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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: 21/07/2009

Principal's Corner

The Commonwealth government has approved our proposed \$3,656,200 building project to begin later this term. I have included the 'schematic' drawings with the newsletter. The new single project combines the Better Schools Today project with the Building the Education Revolution project. It is very exciting to anticipate what our school will look like by the end of next year. The entire wooden building will be demolished in stages starting later this term. Any asbestos in the building (most of it was removed with the upgrade in 1996) will be removed in accordance to OH&S regulations on weekends. The final architectural drawings are in progress and then the project will go out to tender.

I have also included the initial drawings for the \$200,000 National Pride program. The corridor areas outside the current grade 5/6 classrooms will become part of the classrooms with the removal of the doors and windows into the current rooms and the building of walls with windows along the corridors. These walls will be in the same style as the corridors and current room entrances. The larger classrooms will improve the learning and teaching possibilities for both students and teachers.

Congratulations to the 5/6 Hoop time teams who played this week. Mr. Macpherson did a fabulous job with the coaching with all three teams playing off in the grand finals. The children's behaviour and sportspersonship were outstanding. Well done.

We have had an excellent start to the term. I am really looking forward to watching our 5/6

students continue and improve the exceptional leadership they have shown this year.

We hope to finalise all prep enrolments for 2010 by July 31st 2009.

Have a great weekend

Kevin Enright
Principal.

DATES TO REMEMBER



Monday 20th July – Wednesday 22nd July

Grade 5/6 Lady Northcote Camp

Thursday 6th August

Grade 3/4 Hooptime

Friday 14th August

APS Athletics Carnival

Friday 18th September

Last day of Term 3 – **2:30pm finish**

LITTLE TACKER TENNIS

Parents please note that the tennis program will not be happening this term as the building works will be in progress and space is limited.

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

The EMA is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

To be eligible for the EMA you must:

- Be the holder of a Health Care card or a pension card. Your card must be current as of 13th July 2009.
- The EMA application must be submitted by **23rd July 2009** for the 2nd instalment.
- If you have already applied in 1st Term you do not need to apply again this Term
- **However, if you are new to the school or have only recently obtained a card you must apply before the 23rd July 2009.**

Sports Corner

APS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL FOR GRADES 3 TO 6- PARENT HELPERS NEEDED

The Altona PS Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday, **14th of August 2009** at the Newport Athletics Track, The Strand Williamstown.

To run the carnival smoothly, we need at least **thirty** parent helpers and so we hope that you can be generous with your time. Teachers will run each event, but we need parent helpers to measure, record and supervise the children.

We prefer volunteers to commit to attending the full day, however, if you are only able to help for half the day, we can offer morning or afternoon timeslots. If you can help, please fill in the attached section and return it to school **before 3rd of August**. This will enable us to make a roster and distribute it prior to the day of the carnival. Unfortunately, if we do not get enough helpers, we may have to cancel the carnival.

PARENT HELPERS

I am able to attend the Athletics Carnival on 14th of August 2009 as a Parent Helper.

Helper's name:.....

Child's name:.....

Time available to help (please circle one)

Full Day (9:30 am-2:30 pm)

9:30 am to 12:00 pm

11:45 am to 2:30 pm

5/6 Hooptime

Report by Coach McPherson

It was once again my pleasure to take 22 children to Altona Basketball Stadium to compete in the annual Hooptime competition. Making it especially pleasing was being able to introduce some new players to the game of basketball, as well as being able to see the development of others who had been introduced to the game as a result of Hooptime competitions of the past.

As usual the kids were brilliantly behaved, listened to instructions well and had a lot of fun. All teams were very successful, winning more games than they lost, with each team making it to the grand final of the competition – the only school competing to achieve this. Unfortunately, all three teams lost in the final game, but the children should be very proud of their efforts – their coach was, as were their parents.

Some of the highlights of the day were:

1. The Boys team's performance against eventual winners Wembley Primary where the boys played magnificently leading for the entire game except for the last minute going down 13-12, by far Wembley's toughest game of the tournament – we had them worried boys!!!

2. The Girls team's fighting effort, winning some really close games against Williamstown North and showing a lot of heart and tenacity in their grand final against Wembley.
3. The Mixed team's remarkable grand final performance coming from three points down with 15 seconds to go, to tie the scores and send the game into overtime thanks to a Sam Paton free throw and a Taylah Elliott shot at the buzzer.

The boys team consisted of: Jesse Zammit, Jordan Mountney, Isaac Corvo, Kayden Popovic, Lachlan Moroney, Josh Hindle and Jack Middlebrook. The girls team consisted of: Arlie Den Ouden, Laura Costa, Jessica Gough, Jessica Bosnar, Bianca Fenech, Erin Mackellin and Isabelle Mountford. The mixed team consisted of: Taylah Elliott, Ruby Flynn, Kayla Ciranis, Matilda Sutherland, Sam Paton, Jack Robinson, Matthew Wright and Nick Tomazos.

I would also like to give an especially big thankyou to all the parents who came along and supported all the children and helped me out throughout the day

Join other families for a chat and kick of your football at ¼ and ½ time breaks.

Dress warm, it was very cold on the hill behind the goals.

Hope to see you there, Joanne Mathrick



Premier's Reading Challenge 2009

All APS students are registered in this year's Premier's Reading Challenge.

Students from Grades 1 to 6 have their personal User Name & Password recorded in their Reading Log / Diary by the end of Term One.

Students from Grades 3 to 6 can enter books they have read onto the system at home or at school.

Students in Preps to Two will read and experience books at school and their teachers will enter this data. They can also enter books they have read onto the system at home.

If your child misplaces their personal User Name & Password, please speak to their child's classroom teacher.

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

Reading Requirements for each year level.

Year Levels	No. of Books	No. from Challenge booklist
Prep – Grade 2	30 books	20 or more
Grades 3 & 4	15 books	10 or more
Grades 5 & 6	15 books	10 or more



Happy Reading
Joanne Mathrick

Book Club Issue 5



All orders due, Friday, July 31st

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.



**FAMILY FOOTBALL
AFTERNOON**



Sunday, July 19th

Williamstown Seagulls vs. Box Hill

Come and join APS families supporting the "Seagulls" for their 2nd last home game of the season at

**Burbank Oval,
Williamstown at 2pm,
Sunday, July 19th**

Use your Williamstown Seagull 2009 Family Pass that was sent home with the newsletter earlier this year.

The 2009 Family Pass admits 2 adults and 2 children to WFC home games for free.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT.....

Yes, it is true, the long sleeve polos in size 6 and 8 have finally arrived.

The polar fleece vests SHOULD be here on Monday, those that are paid for will be sent home. We will let you know via the newsletter if they do arrive.

