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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: 27/08/2009

### Principal's Corner

The athletics day on Friday was fantastic. Thank you to all the parents who helped and attended. We are very lucky to have such a supportive parent community. The children had a really engaging day. I believe their participation, sportsmanship and behaviour were outstanding. Well done! I have heard many parents comment on how enjoyable the day was.

Congratulations to Mr. Fava for his organisation and the teachers for their efforts on the day. Mrs. O'Driscoll has been bragging all week about winning the teachers gift. It appears we have the fastest teachers in the grade 3 / 4 team.

The Prep and grade 1 / 2 teams had a fabulous visit from Lyn Kosky and author Leigh Hobbs on Friday. Thank you to Mrs. Mathrick for organising the Premier's Reading Challenge and Friday's visitors. A visit by Leigh Hobbs would normally cost around \$1,000.

All the principals in the state had to attend a professional development day on Friday. I have to attend the first 2 days of the last semester of my Masters in School Leadership at Monash University today and tomorrow. It is amazing how much change and learning is being demanded of principals at the moment.

Don't forget parent request forms regarding grade placements for 2010 need to be sent to the office by the end of term 3.

Have a great weekend

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

### DATES TO REMEMBER



#### **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August**

Free Dress Day for **3/4 students only**- fundraiser for Endangered animals

#### **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August-Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September**

APS Bookfair Room 2 – Literacy and Numeracy Week

#### **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September**

Talk, Talk, Talk Incursion – whole school

#### **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September**

3/4 excursion Werribee Zoo

#### **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September**

3/4 WADSSA

#### **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September**

FOPA

#### **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September**

5/6K & 5/6F Excursion to Melbourne Museum

#### **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September**

5/6P, 5/6M & 5/6S Excursion to Melbourne Museum

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

End of Term 3 – **early finish 2:30pm**

#### **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October**

First day of Term 4

## Sports Corner

### APS Athletics Carnival Grades 3 to 6

Last Friday, we held our annual athletics carnival at the Newport Athletics Track. It was a fantastic day, with Red House (captains Hannah Spelic and Bradley Maynard) prevailing as the winners. It was nice to see children enjoying the day and having the confidence to tackle all 8 events. Top effort kids!!

The carnival ran very smoothly due to the fact we had so many great helpers on the day. I would like to thank the following volunteers for giving up their time, being very flexible and supporting the children and teachers. The carnival could not run without your help: Patricia Corvo, Lina Gatt, Michelle Sutherland, Lisa Paton, Yvonne Joyce, Sue King, Elise Sargin, Gillian Maynard, Naomi Nolan, Michael Costa, Bianca Tinks, Scott Coombes, Karen Symons, Kelly Grego, Melissa Zahra, Ester Egan, Julie Magowan, Nyrie den Ouden, Michelle Zammit, Kristin Kyle, Erica Burnet, Kerry Galea, Ross McIntosh, Paul Bednar, Glenn Paton, Kathy Evans, Linda Pyne, Alastair Sutherland, Cheryl Russell, Houda Hanna, Michael Schaumberg, Elise Markovic, Pippa Virag, Gordan Lescinsky, Monica Costa, Jane Hegarty Christine Sakellarides, Boualem Sellami, Antony Milich, Graham Edhouse, David Bushell, Linda Williams, Maria Lieberman and Miriam Mountney.

I would also like to thank the teachers for all their hard work, the children who participated (**you're all stars and I am so, so proud of you all**) and the numerous amount of parents, grandparents and friends who came down and supported the children.

The final results for each age group and members of the athletics team are displayed on the Sports Corner, which is located outside the staffroom. This year, only three age groups for each gender will compete at district level, which falls in line with the Victorian Primary Schools Sports Association. The age groups are: 12/13 year old, 11 year old and 8/9/10 year old groups for boys and girls. At our athletics carnival, we had three groups

of 8/9/10 years age groups for each gender and two 11 year old boys groups. As only two children from each event and age group can represent the school, times/distances/heights need to be compared.

Stephen Fava

PE Teacher

### UNIFORM NEWS

The polar fleece vests are now in stock. If you placed an expression of interest with Lee or Maree you can purchase your vest on Tuesday morning or afternoon, or leave an order at the office.



### Free dress Day for 3/4 Students

Because of our study and class discussions on our topic Endangered Animals, the children are keen to help some of these animals in a practical way. Therefore we intend to hold a free dress day for a gold coin donation. We would like to present the funds raised to the Werribee Open Range Zoo when we visit there soon.

**When:** Friday August 28<sup>th</sup> 2009.

**What:** Dress as your favourite animal (endangered or not) or dress up as an animal carer.

**How:** Bring a gold coin donation and hand it to your teacher.

**Let's Celebrate:** We will be having a shared 3/ 4 lunch in the MPR and holding an "animal parade".

So put your thinking caps on and be creative!!

**Regards,**  
**The 3/ 4 Teachers .**



### **It's Not OK to be Away**

The absenteeism for all grades so far this year is 2700.

The grade absences for last week are as follows:

Prep:	31
Grade 1:	10
Grade 2:	6
Grade 3:	10
Grade 4:	16
Grade 5:	12
Grade 6:	7



### **CAMP LEFTOVERS!**

Mrs. Ford has 2 sleeping bags in her room that were left after the 5/6 camp. Would you check to see if it is yours and if so please see Mrs. Ford in Room 5.



### **COMMUNITY INFORMATION**

#### **SERVICES**

Trained interviewers provide information and referral services regarding a wide variety of topics.

For more information please visit the Louis Joel Arts and Community Centre, 5 Sargood St Altona. The hours are 10am-3pm Monday to Friday. Phone number for the centre is 9398 5377.

