Dear Parents and Families:

Welcome to this week’s newsletter.

PREP PICNIC: Last night was a most enjoyable experience. Not only did the students have fun, so did parents and staff. Well done Mrs Paterson, Mrs Kam and their band of helpers for the delightful manner in which the evening went. A big thank you to all the families who brought along such a delicious array of food.

We hope you all enjoyed this opportunity to meet and socialise in a different way.

CANTEEN REMINDER: Please be advised that our canteen will be closed on the 29th of October. Parents are asked to make other arrangements for their children’s meals at school.

CHILDREN’S WEEK PICNIC: Next Wednesday, 31st of October, our Grade 6 and Prep students will be attending the Hobsons Bay City Council “Children’s Week Picnic” in Altona. This is a program ‘not to be missed’, so make sure your children have their permission notes back at school ASAP.

CONCERT PREPARATIONS: Miss McCawley, students and staff are well into the concert preparations with dance moves, singing and costume making underway. Parental help is always appreciated and if you are able to assist, please speak to your child’s classroom teacher as they have the responsibility of finalising all costumes.

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Dropping children at the front gate and driving off is not responsible parent behaviour and I find it unacceptable. Please stop and think about your parental responsibilities with respect to supervising your children appropriately.

Thought for the WEEK:

“Learn as though you would never be able to master it; hold it as though you would never be in fear of losing it.”

Have a great week, Brendan O’Brien, Principal
EMA CHEQUES:

We still have a number of cheques which have not been collected. If you claimed the 2nd Instalment of EMA, opted to have it delivered to school as a cheque and are unsure as to whether or not you have collected it, please contact the office.

NAPLAN testing took place earlier in the year for all Grade 3 and Grade 5 students. The results have arrived at ANPS and are available for collection from the office by an adult. Please keep these in a safe place at home along with your child’s school reports as these are an important piece of your child’s school history.

NAPLAN RESULTS:

This is just a reminder that the wearing of school uniform is compulsory at our school.

We strongly encourage that the items are purchased through the uniform shop, as this ensures styles and colours are consistent throughout the whole school. Our prices are very competitive with what is available from other stores.

We have most sizes available throughout the year, but if your child requires a particular size an order may need to be placed. All our tops have an embroidered logo which are not available through the stores. All hair accessories must also be green or white.

Uniform shop times: Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri. 3.15 – 3.30pm.

Thank you - Mary Day

OUR NEW WEBPAGE:

Please take the time to visit our new webpage at www.altonanorthps.vic.edu.au

It is a great way to keep up-to-date with current and future events taking place in and around our wonderful school. Never miss out on important information by subscribing to receive our weekly newsletter online.

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Friday 2nd November - Crazy Hair Day:

Children are invited to wear ‘Crazy Hair’ with a gold coin donation going to Cystic Fibrosis.

Uniform is still to be worn, including hats during recess and lunch breaks.

Annual K-Mart Wishing Tree:

This is an ongoing fundraiser throughout the term.

Children are asked to start donating some of their loose change towards the purchase of a gift to be placed under the K-Mart Wishing Tree. The gifts will be collected by the Salvation Army and distributed to families or individuals who may not receive a gift at Xmas.

Parents & Friends:

Altona North Primary School is holding a Shopping Tour Fundraiser: Saturday 17th November 2012 7am -7pm Cost $53.00 per person includes morning/afternoon tea, 2 course lunch and 12 shopping outlets; family clothing, electrical, toys, kitchenware, cosmetics/skincare, manchester, Christmas store and more. To book please contact Corinna 042 585 2141

Christmas Hamper Donations:

It’s nearly Christmas and the P&F will be holding a wonderful Christmas Raffle once again.

In order for this raffle to be a success, we are currently seeking donations of non-perishable items to use in making up hampers. Please note for health and safety purposes, all donations must be new and unused. All donations can be left at the school office.

Athletics Report:

Last Thursday Peggy from 5/6J went off to compete in the School Sport Victoria Athletics Regional Finals at the Keilor Athletics Track.

Peggy was the sole representative for the Altona District Team in the 11 year old girls discus event. Peggy was up against some fierce competition and did all of us proud finishing in second place in the finals.

We wish to congratulate Peggy on her super efforts, we are all very proud of you.

Vanessa Shiels