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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: 21/02/2008

Principals Corner

The Parents Club held their elections recently. The 2008 committee is: Miriam Mountney (President), Wendy Buckner (Vice President), Monique Prassinos (Secretary), and Sue Debney (Treasurer). The general members of the committee are: Liz Brown, Vanessa Kantar, Natasha McAuliffe, Sandra Wilson, Erica Burnet, Di Heywood, Karen McLean, Kylie Keech, Marie-Anne Reason, Bev McNab, and Davina Clarke. Thanks you to all of the parents involved in the Parents Club for their dedication to the school.

The grade Prep children have settled in very well, the Grade 5/6 lifesaving program began this week, interschool sport has begun and our swimming team has been practising each week. There is a lot happening. Teachers are busy establishing where each child in their grade is educationally and meeting their learning needs. The new playground equipment, that the Parents Club raised funds for in 2007, should be erected in the near future. It will be placed in the playground area behind the art room. The architectural drawings for our new computer centre, to be built on the back of the library, have been completed and we hope to have the project finished by the end of term 2. Interactive whiteboards have been placed in the grade 5/6 rooms. The cabling and electrical work should be completed this week end. The 5/6 staff and students are very excited about the learning initiatives the interactive whiteboards will make possible. 2008 is the year of school review. We are hoping to involve students, parents and staff in the

review and the formation of the school's 4 year strategic plan. There will be opportunities for families to be involved over the next few months. The strategic plan should reflect the aspirations of the school community for each of our students.

School photos are scheduled for Thursday March 6th. Payment envelopes will be sent home within the next week.

Kevin Enright
Principal.



OSHC REMINDER

Parents please remember that children who require breakfast **must be at OSHC by 8:20am.** Breakfast finishes **at 8:30am** as staff and students need to prepare for the day.

Thank you
Laura and OSHC staff.

SCHOOL PARKING

When taking your child to and from school please be sure to adhere to the road safety rules. Consider the safety of all children and our wonderful crossing supervisor Sue. We also need to respect our neighbours and not park over their driveways. When parking please be sure to utilize the spaces properly so that there is more parking available. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 19th/26 February

Grade 5/6 Life Saving 9:30am-11:30am
Altona Life Saving Club

Tuesday 26th February

WADSSA Swim Carnival

Wednesday 27th February

Grade 1/2 Information Evening 6:30pm-7:15pm
and 3-6 Parent/Teacher Interviews 1:30pm-7pm
– **early finish for students 1pm**

Tuesday 4th March

Japanese Cultural Day

Tuesday 4th/11th/18th March

Grade 5/6 Life Saving

Thursday 6th March

Whole school photos

Friday 7th March

Bayside Festival Swimming Carnival

Saturday 8th/9th March

Bayside Festival and parade

Wednesday 12th March

Grade 5/6 overnight camp Melbourne

Wednesday 19th March

A.P.S. Cross Country

Thursday 20th March

Last day of Term 1- early finish 2:30pm

Monday 7th April

First day of Term 2

Friday 18th April

Curriculum Day – Pupil Free Day
OSHC will be available - children must be enrolled

Tues 10th June

Curriculum Day – Pupil Free Day
OSHC available – children must be enrolled

Monday 3rd November

Curriculum Day – Pupil Free Day
OSHC will not be available

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE

ALLOWANCE

The EMA is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

To be eligible for the EMA you must:

- Be the holder of a Health Care card or a pension card. Your card must be current as of the 29th January 2008.
- The EMA application must be submitted to **school by 29th February 2008** for the 1st instalment.

Some eligible families did not have their card with them on the Bookpack collection day.

Please see Kathy to have your card photocopied.

SCHOOL SAFETY

For the safety of children, staff and parents please do **not ride scooters or bikes** within the school grounds.

Please note also that children are not to be at school before 8:30am unless they are booked into OSHC.

There is no supervision in the yard until 8:45am

Williamstown Football Club 2008 Family Pass

The Williamstown Football Club 2008 Family Pass will have come home with this week's newsletter. Please keep it handy to use on various dates during the football season.

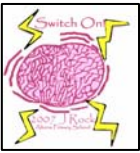
These football games are a great time to meet other APS families, support a local club and have a kick on the ground during the 1/4 & 1/2 time breaks.

B.Y.O. a picnic lunch and/or afternoon tea, picnic blanket or chairs, your football and your loud barracking voice.

Check the newsletter during next term for APS Family Football Days.

Hope to see you there.

Joanne Mathrick



J.Rock DVD

21st February 2008

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We know you have all been very patient with our J.Rock DVD orders which originally were due at school some weeks before Christmas. After much discussion with the company we have decided to ask for and have been given a full refund for the cost of each DVD.

The sound quality was extremely poor and given the performance was of a musical nature we felt it didn't represent value for money.

Each family will receive a full cash refund of \$35 in a named envelope which will be able to be collected at the office. The date on which you will be able to pick up your refund will be advised in next week's newsletter.

Thank you for your patience and understanding,
Tiffany Verwoert



Book Club Issues 1 & 2

The Book Club orders for Issue 1 have been placed and delivery usually takes approx. 2 weeks.

Because Term 1 is only 8 weeks long, there is a very short time line for Issue 2 .

Book Club Issue 2 Catalogues have gone out this week and orders are due back by **Friday March 7th** to ensure delivery before the holidays. You are not obligated to purchase books; this is a service offered to all schools. Remember to clearly name all order forms and return orders through your child's classroom teacher.

If you wish to order presents, please write present on each order form and a phone number. I will leave these special orders at the office and ring to let you know when they are in.

Issue 2 Due Date Friday March 7th

BAYSIDE FESTIVAL PARADE SUNDAY 9th March 10.30am

This year's Pier Street Parade is "The Easter Theme" we are hoping that the children who would like to participate can get their creative juices flowing and create Easter bonnets, fancy dress as Easter Eggs or Easter Bunnies - anything at all in the Easter theme. We will have a special prize for the best fancy dress entrant from our school (Details to follow in next week's newsletter) we have asked the wonderful, " Norm" (last year's crossing supervisor) to be our judge for this special prize.

Parents you can dress up too and walk along with your children - who knows what Kevin Enright will get up to this year - last year he rode a tandem bike, with Ric Maguire another year he was on horse back - Look out this year!!!

We meet at approximately 10.30 (at a designated location - which as yet still remains unknown but one of the side streets to Pier Street) The Parade begins at 11am and we are usually at Cherry Lake about 12 noon.

Dress up your bikes and scooters bring "tooters", balloons anything that you can think of that will make our group the loudest and the brightest. It is a great Community event so why not join us??

There will be more details as we get them in upcoming newsletters

UNIFORM

If you would like to order a pinafore, (not compulsory) please see Lee or Maree. Pinafores must be paid for prior to ordering. There is a long wait for the delivery so it is best to order now to have one for the colder weather.

The uniform shop is open Tuesday morning 8:45am-9am and afternoon 3:15pm-3:45pm. If these hours do not suit we will arrange another time for you. Order forms are available from the office and can be left with the payment. The order will then be given to your child to bring home.

HOBSONS BAY CLEAN UP

Detox your home – Saturday 23rd February 2008

- Households can dispose of unwanted products by taking them to the Hobsons Bay City Council Depot, Sugargum Drv Altona between 8am-4pm.
- Clean up Australia Day – Sunday 2nd March 2008

Students and their families are invited to participate at the Council's site on Clean Up Australia Day which will be The Warmies Boat Ramp and The Spit Newport. Clean Up will be between 9am and 12pm followed by a free BBQ for all volunteers.

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

ALTONA JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

The club is having their registration day on Sunday 24th February 2008.

Time: 10am-4pm

Venue: Altona Football Club, Social Rooms, Grant Reserve

Registration fees: \$125 (includes official Altona Junior FC training jumper) if fees are paid on the day or \$150 (including official jumper) if fees are paid after the 24th.