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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: 05/06/2009

### Principal's Corner

Last week I spoke at the Altona Junior Football club leadership night. I was humbled and moved by the positive reception the boys gave me. It made me very proud to be their Principal. The leadership night which is a terrific idea, was an innovation thought of by Colin Davies one of our former dads.

The reports are now finished and the teachers can take a breath before the interviews. On behalf of our families I would like to thank the teachers for the nights and weekends spent doing their reports. This is often to the detriment of their own families. In a few weeks they will be here again until late into the evening doing parent teacher interviews.

Next week both Monday (Queen's birthday) and Friday are pupil free days. Friday is the last of the curriculum days for 2009.

Have a great weekend

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



### **INFORMATION UPDATE**

If you have moved house or changed your phone number or work number, would you please advise the office.

This also applies to OSHC if your children attend.

It is very important to have the correct contact numbers if your child is unwell.



### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

#### **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June**

Queen's Birthday – Public Holiday

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

Curriculum Day – Pupil Free Day

#### **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June**

Grade 5/6 Sovereign Hill Excursion  
8am-5pm

#### **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June**

Parent/Teacher Interviews

#### **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June**

Last day of Term 2

#### **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July**

First day of Term 3  
Grade 5/6 Hooptime

#### **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**

Grade 5/6 Lady Northcote Camp

#### **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August**

Grade 3/4 Hooptime

#### **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August**

APS Athletics Carnival

## **SWINE FLU UPDATE**

Recent Education Department advise in regard to the swine flu is as follows;

As a precaution to help prevent further spread of the virus, on 25 May 2009, the Victorian Government asked that all children returning from the US, Canada, Japan, Mexico and Panama be kept at home for seven (7) days prior to returning to child care, kindergarten or school. In light of the increasing number of outbreaks of H1N1 Influenza 09 (Human Swine Influenza) in schools overseas, the National Pandemic Emergency Committee (NPEC) recommends a 7 day period of exclusion from school for children (including adolescents) following international travel to a country of concern.

<http://www.healthemergency.gov.au/internet/healthemergency/publishing.nsf/Content/consurers>

### **Protecting yourself and others**

One of the most effective ways to protect you, your family and friends from influenza is to practise good personal hygiene.

Here are five simple ways to prevent the spread of any form of influenza:

**1. Cover your mouth and nose when you sneeze or cough**

**2. Wash your hands**

Always wash your hands:

- after you've been to the toilet;
- after coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose;
- after being in contact with someone who has a cold or flu;
- before touching your eyes, nose or mouth; and
- before preparing food and eating.

**3. Don't share personal items**

**4. Clean surfaces**

**5. Avoid close contact with others if you are unwell with flu**

Keeping your distance by standing or sitting back at least one metre from other people will

help reduce the chances of spreading the flu virus.

### **If a child is sick:**

- Children under 18 years of age should not take medications containing aspirin. The combination of influenza and aspirin in children has been known to cause Reye's syndrome, a very serious condition affecting the nervous system and liver. It is important that parents of children who need to take regular medications containing aspirin discuss the possible complications associated with influenza with their doctor, and find out what they can do to reduce the risk. Pharmacists can provide advice on appropriate 'over-the-counter' medications for reducing fever.
- Dress them in lightweight clothing and keep the room temperature at about 20° Celsius if possible.
- Offer cool fluids frequently when they are awake.
- Allow children to rest and stay at home until no longer infectious, so the virus isn't spread to other children.
- Teach children to cover their nose and mouth with a tissue or sleeve when they cough or sneeze.
- Use salt-water nose drops to treat a stuffy nose. Throw tissues in a bin as soon as you have wiped a child's nose.
- Wash your hands often and teach your children to do the same.



### **POTS AND PANS!!!**

We have one slow cooker in the staffroom left from the Hot Dog day.

Please see Lola or Maree in the office if it belongs to you.

## **BARGAIN BOOK SALE**



Sale of library books - 50c a book or 3 for \$1.  
All money raised will go towards new library shelving.  
The sale will be on at lunchtime Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June.

## **LOST UNIFORM**

James Dimitriou from 5/6F has lost his button up school jacket in 3/4H last Thursday.  
The jacket has yellow stripes on the collar, wrist and band. It is a size 8 or 10 and has his name on the tag which has faded slightly.  
Could parents please check their children's jackets. It is not in lost property.  
Thank you  
Laura Dimitriou

## **ExxonMobil Volunteer Grant to help Altona PS**

Altona PS is one of 133 community groups supported by the ExxonMobil employee volunteering program. The Volunteer Involvement Program (VIP) assists a broad range of community organisations, including schools, kindergartens, scout groups, EFA, SES and surf life saving clubs.

Altona PS was awarded the \$1,000 ExxonMobil grant in recognition of the volunteer work of Grant King. The Funds will be used to purchase shelving for the library. The ExxonMobil VIP employees provided a total of 9,600 hours of community volunteering over twelve months.  
Lisa Trood, ExxonMobil Australia's Community Relations Manager, said that the VIP Awards are an example of one of the ways that the company supports communities where it operates. "Nearly every not-for-profit organisation relies on volunteers and we are pleased to recognise the time and effort that our employees give to support community groups by providing the VIP grants", she said.

## **Polar fleece vest**

As soon as the vests arrive we will let you know via the newsletter.  
Certain procedures had to take place before placing the order, we had to put out a letter of interest before the vests could be ordered.  
Thank you for your patience.

## **Book Club Issue 3 & 4**



**Issue 3 orders have been delivered. If you haven't received your order yet, please contact Mrs Mathrick Room 2.**

### **Issue 4 Orders are due Friday June 4<sup>th</sup>**

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.

## **Sovereign Hill - Thurs. June 18<sup>th</sup>**



Students in the 5/6 department are reminded that money & permission notes are due Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **3/4H REQUEST**



If you have any magazines that you no longer need 3/4H would love to have them.  
Please take them to Room 7.

## **It's Not OK to be Away**

The absenteeism for all grades so far this year is 1391.

The grade absences for last week are as follows:

Preps:	3
Grade 1:	10
Grade 2:	1
Grade 3:	4
Grade 4:	7
Grade 5:	2
Grade 6:	3

### **DISABLED PARKING**

Dear Parents,

There are a couple of families requiring direct access to the disabled parking bays located at the front of school. We are requesting parents/grandparents keep these areas free when picking up or dropping off students for families that really need them.

We thank you for your cooperation in this matter  
**Sue Vermezovic**

## **Sports Corner**

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

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

<b>Team</b>	<b>ALTONA PRIMARY</b>	<b>Williamstown Primary Gold</b>
Soccer	1 Goal	5 Goal
Girls Netball	2 Goal	13 Goals
Mixed Netball	9 Goals	10 Goals
Softball	10 Runs	7 Runs
Football	13 points	116 points

This week interschool sport has been postponed.

### **Softball report**

On Friday, the 29<sup>th</sup> of May the softball team played an away game against Williamstown Primary School. Everyone was pumped with excitement. We won the bat toss and chose to field first. With Jordan's great pitching and the teams excellent throwing and catching, Willy only got 4 home. It was now Altona's turn to bat and we did well scoring 7 home runs.

The second innings started with Willy bating. With Kritik as the pitcher and the teams awesome fielding, Willy scored only one home run. It was now Altona's turn to bat and we

didn't bat so well this time, only scoring 3 runs. The score at the end of the second innings was Altona 10 and Willy 5.

It was now the third and final inning and it was still any team's game. With an extra team effort by Altona, Willy made no home runs whilst Altona made 7 runs. At the end of the game Altona was victorious with the score 17 to 5.

Thank you Mr. Fava for coaching us. A special thanks to Mrs Ford for filling in and helping out. Mrs. Ford was very proud of our leading and stealing bases.

Thank you for listening.

**By Jordan Mountney**

### **State Rugby League Team**

As reported earlier in the term, Isaac Corvo was selected in the last 30 children bidding for a spot in the Victorian Rugby League team out of 90 children who tried out. After attending a number of training sessions over the last month, Isaac was selected in the final 24 where 18 children will then be selected in the state team and the other 6 will shadow the team. What a fantastic effort Isaac and another awesome achievement and opportunity. APS wishes this talent all the best.

### **Regional Cross Country Championships**

Good luck next Wednesday to Jordan Mountney, Isaac Corvo, Rhys Puglisi, Chloe King, Jake King, Paige Chapple and Madison Roache who will all represent our school in the regional cross country championships at Brimbank Park. These children have been training hard over the last month at school and at the 100 Steps of Federation.

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



