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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: 31/10/2008

Principal's Corner

Thank you to the Parents' Club and our prep families for organising and hosting the afternoon tea at the rotunda last week. This was a great opportunity for the school community to get together for a relaxed social event. The 1/2 parents will host the next afternoon tea after school on Thursday November 20th. Families from all grades and staff are welcome to attend. Children are welcome as long as they bring their family with them.

It was wonderful to see so many of our 2009 preps attend the first of their transition sessions, being story time. Thank you to the Prep Team for their organisation of this. Thank you also to the Parents' Club who organised tea and coffee and an opportunity for the new families to meet during story time; it was a lovely way of welcoming all the new families to our school. The Prep and 1/2 swimming program is in its fourth week with positive feedback from the staff and children.

Parents are reminded to check their children's hair for nits. We remind parents to do this at the end of each month in order to keep this under control.

A reminder to parents that Monday the 3rd of November is a whole school Curriculum Day. Children are not required to attend on this day and the school will be closed. Thank you to teachers who will use this day for report writing. We hope that you enjoy the long weekend with your children.

Sue Vermezovic
Assistant Principal.



Sue Vermezovic has been appointed Assistant Principal of Altona Primary School. Sue has been in this role for all of 2008 and we look forward to working with her on a permanent basis.



REMEMBRANCE DAY POPPIES

We are selling Poppies for Remembrance Day, Tuesday 11th November, priced at \$1 each. Grade 1/2M will be selling them. Please support this worthy cause.



Monday 3rd November

Curriculum Day – Pupil free day

Tuesday 4th November

Public Holiday – Melbourne Cup

DATES TO REMEMBER



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Wednesday 5th November

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

Tim Nelson's student Concert in the

Multipurpose Room 7pm-8pm

Grade 3/4 Excursion to CERES

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



Art Show...finale

Wow, what a wonderful time.

I would like to thank the whole school community for supporting us in this wonderful event and making it such a success. It was a delight to see the look on the children's faces as they arrived, eager to show their families their masterpieces. The school building when prepared for the art show make a great gallery space with little surprises around every corner – even a water feature.

EVERY member of the school staff helped in some way, lightening the load for a wonderful art show committee who put in many hours to make sure all would look fabulous and run smoothly.

There is only a small amount of unsold work in the art room. Before this is sold to interested parties, I am attempting to make sure that ALL families have been given the opportunity to buy their children's work. This work is available in the art room after school any day.

I will put a further notice in the newsletter when unsold pieces are available.

Again thank you everyone for supporting the art show. The profits will help to pay for the new synthetic turf.

The Art Show happens every three years...2009 will be the year of the concert!

Pam Barry,

Art teacher



SPORTS CORNER

Bat Tennis Regional Quarter Final

Last Friday, Altona Primary played Spotswood Primary in the regional quarter final bat tennis match. The match was played at Spotswood 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. Once again, Altona put skills learnt in training into action early which payed good dividends and therefore getting the team off to a great start in all matches. The team supported and encouraged each other throughout all the matches and took a strong hold, winning 54 games to 7: 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 Anthony won 9 games to 0; and, Jack and Taylah won 9 games to 0, also.

The bat tennis team are all fired up to play a semi final match against Melton South Primary on Friday. Good luck team.

Regional Athletics Carnival

Last week, we had a number of children compete in the regional athletics carnival at Aberfeldie Athletics track. Our team of 12 was nervous and excited. We had some terrific results. The Whitten Region is a very competitive region, being the biggest (amount of children competing) region in the state.

Arlie den Ouden (10 year old girls) had a great meet, finishing 3rd overall in the shot put event, narrowly missing out on qualifying for this event in the state championships. She threw a mammoth 6.72m. Not bad effort for a little power house.

Jordan Mountney (11 year old boys) competed in the 1500m event, staying with the top half of the field finishing 14th overall. Nice run Jordan.

Amy McLelland (12 year old girls) competed in the 100m sprint. She got off to a flyer and hit the line in a blanket finish. She finished 4th in her zone, just missing out on the final.

Capri Ngakete (12 year old girls) competed in the triple jump and improved her distance each

time she threw. She finished 4th in her zone. Well done Capri.

Casey Geard (12 year old girls) competed in the 800m event finishing 5th in her zone. Well done Casey for showing terrific consistency and focus throughout your APS running career.

Andrew Jarvis (12 year old boys) competed in the long jump event, jumping to 4th in our zone. Well done Andrew, great jumping.

Shaelea Wade (11 year old girls) competed in the discus event, throwing 14.4m and finishing 5th in our zone. Great effort Shaelea.

Maria Banica (11 year old girls) competed in the long jump, jumping to 1st in our zone and 4th overall, just missing out on the state finals. Top effort Maria.

Isaac Corvo (11 year old boys) threw himself into state championships, with an awesome throw in the shot put, throwing 12m, a personal best. He also backed up this great result by coming second in the high jump, jumping 1.35m. He is now off to the state championships in Bendigo on the 10th of November to compete in the shot put and high jump events. Good luck Isaac, APS is right behind you.

Our 11 year old girls relay team, consisting of Laura Rankin, Maria Banica, Taylah McWilliams and Chelsea Puglisi, finished 1st in our zone and qualified fastest for the regional final. In the final they ran well and in a close finish they finished 4th in our region. Awesome effort girls.

Stephen Fava
PE Teacher

