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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: 29/05/2008

### Principals Corner

Thank you to all the parents who attended the open morning last week. The teachers and students enjoyed having you in their classrooms. Mrs. Barry and her committee made sure we really enjoyed and celebrated Education Week.

Grade 5/6 students presented their photo stories at a 5/6 assembly last week. The quality of their work was amazing. Mrs. Luketic has taught them some fabulous computer skills.

I was lucky enough to sit in with 5/6B last week when our business partners InSYNC took the grade through a 2 hour session on leadership. The InSYNC staff were very impressed with the enthusiasm and level of understanding of the students.

Congratulations to the choir members who sang at Westside Art this week. They were fabulous. A big thank you to Burbank homes who provided the bus and driver free of charge for both the rehearsal and the performance at night. Congratulations to Julie Enright for her fantastic work with the choir. A big thank you also to Ms. Keenan, Mr. Gilpin, Melissa Zahra and Sandra Bedna for helping throughout the day and to our many parent helpers on the bus.

A huge thank you to the parents club who provided the free sausage sizzle and drink to all students on Friday.

Congratulations also to the students who represented the district at the regional cross country event. Mr. Fava was very proud of their efforts on the day. Good luck to Jordan and Casey who will now go on to the state level.

I have included a recent e mail from Bernadette the manager of the Footscray Community Arts centre regarding our grade 5/6 art excursion.

Dear Pam,

Just wanted to let you know what a terrific day we had with Altona PS yesterday – the children were a credit to the school and I hope that the outcomes for you, staff and children were all that you hoped for. After working with numerous schools in the West it was noticed by my artists how willing the children were to engage in projects, listen attentively, had lovely manners and giving credit to your art teaching – the students were familiar and confident with artistic terms and activities. It would be great if we could get together soon to discuss stage 2 of the project and plan the mentoring project.

Kind regards,

**Bernadette**

Tuesday June 10<sup>th</sup> is our next Curriculum day. We will be working with 'Leading Teams.' Leading Teams are the company who work with Collingwood, Geelong, the Western Bulldogs and other AFL teams to build their team ethos, leadership, vision, discipline, and commitment. It should be a very inspiring day.

Don't forget students must be dropped off and picked up at the disco by an adult on Friday night. Only students who attend the school are able to attend. Parents will need to come into the Multipurpose room to pick up their children. We need to do this for the safety of all children. Enjoy the disco and bring your best manners.

Have a great weekend.

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

## DATES TO REMEMBER

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

School Disco "Fancy Dress Theme"

### Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June

Ian Hume – Boys Education Evening 7:30pm

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

Curriculum Day – **Pupil Free Day**

### Wednesday 18<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



## Sports Corner

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

Last Friday in interschool sports, we played Williamstown North Primary away. The results were:

<b>Team</b>	<b>ALTONA PRIMARY</b>	<b>Williamstown North Primary</b>
Soccer	5 Goals	0 Goal
Girls Netball	16 Goals	3 Goals
Mixed Netball	1 Goal	21 Goals
Softball	18 Runs	6 Runs
Football	5 points	130 points

This Friday we are playing Williamstown Primary Blue team at home. Good luck to all teams.

### **Zone Cross Country Championships**

Yesterday, we had 8 children run in the Western Zone Cross Country Championships at Brimbank Park.

This course was very different to the ones at school and Cherry Lake as there were a number of hills involved, but our children were well prepared, having trained hard both at school and in their own time.

Leah Bednar ran in the 10 year old girls event, which was 2kms long. She ran a terrific race, finding a nice rhythm throughout the race. She finished 13<sup>th</sup> in the Western Zone which is a top effort. Well done Leah, you made a determined effort from the first time you started training at school.

Aaron Kantar and Matthew Wright ran in the 10 year old boys event, which was 2kms long. Both ran terrific races, with Matthew and Aaron settling not too far from the leading group. Both boys enjoyed the run and the experience.

## **BOOK CLUB ISSUE 4**

### **DUE DATE Friday 30<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

Remember to clearly name all order forms and return orders through your child's classroom teacher.

## **LOST PROPERTY**

These items are waiting to be claimed in lost property outside Room 20. If these items are not collected by Wednesday all items not named will be placed in the second hand uniform.

## **BITS AND PIECES WANTED**

Thanks for the great response. Our local Scout Pack still needs:

1. Washed two litre soft drink bottles
2. Washed plastic 3 litre fruit juice bottles
3. Cardboard cylinders from Alfoil/Gladwrap roll
4. Washed fruit tins, no sharp edges

Please leave any items in the box outside Room 20.

Matthew finished 17<sup>th</sup> and Aaron 22<sup>nd</sup>. A great run boys. Your enthusiasm during training sessions was great.

Chelsea Puglisi ran in the 3 km 11 year old girls race. As the 50 competitors sprinted from the start line, Chelsea settled at the back of the pack. By the end of the first lap, Chelsea made up tremendous ground settling 7<sup>th</sup>. The hills took their toll on most girls but Chelsea held on strongly and finished 10<sup>th</sup>. Top run Chelsea.

Jordan Mountney and Isaac Corvo ran in the 3 km 11 year old boys race. Both boys started off really well, settling just off the pace. They both ran a smart and steady race, keeping their positions and running up the hills with some ease. Coming into the home straight, Jordan had to dig really deep as he challenged for the last spot into the state titles. His sprint training paid off and he determinedly finished 6<sup>th</sup>, qualifying for the state titles at Bundoora Park on the 20<sup>th</sup> of July. Great achievement Jordan. Isaac also ran a top race, holding his position and finishing not far behind in 8<sup>th</sup> place. Great running boys.

Madison Roach and Casey Geard ran in the 3km 12 year old girls race. Both girls started off well, with Casey settling in 3<sup>rd</sup> position and Madison not far behind in 7<sup>th</sup>. Casey ran a strong race, with her training putting her in good shape to tackle the steep hills. Casey finished her race strongly finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> and qualifying for the state titles at Bundoora Park. All her hard training paid off. Top run Casey. Madison also ran really well, running in spurts to finish 12<sup>th</sup>. Great run girls, you should be really proud of your efforts.

Congratulations to these eight talented children. I know their families, friends and Altona Primary School are very proud of them, just like I am. All 8 have improved out of sight over the last three months. It was a joy watching these children work hard and reap the rewards. Once again, I would like to thank Sue Geard for helping out and coaching these children. I know the children have learnt a great deal from you, Sue. I would also like to thank Miriam Mountney for transporting a number of children down to Brimbank Park.

Good luck to Casey Geard and Jordan Mountney, who will both compete in the State Cross Country Titles on the 20<sup>th</sup> of July. What a fabulous achievement and an exciting time for your families and the APS community.

**Stephen Fava**  
**PE Teacher.**

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**WHOLE SCHOOL DISCO - tomorrow night**



**BOYS EDUCATION EVENING - Ian Hume**  
**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June**

**Westside Art APS**

