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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: 08/10/2009

Principal's Corner

Welcome back everyone. Term 4 promises to be another exciting and eventful term for the Altona Primary School community. Some of the activities planned for the term include: excursions, P-2 swimming, sporting events, 2010 grade placement of students, assessment of student learning, writing of student reports, whole school student transition program, 2010 prep orientation sessions, year 6 graduation, P-2 information evening, whole school concert - all in addition to the fabulous learning and teaching occurring in classrooms. I would like to take this opportunity to thank teachers for their planning and commitment to achieving the goals of Altona Primary School.

Building works on the year 5/6 classrooms are due to commence this week and will be completed by the last day of this term. We are all very excited at the prospect of having new spacious learning areas for our students.

A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their appearance, instils recognition of being part of a school community, and assists in developing pride in representing our school. Please assist us in making sure your child attends school wearing the correct school uniform. As part of our Sun Smart Policy, school hats are to be worn by all students this term. As of Monday, students not wearing a hat will be asked to sit in the designated shaded area during break times.

Teachers have begun the process of placing students into their 2010 grades. This is a time consuming and well thought out process where each individual child is considered in regard to their best possible placement. As you can appreciate, this is a very rigorous process which involves consideration of the child's social, emotional and academic needs. In addition, teachers need to consider friendship groups,

group dynamics, parent requests, class sizes, gender balance etc. Every effort is made to ensure each child is placed with at least one friend. This process will possibly take up to a couple months to complete as at present we are not in a position to finalise staffing. We pride ourselves on this well thought out process as every effort is made to ensure the best possible placement of each student and teacher.

Thank you to all the parents who completed the survey regarding this year's school photos. At the last school council meeting, it was decided we would go with a new provider for 2010.

The Department of Education have introduced an on-line English assessment for all Prep to Year 2 children. The interview is conducted one-on-one with each student and assesses students in the areas of Speaking/Listening, Reading and Writing. We will be taking a whole school approach to this assessment, with specialist staff and the leadership team releasing the P-2 classroom teachers for a week in Week 4 of this term to ensure the successful completion of this assessment. Further information regarding the assessment can be found on:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/studentlearning/teachingresources/english/englishonline.htm>

Please keep the 25th of November free as this is the date for our school concert. The concert will include two performances, a matinee and an evening performance and will be at the Williamstown Town Hall.

More information to follow in the coming weeks.

Sue Vermezovic
Assistant Principal.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 8th October

Grade 1/2 Swimming begins – every Thursday and Friday until 27th October

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 18th November

Grade 6 Graduation Photo

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Wednesday 25th November

APS Concert

Friday 18th December

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



Grade 3/4 Camp Wilkin

Anglesea 2010

Dear Parents / Guardians,

We have had a great response for our grade 3/4 camp in 2010 so far. We have booked 3 buses and there are limited seats left. If you haven't paid your child's deposit and you still wish for your child to attend you will need to pay your **\$20 non-refundable deposit by Monday 12th of October**. As you can all appreciate quite a lot of time goes into organising camps. If you require a note please see Mrs. Helen or your child's classroom teacher. We would like to commence budgeting for our camp next year. After this date we will finalise numbers and costing and send home when instalment payments are required.

Thanking you for your anticipated support.

Regards

Helen Xinomilakis

School Council Sub-Committee – Curriculum and Policy

There will be a meeting for the curriculum and policy sub-committee and any interested members of the school community on Wednesday 14th October at 2.30pm – 3.15pm in the staffroom. For further information please see Danielle Barbetta.

Thanks☺

Regards,

Danielle Barbetta

Curriculum Coordinator

Altona Primary School



O.S.H.C News

Welcome back to Term 4!

It is now hat wearing time for Before and After School Care. In order for the children to play outside they need to have a hat. I have suggested that they bring a spare hat from home and keep it in their school bag or in the O.S.H.C room so they don't always have to bring their yellow hats from their classroom.

We have changed the room around a little bit and are talking to the children about remembering to pack up after themselves. It would be a great help if when you come to pick them up if you could remind them to pack up whatever they are playing with.

We're looking forward to a great term!

Laura and O.S.H.C Staff



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Thank you to our students and family for raising the wonderful amount of \$588.10 for "Operation Christmas Child" with our gold coin donation free dress day.

IN 2 CRICKET

Sign up to play at the Altona Cricket Club, Sugargum Ave Altona.

When: Sunday 11/10/09 – 9am-11am or register at in2cricket.com.au

Sports Corner

Key Term 4 Sports Dates

14 th of October	Zone/Regional Athletics Carnival
26 th of October	VPSSA State Athletics Titles
17 th of November	Jump Rope For Heart Morning
18 th of November	Grades 5/6 Kanga Cricket Competition

Also this term our bat tennis and softball teams will compete in the regional knockout stage of interschool sports. There will be an Altona Primary bat tennis tournament for grades 3 to 6.

WADSSA ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Last term our athletics team participated in the WADSSA Athletics Carnival at the Newport Athletics Track.

All members of the athletics team tried their best and I am very proud of all 56 children who participated. Our school came fourth in the district. Below is a list of the children who finished in the top four of an event. Children highlight in bold qualify to participate in the zone athletics day at Aberfeldie Athletics Track on the 14th of October.

12 Year Old Boys and Girls

Jessica Bosnar 3rd in the Long Jump

Tomasina Dimopoulos 1st in Long Jump, 2nd in 200m

Isaac Corvo 1st in Triple Jump, High Jump, 2nd in 100m and 4th in Long Jump

Aaron Proksa 3rd in shot put

Madison Roache 1st in the 1500m

Jordan Mountney 1st in the 1500m

11 Year Old Boys and Girls

Sam Paton 3rd in Triple Jump, Hurdles and Shot Put

Ina Anakov 2nd in the Long Jump, 100m and 3rd in the Triple Jump

Jake King 4th in the 800m and 200m

Jessica Gough 1st in Shot Put

9 & 10 Year Old Boys and Girls

Sarah Magowan 3rd in the 800m

Evie Spelic 3rd in Long Jump and 4th in the 100m

Joshua Turner 2nd in High Jump and Hurdles

Grace Corvo 4th in Discus

Sam Paton 3rd in Long Jump and Triple Jump

Kyle McLelland 1st in Shot Put

Megan Bosnar 1st in the 200m and 2nd in High Jump

Molly Hill 2nd in High Jump

Monica Reasons 3rd in Shot Put

Our school also performed well in the relay races with the:

10 year old girls consisting of **Evie Spelic, Molly Hill, Megan Bosnar and Chloe King** finishing 1st. They will go through to zones. Good luck girls.

10 year old boys consisting of Kyle McLelland, Rhys Puglisi, Keanu Condon Anderson and Jack Hooley finishing 4th.

11 year old girls consisting of Erin Mackellin, Erynne Aquilina, Arlie den Ouden and Ina Anakov finishing 4th.

11 year old boys consisting of Jack Nolan, Sam Paton, Jake King and Robin Matic finishing 4th.

12 year old girls consisting of Tomasina Dimopoulos, Madison Roache, Bianca Fenech and Jessica Bosnar finishing 4th.

Once again, our children were really well behaved throughout the day and represented our school well. I would like to thank Mr McPherson and Mr Puhar for organising the children to their events and all the parents who came down and supported the athletics team. I would also like to thank **Miriam Mountney** who also did a **terrific job** on the recording table.

Good luck to all the children representing our school at the zone athletics carnival.

Stephen Fava
PE Teacher



Youth Fit offers specialised running and fitness coaching for children of all abilities. Young athletes will enjoy the fun and competitive group atmosphere while working to maximise their athletic potential. Whether you are looking to improve your fitness in the football off season or run in the state championships, all are welcome!

Training will be held in the Altona area on Tuesday, Thursday at 4.00pm and Sunday at 11.00am.

Cost: \$10 per week or \$40 per calendar month.

Contact, 0432 345 848 or
cam_menadue@hotmail.com
www.youthfit.com.au

UNIFORM

Parents please check your child's uniform carefully to make sure that the wrong items have not been brought home.

We have had many complaints of children losing uniform and it not being returned.

It is vital that all uniform is correctly labelled.

Second Hand Uniform

If you have any items of uniform in good condition that can be used for emergencies, please leave them with the office staff.



SIGN UP DAY

ALSC

Across the country there are thousands of people actively patrolling beaches to ensure the general public can enjoy the beach. Lifesaving includes:

Patrols Competition Learning vital rescue skills
Beach safety Fitness A fantastic family atmosphere

Altona Life Saving Club offers the chance for your entire family to be involved in some or all of these activities. It is a great family environment with many advantages such as training, the Altona Nipper Program and opportunities for personal development through courses such as the Bronze Medallion & First Aid courses offered at the club.

If you would like to become a member we are holding a sign up day. Please come along as there will be a show bag for each applicant on that day—proudly provided by our sponsors. An application form can also be downloaded from our website:

www.altonalsc.com/membership.php. Contact the club for further details on altonalsc1@gmail.com

TIME: 12PM to 3PM

DATE: Sunday, 11th October, 2009

**WHERE: Altona Life Saving Club,
127 The Esplanade, Altona**

