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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: 18/06/2009

### Principal's Corner

Our building plans are getting closer to completion. The renovations to the grade 5/6 rooms and the building of a new music room and two classrooms to replace the current music and multipurpose rooms should begin in the first month of term 3. Grades 5/6 P&F will be relocated to the performing arts centre. Grade 5/6K will be relocated to the library. Grade 4/5M will be split between the grades 3-6 as we have no other rooms to place them in. The building works will be complete by early December. Author Christopher Milne visited Altona P.S. this week. He was extremely impressed with our children. He was particularly impressed with their manners, engagement and the level of their questions.

All of the grades have been setting up their grade libraries. The aim is to increase independent reading throughout the school. The work and collaboration of classroom teachers and the children in the grades in order to get the most interesting and appropriate books has been most impressive.

It has been another fabulous term. Thank you to all staff, children and parents for your time and effort to make learning and being at school a positive learning experience for all.

A big thank you to Martin Dean for organising the 'footy night.' It was a very enjoyable night. Martin organised games and prizes to make the night a lot of fun. Each child who attended also received a football.

If you have a prep child to enrol for 2010 can you please enrol as soon as possible. We are

almost to our maximum enrolment numbers for 2010. Having an enrolment ceiling of 500 means that we may not be able to enrol everyone who applies.

Thank you again to the teachers for another late night for parent teacher interviews next week. The staff have worked particularly hard this term and will definitely need the term holidays to recharge for term 3. In general teachers arrive at school at approximately 8:20 a.m. and leave around 5:00p.m but often later. They usually take work home to correct every night and spend time each evening planning and preparing for the next day. This is repeated on the weekend in preparation for the week ahead. This is what makes the holidays, when they also work, prepare and often come into school, so important to keep them invigorated and tuned in to the educational needs of our children. We have a fabulous staff and it is important that we look after them.

All the best to the choir who will be the opening act at the Western Metropolitan Regional Concert at Hamer Hall in Melbourne on Friday night. I am really looking forward to seeing them perform.

Have a great weekend

**Kevin Enright**  
**Principal.**



### **HEAD LICE**

Please be aware that we have had several cases of head lice reported. Please check carefully and treat the whole family if necessary.



## DATES TO REMEMBER

### Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June

Parent/Teacher Interviews

### Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June

Last day of Term 2

### Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July

First day of Term 3

Grade 5/6 Hooptime

### Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

Grade 5/6 Lady Northcote Camp

### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August

Grade 3/4 Hooptime

### Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August

APS Athletics Carnival

## MISSING UNIFORM

Parents please check your child's uniform carefully as we have some children who cannot find their jackets. Sometimes children pick up the wrong item of uniform and this may not be noticed straight away.

Jimi Johnson has lost his jacket plain no stripes. **It is named**, if found please return to **3/4X**.

Bri-Anna Kyle **1/2L** has two jackets missing size 8. Bri-Anna's jackets have her name **clearly** embroidered on the back.

### It's Not OK to be Away

The absenteeism for all grades so far this year is 1695.

The grade absences for last week are as follows:

|          |    |
|----------|----|
| Prep:    | 9  |
| Grade 1: | 5  |
| Grade 2: | 15 |
| Grade 3: | 5  |
| Grade 4: | 10 |
| Grade 5: | 17 |
| Grade 6: | 15 |

## Sports Corner

### INTER-SCHOOL DIVISION ONE FINALS RESULTS

Last Thursday, three teams played in the division one final against Williamstown Primary Gold teams away. The results were:

| Team          | <b>ALTONA<br/>PRIMARY</b> | <b>Williamstown<br/>Primary Gold</b> |
|---------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Mixed Netball | 12 Goals                  | 9 Goals                              |
| Softball      | 12 Runs                   | 7 Runs                               |
| Football      | 3 points                  | 113 points                           |

The softball team this Friday will play Altona Gate Primary School, away, in the district final, while the mixed netball team will play St Mary's Altona, also away, in the district final.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mr McPherson, who coached the soccer team, Miss Keenan, who coached the girls netball team, Miss Sperling, Mrs Ford and Mrs Mathrick, who ran a multi-sports program and a hockey program for all the grade 5 students. Also, I'd like to thank Karen Symons for running the sessions at the Altona Hockey Club - I know the children loved the sessions.

### Softball Division One Final Report – by Jordan Mountney

On Thursday the 11<sup>th</sup> of June, the softball team versed Williamstown Primary School at their home ground for the division 1 finals.

The game started with Altona batting and Willy fielding. We batted ok in the first inning making 5 home runs. We knew that Willy could catch up at any time so we had to make sure that we did a great job at fielding. With Jordan as the pitcher and the teams target throwing, Willi only made 2 runs.

The second innings was not as good as the first with Altona only making 3 runs. It was now our turn to field, with Jordan pitching again and of course our outstanding fielding, Willy made no runs at all. At the end of the 2nd innings the scores were Altona 8 and Willy 2.

It was the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final inning and it started with Altona batting. Altona made 4 runs and Willy went on to make a further 5 runs. At the end of the game Altona won with a total score of 12 and Willi 7. I would like to thank Mr Fava for training us and for encouraging us to always do our best.

### Thank you

#### **Regional Cross Country Championships**

Good luck next Wednesday to Jordan Mountney, Isaac Corvo, Rhys Puglisi, Chloe King, Jake King, Paige Chapple and Madison Roache who will all represent our school in the regional cross country championships at Brimbank Park. These children have been training hard over the last month at school and at the 100 Steps of Federation.

#### **Zone Cross Country Championships**

Last Thursday, we had 7 children run in the Western Zone Cross Country Championships at Brimbank Park.

This course was very different to the ones at school and Cherry Lake, as there were a number of hills involved, but our children were well prepared, having trained hard both at school and at the 100 steps.

It was a very difficult day for children, as not only was it 11 degrees, but it rained for most of the day which turned the course into a mud pit. Nevertheless, all the children braved the conditions and ran quite well.

Chloe King ran in the 10 year old girls event, which was 2kms long. She ran a terrific race, finding a nice rhythm throughout the race and settling into about 15<sup>th</sup> position after the first lap. She finished 12<sup>th</sup> in the Western Zone, which is a top effort. Well done Chloe, you made a determined effort from the first time you started training at school.

Rhys Puglisi ran in the 10 year old boys event, which was 2kms long. He ran a terrific race, settling not too far from the leading group. Rhys enjoyed the run and the experience. He finished 11<sup>th</sup>. A great run. Rhys enthusiasm during training sessions was great.

Paige Chapple ran in the 3 km 11 year old girls race. Paige was notified that she was running in the event only a few days before as someone in our district had pulled out. She showed a lot of self belief and confidence in her ability and ran a great race finishing 27<sup>th</sup> out of 50 competitors with hardly any training. Well done Paige.

Jake King was due to run in the 11 year old boys race, but unfortunately he fell ill and was unable to attend the event. Jake obviously was disappointed as had shown a lot of promise during our training sessions, training really well on the track and always putting in 100 percent. Well done Jake for all your efforts and let's hope all goes well for next year.

Jordan Mountney and Isaac Corvo ran in the 3 km 12 year old boys race. Both boys started off really well, settling just off the pace. Isaac struck trouble late in his first lap, slipping and falling heavily. To his credit, he soldiered on to finish 27<sup>th</sup>. Jordan maintained his position throughout the race and finished 6<sup>th</sup> in our zone. Well done, once again, Jordan. Great running and leadership throughout all our training sessions boys.

Madison Roach ran in the 3km 12 year old girls race. She started off well, running an aggressive first lap and sitting in 3<sup>rd</sup> position. She fought on hard in the second lap and finished with her best result over the last three years in 8<sup>th</sup> position. Great run Madison.

Congratulations to these seven talented children. I know their families, friends and Altona Primary School are very proud of them, just like I am. All 8 have improved out of sight over the last three months. It was a joy watching these children work hard and reap the rewards.

**Stephen Fava**  
**PE Teacher**



