Dear Parents and Families:

Welcome to this week's newsletter.

Children's Week Picnic: Yesterday I had the opportunity to attend the Children’s Week Picnic in Altona. It was wonderful to see our Grade 5/6 students buddy up with our Prep students.

There were a huge range of activities which were fun, exciting, engaging and educational. A big thank you to Mr Dunn, (Sean’s dad), for being our official school photographer on the day. The photos I have seen are great.

It's a sensational feeling when you see our students interacting out in the community. Their behaviour, manners and general enthusiasm is a good reminder of the work that goes into the values and beliefs which ANPS installs in our students.

Prep 2013 Transition Sessions: The first of 4 transition mornings for next year’s Prep students will take place next Wednesday, 7th November. Invitations have been sent home to all families of preps enrolled for 2013 at ANPS. If you have a child due to start school next year and have not received an invitation for these sessions, please contact the office to ensure your child’s enrolment paperwork has been received.

2013 Class Preparations: A reminder to all families and friends that preparations are well under way for developing class models for 2013. If you have a family member, friend or neighbour that is wanting to enrol at ANPS for 2013 please tell them to get enrolments in quickly as grades are filling up.

Keeping Up-To-Date with ANPS Events: As we settle into Term 4, families are asked to please remember to check children’s school bags regularly. We have many excursions, incursions and special events taking place throughout the remainder of the school year which you need to be aware of. For example, concert preparations and costume requirements, Essential Educational Supplies information and also EMA Applications for 2013 - all of which have already been sent home with your children.

Please take the time to sit with your children and discuss their day at school and also show interest by asking about their concert item. Classes have already started rehearsals and prop making is well underway.

Speaking with your children about current events at ANPS is a great way to ensure you don’t miss out on important information.

2013 Essential Educational Supplies: Payment advice was sent home to all families earlier this week regarding the costs involved with the 2013 Essential Educational Supplies. School Council has determined the cost to be $160 per child for the 2013 school year.

These supplies will be purchased by the school, through a supplier, in individual packs for each student and contain items to meet the school’s specific criteria.

Please ensure you read this information thoroughly as there are several payment options.

Concert Preparations: Last night we held our first “Prop Making Workshop”. Thank you to those parents who were able to attend and assist on this occasion - we are also aware of other parents offering to assist at home. The more help we get the better the outcomes will be. You do not have to be an expert to paint a prop or cut out a shape, so join in the fun and lend a helping hand please. Miss McCawley is looking for many helpers to prepare for the school concert.

Class teachers’ need parents to make sure all of the concert class costumes are prepared as per the notes which have already gone home. All costumes are due tomorrow the 2nd November.

One requirement for most of these help tasks is: “Have you got a current ‘Working with Children Check’ and have you made this available at the front office?” These checks are available to volunteers free of charge. Just ask at the office and we can guide you through the process.

Thought for the WEEK: “The end and aim of all education is the development of character”

Francis W. Parker.

Naturally we are interested in the development of positive character traits centred around the schools Vision and Values.

Over the next twelve months we are going to work closely with our school community to re-develop the school Vision and Values so that it better reflects the current school community and it’s needs.

Have a great week,

Brendan O'Brien, Principal
Altona North Primary School is hoping to hold our 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. At this point in time attendance numbers are low and we may be forced to cancel. If you are interested and have not contacted us, please do so tomorrow via the office or 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. Thank you to those who have already made generous donations to our Christmas hampers.

TOMORROW: 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.