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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: 22/05/2008**

### Principal's Corner

Education week has been a real celebration here at Altona P.S. We had the choir, guitar and recorder groups play at assembly and a terrific solo guitar performance by Luca. The grade 5/6 students had an excursion to the Footscray Community Arts Centre where they were involved in creating various pieces of art with artists and choosing a piece of art to hang at Altona PS. Thank you to Mrs. Barry for organising this worthwhile excursion. Over 200 parents attended the grade Prep – 4 performances in the PAC centre. The Footsteps dance program began on Tuesday. Today we have rotational activities for the whole school and tomorrow we have a free sausage sizzle, the open morning for parents and 5/6 sport in the afternoon. A huge thank you to the teachers for organising and facilitating the week. It has certainly been another big week.

Teachers are currently spending evenings and weekends completing student reports. I would like to publicly acknowledge the fabulous work they do here at Altona P.S. It is a both privilege and a pleasure to work with the teachers, office and OSHC staff.

Mrs. Fridey, Mrs. Costa, Mrs. Vermezovic and I spent the entire day yesterday putting together all the comments and information related to the school data from students, parents and teachers. The summary for our school self evaluation was presented in draft to School Council last night.

Our school reviewer Ms. Anita Forsyth will discuss the school with 12 grade 5/6 children on Tuesday June 17<sup>th</sup> and then attend the School Council meeting later that night. There is a long list of successes and celebrations and some exciting plans for the future. As a follow up to last week's article I have included an article; 'An excellent Teacher for Every Child' in this week's newsletter. This has always been our aim at Altona P.S.

The choir is performing at the regional concert 'Westside Arts' at the Arts centre in St Kilda road on Monday night. A big thank you to Mrs. Enright for her work and congratulations to the choir for being chosen through the audition process.

Good luck to our athletes competing in the regional cross country next week.

And finally, the school disco is next Friday night. Students must be dropped off at school and picked up from the PAC centre. Your best manners and behaviour is again required.

We have had a few cases of 'school sores' this week. The sores begin with the look of a mosquito bite and then become blister which erupt into a sore that looks like a boil. You will need to take your child to the doctor if he/she has any of these symptoms. This is highly contagious so please check your children. The end of the month is the time when we ask parents to check students' hair for headlice and treat them if required. This has been a successful strategy so keep up the good work.

The new school website is on the web. The address is at the top of this page. There is a section for each of the grade levels which show parents what the grades are learning. School policies and documents, newsletters etc have links on the site.

Have a great weekend.

**Kevin Enright**  
**Principal.**

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May

Zone Cross Country

### Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May

School Disco "Fancy Dress Theme"

### Tues 10<sup>th</sup> June

Curriculum Day – Pupil Free Day

### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June

School Council Meeting 7:30pm

### Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June

End of Term – **early finish 2:30pm**

### Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July

Term 3 begins

## Singing and Keyboard Classes

Hey kids! Get the Goss . . . !!

gOSs Music studio is now in your local area!

Singing and keyboard classes now available.

A great way to build your confidence, and have fun at the same time!

For more information call Dene: Ph 0432

936 849 or email: [gossmusic@gmail.com](mailto:gossmusic@gmail.com)

## Sports Corner



### **INTER-SCHOOL SPORTS RESULTS**

Last Friday in interschool sports, we played Altona North Primary at home. The results were:

Team	<b>ALTONA PRIMARY</b>	<b>Altona North Primary</b>
Soccer	2 Goals	1 Goal
Girls Netball	15 Goals	4 Goals
Mixed Netball	15 Goals	1 Goal
Softball	22 Runs	3 Runs
Football	23 points	107 points

## **3/4H REQUEST**



If you have any old magazines, Ms. Holgate would love to have them. Please be sure to remove any inappropriate pictures then take them to Room 7.

**Many Thanks,**

**Ms. Holgate.**

## **STUDENT DETAILS**

Parents please be sure that we have the correct emergency contact details for your child.

If you have recently moved house or any of your emergency contact numbers have changed, please advise the school office and OSHC if your child attends.

It is important that we have all the correct details in case of an emergency.

This Friday we are playing Williamstown North Primary away. The football match will be played at Williamstown Bayside Secondary College, while all other matches will be played at their school. Good luck to all teams.

### **Regional Cross Country Championships**

Good luck to Casey Geard, Jordan Mountney, Isaac Corvo, Aaron Kantar, Chelsea Puglisi, Matthew Wright, Leah Bednar and Madison Roache who will run at Brimbank Park next Wednesday. These children have been training hard during a number of early morning training sessions at school and are ready for this hilly course. Altona Primary are right behind you. Good luck..

**Stephen Fava**

**PE Teacher**



## FAMILY FOOTBALL AFTERNOON



**Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Williamstown Seagulls vs. Box Hill Hawks**

Come and join APS families supporting the "Seagulls" at **Burbank Oval, Williamstown at 2pm, Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**

Search out your Williamstown Seagull 2008 Family Pass that was handed out early this year.

Why not pack a special treat for afternoon tea and join other families for a chat and kick of your football at ¼ and ½ time breaks.

Dress warm, it can be very cold on the hill behind the goals.

Future dates are;

- Sunday June 15<sup>th</sup> v Frankston

### Book Club Issue 4 Due Date Friday May 30<sup>th</sup>

All Issue 3 orders have been delivered.

Issue 4 catalogues went home last Thursday. 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 there in.



Joanne Mathrick Room 20  
Book Club Co-ordinator.



## Premier's Reading Challenge 2008 WOW!

Some children have already read their target number of books. Congratulations!

Parents wishing to receive their child's personal User Name & Password can speak to their child's classroom teacher. Each teacher has a list of their student's data. Parents & children can enter their own data at home.

**If you DO NOT wish to have your child's name published in THE AGE newspaper at the end of the challenge please let your child's teacher know.**

For further information visit;

[www.education.vic.gov.au/prc](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc)

All reading must be completed by August 31<sup>st</sup>.

If you have any questions or concerns, please come and see me in Room 20.

**Happy Reading**  
**Joanne Mathrick**



### Lost Property

**Jumpers Grey Vest Lunch Boxes Drink Bottles**  
These items are waiting to be claimed in lost property outside Room 20

**None are named!**

Please remember to clearly name or re-name your child's belongings so we can return them if they misplace them.

Also please check your child has brought home their own item of clothing. We have a number of families looking for clearly named jumpers & jackets that have mysteriously disappeared from our classrooms and school grounds.

### 4<sup>th</sup> Altona Sea Scouts Pines Scout Camp, Altona Road



**'Scouts' - Joey's, Cubs and Scouts**

The 4<sup>th</sup> Altona Sea Scouts would like to invite the students of Altona Primary School to come and try Scouting.

**'Joey Scouts'** – For boys & girls aged 6 to 8 years old  
Tuesday Nights 5:45 to 6:45pm

**'Cub Scouts'** - For boys & girls aged 7½ to 11 years old  
Tuesday Nights 7:15 to 8:45pm

**'Scouts'** - For boys & girls aged 11 to 15 years old  
Wednesday Nights

Please feel free to come along and participate in a Pack Meeting and experience the exciting activities and games 'Scouts' have to offer.

During a Pack Meeting the children participate in a range of activities as they work towards their badges, venture on excursions around our local community or into Melbourne and occasionally attend camps.

We have a number of children at APS that are more than happy to talk about their Scouting experiences, just ask! Please feel free to speak to Joanne Mathrick, Room 20 or call Sandra Stone – Cub Scout Leader ( 9398 – 3893 )



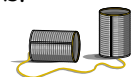
### Bits & Pieces Wanted



If you have any of the following items at home Mrs Mathrick is collecting them for the local Scout Pack.

Please leave any items in the box outside Room 20.

1. Egg cartons
2. Washed two litre soft drink bottles.
3. Washed plastic 3 litre fruit juice bottles.
4. Cardboard cylinders from Alfoil/Gladwrap rolls.
5. Empty large (825gm) fruit tins.



**Many thanks for your support**  
**Joanne Mathrick**