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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: 11/09/2009

Principal's Corner

Thank you to staff, students and parents for your participation in Literacy and Numeracy Week. I had the pleasure of being the mystery reader to grades 1/2C and 3/4B who were wonderful to read and talk to. After having taught various grades for 20 years and been Principal for 10, it is always enjoyable to spend some time in classrooms.

We will be having a working bee on Saturday morning. At this stage we have 8 people attending. If possible, we would like to have 20 to get the jobs we need completed. If you can attend please fill in the attached form.

We have had a number of windcheaters go missing this year, even ones that have a name clearly written on them. Can I suggest that children leave them inside at recess and lunch or tie their windcheaters around their waist rather than leave them on the ground. Also, clearly write their name inside the neck and waist band. Don't forget to get your hat ready for next term. We had a student followed to school in Blyth Street last week. We had a similar complaint last year. The police are investigating. Please talk to your child/ren about stranger danger and the need to go straight home and come straight to school.

The regional manager Mrs. Katherine Henderson visited us yesterday. She was most impressed with the children and the level of teaching. She was particularly interested in reading and the level of success we have teaching reading. She was very excited by the library borrowing system in grade 5/6K which was set up by Richard and James using Microsoft Access.

We are eagerly awaiting the grade 3 and 5 NAPLAN results which arrive next week. Last year the children achieved above the state mean in reading, writing, and numeracy. We were significantly above 'like schools' which is a credit to the children, the staff and our families who also support their children's learning at home.

Congratulations to the children who represented the region and district at the Regional Athletics. Mr. Fava was very proud of the way they represented themselves and the school.

We are moving three of the grade 5/6 grades tomorrow in preparation for the National Pride renovations. Grade 5/6F and P will share the PAC and grade 5/6K will move to the library until the end of the year. On Saturday at the working bee we will move all the heavier furniture and the carpet into the PAC. We are moving tomorrow to give us time to get everything set up during the week for next term. We will be interviewing all day on Monday for teachers for 2010.

Next Friday completes my tenth year as Principal at Altona P.S. It has been both an honour and a privilege to work with the fabulous staff, the best children and a tremendous community. Thank you for making the last 10 years such a pleasure to come to work.

Have a great weekend

Kevin Enright

DATES TO REMEMBER



Friday 11th September

Free Dress Day, gold coin donation for
“Operation Christmas Child – whole school

Tuesday 15th September

FOPA

Wednesday 16th September

5/6K & 5/6F Excursion to Melbourne Museum

Thursday 17th September

5/6P, 5/6M & 5/6S Excursion to Melbourne
Museum

Friday 18th September

End of Term 3 – early finish 2:30pm

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

Tuesday 15th September

FOPA

Friday 18th September

End of Term 3 – early finish 2:30p

Monday 5th October

First day of Term 4

Wednesday 25th November

APS Concert

GLASSES FOUND



We have 2 pairs of reading glasses at the office.
Please see Maree if your child has lost their
glasses.

Monster Book Club Sale



Issue 6 book club has been handed out.
Monster Book Club Sale orders are due
Thursday 17th September.
Delivery will be after the holidays.
If you have any concerns please see Joanne
Mathrick Room 20.

Sports Corner



Bat Tennis Bats Order Form

I am putting in an order to buy a number of bat tennis bats for the school. Along with the school order, we are offering children the chance to purchase their own individual bat tennis bat at a cost of \$16. All bats will come with the child's name on it making it easier to identify if lost out in the yard. These bats are different to the bats we used to sell in the past (as this person has retired from making bat tennis bats) and a model will be left at the office for children to look at.

If any child would like to own their own bat tennis bat, can they please fill out the below form and return it **to their teacher** by 14th of September.

Stephen Fava



BAT TENNIS BAT ORDER FORM

Name of student: _____

Grade: _____

Name on
bat: _____

I have enclosed \$16 in the envelope.

WADSSA Athletics Carnival

Unfortunately we could not complete the WADSSA Athletics Carnival due to rain however we have rescheduled a time to finish off the uncompleted events (relay events). They will be held on the morning of Thursday the 17th September. Full results will be placed in the newsletter once the carnival has been completed.

Stephen Fava
PE Teacher.



Operation Christmas Child

Free Dress day Friday 11th of September

Dear Parents/Guardians,

For several years now Altona Primary School has been a proud supporter of "Operation Christmas Child", which provides toys and gifts to under privileged children in South East Asian countries.

This year, because of our forthcoming rebuilding program, we have decided to hold a free dress day and present a cheque with which suitable gifts can be purchased.

If all children are able to offer a gold coin donation for the chance to participate in "casual clothes Friday" then there should be many more smiles to be seen this Christmas.

Thank you,

Trisha O'Driscoll
(Social Services)

FORMS TO BE RETURNED

A reminder that the Grade Placement Forms and the School photo parent input form need to be returned by the end of Term 3 Friday 18th September.



MAGPIES

We ask that students do not annoy the magpies. Some children have been throwing sticks at the birds and bothering them, making them even more aggressive.

It's Not OK to be Away

The absenteeism for all grades so far this year is 3166.

The grade absences for last week are as follows:

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| Prep | 22 |
| Grade 1 | 8 |
| Grade 2 | 8 |
| Grade 3 | 10 |
| Grade 4 | 6 |
| Grade 5 | 14 |
| Grade 6 | 11 |



Dear Parents

This Friday morning 11th of September, at 9.15 the grade 1/2 children will perform their Healthy Living songs to some of the other grades in the school. If you are around you are most welcome to join us in the PAC. As previously mentioned we will not be performing at Highpoint this year as they have changed the program to November with a Christmas theme.

Our school choir and guitar group are performing this Tuesday 15th of September at the Festival of Performing Arts concert, Paisley Campus, Blenheim Rd Newport at 1.00pm. All parents and friends are welcome to attend. We have plenty of spare seats on the bus which will depart APS at 12.25. The cost is \$5.



Our end of year concert is in organizations stage and more details regarding tickets etc will be available early Term 4.

Please keep the **25th of November** free as this will be our concert day and night.

Keep Tuned
Julie Enright

