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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: 23/10/2008

Principal's Corner

Mrs Mathrick, Richard, Theodora and Elise accepted our school's award at the Premier's Reading Challenge last week. 412 out of 459 children from Altona PS participated in the challenge which was extraordinary. Mrs Mathrick is aiming for all children to enter next year. Only 24 schools in Victoria received awards. Mrs. Lyn Kosky, our local member and the minister for transport, is coming to Altona P.S. on November 12th at 12:00 to present the awards to children.

Congratulations to our softball team who lost their final by one run. Mr. Fava was really proud of the team and how they played all year. Congratulation to the children who represented the region in athletics on Wednesday. Mr. Fava said they were fantastic. Isaac will go on to the state championships for both shot put and high jump. Mr. Fava will publish the other results when he gets them next week.

Congratulations also to Mrs. Costa who has been appointed as the Altona P.S. Leading Teacher for curriculum. Mrs. Costa has completed a lot of high level work at Altona P.S. to improve the learning and teaching.

The grade Prep –Two performances at Highpoint this week were fabulous. The parents and staff were very proudly watching each grade's dance routine. Well done to the children, teachers, parents and Mrs. Enright.

Mrs Mathrick received a letter from Mrs. Parking from Canada this week. She asked us to say hello to everyone. She misses the friendliness of the Altona P.S. community.

Mr. Kevin Enright
Principal.

LUNCH ORDERS

Dear Parents,
In light of our Healthy Eating Program, children can only order items that are on the revised lunch order list, Term 4.

Please note that frozen yoghurts will no longer be available.

The list was sent home late in Term 2 and we have attached another copy to this Newsletter.

BOOKCLUB ISSUE 7



All orders are due by Friday 24th October. If you would like the order as a present please write this on the envelope and the order form. Your order will then be kept at the office.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 29th October

Preps 2009 Story time 3:30pm-4:15pm

Monday 3rd November

Curriculum Day – Pupil free day

Tuesday 4th November

Public Holiday – Melbourne Cup

Wednesday 5th November

Preps 2009 Story time 3:30pm-4:15pm

Tim Nelson's student Concert in the Multipurpose Room 7pm-8pm

Wednesday 12th/19th/26th November

Preps 2009 Orientation Program and APS students Grade Transition at school - 2:15pm-3pm

Wednesday 3rd December

Parent Information Session for APS students Grade Transition

6:30pm – 7:15pm Preps 2009

7:30pm – 8:15pm 1/2 Team 2009

Thursday 4th December

APS students Grade Transition at school – 2:15pm-3pm

Parents Information Evening for APS students Grade Transition – 6:30pm-7pm -3/4 Team 2009
7:15pm-7:45pm-5/6 Team 2009

Wednesday 10th December

Preps 2009 Orientation program and APS students Grade Transition to 2009 Grades 2:15pm-3pm

Thursday 11th December

Christmas Carols at APS

Tues 16th December

Grade 6 Graduation – Altona Theatre

Friday 19th December

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

STUDENT CONCERT - TIM NELSON

Please note that Tim Nelson's Concert for students is on Wednesday 5th November, not 12th November as previously advertised. See the Dates to Remember for more information.

UNIFORM NEWS

The skirts have finally arrived, sizes 4,6,8,10 and 12, price \$23.

The **slouch hats will now cost \$12**, due to a price increase from our supplier.

The uniform shop is only open Tuesday morning 8:45am-9:30am and Tuesday afternoon 3:15pm-3:45pm.

If these times are not suitable, your child can bring home an order form which can be returned with the money in an envelope. Any items that are not the correct size can be exchanged.



SPORTS CORNER

Round 2 Regional Bat Tennis Final

Last Friday, Altona Primary played Iramoo Primary in round 2 of the regional bat tennis final. The match was played at Iramoo Primary. The bat tennis team consisted of Callum Donohue, Brett Muirhead, Dannielle Calvi, Jerome Love, Anthony Lam, David Matic, Jack Nottlemann, Maria Banica, Taylah McWilliams, Dylan Moloney (captain), Jessie Davies, Kayden Popovic and Dillan Van Meersbergen

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: Dylan won his singles match 9 games to 3; Brett won 9 games to 1; Jessie and Jerome won 9 games to 1; Dillan and David won 9 games to 2;

Kayden and Maria won 9 games to 2; and, Callum and Dannielle won 9 games to 1.

The bat tennis team will now play a quarter final match against Spotswood Primary later this week. Good luck.

Softball Regional Quarter Final

Last Tuesday, the softball team played Thomas Chirnside at home. Altona won the toss and decided to field first. The softball team consisted of Callum Donohue, Brett Muirhead, Mitchell Dean, Dillan Van Meersbergen, Darren McLeod, Dylan Moloney, Capri Ngakette, Natalia Susnica, Isaac Corvo, Kane Roberts, Evan Zhang and Jessie Davies (captain).

This was a traditional ding dong battle between the two schools. Thomas Chirnside were put on the back foot in the first innings with Altona fielding beautifully and batting and stealing bases well. Altona took the lead 6 runs to 1. In the next few innings, there were some terrific catches taken by both sides, in particular by Dylan Moloney and Brett Muirhead, followed up by some top pitching by Capri.

Thomas Chirnside slowly accumulated runs while Altona just keep failing to secure their lead. It came down to the last innings where Altona needed 2 runs to win. Unfortunately, clutch fielding by the visitors allowed them to win the game 7 runs to 6.

I am so proud of the softball team. They have all come a long way since the start of term 2, especially in a game that is very technical in skill and rules. They might not have won the game, but most importantly, they walk off as winners.



Regional Athletics Carnival

Yesterday, we had a number of children compete in the regional athletics carnival at Aberfeldie Athletics track. All results will be published in next week's newsletter. Stayed tuned - we had some terrific results.

Stephen Fava
PE Teacher



PARENTS CLUB NEWS

The Parents Club will be selling Icy poles every Friday, 50cents each.

A parent will come to each class and collect the orders and money.

Icy poles must be ordered by 9am. If you are late to school you will not be able to order.

CHILDREN'S WEEK 18TH-26TH OCTOBER 2008

Join in the FREE Children's Week fun activities taking place across Victoria.

Family Fun Day and Launch: Sunday 19th October 10am-3pm. Free entry to the Melbourne Zoo for children 15 years and under.

HEAD LICE

Parents please remember to check your child's hair regularly. We have had several cases of head lice reported this week. Your local chemist will always help with advice and treatments.

