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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: 07/08/2008

Principals Corner

A big thank you to Jerome and Jesse for their powerpoint presentation at Monday's assembly showing students what good behaviour at recess and lunchtime should look like. The students in 5/6 B provided the actions for the slides. 5/6S sounded fantastic as they played their recorders at assembly.

Thanks you to Mr. Fava for all his efforts in organising the athletics day. I'm sure it will be another fabulous day. Once again we expect the highest standard of behaviour from all students at the athletics day.

Have a great weekend
Kevin Enright

Jeans for Genes Day

Last Friday was Jeans for Genes day. The total amount raised was 1577.60

A tremendous effort. A huge thank you to all the students, parents and staff that participated in this fundraiser.

Chicken Pox

There is a case of chicken pox at the school, all parents are asked to be aware and keep a look out for symptoms. Please notify your child's teacher if your child gets sick.

PREP

During semester two, children in Prep will be learning topics of the colours, numbers, greetings, family, and some festival in Japan. They are experience range of activities including: singing, dancing, reading stories in Japanese which they have already known in their own language, recognizing some Hiragana (one of the Japanese alphabets), tracing and illustrating the stories in Japanese. Through these activities, they develop their personal vocabulary, knowledge of language structures, cultural awareness and cultural appreciations. In addition, they can compare and contrast the values and cultures in Australia and Japan.

Grade one and two

During semester two, children in grade one and two will be learning topics of the sports, season and festival in Japan. They are experience range of activities including: singing, dancing, reading stories in Japanese, recognizing some Hiragana (one of the Japanese alphabets), tracing and illustrating the stories in Japanese. Through these activities, they develop their personal vocabulary, knowledge of language structures, cultural awareness and cultural appreciations. In addition, they can compare and contrast the values and cultures in Australia and Japan

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DATES TO REMEMBER



Friday 15th August
APS Athletics Carnival

Wednesday 20th August

School Council Meeting 7:30pm

Friday 22nd August

APS Athletics Carnival – back up day

Friday 5th September

Parents Club Fathers Day Stall

Tuesday 9th September

WADSSA Athletics Carnival

Friday 12th September

Whole school Disco “Sports Theme”

Tuesday 16th September

WADSSA Athletics Carnival – back up day

Wednesday 17th September

School Council Meeting 7:30pm

Friday 19th September

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

Monday 6th October

First day of Term 4

Tuesday 14th October - Art Show opening

(Adults only admission 7pm-9pm)

Wednesday 15th October

Art Show 4pm-8pm

Thursday 16th October

Art Show 4pm-6pm

Scientists in Schools

September 1st to 7th of September is Literacy and Numeracy Week and we would like to incorporate Science as part of this celebration. We would like to celebrate this by having guest Scientists visit our school and talk to the students about what its like to be a scientist. We are hoping parents who are scientists or work in the scientific field would like to come up to the school and share their experiences and expertise with the children. We can organise for you to talk to one grade or a year level, depending on your confidence and willingness. We would not expect you to speak to the whole school. I am happy to provide further guidelines about the types of things you could include in your presentation. It could go for as long as you like. As a guide, the younger grades would probably have a 30-minute limit, with the upper school being able to listen to a longer talk. We would allocate you to a specific area, depending on your interest. Hopefully we will have enough volunteers to enable every grade to hear about the fascinating and important world of Science.

If you are interested in providing our students with exposure to a real Scientist, please complete the slip below and return it to school by Monday 5th August. I will contact you to discuss how you can become part of this very special week.

Michelle Costa
Curriculum Coordinator
Altona Primary School

Scientist in Schools – Literacy and Numeracy Week September 1st – 7th 2008

Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Scientist's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Preferred Year level: _____ Preferred Day/Date: _____

Sports Corner

**APS Grades 3 to 6 Athletics Carnival
Schedule of Events 2008**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
12 Girls	HUR	SP	Rest	DIS	LJ	200	HJ	Rest	TJ	100
12 Boys	100	HUR	SP	Rest	DIS	LJ	200	HJ	Rest	TJ
11 Girls	TJ	100	HUR	SP	Rest	DIS	LJ	200	HJ	Rest
11 Boys	Rest	TJ	100	HUR	SP	Rest	DIS	LJ	200	HJ
8/9/10 Girls Group 1	HJ	Rest	TJ	100	HUR	SP	Rest	DIS	LJ	200
8/9/10 Girls Group 2	200	HJ	Rest	TJ	100	HUR	SP	Rest	DIS	LJ
8/9/10 Girls Group 3	LJ	200	HJ	Rest	TJ	100	HUR	SP	Rest	DIS
8/9/10 Boys Group 1	DIS	LJ	200	HJ	Rest	TJ	100	HUR	SP	Rest
8/9/10 Boys Group 2	Rest	DIS	LJ	200	HJ	Rest	TJ	100	HUR	SP
8/9/10 Boys Group 3	SP	Rest	DIS	LJ	200	HJ	Rest	TJ	100	HUR

EVENT	1	9:30-9:55		20mins competition
	2	9:55-10:20		3mins recording
	3	10:20-10:45		2mins changeover
	4	10:45-11:10		
	5	11:10-11:35		
	6	11:35-12:00		
	7	12:00-12:25		
	8	12:25-12:50		
	9	12:50-1:15		
	10	1:15-1:35		
	11	Relay Org	1.45 - 2.00	5/6 girls 5/6 boys 3/4 girls 3/4 boys
		Relays	2.00 - 2.20	

**2.20 APS Staff Gift (teacher 100m sprint) If weather and time permits
Presentation 2.30**

EVENT HELPERS APS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
15th of August 2008 – Newport Athletics Track

Full Day: 9.20am – 2.30pm Morning Shift: 9.20am – 12.00pm Afternoon Shift: 11.45 – 2.30pm

100m Starter 1 TEACHER **Steven Puhar**
200/Hurdles Starter1 TEACHER **Danielle Barbetta** - Leanne Garner ?? (D)

FINISH LINE TEACHER **Adam McPherson** (Harry Smith – Student)
100/200m HELPERS Patricia Corvo(D), Leanne Davies(D), Louise Mackellin(D)
Lisa Paton(D), Kaye Vella (D), Sue King (D) Sue Geard(D), Stephen
Vecris (am)/ Alex Corvo (pm) Naomi Nolan(D), Michelle Southerland
(D), Karen Hindle (D)

FINISH LINE 4TEACHER **Michael Spelic**

HURDLES		HELPERS	Carey Imms (am), Kristen Kyle (pm), Monica Rankin (am) Sarah Spry (pm) Nyrie den Ouden(D), Monica Costa (D)		
LONG JUMP	3	TEACHER	Tracie Holgate		
		HELPERS	Kelly Grego (D), Fatima Duncan (D) Lora Dimitriou (D), Sandra Bednar (am), Roslyn Mills (pm)		
TRIPLE JUMP	5	TEACHER	Andrew Gilpin (D)		
		HELPERS	Genevieve Faul(D), Ann Burgess (D), Inge Saul (D), Sue King (D), Glenn Paton (D)John Ross (am), Leanne Garner (pm)		
SHOT PUT	3	TEACHER	Troy Stanford	HELPERS	Melissa
			Zahra (D), Kate Le Cornu (D), Houda Hanna (am), Tamara Djuravic (D) Corrina Schnitler (am, recorder)		
DISCUS	6	TEACHER	Martina Aird (Cage 1)		
		HELPERS	Natasha Trehwella (D), Michael Schaumberg (D), Boualem Sellami (am), Karen McLean (pm)		
		TEACHER	Helen Xinomiliakis (Cage 2)		
		HELPERS	Kylie Missen (Student teacher) (D), Gillian Maynard (D), Alicia (Student teacher)		
HIGH JUMP	3	TEACHER	Kevin Enright		
		HELPERS	Graham Edhouse(D), Henk Kip(D), Stuart Jarvis (D)		
FIRST AID			Robyn Luketic , Helen Smith (D)		
RECORDING			Lee Ogden / Miriam Mountney		

Stephen Fava
PE Teacher

Values for Altona Primary School

Thank-you to the families who returned the Values for Altona Primary Survey. The top ten values from the surveys conducted with staff and families are:

Confidence	Persistence
Co-operation	Resilience
Courtesy	Respect
Getting Along	Responsibility
Honesty	Teamwork

It is pleasing to see our four Values from our last school charter {Respect, Courtesy, Co-operation and Responsibility} in the top ten. We will determine what a workable number for the Strategic Plan is and choose those as our Values for the next 4 years.

Remember to check out the Altona Primary School website for regular updates on the draft of the Strategic Plan. www.altonaps.vic.edu.au The latest draft will be added by the end of the week. Feedback is encouraged and I would like to thank to those parents who have offered great ideas and suggestions already.

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