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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: 24/07/2008

A Message from the Curriculum Coordinator

Altona Primary School Strategic Plan

As part of the process of writing the School Strategic Plan for 2009-2012, we would like to have as much parent input as possible. Feedback about any aspect of the Strategic Plan is encouraged and welcomed. Below is the **Purpose** statement we have drafted. It should reflect the following questions: "What are we here for?" and "What is the school's fundamental reason for being?" If you have any comments or suggestions that would enhance this statement, please let me know via a note addressed to me or email costa.michelle.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

Purpose:

Altona Primary School is striving to facilitate life-long learning in order for all students to become active and effective global citizens in the world in which they live. This will be achieved through the provision and continuous development of the best possible social, emotional and educational outcomes for each and every student, within a vibrant and dynamic learning and teaching environment that encourages risk taking with their learning.

Our school website www.altonaps.vic.edu.au has the draft documents of the **School Self Evaluation** and the **School Strategic Plan** as a link. Please feel free to read these documents and forward any feedback to me. The school's website is a fabulous resource to keep you up-to-date with what's happening at our school. The

newsletters are placed on there weekly and some fantastic links for safe websites for children have also been added.

Values

Last week we sent home a survey asking for your input to the Values we will adopt as part of our School Strategic Plan. Please discuss this with your family and return them to school by Monday 28th July. If you would like another copy, you can find one at the school office.

I would like to thank-you in advance for your contribution to developing our School Strategic Plan. Your input is a valuable and much needed component of developing a Strategic Plan which reflects all aspects of our school community.

Michelle Costa



JEANS FOR GENES DAY

Friday 1st August is Jeans For Genes Day. Please wear your jeans and bring a gold coin donation. Merchandise will be available for sale, we will let you know when it arrives.

Thank you.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 5th August

3/4 Hooptime

Friday 15th August

APS Athletics Carnival

Wednesday 20th August

School Council Meeting 7:30pm

Friday 22nd August

APS Athletics Carnival – back up day

Friday 5th September

Parents Club Fathers Day Stall

Tuesday 9th September

WADSSA Athletics Carnival

Friday 12th September

Whole school Disco “Sports Theme”

Tuesday 16th September

WADSSA Athletics Carnival – back up day

Wednesday 17th September

School Council Meeting 7:30pm

Friday 19th September

End of Term 3 – early finish 2:30pm

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 the **14th July 2008**.
- The EMA application must be submitted to **school before the 1st August 2008** for the 2nd instalment.

If you are new to the school or you now hold a Health Care card or Pension card and did not apply for the 1st half of the year you need to see Kathy in the office.



MUSIC NEWS

The choir are performing in the **Hobsons Voice Concert** on **Sunday the 27th of July**, at the Williamstown Hall commencing at 2.00pm.

This is a wonderful experience for our choir. All school communities are invited along to this concert which showcases local school choirs and the State singers, along with an African band. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the door on the day.

I have had information arrive, regarding **Windows on the West** (Highpoint) involving Preps, grade ones and two's. This year they are holding the event in October, and so I will be considering days between, **Monday the 20th to Wednesday the 22nd October**. Stay tuned for more information.

Julie Enright



LITTLE TACKER TENNIS

The tennis program is running again from Monday 28th July – Monday 8th September.

If you would like your child to participate, please collect a form from the office.



OOPS!!!

Book Club Issue 5 (not 6)
Orders due Aug. 1st

Issue 5 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 1st.

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



Premier's Reading Challenge 2008

We are well on our way with more & more children completing their challenge target and still reading. Well done!!!

Remember all reading must be completed and recorded by August 31st.

For further information visit;

www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

Happy Reading

Joanne Mathrick



Lost Property



Jumpers Grey Vest Lunch Boxes Drink Bottles

These items are waiting to be claimed in lost property.

There is also a pair of black school shoes!

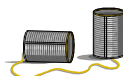
None are named!

Please **clearly name or re-name** your child's belongings.

Also please check your child has brought home their own item of clothing. We have a number of families looking for clearly named jumpers & jackets that have mysteriously disappeared from our classrooms and school grounds.



Large Tins Wanted



Mrs Barry wants large empty (approx. 825gm) fruit / spaghetti / bake bean tins for an Art activity. Please deliver washed tins to the Art Room.

meet quite a few students and parents to discuss a variety of issues.

CONTACT

As from this week I will no longer be working on a Monday. If you would like to contact me it will have to be on the Tuesday. For those of you who may find Tuesday difficult and/or you would just like to chat or ask a question, here is my email address ihume@optusnet.com.au If you do send me an email I will attempt to answer you as soon as possible, but I tutor most evenings until 8:30pm so your reply might not happen until the weekend.

BOY'S ED TALK

I have had a few people ask about having a second Boy's Ed Talk so there will be one on Friday 5th September at 7:30pm. This is still a month away, so when we get closer to the date I will put a reminder in the Newsletter with an "expression of interest" form. The response will determine the venue.



REFERENCES

I have just read an interesting book called "Have a New Kid by Friday", by Dr. Kevin Leman. As with most references there are some useful ideas to be found in his writing. The book is not yet in the library however I hope to purchase it soon.

All the best,

Ian Hume.

PRIMARY WELFARE OFFICER

Hello,

It has been a little while since I've put a note in the Newsletter but in that time I have managed to