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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: 28/08/2008

### Principal's Corner

Tomorrow evening I fly off on long service leave. After 35 years in education I am looking forward to taking some time off and travelling with my wife, twin brother Peter and his wife Julie our music teacher. I wish everyone all the very best for the remainder for the term.

Mrs. Vermezovic will do a wonderful job as Acting Principal and Mrs. Fridey will support her as acting Assistant Principal. The school is in great hands.

Thank you to the, teachers, office and integration staff and the before and after school care staff, for another great term. They really work very hard and are committed to providing the very best education for all children.

We had a fantastic day at the school athletics day. The children were excellent. Seeing Mrs. Xinomilakis win the teachers' race was a real highlight. We hope to show the video of the race at Monday morning assembly. Thank you to all the parents who helped or attended and the staff and Mr. Fava for their work.

Thank you to Ms. Barbetta for organising the maths incursion this week. The children thoroughly enjoyed the hands on maths activities.

A big thank you to BASF for their donation of \$5,000 to help pay to cover the bitumen play areas with synthetic turf. The Altona RSL will also donate \$1,000 on Friday. If you know of any other companies who would like to make a donation please let me know. We are looking to raise around \$70,000. We have numerous accidents each day where children fall over and take the skin off their hands and legs on the

sharp bitumen. Some of the injuries are quite nasty. The Art show will also raise money for this very worthwhile project.

Thank you to our Parents Club for organising the 'Footy' night tomorrow night. I am sure it will be an enjoyable community evening. It is always nice to have a no cost event for families.

See you at the start of Term 4.

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

### **ART NEWS**

Are you an artist or have an artist in the family? The Altona Primary School Art Show committee are looking for donations for the auction held during our opening night. If you wish to contribute to this event please contact Pam Barry in the art room.



**The art show is coming...all children are working hard on the art pieces created in their classrooms and the art room. Has your child told you what they are doing, or is it a secret? Ticket information will be out soon.**

## DATES TO REMEMBER



### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August

Infant Swimming Program – Deposit(\$20) or Full payment (\$60) due

### Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August

Grade 2 Sleepover  
Infant Swimming –2<sup>nd</sup> Instalment (\$20) due

### Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September

Parents Club Fathers Day Stall

### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September

WADSSA Athletics Carnival

### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September

Whole school Disco “Sports Theme”  
Infant Swimming-Final payment (\$20) due

### Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September

WADSSA Athletics Carnival – back up day  
FOPA Concert

### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September

School Council Meeting 7:30pm

### Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September

End of Term 3 – early finish 2:30pm

### Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October

First day of Term 4

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October - Art Show opening  
(Adults only admission 7pm-9pm)

### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October

Art Show 4pm-8pm

### Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October

Art Show 4pm-6pm

### Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October

Windows on the West

## THANKS

Thank you for all the tins sent to the art room. I now have enough for my activity.  
**Pam Barry** (Art teacher)



## **Book Club Issue 6 Orders due Aug. 29<sup>th</sup>**

Issue 6 catalogues went home last week. If you didn't get the catalogues ask your child's classroom teacher or see Mrs Mathrick in Room 20.

**All orders must be returned to school by Friday August 29<sup>th</sup>.**

Remember to clearly name all order forms and return orders through your child's classroom teacher.



## **This is it!! 10 days to go**

There are only ten days left to completed and recorded all the books you have read.

Congratulations to all those students who have completed the challenge.

Well done!!!

Remember all reading must be completed and recorded by August 31<sup>st</sup>.

For further information visit;

[www.education.vic.gov.au/prc](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc)

## **Premier's Reading Challenge 2008**



## **Grade 2 Sleepover**

Friday, August 29<sup>th</sup> is the Grade Two Sleepover. This sleepover is the beginning of Altona Primary School's camping program.

It is hoped that all grade 2 students can attend.

**The permission/ medical note and money are due back at school by tomorrow, Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

## **BOYS EDUCATION TALK**

Ian Hume is conducting another Boys Ed evening on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 7:30pm. It would be beneficial to come without the children as Ian will be speaking about strategies and discipline. He does not want to give his secrets away to the boys!!

Please fill in the slip below if you are attending.

Family Name.....

Number of adults attending.....



## FAMILY FOOTBALL AFTERNOON



**Saturday, August 30<sup>th</sup>**  
Williamstown Seagulls vs. Werribee

Come and join APS families supporting the "Seagulls" for their final home game at,

**Burbank Oval, Williamstown at 2pm, Saturday, Aug. 30<sup>th</sup>**

Search out your Williamstown Seagull 2008 Family Pass that was handed out early this year.

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

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

Hope to see you there, Joanne Mathrick

## 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 Green House 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, Leanne Davies, Louise Mackellin, Lisa Paton, Kaye Vella, Sue King, Sue Geard, Stephen Vecris, Alex Corvo, Naomi Nolan, Michelle Southerland, Karen Hindle, Carey Imms, Kristen Kyle, Monica Rankin, Sarah Spry, Nyrie den Ouden, Monica Costa, Kelly Grego, Fatima Duncan, Lora Dimitriou, Sandra Bednar, Roslyn Mills, Genevieve Faul, Inge Saul, Melissa Carlton, Glenn Paton (who also helped set up at 8am), John Ross, Leanne

Garner, Melissa Zahra, Kate Le Cornu, Houda Hanna, Tamara Djuravic, Corrina Schnitler, Natasha Trewhella, Michael Schaumberg, Boualem Sellami, Karen McLean, Kylie Missen, Gillian Maynard, Graham Edhouse, Henk Kip, Stuart Jarvis, Helen Smith, Miriam Mountney and Karen Symons.

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 that came down and supported the children.

The final results for each age group and members of the athletics team will be 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 will fall 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. As only two children from each event can represent the school, times/distances need to be compared.

### **Victorian Primary Schools Golf Tournament**

On Tuesday Isaac Corvo represented our school in the Victorian Primary Schools Regional Final in Golf.

Isaac Corvo played at Medway Golf Course and had a terrific afternoon finishing with 62 shots, with one par. Isaac said he found the course very challenging but still really enjoyed the afternoon. Well done Isaac, and what a great opportunity to put your golf skills to the test.

**Stephen Fava**

**PE Teacher.**

### **SPOTSWOOD CRICKET CLUB**

#### **JUNIOR REGISTRATION DAY**

**WHEN:** Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August 10am-12pm

**WHERE:** Spotswood Cricket Club  
The Avenue, Spotswood.

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