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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: 06/03/2009

### Principal's Corner

Congratulations to Mr. Chris Young, Mrs. Sandra Wilson and Mrs. Tracey Habgood-Drake who have been elected on to the 2009 Altona P.S. School Council. Thank you to all the families who voted at the election. We received 61 votes.

There have been wasps near the play equipment at the end of the basket ball court. These are native wasps that live in the ground and feed on a fungus in the mulch. They do not sting children, unless they are aggravated, and they work individually not as a group like European wasps. With the placement of the new mulch in the playing area the wasps have disappeared.

The new Education Department food policy refers to food as every day, occasional and select carefully. This is the language we will be using with students rather than good and bad food. The policy only concerns what the school provides for students. What parents put in their child's lunch is entirely parent choice.

We are right into the swing of the term. It is fantastic to see the children working hard in their grades and enjoying their education. I also really enjoy walking around the school, seeing the smiling faces, seeing good manners, observing children looking after each other and playing so well together, having children come up and talk to me and seeing them really enjoying art, music, physical education, LOTE, and computers. So many of our visitors comment on how good the children are and the friendly but professional atmosphere of the school.

The school was broken into in the early hours of Sunday morning. Six Hewlett Packard laptops were stolen. The school alarm went off but the security firm did not respond. The method of entry and the style of the robbery indicate that it was probably young people hanging around the school that broke in. If anyone has any information that might help our

investigations please contact the school. I'm sure there is talk amongst local secondary school students or around the streets concerning who broke in. All the children who have attended Mrs. Luketic's computer classes this week have been severely inconvenienced by the lack of computers available to work on.

Despite this minor setback we have had a terrific week.

Have a great long weekend

**Kevin Enright**  
**Principal**

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**Asthma Reminder**

**Asthma Action Plans need to be returned to school by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March.**

Thank you



Erin Butler

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### **O.S.H.C News**

We have had a new staff member begin at After School Care this week. Lee has her certificate 3 in children's services and has had many years experience working in a childcare centre. She is going to be a great addition to our team and is very motivated and happy to be involved.

This year I've decided to do the invoices fortnightly, so you will be receiving one next week. You are more than welcome to still pay weekly.

Some of the children who attend After School Care are still getting hungry even after they've had afternoon tea. You are more than welcome to pack extra food in their bag for them to have.

**Laura and O.S.H.C Staff**

We are looking forward to working with you all  
Nicole Fridey P-6 Literacy Coordinator  
Debbie Galvin P-2 Educational Leader

Regards,  
***Nicole Fridey***  
***P-6 Literacy Coordinator***  
***Altona Primary School***



**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

Life Ed begins

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March**

Labour Day Public Holiday

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March**

Bayside Festival

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March**

Bayside Festival Parade

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

Last day of Term 1

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April**

First day of Term 2

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June**

Curriculum Day - Pupil free Day

**LOST CLOTHING**

A grey 3/4 length cotton jacket with a belt and stripes inside.

This jacket belongs to Eden Hunt from 1/2H and was lost on the free dress day. Eden and her Mum are very upset about the jacket.

If found please return to Eden.



**Altona city Theatre**

The show opens on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March as part of the Bayside Festival.

The show features a cast of ages 9 and upwards all from local schools within the Altona City and surrounding suburbs.

To book tickets phone 0425 705 550.



**MOOMBA MONDAY**

Mr. Gilpin will be playing with his band ZOOPHYTE at 3pm at Birrarung Mar behind Federation Square.

It is an all ages show and it will be a great day for the family. Hope to see you there.

Drum tuition available in Altona  
Contact: Jackson Considine  
0401356329

**Altona Primary School Literacy Parent**

**Information Evening 2009**

(Tonight Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2009)

Thank you to those parents who have registered for tonight's Literacy Information evening, just a remind that the session will commence at 7:00pm and conclude 9:00pm. The session will be held in the school staffroom, please enter through the main entrance.



