altona Gate Primary not losing a match throughout the previous 6 rounds of competition. Our children didn't lose their nerve and stuck to our team game plan of supporting each other, communicating on court and finding a game plan that will work to gain advantage. They did a terrific job with rallies worthy of the Australian Open, winning 54 games to 4. I was proud of this team and how much improvement I have seen over the 6 weeks that I have been coach and their enthusiasm during training sessions. Well done on becoming premiers of our district. The bat tennis team will now enter the zone knock out rounds later on in the year. Good Luck.

VPSSA State Swimming Titles

On Monday Andrew Jarvis will compete in the VPSSA State Swimming Titles at MSAC (Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre). We wish Andrew all the best for his two events which are 50m Backstroke and Butterfly in the 12 year old boys section. Altona Primary is right behind you!! Good Luck.

Stephen Fava
PE Teacher