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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: 29/10/2009

### Principal's Corner

Tomorrow is World Teachers Day which might be a perfect opportunity to thank your teacher for all their care and work with you this year. I would like to personally thank all of our teachers for the wonderful work they do here at Altona PS.

Congratulations to Mrs. Xinomilakis who will be teaching at Westbourne Grammar in 2010. Both of Helen's daughters attend Westbourne so this is quite an opportunity for her. Helen has taken a year's leave from Altona PS.

Congratulations and farewell to Brittany Webster who finished working at the Before and After School Care today. Brittany has gained full time work in the travel industry. We wish her all the very best as she begins her working career.

Ms. Obst our former drama teacher will remain on leave in 2010 as will Mr. Faure. Until Ms Obst returns we have replaced the drama program with the exciting I.T. program taught by Mrs. Luketic. We will be conducting interviews next week to employ 4 more teachers for 2010.

The 2009 Parent Survey is attached. Thank you to our families who were part of the random sample of parents to fill out the survey. The sample is chosen by the education department (DEECD) and responses are sent directly to DEECD. All 18 areas have improved. Students Reports and Transition remain areas we need to continue to work on. It is really pleasing to have our parent community rate nearly all areas around or above the 75% percentile particularly the areas related to students.

Children whose parents work should attend school on Monday. The form that went home was to get an indication of how many children would be attending on Monday so that we might be able to make use of any spare time for teachers to continue with their reports etc.

Have a great weekend

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



### **IMPORTANT NOTICE - LUNCH ORDERS**

Parents please note there will be no lunch orders on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November (the day before Cup Day). The shop that provides our lunch orders will be closed on that day.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**



#### **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

Cup Day – Public holiday

#### **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November**

Parents Club Spring Carnival

#### **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November**

Grade 6 Graduation Photo - 9:15am

#### **Preps for 2010 Orientation Program**

Session 1 – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2009

Session 2 – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2009

Session 3 – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2009

Session 4 - Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2009

#### **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November**

APS Concert – Williamstown Town Hall

#### **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

Grade 6 Graduation – Altona Theatre

#### **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

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



## **WORLD TEACHERS' DAY** **FRIDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

*World Teachers' Day gives us the chance to say 'thank you' to the wonderful teachers at APS who have chosen as their profession the teaching of our children. We all like to feel recognised and acknowledged for what we choose to do in life. Often we only talk to teachers about our children, which is quite natural, but tomorrow on World Teachers' Day, take a moment to let your children's teacher know that you are grateful for them doing one of the most important jobs in the world. We should have huge appreciation that the teachers at APS are dedicated, inspiring and work hard to give our children the foundations of learning that will support them throughout their lives. On behalf of School Council and the school community - Happy World Teachers' Day!*



## **O.S.H.C NEWS**

### **Thursday the 29<sup>th</sup> October 2009**

We have had a wonderful start to Term 4 in the Before and After School Care Room.

We are spending lots of time outside where we can enjoy the sunshine and the children seem to love the new art and craft materials we have put out. There are many fabulous pieces of work that are being produced.

Today is Britt's last day at Before and After School Care, she has got a new office job in the city and will be missed by all the children and staff.

If you have any questions, queries or concerns please don't hesitate to come and see me.

**Laura**

**O.S.H.C Co-Ordinator**

## **Sports Corner**

### **Whitten Region Quarter Final Softball Match**

Softball report - our last game 23/10/09 – By Jordan Mountney

Last Friday the softball team played against Westgrove Primary School at Presidents Park Softball Oval in Werribee. The softball team consisted of Zac Bailey, Jarrod Stevens, Daniel Hindmarsh, Jay Edhouse, Jessica Gough, Bianca Wilkinson, Kade Trawin, Kritik Dube, Jordan Mountney, Richard Li, Natalie Dynon, Haydn Lucas Paton and Hayden Schieder. We had a coin toss and Westgrove Primary School chose to field first.

The first inning started with Altona making 2 home runs which wasn't our best. It was our turn to field and try our hardest to make sure they made no runs. That wasn't to be and they went on to make 3 runs.

The second inning began with us batting again. Unfortunately we made no runs at all. That inning Westgrove made 6 runs which put them in the lead, 9 to Altona's 2.

It was our last inning and we needed 7 runs to get ahead but in the end we only made 1 run. This was our last turn to field. We tried our best to stop the runs but they got 2 more. The final score was 11 to 3 with Westgrove winning. On the day the best team won. Well done Westgrove Primary School.

I would like to thank my team mates for always trying their best and never giving up. We had lots of fun along the way and that's what being in a team is all about. It was a privilege to be the Captain of this team so thank you very much.

On behalf of the softball team, we would like to thank the parents for their support. A very big thank you to Mr. Fava for coaching us because without him we would not have gone this far. Three cheers for Mr. Fava - hip hip hooray, hip hip hooray, hip hip hooray.

Mr Fava, '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.'

### **Whitten Region Quarter Final Bat Tennis Match**

This game will be played next Thursday against Ardeer South Primary at Ardeer. Good luck to the bat tennis team.

### **Jump Rope For Heart**

Hopefully parents would have noticed children involved in the Jump Rope For Heart (JRFH) program during sport times. The JRFH program involves young Australians in fun and healthy challenges that encourage positive attitudes towards physical activity and heart health, while raising funds to help improve health and save lives. During the program, children collect donations and participate in JRFH activities. At the end of the program, a special 'Jump Off' morning is held to celebrate and demonstrate the skills learned during the program. Our 'Jump Off' morning will be held on Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup> of November from 9.15am to 10.55am. Parents are welcome to attend.

Today you would have noticed your child/ren bring home a JRFH sponsorship form. This form is not compulsory to fill out. The purpose of this form is to get family members/friends to sponsor your child during the 'Jump Off' morning and donate money to the Heart Foundation. 'Thank-you' prizes are awarded to children for their fundraising efforts. As the sponsorship form and money need to be sent to the Heart Foundation, all forms and money **must** to be given to your child's classroom teacher by Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> of November.

### **VPSSA State Athletics Championships**

Last Monday at Olympic Park, Mr Enright and I had the pleasure of watching some terrific young athletes as they competed in the VPSSA State Athletic Championships. Children as far as Mildura and Echuca competed in this state event.

Jordan Mountney competed in the 12 year old boys 1500m event. It was a top class field, with 16 of the best 1500m runners starting off at a very fast pace. Jordan ran well settling mid field and soldiered on at a personal best pace, finishing 12<sup>th</sup> in the state with a time of 5minutes and 26 seconds. What a great achievement. We wish Jordan all the best in the future with his running career. He has been a very consistent runner throughout his time at Altona Primary and has passed on his knowledge and focussed attitude to training to many students at the school. Thanks Jordan.

Also competing was the 10 year old girls 4 x 100m relay team, consisting of Sarah Magowan, Molly Hill, Megan Bosnar and Chloe King. The girls were all excited about their run and in awe of running at the great venue, Olympic Park. The girls got off to a great start with Chloe firing out of the blocks. Megan powered down the back straight passing off the baton to Molly who stepped through some slight interference and ran a great bend finally passing off the baton to speedy Sarah. Sarah finished off strong with the girls finishing 6<sup>th</sup> in their heat. The girls were happy with their run finishing 11<sup>th</sup> in the state. What an awesome achievement and an amazing experience. Well done girls, APS is proud of you.

### **DIY CLINIC - BUNNINGS**

Bunnings Altona is running a Free Kids DIY clinic which will be held every weekend beginning Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

For more information phone Angela Gatt 8831 9777.

### **ALTONA VIC MASTERS ATHLETICS**

At the George Nevitt Reserve, Sugar Gum Drive Altona.

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