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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: 06/08/2009

Principal's Corner

Thank you to the following people who attended the small working bee last Saturday morning: Bruce Evans, Martin Dean, Al & Liz Brown, Chris Young, Russell Scott, Jeff Dell and Sandra Wilson along with her sons Julian and Jesse. The school looked terrific when we all arrived on Monday morning.

Thank you to Bruce Evans for organising the morning on behalf of the buildings and grounds committee. Bruce plans to organise more small working bees throughout the remainder of the year. Let Bruce or the office know if you would like to attend one of the future working bees. The idea is to have a number of small working bees with designated tasks in mind rather than have large working bees. Paving near the computer centre is one of our future tasks.

Welcome back to Mrs. Vermezovic. She has certainly had to work hard this week to catch up with what has been happening around the school.

Forms for grade placement considerations for 2010 are now available at the office. We need to keep in mind that the exact staffing for 2010 will not be finalised until the end of term 4. Teachers may change year levels or apply for jobs in other schools. There are 7 staff on leave who may return, some staff will have to apply for positions advertised this term in order to have their contracts extended for 2010 and some staff are requesting leave for 2010.

We remind children that the correct school uniform must be worn daily unless a note is received from parents.

Thank you to Burbank Homes for providing a bus and driver for the grade 1/2 excursion to Dromkeen. Provision of the Burbank bus is a much appreciated community service.

The choir is singing at the Williamstown town hall on Sunday afternoon. This is a free concert featuring many of the schools in Hobsons Bay, so come along. I am sure Mrs. Enright and the choir will do a fabulous job. This week I had the pleasure of observing the Prep teachers and children in action in their classrooms. It is

amazing what the children have learnt so far and the quality of their work. Well done Prep team. Yesterday Mrs. Helen's grade read their 'Information Reports' about sharks to me. I also saw the lists of information that the children in 3/4S had predicted and researched about sharks. It is fabulous to see and hear the quality of work happening in our grades and see some of the 'big' words they are using.

We received the grade 5/6 Student Attitudes to School survey results this week. Six out of the eleven indicators were at or above the 75th percentile in the state. Teacher Effectiveness (4.58), Teacher Empathy (4.59), School Connectedness (4.51), Student Motivation (4.56) and Student Safety (4.50) all rated very highly on the 5 point scale. Student Morale (5.8) and Student Distress (6.16), which is scored in reverse so a higher score is a positive score, also scored highly on the 7 point scale. Seeing the children engaged in their work and appreciating the hard work and dedication of their teachers is very rewarding for the staff. Building positive relationships between teachers, children and parents is absolutely essential to being a successful school.

Enrolments for Prep 2010 close on Friday 14/08/09. Only Preps who live in the Altona PS catchment area will be able to enrol between now and next Friday.

Have a great weekend

Kevin Enright
Principal.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Sunday 9th August

Altona Primary School Choir – Williamstown
Town Hall – 2pm

Friday 14th August

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DATES TO REMEMBER

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Monday 7th September

3/4 excursion Werribee Zoo

Tuesday 8th September

3/4 Hooptime

Tuesday 15th September

FOPA

Friday 18th September

End of Term 3 – **early finish 2:30pm**

of September (more information to follow closer to the date).

I have been in contact with Highpoint West regarding the Windows on the West program and they have told me they have different arrangements for this year and have decided to hold a Christmas program in November.

So all our hard work of organizing items for this year are not going to come to fruition at Highpoint. Instead we will put on a performance at School towards the end of this term.

The end of School Concert will be held in the last week of November with 2 dates set aside due to possible in climate weather. The dates are Wednesday 25th or Thursday 26th of November. The concert “Altona in Style” will showcase the children’s singing and dancing talents, representing a variety of musical styles.

Stay tuned for more information in Term 4.

Keep rockin’

Julie Enright (Music Teacher)



Dear Parents

The Altona Primary School Choir will be performing at the Williamstown Town Hall on Sunday the 9th of August as part of the Hobson’s Voice Choral Concert. Many local schools will be represented and I am sure Altona Primary will again to themselves and the School proud.

This is a big day with the children arriving around 9.45 to rehearse and then performing at 2.00pm till 4.00pm in the afternoon.

Tickets are available at the door.

Children are asked to bring lunch, snack and drink for the day and a can of food to be donated to the less fortunate in our community. Children are to come dressed in their costume with something warm to wear over the top.

It should be a great day for everyone.

This year’s F.O.P.A concert will again be held at Paisley College and our Choir and Guitar groups will perform at the concert. This will be held on the 15th

It’s Not OK to be Away

The absenteeism for all grades so far this year is 2447.

The grade absences for last week are as follows:

Prep	28
Grade 1	12
Grade 2	12
Grade 3	11
Grade 4	19
Grade 5	30
Grade 6	4

FOSTER CARERS NEEDED

The Bridges Adolescent Community Placement Program is seeking volunteer carers. Carers can be couples, singles, young people or mature aged. Do you have a spare room in your home and time to care for and support a young person aged 12years to 18years on an emergency, short term, respite or long term basis?

If you can help, phone 9742 6452.

