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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: 06/11/2009

Principal's Corner,

I hope everyone enjoyed their long weekend and if you had a bet, backed a winner on the Melbourne Cup.

The teachers were able to devote Melbourne Cup day to writing reports and getting through some of the tasks that needed to be finished before the end of this year. They were very grateful for the time on Monday to do this.

With the renovations happening at the moment we unearthed a time capsule from 15 years ago. The photos of Mrs. Barry, Mrs. Robinson, Ms. Petalas and Mr. Ryan (in grade 4) Lee Ogden's daughter Kate and son Luke and Maree Wilson's daughter Erin are good to look back on. The building work is progressing well and should be finished by the end of this term.

Congratulations to Mr. Ryan who came second in the Australian Song Writing competition last week. Mr. Ryan's CD, which was released recently, is available from the office.

Indications from politicians and the media are that our big building project won't start until well into first term 2010. From my point of view I am happy to wait as long as the building goes ahead.

We are interviewing teachers on Monday for four teaching positions at Altona P.S. for 2010. We don't know if Mrs. O'Connor and Mrs. Costa will be back for 2010 and may still need to find replacements teachers for their positions. Concert preparation is in full swing. It promises to be another high quality, entertaining show. Have a great weekend

Kevin Enright
Principal.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 11th November

Parents Club Spring Carnival

Friday 20th November

Grade 6 Graduation Photo – 11:30am

Preps for 2010 Orientation Program

Session 1 – Tuesday 24th November 2009

Session 2 – Tuesday 1st December 2009

Session 3 – Tuesday 8th December 2009

Session 4 - Tuesday 15th December 2009

Wednesday 25th November

APS Concert – Williamstown Town Hall

Tuesday 15th December

Grade 6 Graduation – Altona Theatre

Friday 18th December

Last day of Term 4 – **early finish 1:30pm**



REMEMBRANCE DAY - 11/11/09

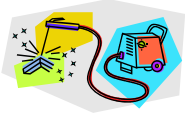
3/40 will be selling Poppies for Remembrance Day, priced at .50c each. They will be coming around to the grades, so please support this worthwhile cause. There is a moving tribute video called "A Pittance of Time" by Terry Kelly on the internet. It is well worth watching.



PARENTS CLUB SPRING CARNIVAL

There will be free Frozen Yoghurts for the students next Wednesday 11th November during the Spring Carnival Day.

If you do not want your child to have one, please notify the classroom teacher in writing.



CAN YOU WELD? - CAN YOU HELP?

I am hoping someone can weld 30 alligator clips onto 30 restaurant table stands so the students can use the 'ICT red/orange/green' card system easier. If you think you can help please see me at school, in the ICT room Wednesday through to Friday or leave a note and phone number at the office and I will return your call. PLEASE HELP!

Thanking you for your support.

Mrs Robyne Luketic.

ART SHOW - LOUIS JOEL CENTRE

“One by 6” an exhibition featuring the work of one of our Mums (Wendy Bakker) and 5 other artists will be showing at the Louis Joel Centre from Friday 6th November – Saturday 28th November.

Sports Corner

Whitten Region Quarter Final Bat Tennis Match

This game is scheduled to be played today against Ardeer South Primary at Ardeer. Good luck to the bat tennis team.



Jump Rope For Heart

Hopefully parents would have noticed children involved in the Jump Rope For Heart (JRFH) program during sport times. The JRFH program involves young Australians in fun and healthy challenges that encourage positive attitudes towards physical activity and heart health, while raising funds to help improve health and save lives. During the program, children collect donations and participate in JRFH activities. At the end of the program, a special ‘Jump Off’ morning is held to celebrate and demonstrate the skills learned during the program. Our ‘Jump Off’ morning will be held on Tuesday the 17th of November from 9.15am to 10.55am. Parents are welcome to attend.

Hopefully you would have noticed your child/ren bring home a JRFH sponsorship form. This form is not compulsory to fill out. The purpose of this form is to get family members/friends to sponsor your child during the ‘Jump Off’ morning and donate money to the Heart Foundation. ‘Thank-you’ prizes are awarded to children for their fundraising efforts. As the sponsorship form and money need to be sent to the Heart Foundation, all forms and money **must** to be given to your child’s classroom teacher by Friday the 20th of November.

Stephen Fava
PE Teacher

It's Not OK to be Away

The absenteeism for all grades so far this year is 3925.

