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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: 24/07/2009

Principal's Corner

Thank you to those parents who took the time to give us some positive feedback regarding the drawings of our new buildings in the newsletter last week.

The grade 5/6 camp was a great success this week. Thank you to the teachers and parents who attended. They looked worn out when they returned. It is such a rewarding experience to take Altona P.S. students to camps and excursions. Well done grade 5/6 students. Congratulations to Isaac Corvo for being selected in the Victorian State Rugby League team. Isaac is an excellent leader and role model in the school.

Neilma Collins, who has been working in New York and around the world as a literacy consultant and who is now working with the Western Region spent the day with our grade Prep teachers this week. She was most impressed with the learning and teaching occurring in the Prep rooms. Congratulations to the Prep teachers and children! She was also impressed with the results our school literacy leaders; Sue Vermezovic, Nicole Fridey and Debbie Galvin, have achieved working with the staff at APS to continuously improve the learning and teaching of literacy at the school.

Thank you to all the families who have given novels and picture story book to the grades for our grade libraries. The teachers and children together have created fabulous libraries in their rooms.

The library will be giving families the opportunity to purchase and donate books to the library beginning Monday 27th July.

Have a great weekend.

Kevin Enright
Principal.

DATES TO REMEMBER



Monday 27th July

Dedicate a Book Promotion begins – please see Parents Club Newsletter

Tuesday 4th August

Dromkeen-1/2N and 1/2G

Wednesday 5th August

Dromkeen-1/2L and 1/2C

Thursday 6th August

Dromkeen 1/2M and 1/2J

Grade 3/4 Hooptime

Friday 14th August

APS Athletics Carnival

Friday 4th September

Whole school Incursion-“Talk, Talk, Talk”

Monday 7th September

3/4 excursion Werribee Zoo

Tuesday 8th September

3/4 Hooptime

Friday 18th September

End of Term 3 – early finish 2:30pm

Sports Corner

APS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL FOR GRADES 3 TO 6

PARENT HELPERS NEEDED

The Altona PS Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday, **14th of August 2009** at the Newport Athletics Track, The Strand, Williamstown.

To run the carnival smoothly, we need at least **thirty** parent helpers and so we hope that you can be generous with your time. Teachers will run each event, but we need parent helpers to measure, record and supervise the children.

We prefer volunteers to commit to attending the full day. However, if you are only able to help for half the day, we can offer morning or afternoon timeslots. If you can help, please fill in the attached section and return it to school **before 3rd of August**. This will enable us to make a roster and distribute it prior to the day of the carnival. Unfortunately, if we do not get enough helpers, we may have to cancel the carnival.

PARENT HELPERS

I am able to attend the Athletics Carnival on 14th of August 2009 as a Parent Helper.

Helper's name:.....

Child's name:.....

Grade:.....

Time available to help (please circle one)

Full Day (9:30 am-2:30 pm)

9:30 am to 12:00 pm

11:45 am to 2:30 pm

Mixed Netball - Regional Knockout Final

Good luck to our mixed netball team next week as they will represent our school and district in the Whitten Region. They team will play away against Woodville Primary School, Heaths Road, Hoppers Crossing. I know the team and Miss Keenan are looking forward to the game. A full report of this game will be in next weeks newsletter.

Stephen Fava
PE Teacher.

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

The EMA is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

To be eligible for the EMA you must:

- Be the holder of a Health Care card or a pension card. Your card must be current as of 13th July 2009.
- The EMA application must be submitted by **23rd July 2009** for the 2nd instalment.
- If you have already applied in 1st Term you do not need to apply again this Term
- **However, if you are new to the school or have only recently obtained a card you must apply before the 23rd July 2009.**

UNIFORM NEWS

The polar fleece vests are now in stock. The price is \$43, sizes 6-14

eLEARNING NEWS - TERM 3

KID PIX DELUXE 4

Students in Prep are becoming more comfortable and confident ICT. They have been practising logging on/off and have created some amazing pivot stick animations. This term we will be focusing on the Kids Pix 4 Deluxe software program. This program enables students to create amazing images and slideshows to demonstrate their learning on any number of curriculum areas. All families can get a great deal at the moment with Arrow Bookclub Issue 5. You can purchase Kid Pix Deluxe 4 for only \$25.00. This price is exceptional and children from Kindergarten to Grade 6 will thoroughly enjoy this software. Great idea for a Christmas gift! Attached is a copy of the order form – item No. 20.

GRADE 1/2 eLEARNING

Grade 1/2 students will be creating Photostories using Photo Story 3 software. (see APS website for free download link). This program allows students to upload photographs, add music, narration and movement to tell a digital 'story'.

KAHOOTZ 3

Students in grade 3 to 6 will be using SuperClubsPLUS in their classrooms and using Kahootz 3 within their eLearning lessons. Kahootz 3 is an animation software package that students will use to explore what our technological world will look and feel like in the year 2300.

SUPERCLUBSPLUS

Congratulations to Sarah Magowan for winning a competition prize on SuperClubsPLUS. Good luck to all of the other students entering SuperClubsPLUS competitions. Students from Grade 1 and 2 will begin using SuperClubsPLUS early next term. I am very proud to announce that the following students have received 5 stars and are enjoying all the benefits of being SuperClubsPLUS members.

Congratulations to the follow 5 STAR Students;

Rhys Clark, Arlie and Carla DenOuden, Milos Hajdukovic, Daniel Hindmarch, Jimi Johnson, Julian Lescinsky, Rachael Martin, Jordan Mountney, Simran Pillai, Robert Pyne, Chloe Russell, Harry Smith, Sean Spralja, Jarrod Stevens, Sean Trehwella, Jessica Vranes, Luke Vranes, William Zanna and Athena Zhang.

If you have any queries about your child's ICT education please feel free to contact me. I am available at school Wednesday through to Friday.

Mrs Robyne Luketic



Dromkeen Excursion

1/2 Department
August 4th, 5th & 6th

Thank you **Burbank Homes** for supporting the 1/2 Department-Dromkeen Excursions, with the use of your company bus on all three days.
This is a tremendous saving for all children attending.

Parents please return the excursion permission form with only \$6.00 by Friday, July 31st.

We are sure that you appreciate this support from Burbank Homes.

1/2 Team Andrew, Eion, Joanne, Kaela, Nicole & Marie

Book Club Issue 5

All orders due, Friday, July 31st

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

If you wish to order presents, please write present on each order form and a phone number. I will leave these special orders at the office and ring to let you know when there in.



Authors at Altona Meadows' Library

Altona Meadows' Library is hosting to visting authors that our students may like to see.

Leigh Hobbs - Thurs. Aug. 13th 4:30 - 5:30pm

Bookings required Phone: 9332 - 3020

Leigh Hobbs is celebrating the launch of his new book, Mr Chicken Goes To Paris. Leigh Hobbs is a local author most famous for his Old Tom children's book series.

This workshop is suitable for school aged children.



Roland Harvey - Wed. Aug. 26th

4:30 - 5:30pm

Bookings required Phone: 9332 - 3020

Roland Harvey is a Melbourne author who has written a number of children's books;

'At the Beach', 'In the City',
'In the Bush' & 'My Place in Space'.



These two workshops are available to all children living and studying in the Hobsons Bay community.

Students and parents in the 1/2 department may be particularly interested because we are studying authors.

MATHLETICS INFORMATION SESSION

Just a reminder to parents of 1/2 children that the Mathletics Information session will be taking place this Friday, 24th July in the ICT centre at 2:30pm. A further session will be held on a forthcoming Wednesday night for the parents who have expressed an interest and a note will be sent home once it has been finalised.

The 1/2 Team.

