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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: 22/10/2009

Principal's Corner

I spent a relaxing 10 days in Phuket before returning to work last Thursday. It's great to be back and see the children's smiling faces around the school.

During the term break we finalised the tender process for the National Pride building renovations. The renovations to the grade 5/6 classrooms began at the start of the term and are progressing well.

The schematic design is finished for the Building the Education Revolution project (\$3,400,000) and should hopefully go out to tender in 2 weeks time. There is some red tape to overcome first. DEECD will pay for the project once it is finished.

Mrs Luketic's Kahootz club has created some fabulous Kahootz projects which are on our website for other children to use. Kahootz 3.0 provides students with ways to create amazing stories, inventions, habitats, games, movies and soundtracks. The standard of the projects is amazing.

We are currently organising grades, rooms, teachers, budgets and finances for 2010, buildings, graduation, interviews, sport, the concert and reports as well as the everyday occurrences so life will be very busy right up to the last day of term 4.

As the day before Melbourne Cup Day is no longer a curriculum day all student reports are written in the teachers' own time at home. A big thank you to the teachers for their dedication and commitment.

We are hoping that children will be able to sleep in at home on the morning after the concert and come to school at 11:00 a.m. Parents who work will obviously still need to send their children to school at the start of the school day or to before school care.

We have 4 teaching positions advertised at the moment and may require 2 more.

Mrs. Julie Enright is retiring in December. This year's concert will be her final one so make sure you can be there. Julie has given outstanding service in a number of schools over the past 35 years and inspired many talent musicians to be the best they can.

Have a great weekend

Kevin Enright
Principal.

Building Works

As you may have noticed the National Pride Program is taking place on the main building. This has meant many visitors within the school grounds. In line with Department of Education and Early Childhood Education (DEECD) guidelines all the workers have Working With Children Checks. These are kept in their workspace, along with all other necessary documentation for Occupational Health and Safety Reasons (OH & S). This is part of the requirement to work within the school. If you have any further concerns please direct them towards Kevin or Sue.

Thank you



DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 3rd November

Cup Day – Public holiday

Wednesday 11th November

Parents Club Spring Carnival

Wednesday 18th November

Grade 6 Graduation Photo - 9:15am

Preps for 2010 Orientation Program

Session 1 – Tuesday 24th November 2009

Session 2 – Tuesday 1st December 2009

Session 3 – Tuesday 8th December 2009

Session 4 - Tuesday 15th December 2009

Wednesday 25th November

APS Concert – Williamstown Town Hall

Friday 18th December

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



RACING MUSEUM EXCURSION

Last term 25 children from grades 3-6 travelled to the city with Mrs Barry to participate in a tour of the Racing Museum and to participate in a free Artplay workshop.

The children made fantastic horses out of tree branches and recycled plastic bags. These horses will be on display in the BMW Edge Fracture Gallery in Federation Square from Thursday 29th October from 11am – Wednesday 4th November as part of the promotion for the racing carnival.

The talented creators are welcome to visit with their friends and family and view the 240 horses on display.

Pam Barry

P-2 Online English Assessment

The Department of Education have introduced an Online English assessment for all Prep to Year 2 children. The assessment is conducted one-on-one with each student and assesses students in the areas of Speaking/Listening, Reading and Writing. We will be taking a whole school approach to this assessment, with specialist staff and the leadership team releasing the P-2 classroom teachers for all of next week to ensure the successful completion of this assessment. This assessment is a mandated State-wide assessment process which will further assist our teaching and learning focuses for the rest of the year and the reporting process. Further information regarding the assessment can be found on:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/studentlearning/teachingresources/english/englishonline.htm>

If you have any school based questions please contact our Literacy Coordinator: Nicole Fridey or our Literacy Coach Debbie Galvin.

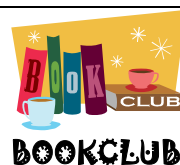
SLAPPED CHEEK

We have had a case of Slapped Cheek (Parvo 19 Virus) in the school.

The most obvious sign of Slapped Cheek is a bright red flush on the face and a rash on the body one to four days later. Incubation period is usually one to two weeks. The infectious period for this disease is before the red rash on the face appears.

There is no need for panic however, parents, members of staff or children who are immune suppressed or have chronic haemolytic disorders should seek advice from their Doctor.

Any female member of staff, parent, relative or friend who is pregnant should contact their Doctor for advice.



All orders are due tomorrow Friday 23rd October.

BRICKLAYER NEEDED

The school needs the services of a bricklayer for an area behind the ICT. If you are interested please contact Kevin Enright (via the office) to organise a quote.

It's Not OK to be Away

The absenteeism for all grades so far this year is 3747.

The grade absences for last week are as follows:

Prep:	20
Grade 1:	2
Grade 2:	10
Grade 3:	17
Grade 4:	26
Grade 5:	8
Grade 6:	12

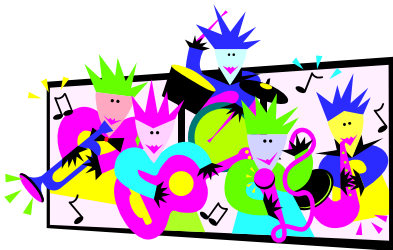
LOST UNIFORM

We have a huge number of uniform items without NAMES on them.

These items have been in lost property since last term. They will be kept at the office for one week and then put in with the second hand uniforms.

It is vital that all uniform pieces are named so that they can be claimed if found.

If you have any uniform that is no longer needed and in good condition, please leave at the office for the second hand shop.



Dear Parents

The following is a list of the concert items and costume requirements.

Please see your classroom teachers if you have any difficulties with any of the costumes.

“APS in Style”

Prep P / M: Disco style

Jeans and a plain white T. Shirt and runners. (If T. Shirt has a logo etc we can turn inside out) (Glitter Bandanas and waist scarf supplied by school)

Prep T /B: Folk Style

Jeans, check shirt, runners
(rope tie, hat, supplied by school)

1/2 M / N: Jazz style

Black pants, black shoes or old runners sprayed black if possible
(skivvy, and glitter tie and Hat supplied by school)

1/2 G / C: Country style

Jeans, plain white T. Shirt, school hat (cowboy style) (If T. Shirt has a logo etc we can turn inside out)
(check scarf supplied by school)

1/2 J / L: Rock n Roll style

Boys jeans, runners. Girls plain white T. Shirt, white socks and runners (If T. Shirt has a logo etc we can turn inside out)
(skirts, scarves and boys T.shirt supplied by school)

3/4B & 5/6K: Motown style

New York street wear, Motown look

3/4 H / O: Folk Style

Black pants and black T. Shirt, runners
(Coloured ties supplied)

3/4 X / A: Jazz style

Boys Black pants. Girls black leggings. All need black shoes or old runners painted black if possible
(Skirts, vests, hat supplied by school)

5/6 P / F: Soul style

Black pants, white business shirt, black tie (Dads shirt or try Op shop)
(Hats supplied by school)

5/6 M / S: Disco

Black and white combo of disco style clothes
(White glove and hat supplied by school)

Information regarding Concert Day procedures are as follows:

The children will be travelling down to the Williamstown Hall by shuttle bus with the first groups leaving school at 9.am.

We will be rehearsing and walking through the items until 11.30.

Everyone will have a rest and lunch

The Matinee performance will commence at 12.30 and finish at 2.30

Children will then go home either by bus or if they have written permission with relatives or friends in the audience.

They will then need to get to the Williamstown Town Hall by 6.30 for the night time performance which will commence at 7.00pm. They will need to be collected at 9.00pm at the conclusion of the night time performance.

If you have a problem with transporting your child to and from the night time performance, we need to know so we can make some alternative arrangements.

The reason we need to have 2 performances is because there is only 800 capacity seating which would only give families 2 tickets each. To satisfy our large community we needed to put on 2 shows to allow families up to 5 tickets.

All children must attend both the Matinee and the Night performance unless they are ill or away or there is a legitimate reason.

Most of the items have children dancing with a partner and so it is very stressful if that partner is not there on the night or day of the concert.

I'm sure you will appreciate the enormity of such an event, organizing 500 children on and off stage, keeping an audience of 800 people entertained.

I am looking forward to what should be a wonderful experience for everyone. The children are all getting very excited.

Thank you for your support and co-operation.

Stay tuned for permission notes closer to the date.

Julie Enright
(Music Teacher)



ICT News.

CONGRATULATIONS to Rhys Clark for becoming a member of the SUPERCLUBSPLUS **Tech Team**. Rhys has become an expert in all areas of SuperClubsPLUS and as a Tech Team member he is available to students world wide for questions and help. Amazing Fact – over 1,666 visitors to his home page! WELL DONE Rhys.

CONGRATULATIONS again to ALL of the following SuperClubsPLUS five star award students;

Ben Buckley, Rhys Clark, Riley Debney, Arlie and Carla Den Ouden, Milos Hajdukovic, Daniel Hindmarch, Julian Lescinsky, Rachael Martin, Jordan Mountney, Simran Pillai, Adam Pyne, Harry Smith, Sean Spralja, Jarrod Stevens, Zali Stiefel, Zac Tazzyman, Sean Trehwella, Luke and Jessica Vranes, William Zanna, Athena Zhang, Jimi Johnson, Mishaalini Kasinathan and Chloe Russell.

I would like to encourage the 30 other students who are trying to achieve their 5th and final star and have so far been successful in achieving their 'blue' star. KEEP TRYING and WELL DONE!

During Term 3 and 4 we created a Friday Lunchtime 'Kahootz club'. 20 students have been meeting and extending their knowledge of Kahootz. Working in small groups they have created a, 'clean up the world' interactive game that will soon be available to all of the students at Altona PS to play and evaluate. I would like to thank the following Kahootz Club Members for their hard work and their amazing talent in creating our interactive games. Members for Aug/Sept/Oct 2009; Kevin Li

Jack Dynon, Edward Ramos, Logan Scott, Floyd Coxhill, Richard Li, Kade Trawin, Isabelle Mountford, Morgan Clifford, Amy Jenkin, Adam Pyne, Christopher Mills, Sophie Paller, Bianca Wilkinson, Jye Richardson, Adrien Ozone, James Agius, Grace O'Neill, Luke Vranes, Alysha Tazzyman, Ned Coombes, Noah Pfister and Jade Kyle.

CHILDREN remember this golden rule; *don't respond if someone sends you nasty or bullying messages or asks you to do something that makes you feel uncomfortable. Instead, tell your parents or another adult you can trust.*

PARENTS remember this golden rule; *let children tell you what they may have stumbled across on the internet without fear or consequence of banning the computer!*

Mrs Robyne Luketic

INTEGRATION AIDE POSITION

We have been asked to advertise a position for an Integration Aide at Avondale PS, 20 hours week until the end of the year.

For more information phone Avondale PS on 9318 1755 and ask for Maria Zerowsky or Carol Broadhurst.

Sports Corner

Key Term 4 Sports Dates

26 October	VPSSA State Athletics Titles
17 November Morning	Jump Rope for Heart
18 November	Grades 5/6 Kanga Cricket Competition

Also this term, our bat tennis and softball teams will compete in the regional knockout stage of interschool sports. There will also be an Altona Primary bat tennis tournament for grades 3 to 6.

Round 2 Whitten Region Softball Match

Softball report 16/10/09 by Jordan Mountney

On Friday the 16/10/09 the softball team played at home against Seabrook. Altona fielded first.

The first inning started and due to our outstanding catching Seabrook made only one home run. It was our turn to bat and the competition was tough, we also only got one run.

The second inning started with the other team batting. We worked well as a team and our

pitching, catching and throwing were very accurate. We got them out without them making one single run. It was now our turn to bat, this time we made 3 runs.

It was our last inning and the scores were 4 to 1 giving us a 3 run advantage but it was still any team's game. We tried our hardest with our fielding but they scored 2 runs. We went on to score a further 7 runs which is the max in this game. The total scores were 3 to 11 with Altona winning.

The softball team would like to thank the parents who came and supported us. The softball team would also like to thank Mr Fava for coaching us and making the game fun and enjoyable.

The softball team consisted of Zac Bailey, Jarrod Stevens, Daniel Hindmarsh, Jay Edhouse, Jessica Gough, Bianca Wilkinson, Kade Trawin, Kritik Dube, Jordan Mountney, Richard Li, Natalie Dynon, Haydn Lucas Paton and Hayden Schieder.

Round 2 Whitten Region Bat Tennis Match

Last Friday, Altona Primary played Spotswood Primary in round 2 of the regional bat tennis final. The match was played at home. The bat tennis team consisted of Kevin Li, Luka Fent, Bradley Maynard, Jesse Zammit, Jay Edhouse, Eric Boshan, Brooke Aquilina, Bianca Wilkinson, Jordan Mountney, Billy Zanna, Richard Li, Tyler Tipitsidis and Robin Matic, and Kayden Popovic (captain).

A match consists of first to 9 games, with 2 single matches and 4 double combinations. Altona followed the game plan and worked on strategy from the first hit, looking at the weaknesses and strengths of their opponents. Altona took a strong hold on all matches, winning 54 games to 10: Jesse won his singles match 9 games to 2; Kayden won 9 games to 1; Brad and Robin won 9 games to 1; Billy and Brooke won 9 games to 2; Jordan and Jay won 9 games to 2; and, Richard and Eric won 9 games to 2.

The bat tennis team will now play a quarter final match later next week against Ardeer South Primary. Good luck.

Zone/Region Athletics Carnival

Last week, we had a number of children compete in the regional athletics carnival at Aberfeldie Athletics track. Our team of 11 was nervous and excited. We had some terrific results. The Whitten Region is a very competitive region, being the biggest (amount of children competing) region in the state.

Jessica Gough (10 year old girls) threw well in her shot put event, throwing 8.01m, finishing 5th in her zone. Well done, Jessica.

Jordan Mountney (12 year old boys) competed in the 1500m event. He got off to a quick start, leading the field by about 10m for the first three laps. He was challenged in the final lap with three boys overtaking him with 300m to go. He dug deep though, and fought back in the straight, hitting the line just a nose behind the winner. What a great run, which will now see Jordan qualify to the VPSSA State Athletic Titles on the 26th of October. What a great achievement. Good luck Jordan, APS are behind you.

Madison Roache (12 year old girls) also competed in the 1500m event. . She got off to a good start, settling about mid field. Through the middle of the race she got into a great rhythm and pegged back the front runners, finishing 9th in the region Great running Maddy.

Tomasina Dimopoulos (12 year old girls) competed in the long jump. With her long stride and powerful leap, she finished 4th in the region jumping 3.75m. What an awesome effort.

Ina Anakov (11 year old girls) competed in the 100m sprint. This was a fast race with the girls burning up the track and Ina finishing not far away from the winner in a blanket finish. She finished 4th in her zone. Well done Ina, great sprinting.

Kyle McLelland (10 year old boys) competed in the shot put event. Kyle's power was impressive, throwing the shot put 8.20m and finishing 4th in the region. Great effort, Kyle.

Joshua Turner (10 year old boys) competed in the hurdles event. Joshua ran well, tackling the hurdles with ease and finishing 4th in the zone. Top run, Josh.

Isaac Corvo (12 year old boys) competed in the high jump event, jumping 1.35m and finishing 3rd in the region. He also competed in the triple jump, showing amazing spring by jumping 8.43m. He finished 4th in the region and just narrowly missed out on the State Final.

The 10 year old girls 4 x 100m relay team, consisting of Sarah Magowan, Molly Hill, Megan Bosnar and Chloe King, showed their pace on the track, finishing 1st in their zone and qualifying for the regional final. In the final, they worked well as a team, showing a lot of confidence and fight to finish 2nd. What a great run, which has qualified them to run in the VPSSA State Athletics Title. What an awesome achievement. Good luck girls, APS is behind you.

Stephen Fava
PE Teacher



Youth Fit offers specialised running and fitness coaching for children of all abilities. Young athletes will enjoy the fun and competitive group atmosphere while working to maximise their athletic potential. Whether you are looking to improve your fitness in the football off season or run in the state championships, all are welcome!

Training will be held in the Altona area on Tuesday, Thursday at 4.00pm and Sunday at 11.00am.

Cost: \$10 per week or \$40 per calendar month.

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