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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: 13/03/2009

Principal's Corner

I hope everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing weekend. It was just what our teachers needed after a hectic start to the year. The Preps have settled in really well and are starting to learn the literacy and numeracy skills that will be so important for their future success in life.

The leadership of the grade 5/6 students has been outstanding. I am sure they can maintain this high standard until the end of the year.

The 3/4s are working hard and also recycling our tap water. The 1/2s are building on their literacy and numeracy skills. It is such delight to see all the grades working so well and the way all the children play in the playground. A number of Principals from other schools have visited recently and been really impressed with the school and in particular the children. The art displays around the corridors look fabulous.

There are a number of Commonwealth grants for school funding available in the near future. We will be applying for funds to rebuild the junior section of the school and refurbish the heritage building. Overall \$3.2 could become available to the school.

The Hobsons Bay festival and parade should be most enjoyable this weekend. Unfortunately, for the first time in 10 years, I will miss the parade due to a family commitment. I am sure Altona P.S. will be well represented in the parade and the swimming carnival.

The Library/ICT centre will be painted inside and out next week. Mrs. Vermezovic has a note in this week's newsletter asking for Mums and Dads to help us move all the library books out of the library after assembly on Monday. It will be

a big job. You will be able to see the internal works as you help.

Have a terrific weekend.

Kevin Enright
Principal.

DATES TO REMEMBER



Thursday 5th – 23rd March

Life Ed begins

Friday 13th March

Bayside Festival

Sunday 15th March

Bayside Festival Parade

Friday 3rd April

Last day of Term 1

Monday 20th April

First day of Term 2

Friday 12th June

Curriculum Day - Pupil free Day



Book Club Issue 2

All orders due, Friday, March 13th

Remember to clearly name all order forms and return orders through your child's classroom teacher.

If you wish to order presents, please write present on each order form and a phone number. I will leave these special orders at the office and ring to let you know when there in.

Joanne Mathrick Room 2
Book Club Co-ordinator.



Rubbish Free Lunch Day

Friday, March 20th



Our aim is to **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle**

We are trying to cut down on the amount of waste that fills our school's rubbish bins.

If we could,

- Reduce the amount of rubbish we throw away,
- Reuse packaging by using plastic containers or zip-lock bags,
- Recycle by using environmental friendly products that can be recycled.

We will cut down on waste!

Please help your child prepare a Rubbish Free Lunch for this Friday, March 20th.



Sports Corner



INTER-SCHOOL SPORTS RESULTS

LAST WEEK, INTERSCHOOL SPORTS WAS CANCELLED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER. THIS FRIDAY WE ARE PLAYING WILLIAMSTOWN PRIMARY GOLD TEAM AT HOME. GOOD LUCK TO ALL TEAMS.

Altona Primary Cross Country

The Altona Primary School cross country running event will be held on the 31st of March at Altona Primary School. The event is taking place between 9.00 am and 11.30 am. The whole school will be involved in this event.

Grade 5/6 children will be running approximately 2.4kms, 3/4 children 1.8kms, grade 1/2 children 1.2kms and the prep children .6 of a km.

If you would like to help out on the morning as a marshal on the course for a short period of time, please fill in the below slip and return it to me ASAP. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

For those children who are interested, training for cross country running will be held on: **Tuesday 17th of March, Thursday 19th of March, Tuesday 24th and Thursday 26th of March**, from 8.25 am until 8.50 am. Training consists of a warm-up before running/walking a number of laps. Parents/Teachers are more than welcome to run with their children for added motivation. I strongly urge all children to do some training to make the run a little easier for themselves on the day.

I _____ would like to help out on the morning of the cross country running event as a marshal. My child is in grade _____.

Premiers Active Family Challenge

The Premier's Active Families Challenge is run by the Victorian Government as part of the 'Go for your life' initiative to improve the physical activity, health and wellbeing of Victorian families.

The Challenge provides an opportunity for families to participate in an inclusive and achievable physical activity Challenge which is fun, easy, accessible and worthwhile.

To complete the Challenge, families register as a team to each do at least 30 minutes of physical activity a day for 30 minutes between 8 March and 19 April 2009. Participants can complete the activity on their own or together as a family, and don't have to be active every day throughout the Challenge – just 30 days over the six week Challenge period.

To help families complete the Challenge, they receive 15 free YMCA passes, 15 per cent off at Rebel Sport, tips and ideas on how to get active, details of events to attend and rewards and prizes to keep them motivated.

Registrations are now open. Families can register through the website of goforyourlife.vic.gov.au or by phone on **1300 73 98 99** and can also nominate their children's school to win up to \$3000 of sports equipment. The more families from your school who register, the better your school's chances of winning.

Tip one for this week: Take the family for a ride after dinner along the beautiful Altona Beach shared foot/bike path.

Junior Beach Volleyball

Learn how to play Beach Volleyball from the pro's. You'll be digging, setting, spiking, diving, peppering and having heaps of fun in the biggest sandpit you have ever seen. First lesson is free. For more information, pick up a brochure from the office.

Stephen Fava
PE Teacher



HELP REQUIRED

Dear members of the Altona Primary School Community,
We are looking for assistance with moving books from our school library so that it can be painted and fitted with new carpet. If you are able to spare an hour after assembly on Monday 16th of March please come along as many hands make light work.

Thank you in anticipation

LOST UNIFORM

Robert Milich from 3/4B has lost his hat. It has his name sewn on it.
If found please return to Robert.

EBM INSURANCE BROKERS

EBM'S student over is student accident insurance that provides protection for students 24 hours a day, seven days a week, anywhere in the world. The cover applies whether they are at school or not and includes almost every sport. For more information phone 07 5555 6222.



Bayside Festival Parade **Sunday 15th March**

Please return the
permission slip in this
week's Newsletter

Parade starts at 11am -
assembly by 10:30am
McBain St , south of
Queen St Altona
See you there!

