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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: 18/10/2008

Principal's Corner

It is great to be back in Australia and back at Altona P.S. A big thank you to Mrs. Vermezovic and Mrs. Fridey for running the school so well in my absence. Thank you also to Mr. Vic Webster for supervising the works at Altona PS during the holiday period and Sarah Spry for her work in our gardens.

I have been hearing about the grade 1/2 sleep over, education week, the Boys Education evening, the athletics and the art show which will occur next week. If you haven't seen an Altona P.S. art show don't miss the opportunity. I highly recommend it as a celebration of the children's skills and the art teaching of Mrs. Barry. The quality of the work and the presentation of the exhibitions which turn the corridors into an art gallery is really something to experience.

This will be an extremely busy term. We will interview for the Assistant Principal role and the curriculum coordinator's role in the next few weeks. Other jobs for the term include: placing teachers and students into grades for 2009, writing reports, graduation, completing the strategic plan, writing the 2009 Annual Implementation Plan and interviewing for new teachers and a number of integration aides for 2009 etc. I'm sure we will manage to complete all of this and more.

The grade 3 and 5 National Testing results arrived this week. We were very pleased to see the results were above the state benchmark once again.

Half of the synthetic grass on the netball and basketball courts has been laid and the rest will

be completed over the next few days weather permitting. It looks great and will greatly reduce the number of injuries that have occurred on the bitumen.

Last term Mr. Gilpin, Mrs. Aird, Mrs. Xinomilakis, Mr. McPherson, Miss Barbetta, Mrs. Fridey and Mrs. Galvin all attended professional development days and were replaced in their grades during these days. It is vitally important to keep our staff highly skilled. Mrs. O'Driscoll is on long service leave for the remainder of the year. Ms. Naserah Khan will replace her. Ms. Khan has been teaching in the prep and 1/2 grades during term 3.

At this stage we have 80 grade Preps enrolled for 2009. This means we will have 4 grade Prep classes.

Requests for student placements for 2009 have now closed. Information regarding these requests was contained in previous newsletters. The process of forming the grades for 2009 takes an enormous amount of work after school over the next 6 weeks. Some staff members will be changing grade levels and some are taking leave next year and some possibly returning. We will be employing up to 5 new teachers.

Have a fabulous term

Kevin Enright
Principal.

DATES TO REMEMBER



Tuesday 14th October - Art Show opening
(Adults admission 7pm-9pm)

Wednesday 15th October
Art Show 4pm-8pm

Thursday 16th October
Art Show 4pm-6pm

Monday 20th October
Windows on the West

Wednesday 22nd October
Regional Athletics Carnival

Monday 3rd November
Curriculum Day – Pupil free day

Tuesday 4th November
Public Holiday – Melbourne Cup

Wednesday 5th November
Tim Nelson's student Concert
Multipurpose Room - 7pm-8pm



ART SHOW TICKETS

The Art Show promises to be the schools event of the year. Definitely a function not to be missed.

Thank you to all the parents who have ordered their tickets for the Art Show. All ordered tickets have been sent home in envelopes.

Thursday's orders will be sent home on Friday. If you have any problems or queries regarding the Art Show tickets, please see Ms. Petalas in Room 17.

RUGBY UNION

Come and try Rugby Union on Wednesday 12th/19th/26th November from 5:30pm-6:30pm. Corner or Farnsworth Ave and Myers Rd, Footscray.
Phone Jessie 9318 6838 or Gary 0407 827 276.

BOOKCLUB ISSUE 7



All orders are due by Friday 24th October. If you would like the order as a present please write this on the envelope and it will be kept at the office.

ALTONA LIFE SAVING CLUB



The Club is signing up new members this Sunday 12th October from 10am-12pm at the ALSC on the Esplanade.
All activities are subject to sufficient parent support, volunteers needed.

UNIFORM NEWS

We have skorts (shorts that look like a skirt when on) available in all sizes, great for the warm weather coming up.

We also have samples of bootleg pants that can then be ordered.

SPORTS CORNER

Pacific School Games

Late last term, Isaac Corvo competed in the Pacific School Games trials for athletics. The Pacific School Games is an international sporting event, similar to the Commonwealth Games, for countries in the Pacific Region and each Australian state to compete in sports such as swimming, athletics and basketball.

Isaac tried out for three events: Triple Jump, Shot Put and High Jump. He fell short in representing Victoria in Triple Jump and Shot Put, however jumped awesomely in the High

Jump, winning the event with the super jump of 1.40m. Well done Isaac. Isaac will represent Victoria in High Jump at Canberra later this year.

What a fantastic experience Isaac will have, competing against children across the Pacific Region from such countries as Cook Islands, New Zealand, Fiji and each of the states of Australia. We wish Isaac all the best. APS is right behind you.

Grades 4 to 6 Newcombe Competition

The house newcombe competition came to an end late last term with two terrific finals.

In the boys final, Yellow House played Blue House. As expected, it was a tight match with the newcombe ball whizzing over the net at high speeds. Yellow pulled away at the end with the scores 9 points to 7. Jerome Love, the Yellow House captain summed it up in his victory speech, "Well done to all the teams that participated, it seemed we all had fun."

In the girls final, Yellow House played Red House. This was another high quality match, with both teams trading blows over the net. The point for point game was tense, with Yellow House just edging to victory, 10 points to 8. Jessie Davies the Yellow House captain and Shaelea Wade the Red House captain did a terrific job in supporting their teams.

Well done to all the children who were involved in the house newcombe competition, you played the games with great sportsmanship. Well done to all the house captains who encouraged, supported and lead their teams throughout the tournament. A special thanks goes to Irena Vecris and Evan Zhang our school captains who did an awesome job in organising the running of the competition.

Stephen Fava
PE Teacher

NEWS FROM IAN HUME

A support group is being set up to help parents of children with learning issues. It is hoped that this group would work towards developing strategies to assist their children.

If you are interested contact Ian on 9398 2925 or Tracey Habgood 0404 747 461.

There will be a meeting at 8.45am on Tuesday 21st October in the Multipurpose Room to discuss the structure and purpose of the group. Please fill in the form below and return ASAP.

Learning Support Group
I am interested in being involved:
Name.....
Contact Number.....
I can attend the meeting on 21/10/08 Yes/No

