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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: 20/05/2009

Principal's Corner

I hope all of our mums had a wonderful Mothers Day.

A big thank you to the Parents Club for Friday's Mothers Day stall.

This week is National Volunteers week. A special thank you to all of the parents who help here at the school. We certainly would not have such a special school without all of the help we receive.

We desperately need some help to put the library back together. Any parent that can help can meet at the library after assembly on Monday. We would like to get the library operating and children borrowing as soon as possible.

The school receives 'Stranger Alerts' two or three times a week regarding incidents in the western region. Please remind your child/ren about stranger danger and make sure they have a strategy in place.

The grade 3 and 5 student did their NAPLAN tests this week. I had the opportunity to visit grades and see just how well the children were working. The teachers have really worked hard to prepare their grades for the tests.

Winter sports began last week. Again I was very proud to hear the reports of our children's sportsmanship.

This week the Preps visited Fairy Park and the One/Twos had a Market Fresh incursion. The choir was asked to audition for the Western Metropolitan Regional Concert. Our regional representative was very impressed with the choir.

We are missing a number of student photos and are following this up with Kangaroo photos. Please let your child's teacher know if your photos haven't arrived yet.

We have had a lot of interest in enrolling Grade Preps for 2010. We have 50 enrolments so far. If you are intending to enrol your Prep child, please obtain the forms from the office as soon as possible.

Have a great weekend

Kevin Enright
Principal.

CHILDREN'S CROSSING CIVIC PDE

A children's crossing has now been established across Civic Pde near Upton St.

A huge thank you to Bev McNab for her work in getting the Council to install the crossing.

- The crossing is only operative when "Children Crossing" flags are displayed
- Children's crossing are "pedestrian facilities" in Road Rules. It is therefore unlawful to ride a vehicle on a pedestrian facility
- Children should wait behind the yellow line on the approach ramp and should not attempt to cross the road until signalled by the Crossing Supervisor to do so.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 14th May

Fairy Park Excursion Preps

Monday 18th May

Education Week

Tuesday 19th May

School Council: Buildings and Grounds
Committee Meeting – 6pm Altona PS

Wednesday 20th May

School Council: Finance Committee Meeting
7pm
School Council Meeting 7:30pm

Monday 8th June

Queen's Birthday – Public Holiday

Friday 12th June

Curriculum Day – Pupil Free Day

Thursday 18th June

Grade 5/6 Sovereign Hill Excursion
8am-5pm

State Team Rugby Trials

Well done to Isaac Corvo who has been selected in the last 30 children bidding for a spot in the Victorian Ruby League team. Isaac tried out along with 90 other children. During these trials the selectors watched the children play in a number of matches and identified 30 talented children. Now Isaac will attend a number of training sessions over the next month where the selectors will choose a final squad of 17. Good luck Isaac.

Stephen Fava **PE Teacher**



O.S.H.C News

This was the first week we were able to use the new ICT building for computers and the children used it to their full advantage. We will now be using it more regularly for homework and play.

Numbers are at a steady pace but please remember if you don't need any of your days please let OSHC or the school office know.

With so many children attending the corridor is now full with school bags. There have been a few instances of children taking the wrong bags. Can you just check when you pick your children up that they have theirs and no one else's!

June the 12th is going to be my last day for 9 weeks as I'm going on holidays. In that time Britt will be running Before School Care and Lee will be running After School Care. I have complete confidence in both of them and know things will continue to run smoothly.

If you have any questions don't hesitate to come and see me.

Laura and O.S.H.C Staff

Sports Corner

INTER-SCHOOL SPORTS RESULTS

Last Friday in interschool sports, we played St Mary's Williamstown Primary away. The results were:

Team	ALTONA PRIMARY	Altona North Primary
Soccer	2 Goals	6 Goal
Girls Netball	0 Goals	9 Goals
Mixed Netball	9 Goals	8 Goal
Softball	16 Runs	1 Runs
Football	41 points	36 points

This Friday we are playing Altona North Primary away. All matches will be played at their school. Good luck to all teams.



Altona Primary School photos were delivered last week. You should have received your class photos by now. Should you have any enquiries please contact us on **1300 123 766**
We appreciate all the feedback that we've received.

We also wish to advise that classroom photos are still available online for viewing and purchase through our website:
www.kangaroo photos.com
password: altonakangaroo



BOOKCLUB ISSUE 3

All orders are due NOW. Last day Friday 15th May.

Girl Guides Victoria **School Holiday Camp** **June/July holidays**

Girl Guides Vic is inviting all girls aged 10 to 14 years to come along and be a part of this great camp experience'.

Sunday 28th June – Saturday 4th July
Iluka Campsite, Mornington Peninsula.

For further information email

www.guidesvic.org.au or ring Alecia 8606 3500.

All girls welcome, you do not have to be a Guide member.

It's Not OK to be Away

We realise that when children are not well they must be kept at home.

However, please consider assisting us in ensuring that children attend school each day.

All absences must be advised by a letter to the teacher or a phone call to the office.

The absenteeism for all grades so far this year is 1198.

Please note that last week's total for the year of 625 was incorrect.

The grade absences for last week are as follows:

Preps	28
Grade 1	15
Grade 2	4
Grade 3	18
Grade 4	7
Grade 5	3
Grade 6	0

Kevin Enright
Principal.



CONGRATULATIONS

Welcome to Stephanie Cutrona's (1/2L) baby brother Nicholas John, born on Monday 11th May. Nicholas weighed 3.29kgs and was 50cm long.

Best wishes to all the family.

