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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: 16/10/2009***

### **A Whisper from School Council**

#### **President.....**

Something significant slipped quietly by last term without much of a mention around the school community. Apart from all the usual "busyness" of teaching and learning in a school of nearly 500 students, there has been out of the ordinary activity such as building tenders, next year's prep enrolments, relocating grade 6 students for National Pride renovations, NAPLAN results, visiting local parliamentarians and regional directors. The list could go on - it's all in a day's work if you're running a school. While all this (and more) was happening last term, we forgot to congratulate and commend the person who leads and manages Altona Primary School; the person who puts in so much behind the scenes time, effort and expertise to keep things ticking over and on track - our Principal, Mr Kevin Enright.

What quietly slipped by last term was that Mr Enright's contract was renewed for another five years and he will continue to lead the school through its next exciting phase. As a school community we should celebrate this.

Over the past 10 years, the school has grown into the high performing school that it is today under Mr Enright's vision, dedication and hard work.

So often we read in this newsletter Mr Enright commending the staff, students and parents for their efforts, professionalism and achievements. It's time we recognised and thanked him for his.

So on behalf of School Council and the broader school community - welcome back from well-

earned leave, congratulations and a big heartfelt thank you – keep up the great work!

**Sandra Wilson**

**School Council President**

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**



#### **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

Cup Day – Public holiday

#### **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November**

Parents Club Spring Carnival

#### **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November**

Grade 6 Graduation Photo - 9:15am

#### **Preps for 2010 Orientation Program**

Session 1 – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2009

Session 2 – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2009

Session 3 – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2009

Session 4 - Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2009

#### **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November**

APS Concert – Williamstown Town Hall

#### **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

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



## **PARENTS CLUB NEWS**

Please note that the Spring Carnival Day will now be held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November, due to the swimming program.



## **NATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL DAY**

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October**

Ms. Barbetta and Ms. Holgate will be walking to school starting from the Cherry Lake car park (Millers Rd side) at 8am, down Civic Pde, then Pier St and Railway St.

Children who would like to join us can meet us along our route.

**Ms. Barbetta and Ms. Holgate.**

## **Book Club Issue 7**



### **Issue 4 Orders are due Friday October 23<sup>rd</sup>**

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 they are in.

## **UNIFORM**

Parents please check your child's uniform carefully to make sure that the wrong items have not been brought home.

We have had many complaints of children losing uniform and it not being returned.

It is vital that all uniform is correctly labelled.

### **Second Hand Uniform**

If you have any items of uniform in good condition that can be used for emergencies, please leave them with the office staff.



## **SIGN UP DAY**

### **ALSC**

Across the country there are thousands of people actively patrolling beaches to ensure the general public can enjoy the beach. Lifesaving includes: Patrols Competition Learning vital rescue skills Beach safety Fitness A fantastic family atmosphere Altona Life Saving Club offers the chance for your entire family to be involved in some or all of these activities. It is a great family environment with many advantages such as training, the Altona Nipper Program and opportunities for personal development through courses such as the Bronze Medallion & First Aid courses offered at the club.

If you would like to become a member we are holding a sign up day. Please come along as there will be a show bag for each applicant on that day—proudly provided by our sponsors. Otherwise an application form can be downloaded from our website: [www.altonalsc.com/membership.php](http://www.altonalsc.com/membership.php). Contact the club for further details on [altonalsc1@gmail.com](mailto:altonalsc1@gmail.com)

**TIME: 12PM to 3PM**

**DATE: Sunday, 11th October, 2009**

**WHERE: Altona Life Saving Club,  
127 The Esplanade, Altona**



## **Williamstown Swimming and Life Saving Club - 2009 / 2010 Nippers Surf Education Program**

The Nippers Surf Education program is a great way for your kids to enjoy the beach and learn the basics of water safety and life saving. A 12 week program organized under the auspices of Life Saving Victoria and WS&LSC, Nippers is an education and skills based program designed for children aged 5-14 years. (Children need to be five (5) by the 30<sup>th</sup> September in order to commence in U6's.)

The program runs on Friday evenings between 4.30pm – 5.30pm (U6's – U8's) and 5.45pm –

6.45pm (U9's-U15's), commencing on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November (with a break throughout January) and finishing with the Club Championship on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March.

If you'd like to compete - then try the Williamstown Junior Surf Sport Program where you'll have the chance to represent the WS&LSC at a number of Carnivals!

**Don't miss the Nippers Registration Dates**

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October, 4pm – 7pm

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2pm – 5pm

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 4pm – 7pm

**Venue**

Williamstown Surf Lifesaving Club, Gloucester Reserve, The Esplanade, Williamstown.

For further information contact Marne Fechner 0437 191 185 or the WS&LSC on 9397 5493.

**SEUSSICAL**

Luke and Jessica Vranes are in a musical called "Seussical". Madison Buckner is also in the show. It is a Dr. Seuss musical with 8 of his books in it. The show is mainly about Horton Hears a Who. Luke is one of the main characters. His name is JoJo. Jessica and Madison are jungle creatures. Jessica is also a circus creature and Madison is also a fish. It has many different songs and tunes. I am sure you will love it. Saturday night's show is sold out! The Friday and Saturday matinee shows still have tickets left. But hurry they are going fast (seriously). So get your tickets and enjoy the show!!



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