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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: 27/11/2008

### Principal's Corner

Preparation for 2009 is well underway. Next week we have organised evening meetings for parents to attend to meet the 2009 team of teachers in their children's year level and hear about the requirements and learning and teaching planned for 2009. This year we have held an induction process for all children and the aim of these meetings is to have an induction available for parents. We will also briefly outline the school's 2009 – 2012 Strategic Plan.

The following is the staffing allocations for 2009. We have vacancies advertised and will again be holding interviews from next week. Both Mrs. Debbie Galvin and Ms. Barbetta will not be teaching a grade in 2009 but will mentor, coach and model teaching practice for staff across the school. Continuing to improve our already high quality instructional practice across the school is a vital component of providing the very best education for all children and helps to further the skills and careers of our wonderful staff.

### 2009 Grades and Staffing

Prep – **to be appointed**

Prep T – Tammie Thompson

Prep P – Athena Petalas

Prep B – Erin Butler

1/2F – Trevor Faure

1/2J – Kaela Johnson

1/2H – Amberly Holmes

1/2C – Eoin Coorron

1/2L – Marie Lynch

1/2 – **to be appointed**

3/4X – Helen Xinomilakis

3/4A – Martina Aird

3/4H – Tracie Holgate

3/4S – Troy Stanford

3/4B – Margaret Borg

4/5M – Joanne Mathrick

5/6M – Adam McPherson

5/6P – Steve Puhar

5/6F – Joanne Ford

5/6S – Christine Sperling

5/6K – Kristy Keenan

P-6 Literacy Coordinator – **Interviews next week**

Curriculum Coordinator/ 5/6 Learning and Teaching – Danielle Barbetta

Literacy Support / 1/2 Learning and Teaching – Debbie Galvin

PE /Music Support – **Interviews next week**

PE – Stephen Fava

Music – Julie Enright

Art – Pam Barry

LOTE – Mamiko Ito

ICT – Robyne Luketic

Congratulations and good luck to Isaac Corvo who will represent Victoria in the Pan Pacific games in Canberra next week.

A double portable will be delivered to the school and placed in front (south) of Mrs. Lynch's room over the next month (if all goes to plan). Next year the 3 single portables will be removed and 2

brand new double portables will take their place. One will be placed where Mrs. Lynch's portable is. The other will be placed in front of Miss. Holgate and Mr. Gilpin's portable. The contract for the ICT building, attached to the back of the library, has finally gone out to tender. We hope to have the contracts signed before the end of the year and have the building begin before school starts in 2009.

As it is the end of the month we ask that all parents check their children's hair for head lice and treat them if necessary.

Our grade 6 children have 3 weeks to go. They have been terrific leaders throughout the year. After dismissal on the last day the school neither condones, organises or takes any responsibility for any students who gone down to the main street of Altona to celebrate the end of primary school. Graduation is the official school celebration. Once school is dismissed students are in the sole responsibility of their parents. Congratulations to the 10 grade 5/6 students and Miss Barbetta who were interviewed by Australia Cares for their promotional CD to be distributed nationally to promote school and business partnerships. I was told that Australia Cares were amazed at the responses and leadership qualities of our students.

Have a great weekend

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

## **SUNSCREEN AVAILABLE IN CLASSROOMS**

Thanks to Tom Sarros Pharmacy each classroom now has a container of sunscreen which can be used by parents for their child on those days that you forget to apply sunscreen at home. Please note that in line with the school's Sunsmart policy, teachers cannot apply sunscreen to your child and are in no way responsible for ensuring the children have sunscreen applied before outdoor activities. The sunscreen available in the classrooms is just a convenience for families supplied by a local business that wanted to contribute to our school.



## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

### **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

Parent Information Session for APS students  
Grade Transition  
6:30pm – 7:15pm Preps 2009  
7:30pm – 8:15pm 1/2 Team 2009

### **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> December**

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

### **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

Christmas Carols at APS – 6:30pm on the  
synthetic grass area

### **Tues 16<sup>th</sup> December**

Grade 6 Graduation – Altona Theatre

### **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

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



## **SPORTS CORNER**

### **Kanga Cricket**

Last Wednesday, our school sent three teams to compete in the Zone Kanga Cricket Round Robin at Grant Reserve, Altona.

The boys team A consisted of Brett Muirhead, Angus Spry, Dylan Moloney, Jordan Mountney, Jay Edhouse, Mitchell Dean, Darren McLeod, Jesse Zamitt, Isaac Corvo and Kritik Dube. While boys team B consisted of Dillan Van Meersbergen, Alex Massey Benny, Tyler

Tipitsidis, Jarrett Scott, Henry Morgan, Callum Donohue, Daniel Hindmarsh, James Aguis and Bradley Maynard. Both teams improved during the three round robin matches, with boys team A winning 2 games and losing one game by 3 runs, finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. Boys B team won 1 game and lost 2, narrowly. They finished 6<sup>th</sup> overall. Well done to both of the boys teams and Mr Enright who took time out to coach the boys.

The girls team consisted of Jessie Davies, Briony Saunders, Shaelea Wade, Laura Costa, Kyra Brennan, Maria Banica, Capri Ngakete, Annelise Blazely and Arlie den Ouden. They started off impressively and got better each game they played, winning all three round robin games and making the final against Heathdale Christian College. Mr Puhar had the girls well drilled, finishing off with an impressive 186 runs off eight overs. The Aussies at their best would love to have this run rate. The girls also backed their performance up in the field with top bowling and catching. Heathdale tried hard but fell short, scoring 136 runs off their eight overs.

Well done to the girls team and Mr Puhar who put in lots of hours coaching the girls. They will now play off in the Regional Semi-Finals at Werribee, early next month. Good luck girls.

### **Pacific School Games**

Good luck to Isaac Corvo who will represent Victoria in the Pacific School Games in high jump next week. He is off this weekend, flying to Canberra with the Victorian Athletics team. What an exciting time for Isaac and his family. Enjoy the fantastic experience. APS is right behind you.

### **TRY-athlon Weet-Bix Series 2009**

I have received a number of entry forms for any child who is interested in participating in a triathlon on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February at Catani Gardens in St Kilda (entries close 27<sup>th</sup> of Feb) or the 15<sup>th</sup> of March at Eastern Beach, Geelong (entries close 24<sup>th</sup> of Feb). Children aged 7 to 10 years swim 100m, cycle 3kms and run 500m. Children aged 11 to 15 years swim 200m, cycle 6 km and run 1 km. If you are interested, you can pick up an entry form at the office or go to [www.weetbix.com.au](http://www.weetbix.com.au) I know a number of

**children from our school entered last year and had a whole lot of fun.**

**Stephen Fava**

**PE Teacher**



**MUSIC NEWS**

Dear Parents

Just a reminder to keep Thursday the 11<sup>th</sup> of December free for our School Christmas Carols starting at 6.30.

This year we will be holding the Carols in front of the flagpole area on our beautiful synthetic grassed area. The children will be performing 3 carols with their grade level and they will then join their families for the remainder of the carols.

We want this year's Carols to be more of a sing-along night. There will be a Christmas song book available for \$2.

We will be relying on the children to sing live and loud on the night but will welcome any help from the audience.

Looking forward to another great Carol night.

Stay tuned for information regarding special clothes for the performance.

Julie Enright

There is also an invitation for any of the choir children to join the State Singers Open Day on Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> of December at the Williamstown Town Hall. Please see the flyer that went home with your child.

**ICT News – SuperClubsPLUS  
UPDATE – All primary school children  
can be registered for free before the  
end of 2008. All students should have  
received a permission form. Please  
return by 5<sup>th</sup> December to receive your  
free registration.**

SuperClubsPLUS Australia is a safe, actively protected, online social learning network for students aged 6-12 years.

SuperClubsPLUS Australia provides fun learning experiences centred on ICT, literacy and citizenship and allows students to chat and collaborate in a safe

environment online. Its content is specifically designed for children and it is advertisement free.

Students upload media, publish articles, build personalised web pages, run their own clubs, complete projects, join discussion forums, chat with friends, achieve their ICT 'Star Awards', and participate in 'Hot Seats'. The list of learning activities is extensive and growing daily.

Teachers can use SuperClubsPLUS Australia to monitor students' online work, create school pages, collaborate and link up with other schools in Australia or overseas.

Children may access SuperClubsPLUS Australia at school online and at home where internet access and a computer or mobile internet device is available. Access will be available from 8 am to 8 pm.

SuperClubsPLUS Australia is delivered in Australia by Intuitive Media and LaTrobe University. It is supported by the Victorian Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and the Telstra Foundation.

The Victorian Department of Education and Early Childhood Development will provide free registration for all Victorian students for a 12 month period. After 12 months, a yearly registration fee will be incurred. ***For Altona Primary School students to take advantage of this offer, students will need to be registered by December 2009.***

All SuperClubsPLUS permission notices must be returned by **5<sup>th</sup> December** to activate the student accounts.

For any questions please contact Robyne Luketic at school on Wednesdays or view SuperClubsPLUS online at [www.superclubsplus.com.au](http://www.superclubsplus.com.au)

## **ALTONA PRIMARY SCHOOL** **CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER** **(Last Day)**



Altona Primary School is running a Christmas fundraiser in conjunction with Phoenix Trading who supports a number of international charities such as Can-Teen. In addition, 10% of all sales will be donated back to Altona Primary School. Phoenix has a wonderful range of Christmas cards, wrap, thank you notes, ribbons, tags and Advent calendars. All these great products feature in the brochure provided. Please record the items to be ordered on the attached order form and return with payment by **November 28<sup>th</sup>**. All orders will be filled within 10 days and sent home with your child. Please Note: This fund raiser is not part of the Parent Club current fundraisers

## **ALTONA PIRATES**

Girls needed to play in the Under 8's, Under 12's and Under 14's teams. Anyone interested in joining and having some fun call Ann 0415 817 495.

## **EDUCATION TAX REFUND**

Eligible parents can now claim a 50% tax refund on:

- laptops,
- home computers,
- printers,
- internet connections
- educational software
- text books, stationary

**To determine eligibility please contact the Tax Department.**

Please let the office know if you would like a receipt when you collect your bookpack in January.

For more information phone Nicola Roxon's office 9317 7077.



