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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: 18/10/2008

Principal's Corner

What a fantastic art show. The children's art work was fabulous. Congratulations to Mrs Barry and the Committee, Ms Petalas, Mrs. Galvin, Ms. Barbetta, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Aird, Mrs. Cain, Mr. Spelic and Mr. Stanford who worked tirelessly to plan the event and exhibit the art work in such a stunning display. Thank you to our artistic parents and community members who donated their works of art for the auction. Thank you also to Mrs. Enright for her wonderful singing on the opening night, the Parents Club for organising the wine sales, and Mrs. Mathrick for being such an entertaining M.C. Many of the teachers were here until 10:30 p.m. on the opening night and until 8:45 p.m. last night. They are long days but well worth the effort.

Congratulations to our teachers for their brilliant work and ideas to enable their grades to produce the pieces of art.

Thanks to Vic Webster for erecting the enclosed fence between the buildings and Sarah Spry for her gardening and the flower displays in the corridors. And of course thank you to all of the parents, families and children who attended. We really appreciate the way our community supports the school.

The synthetic grass areas are almost finished. Wind and rain has delayed the project but the area looks marvellous.

The peppercorn tree near Mrs. Lynch's room will need to be removed this weekend. It is a shame to lose such a beautiful tree but it has rotted from the inside and poses a danger to the safety of the children. Some of the trees removed

over the recent holidays were almost hollow inside their trunks.

Mrs Mathrick will attend the National Gallery of Victoria with 3 children to accept an award for having so many children participate and read so many books in the Premier's Reading Challenge. Well done Jo.

Good luck to the bat tennis team in their final on Friday.

Also occurring this week we have Wild Action; Insect a Mania on Thursday and Friday and grades Prep, One and Two performing at Highpoint shopping centre on Monday and swimming on Thursday and Friday.

Staff professional development this week includes: Mr. Enright, Mrs. Tickell and Mrs Vermezovic; Vista training, Ms. Barbetta; Preparing for Leadership and Mrs. Vermezovic and Mrs. Galvin; Early Years Literacy Coordinator training.

What a start to term 4!

Have a good weekend

Kevin Enright
Principal.



PARENTS CLUB NEWS

The Parents Club will be selling Icy poles every Friday, 50cents each.

A parent will come to each class and collect the orders and money.

Icy poles must be ordered by 9am. If you are late to school you will not be able to order.

DATES TO REMEMBER



Thursday 16th October

Art Show 4pm-6pm

Wednesday 22nd October

Regional Athletics Carnival

Monday 3rd November

Curriculum Day – Pupil free day

Tuesday 4th November

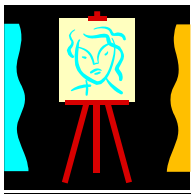
Public Holiday – Melbourne Cup

Wednesday 12th November

Tim Nelson's student Concert
Multipurpose Room

Tues 16th December

Grade 6 Graduation – Altona Theatre



ART SHOW Update-

Thank you to everyone for supporting this wonderful event. A lot of effort by many people went into making this 2008 art show so special. Thank you especially to the Art Show Committee members who have worked all year towards this date.

Your last chance to see this fantastic event is this afternoon.....

The gallery will be open from 4pm – 6pm.

ARTSHOW WORK COLLECTION-

Children's work that has been paid for by the families will be available for collection from the classrooms **after school Tuesday 21st October.**

We would appreciate that work be collected by adults rather than carried home by children and possibly damaged. If it cannot be collected Tuesday, then as soon as possible after that please.

Any work reserved by the families, but not yet paid for, will be available for collection in the art room from Tuesday onwards.

If you have been unable to visit any of the gallery openings but wish to purchase your child's art work please contact the classroom teacher through a letter, or purchase work from the art room after school, Tuesday onwards. In a few weeks we will contact people who have expressed an interest in purchasing work by non family members.

Please note – unpurchased work will not be returned to children!

SPORTS CORNER

Pacific School Games

By Isaac Corvo

Hi, last term I competed in the Pacific School Games & Australian All Schools Victorian Team selection trials at Olympic Park.

This year the Games are being held in Canberra, ACT with about 4000 to 4500 students competing over the week of the games. Over 20 countries from around the pacific such as N.Z., Cook Islands, Fiji and PNG & China will be competing with teams from every state and territory of Australia. These games began in 1982 and are held every 4 years.

Five sports are contested at the games for students aged between 10 – 19 years of age – basketball, diving, hockey, swimming, track and field. Athletes such as Brooke Hansen & Kyle Van De Kuyp have competed in past games.

For a spot in the various events that I entered I had to qualify in at least 1st, 2nd and 3rd to get picked. On Friday my events were 100m which I qualified for a final in 8th position. In the final I came 6th. I also competed in the triple jump.

On Saturday, my events were high jump, long jump and shot put. I ended up jumping 1.40m with 4 other competitors then they went to count back which is to see how many times you knock the bar I was lucky enough to only knock the bar 4 times and win.

My next event was shot put, and my last event was long jump.

Overall I had fun and because I won high jump I am going to Canberra to represent Altona Primary School and Victoria in December.

Regional Knock Out Softball Final

Last Friday, Altona Primary played Seabrook Primary in the round 1 regional knock out game in softball. The match was played at A.B Shaw Reserve.

Our team fielded really well throughout the match, not allowing Seabrook to score, while Altona slowly accumulated the runs, finishing with 9.

The softball team will now play Thomas Chirnside in the round 2 match next week. Also, good luck to the bat tennis team who will play Iramoo Primary away in a round 2 regional knock out match.

Stephen Fava
PE Teacher



ART SHOW RAFFLE

The Art Show raffle will be drawn at assembly on Monday morning 20th October.

UNIFORM NEWS

The skirts have finally arrived, sizes 4,6,8,10 and 12, price \$23.

The uniform shop is only open Tuesday morning 8:45am-9:30am and Tuesday afternoon 3:15pm-3:45pm.

If these times are not suitable, your child can bring home an order form which can be returned with the money in an envelope. Any items that are not the correct size can be exchanged.

WALKTOBER Wednesday 22ND October

October has been renamed Walktober! Kinect Australia and Vic Health are raising the profile and benefits of walking. Wednesday 22nd October is Walktober – Walk to School Day. This is an international event. Altona P.S. is encouraging all our students to participate and walk to school.
“Remember, better health is measured in feet!”

BOOKCLUB ISSUE 7

All orders are due by Friday 24th October. If you would like the order as a present please write this on the envelope and it will be kept at the office.

G.A.T.E.WAYS

Developing and extending children's special abilities. G.A.T.E.WAYS is running its final Gr.1-6 2008 program at Wesley College, High Street Road, Glen Waverly on Monday 15th December and Tuesday 16th December. The years “Festival of Workshops” offer a wide range of enjoyable and challenging programs for gifted and talented children. The Prep Festival will be held at Sacre Coeur, Burke Rd, Glen Iris on Wednesday 17th December and Thursday 18th December.

There is a cost of approximately \$80 per student, per day and parents are responsible for transporting their child to and from the program. Parents wishing to know more can see Mrs. Joanne Mathrick in room 20.

I have an outline of the programs for Prep, 1/2, 3/4 and 5/6 or download the program from the G.A.T.E.WAYS website www.gateways.edu.au
Please note: places fill fast.

CHILDREN'S WEEK 18TH-26TH OCTOBER 2008

Join in the FREE Children's Week fun activities taking place across Victoria.
Family Fun Day and Launch: Sunday 19th October 10am-3pm. Free entry to the Melbourne Zoo for children 15 years and under.

