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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: 13/09/2008**

### Principal's Corner

Congratulations to the Parents' Club for their fantastic work in organising the Father's Day stall for the children of Altona Primary School. I'm sure all the dads appreciated, and enjoyed opening their special gifts that were chosen with love and a great deal of consideration. Thank you also to all the 'prep' dads who were able to attend the Father's Day breakfast provided by our prep team last Friday. It was wonderful to see all the dads (all with their ties on) enjoying a healthy breakfast and a game or two with their children. The children were so happy to share the experience with you. Thank you to our prep team for organising this very special and successful event.

We are looking to change our provider for the school photos for next year. *Kangaroo Photos*, located opposite our school in Upton Street, have approached our school with the intention of forming a partnership and providing our school community a range of photographs of school events as well as better quality formal school photos. They are keen to receive feedback from our school community as to the types of school photos parents would like to see. Attached to this newsletter is a survey; please take the time to visit their website and complete the survey. A free family photo shoot is being offered to families who complete the survey.

Just a reminder to parents who would like to inform the school of any educational, social or emotional needs their child might have regarding grade placement for 2009; the proformas are available at the office and need to be returned by the 18<sup>th</sup> of September.

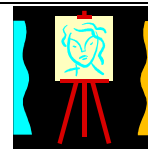
Thank you to Mr Hume for a very informative evening on educating boys last Friday. The parents in attendance found this to be a very interesting and valuable session.

We send our deepest condolences to the Debney Family on the passing of Sue's father last weekend. Feedback from parents during the School Self-Evaluation process indicated there to be some angst for students and parents during the transition process between grade levels. Therefore, next term departments will be holding information evenings for parents, as well as providing students at all year levels a transition program over a number of weeks. More information will be provided next term. Thank you in anticipation to the Parents Club who have organised the school disco for this Friday. The children are very excited and looking forward to socialising with their friends. Mr Enright is currently in Italy enjoying the magnificent scenery along the Italian Riviera.

**Sue Vermezovic**  
**Acting Principal.**

### **ARE YOU LEAVING US??**

If your child is leaving Altona Primary School would you advise the office before the end of term. This information is required for the grade placements in 2009.



### **ART SHOW TICKETS**

Don't forget to purchase your Art Show tickets. If you have lost your original form, please ask at the office for another one.

## DATES TO REMEMBER



### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September

Whole school Disco "Sports Theme"

### Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September

WADSSA Athletics Carnival – back up day

### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September

School Council Meeting 7:30pm

### Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September

End of Term 3 – early finish 2:30pm

### Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October

First day of Term 4

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October - Art Show opening (Adults admission 7pm-9pm)

### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October

Art Show 4pm-8pm

### Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October

Art Show 4pm-6pm

### Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

Regional Athletics Carnival

### Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Curriculum Day – Pupil free day

### Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November

Public Holiday – Melbourne Cup

### Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November

Tim Nelson's student Concert  
Multipurpose Room

## BOOKCLUB ISSUE 6



All issue 6 orders have been delivered. If you requested an item to be held, these orders will be at the office.



Dear Parents,

Grade 1/2K and 1/2J are representing our school at the Festival of Performing Arts (F.O.P.A.) this year by performing specially choreographed dances. It is to be held at Bayside College, Paisley campus (Blenheim Rd. Newport), on Tuesday the 16<sup>th</sup> of September. The program begins at 10.00am and finishes at 11.30am. All parents and friends are welcome, however will need to find their own transport. The students of 1/2K and 1/2J would love to see parents there to show their support.

### Thanks.

Kristy Keenan and Kaela Johnson



## LOST UNIFORM

Olivia Gatt in 1/2L has lost her labelled jacket. Your help in locating it is greatly appreciated.



Dear Parents,

Thank-you to the parents and families who contributed to development of our School's Values for the 2009-2012 Strategic Plan. Below is the Value statement that will be included in our school's Strategic Plan.

**Respect, honesty, responsibility, co-operation, care and compassion** are the values Altona Primary School believes are an integral part of school life. These values guide all members of our school community on how we should behave and interact with each other, whilst at school and when representing our school in other situations. The **You Can Do It** Program is also a fundamental component of what we do and how we do it. The foundations of **persistence, confidence, getting along, organisation and resilience** are continually discussed and referred to in a variety of forums through-out the school.

Michelle Costa

## **GETTING BACK INTO THE WORKFORCE**

This program is fully funded by the Government under the *Productivity Places Program*. Get Skills, *The Founders of Truly Flexible Learning* have broken new ground by providing Supported Learning Environments that focus on flexible study arrangements. There are Certificate II level courses available which all include an optional free Basic Computing course to bring students up to date with the latest software and computer packages. Training is offered Face-to-face and Online making it easy for Mums to continue with their studies at their own pace and fit in with the busy schedules of school drop offs and pick-ups!

The program is focussed on providing work skills to all Australian residents and as such it is open to people who:

- are over 15 years old;
- are not currently working; and
- will benefit from further training in order to enhance their work skills.

We really feel we have a great training solution for ALL Mums and want to make them aware of the FREE TRAINING that is available to them. To find out more about the many great benefits about this great program, please visit [www.freetrainingformums.com.au](http://www.freetrainingformums.com.au) or call on 1300 GET SKILLS.



## **MAGPIES**

The magpies are active at this time of the year. We ask that children keep right away from them and do not bother them. The magpies are only defending their territory. Magpies are protected and it is illegal to remove them.

## **TIM'S CONCERT**



The students of Tim Nelson will be holding their concert on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November in the Multipurpose Room. More information on this later.

## **LITTLE TACKER TENNIS**

Jed Gould will be running the tennis program again next term from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

The program will be held in the Performing Arts Centre from 1:45pm – 2:15pm.  
Forms are at the office.

## **NETBALL**

Seaholme Netball Club need boys or girls aged 7 or 8 to join or under 9's team.

We play on Saturday afternoons and train on Wednesday after school at the stadium on Queen St, Altona Meadows.

The team consists of Altona Primary School students, so you are bound to know someone!

For all enquiries phone Julie Magowan 9315 7057.  
AND.....

Boys 13 and under – interested in playing in the 1<sup>st</sup> Boys competition in the West – Altona Netball Association.

Register your interest by Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September.  
Phone Helen 9391 2603/0428 272 778.

## **ALTONA LITTLE ATHLETICS CLUB**

### **REGISTRATION DAYS**

DATE: 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> September

WHERE: Altona Athletics Centre  
Sugargum Drv Altona

TIME: 9am-11am

ENQUIRIES: Karen 9315 9392/0413 171 504  
Lisa 0417 189 995

## **BASEBALL/T BALL COME AND TRY DAYS**

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> September, 10:30am-12pm at K.C. White Reserve, Park Crescent Williamstown.  
For more information phone Gavin 0432 324 927



