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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: 14/11/2008

Principal's Corner

The year is racing to the end and there is so much to do but we will get there.

Congratulations to Mrs. Costa who has been appointed acting assistant principal at Keilor P.S. from next Tuesday until the end of 2009.

Michelle has been a fabulous curriculum leader here at Altona P.S. We will miss her high level expertise. Michelle is the 6th Altona P.S staff member to enter the Principal class in the past 7 years.

We have had a mobile phone and a few other items stolen from a child's bag recently.

Children are requested not to bring mobile phones to school. If necessary they can use the school's phones. If parents insist on sending the phone then it should be left safely with the teacher rather than kept in a bag. Unfortunately, there is no insurance and no responsibility on the school's behalf for these items.

Our kind thoughts and best wishes are with the Schaumberg family. We hope Vivienne recovers quickly and fully after her accident near the school this week. The Williamstown police would like to talk with anyone who saw the accident in Railway Street North on Monday morning.

Our deepest sympathy to the Trickey family. Charlie Trickey was a past School Council President and a tireless worker at Altona P.S. - he passed away recently.

I have had the pleasure of attending a cricket clinic and the bat tennis grand final with the grade 5/6 children over the last weeks. I was very proud to be their Principal as I watched them participating and behaving so well.

Thank you to the Parents Club for the Obstacle a Thon yesterday. It was a great success and hard but enjoyable work on such a hot day.

Congratulations to the children for organising their sponsors. Grade3/4H won the free lunch by raising the most money.

We have been given a \$50,000 grant to install solar cells on the roof to generate electricity (\$20,000) and to install more water tanks (\$30,000). These projects along with the bike shed will begin next year.

Before the end of this year we will be having induction sessions throughout the school. This will allow students moving up a year level to experience the new year level before they move up in 2009. We will also have information nights before the end of this year for parents whose children are moving onto a new area of the school.

Mrs. Lyn Kosky is coming to our school tomorrow to present the school with an award for the Premier's Reading Challenge. Altona P.S. is one of Lyn's favourite schools from her time as Education Minister and as our local State Parliament representative. She will be meeting with a cross section of students from the school. We are interviewing teachers next week to fill the remaining grade teaching positions. However with Mrs. Costa leaving and a current staff member taking her leading teacher position as the curriculum coordinator we will have to advertise more jobs.

Some staff will move up or down a grade level next year. This is neither a promotion nor a demotion, it is simply a change of year levels

perhaps after many years in the one year level or as a new challenge to work in a different level. Mrs Margo Welsh will retire at the end of this year. Mrs. Kim Lawrie has decided to cease full time employment at the end of the year. Mrs. Trisha O'Driscoll will only be working one day each week in 2009.

We will be advertising jobs on recruitment on line for integration aides to work with funded students in grades in 2009.

Have a great weekend

Kevin Enright
Principal.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 19th/26th November

Preps 2009 Orientation Program and
APS students Grade Transition at school -
2:15pm-3pm

Wednesday 3rd December

Parent Information Session for APS students
Grade Transition
6:30pm – 7:15pm Preps 2009
7:30pm – 8:15pm 1/2 Team 2009

Thursday 4th December

APS students Grade Transition at school –
2:15pm-3pm
Parents Information Evening for APS students
Grade Transition – 6:30pm-7pm -3/4 Team 2009
7:15pm-7:45pm-5/6 Team 2009

Wednesday 10th December

Preps 2009 Orientation program and
APS students Grade Transition to 2009 Grades
2:15pm-3pm

Thursday 11th December

Christmas Carols at APS

Tues 16th December

Grade 6 Graduation – Altona Theatre

Friday 19th December

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

Integration Aide Required

We are currently looking to employ an Integration Aide to support a number of students who currently access the Program for Students with Disabilities. The aide would need to provide support as directed by the teacher and basic physical and emotional care to the students. We are looking for suitably qualified people within our community. Should you have the necessary qualifications please apply on line via the following website:

www.education.vic.gov.au/hrweb/careers/vacs/applySCH.htm

Regards
Sue Vermezovic

POLICE REQUEST:

CAN YOU ASSIST?

Police are asking for anyone who witnessed an incident, or may have seen the female jogger immediately before the incident between a Cleanaway truck and a female jogger at the intersection of Railway St. North and Upton St. in Altona last Monday morning, to please ring Leading Senior Constable McDonald at the Williamstown Police Station on 9393 9555.



It is with mixed emotions that I say good-bye to the Altona Primary School community. I have been appointed as the Acting Assistant Principal for Keilor Primary School until the end of 2009. My last day at Altona will be Monday 17th November. This is a new role for me but one I am excited to begin and eager to embrace. I will miss all the wonderful students, parents and staff at Altona that has made teaching here a real joy and pleasure. Thank-you to everyone who has offered me feedback at various stages of my teaching career and for those who have wished me the best in my new position.

Michelle Costa
Curriculum Coordinator
Altona Primary School

SPORTS CORNER



Bat Tennis Whitten Region Final

Last Friday, Altona Primary played Pasco Vale North Primary in the Whitten Region Final in bat tennis. The match was played at Strathmore Primary. The bat tennis team consisted of Callum Donohue, Brett Muirhead, Dannielle Calvi, Jerome Love, Anthony Lam, David Matic, Jack Nottlemann, Maria Banica, Taylah McWilliams, Dylan Moloney (captain), Jessie Davies, Kayden Popovic and Dillan Van Meersbergen.

A match consists of first to 9 games with 2 single matches and 4 double combinations. All matches were of the highest quality - it was like watching the Australian Open. The match was played in good spirits, with each side recognising great shots. However, Pascoe Vale just had the edge on most games, winning 52 games to 36: The game scores were: Dylan won his singles match 9 games to 7 in a ding dong battle; Brett lost 7 games to 9 in another ripper; Jessie and Jerome lost 4 games to 9; Dillan and David lost 8 games to 9 in a very tight tie breaker; Kayden and Anthony lost 4 games to 9; and Maria and Callum lost 4 games to 9, also.

It has been a terrific achievement by this group to finish 2nd in the region, as the Whitten Region is the biggest in the state and encompasses all schools from Footscray to Melton, Williamstown to Keilor and Werribee to Essendon. This is quite a large area and contains a large amount of schools - over 300. I am very proud of each member of the group and how they stayed enthusiastic and willing to develop their game over the year. Well done to the bat tennis team.

I would also like to thank Leanne Davies, Robyn Neilsen and Mr Enright for supporting the team and helping to provide transportation to our away matches.

VPSSA State Athletics Championships

On Monday I had the pleasure of attending the VPSSA State Athletics Championships in Bendigo. It was absolutely amazing to watch all the talents across Victoria show-casing their

athletics skills, although I was there to watch one talent and that was Altona Primary's Isaac Corvo.

Isaac competed in two events. The first was the 11 year old boys shot put event. After Isaac's first three throws, he had thrown long enough to make the final eight with a throw of 11.71m, which was a little below his personal best. On his last throw of the competition he threw a new personal best of 12.29m which catapulted him to 4th position overall. What a terrific achievement, finishing 4th in the state of Victoria. Top effort Isaac.

The next event he competed in was the 11 year old boys high jump event. This was a very tight competition with not much separating the top 10 children. Isaac competed strongly, eventually just missing the height of 1.35m, finishing 7th in the state. Great achievement Isaac. You should be proud of your efforts.

Bat Tennis Tournament

This week, the 3 to 6 singles bat tennis tournament started. We had over a 140 children enter the tournament, which is terrific to see so many children giving it a go. I wish all the children all the best throughout the tournament.

Stephen Fava

PE Teacher

SCHOOL STRATEGIC PLAN

Dear Parents,

The final draft of the school Strategic Plan for 2009- 2012 is now available on the school website. It will be ratified and signed at School Council on Wednesday 19th November.

Thank you to all the parents who contributed to the development of this important document through the school Self Evaluation Review process, either by coming to the data sessions in the PAC, or returning survey and feedback. Your contribution has been most appreciated and ensured a high quality document was produced.

Michelle Costa

Curriculum Coordinator

Altona Primary School.

IMPETEIGO OUTBREAK

We have had several cases of Impeteigo (school sores) reported. The sores blister and form scabs which are highly contagious. They require treatment from a Doctor and children **must not attend school** until treatment has begun. The sores must then be covered with a waterproof dressing when your child returns to school.

NETBALL

Would you like to come along and learn how to play netball?

Our club is looking for boys and girls who are 7 or 8 years old.

Where: Altona Netball Stadium, Queen St

When: Wednesday from 3:45pm-4:30pm

Cost: \$1

For more details contact Julie Magowan on 9315 7057.

