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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: 14/08/2008

Principal's Corner

We look forward to a dry day for this year's Athletics day. A big thank you to Mr. Fava for all of his work and organisation and to the parents who will come along and help or attend on the day. It really is a fabulous school event. The teachers' 100 metres sprint will be a highlight at the end of the day.

We are still waiting on final costings and drawings before the ICT centre, to be built on the back of the library, goes to tender. At the start of the year we had expected it to be completed by the end of this term.

Thanks to Mr. McPherson for his coaching of the Hooptime teams. Adam spends his valuable lunchtimes out on the court coaching the teams. Mrs. Enright has been taking a grade 5/6 dance group as well as her guitar group at lunchtime and Mrs. Barry opens the library twice a week at lunchtime. Other staff spend time at recess and lunch preparing work for the next session and then remain after school until up to 6 p.m. correcting or getting ready for the next day. Other staff take the work home and work on their laptops for hours each night. We certainly have a committed staff

The school Strategic Plan is getting closer to being finalised. The draft is on the school's website. Thank you to families who returned the 'Values' information and contributed suggestions. The staff are working on the school values and our own trademark behaviours. The final document will be a driving vision for the next four years.

Last week was School Services Officers' week. A huge thank you to our office staff, OSHC staff

and Integration aides for the wonderful work they do.

The weather and the various illnesses that occur at this time of the year are affecting both staff and students. We should all take the time to recover before returning.

Have a great weekend.

Kevin Enright
Principal.



ART SHOW

Have you booked the baby sitter, saved your pennies (sorry cents!).....the ART SHOW is coming.

Mark it on your calendar, Tuesday 14th October (opening night - adults only), Wednesday 15th October and Thursday 16th October.

FOUND

A Nintendo game has been found in the school grounds. If you have lost a game please see the ladies in the office.

DATES TO REMEMBER



Friday 15th August

APS Athletics Carnival

Wednesday 20th August

School Council Meeting 7pm

Friday 22nd August

APS Athletics Carnival – back up day
Infant Swimming Program – Deposit(\$20) or Full payment (\$60) due

Friday 29th August

Grade 2 Sleepover
Infant Swimming –2nd Instalment (\$20) due

Friday 5th September

Parents Club Fathers Day Stall

Tuesday 9th September

WADSSA Athletics Carnival

Friday 12th September

Whole school Disco “Sports Theme”
Infant Swimming-Final payment (\$20) due

Tuesday 16th September

WADSSA Athletics Carnival – back up day
FOPA Concert

Wednesday 17th September

School Council Meeting 7:30pm

Friday 19th September

End of Term 3 – early finish 2:30pm

Monday 6th October

First day of Term 4

Tuesday 14th October - Art Show opening (Adults only admission 7pm-9pm)

Wednesday 15th October

Art Show 4pm-8pm

Thursday 16th October

Art Show 4pm-6pm

Monday 20th October

Windows on the West

Premiers Reading Challenge 2008

All reading must be completed and recorded by August 31st. For further information visit; www.education.vic.gov.au/pre

Scientists in Schools

September 1st to 7th of September is Literacy and Numeracy Week and we would like to incorporate Science as part of this celebration. We would like to celebrate this by having guest Scientists visit our school and talk to the students about what its like to be a scientist. We are hoping parents who are scientists or work in the scientific field would like to come up to the school and share their experiences and expertise with the children. We can organise for you to talk to one grade or a year level, depending on your confidence and willingness. We would not expect you to speak to the whole school. I am happy to provide further guidelines about the types of things you could include in your presentation. It could go for as long as you like. As a guide, the younger grades would probably have a 30-minute limit, with the upper school being able to listen to a longer talk. We would allocate you to a specific area, depending on your interest. Hopefully we will have enough volunteers to enable every grade to hear about the fascinating and important world of Science.

If you are interested in providing our students with exposure to a real Scientist, please complete the slip below and return it to school by Monday 5th August. I will contact you to discuss how you can become part of this very special week.

Michelle Costa
Curriculum Coordinator
Altona Primary School

Child's Name: _____

Grade: _____

Scientist's Name: _____

Phone: _____

Preferred Year level: _____

Preferred Day/Date: _____

Art Lending Library

Have you taken a look at the art pieces in the school foyer? These art pieces have been selected by the staff and the grade 5/6 children from the collection owned by the Footscray Community Arts Centre. This collection is an art borrowing library. Four other pieces from this collection will soon be coming to our school, and at the time of the art show will be going for a visit to homes of some of our luck children. Families will soon be able to borrow directly from the Centre.

Large Tins Wanted

Mrs Barry wants empty large (825g) Fruit/ spaghetti/ baked bean tins. Please deliver washed tins to the art room

Altona Gators Junior Program try out dates for the 2009 Championship season are as follows.

Session 1 Sunday 7th September

Session 2 Sunday 14th September

Session 3 Sunday 21st September

For more information call

Troy Davies

0411 094 643

MINI "GATOR" BASKETBALL

Boys and girls 5-10 years old, would you like to learn to play basketball?

Registration Friday 19th September 2008
between 4:30pm-5pm.

For more information phone 9360 9288.