Dear Parents and Families:

Welcome to this week’s newsletter.

Planning is well under way for 2013 and with 40 new Prep families attending our Transition program we are all very excited about the prospect of introducing new families to our vibrant curriculum and school culture.

On behalf of all at ANPS I would like to thank Megan Antonini for her hard work in keeping our canteen functioning so capably during Coral’s absence. Coral is now back full time and Megan is assisting in a variety of ways across the school for the next week. Welcome back Coral and thank you Megan.

CONCERT: Next week all students will be participating in full concert rehearsals and the Grade Sixes will be going through their Graduation rehearsal. The excitement is growing in anticipation of yet another GRAND SCHOOL CONCERT.

This year both the Prep - 2 and the 3 - 6 concerts will be held separately but on the same night. Ticket sales are strong and my advice to all is to get in early as there are limited seats available.

On the morning following the concert, Friday 7th December, we will be allowing students to have a late start to school. Students can arrive up until 10:30am, no later please. All staff will be on deck so parents will have the ability to select a normal school day start or the later at 10.30am. It would be great if you could please indicate, in writing, if your child will be arriving late on the 7th of December please.

UNIFORM: A reminder to everyone that the wearing of school uniform is compulsory at Altona North Primary School. If you would like to view a copy of our uniform policy, please visit our webpage: www.altonanorthps.vic.edu.au

SALE: We are holding a sale of selected uniform items next week ON Monday and Tuesday morning. Please see the back page of this newsletter for full details.

INTERNET USAGE: Last week our staff became aware that some student USB’s had infected files on them. Once I was aware of this I closed off the use of all school computers; for both staff and students, and activated a full USB and computer scan across the school.

We have anti-viral systems in place at ANPS that protect school based usage, but we do not have control over your home computers. In this case, the virus was transferred from a home computer and then spread to other student USB’s.

Please make sure that you have ‘up to date’ anti-virus systems in place on all home computers in order to protect your children, your home systems and our school system from any possible virus infections. I thank you in anticipation of your support.

Thought for the WEEK:

“ONCE YOU WAKE UP THOUGHT IN A PERSON, YOU CAN NEVER PUT IT TO SLEEP AGAIN”.

Zora Neale Hurston.

This educational quotation provides all of us with both the inspiration and challenge to stimulate children’s thinking, risk taking and conversation. It is incumbent on us as educators and parents to support and guide the children in our care to strive for improved learning and to gain great joy from the process of learning.

BUS and BOAT news: On behalf of our community I would like to thank Wayne Berryman and Petar Rogan for their hard work yesterday on the construction of our new bus shed and the preparations of the surf boat for the Junior Adventure Playground.

A great deal was achieved and we were supported by members of the Altona Meadows Primary School community on the day as we will be sharing the bus with them.

More work needs to be done, and our hope is to continue the work next week.

Congratulations to all of our students for staying safely clear of the work zone, even though they were extremely curious about the activity.

Have a great week,

Brendan O’Brien, Principal
**BEANIE KIDS:** P&F are holding a “Beanie Kids” fundraiser. Cute, cuddly 21cm bean-filled plush bears that are fun to collect and make great gifts.

Completed order forms and money are due back at school by Friday 30th November to ensure delivery takes place prior to the end of the school year.

Each bear will sell for $11.99, (the same price you pay in the shops), and ANPS will receive $4.99 from the sale of each Beanie Kid. (We have some on display in Corridor A.)

*Any orders which need to be a “SURPRISE” can be held at the office for personal collection. Please remember to make note on your order form if you would like this delivery option.*

**ALL ORDER FORMS NEED TO BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL REGARDLESS OF WHETHER YOU ARE PLACING AN ORDER OR NOT.** It is a legal requirement that we account for each and every form sent home to families.

**CHRISTMAS HAMPER DONATIONS:** Don’t forget we are currently collecting 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 families who have already made generous donations to our Christmas hampers.

Thank you to the following businesses who have kindly donated to this event. We thank them for their continued support of Altona North Primary School; Dizzy’s Castle, Fun Galore Braybrook, Wyncity Werribee, Sun Theatre Yarraville, Hoyts Cinemas Highpoint, Nandos Altona Gate, Millers Inn, Victoria Sweets, Puffing Billy, Luna Park, Wonderland Docklands, Laverton Swim Centre, Paul Sadlers Swimming, Adventure Park Geelong, Enchanted Maze, Contours, Lombards, Bunnings Altona North, Scienceworks, Altona Fresh Second Avenue, Kmart Altona Gate, Safeway Borrack Square and Playshack.

**CONCERT TICKETS:**

Seating is currently being allocated and tickets will be sent home with children on Tuesday 4th December.

If you have not already ordered your tickets, please do so immediately as we will NOT be selling tickets on the evening.

Entry is by pre-purchase and presentation of tickets only.

**PREP 2013:**

A reminder to all 2013 Prep parents that the final transition session will be held next Wednesday the 28th November.

*Please note this session will start at 9:30am and concludes at 12:15pm.*

There will be a parent information session in the Library at 9:45 followed by morning tea.

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**EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ASSISTANCE:**

Don’t forget - if you hold a Centrelink Pension or Health Care Card, you may be eligible to receive family financial assistance including EMA in 2013.

To claim EMA for 2013 you need to have a Centrelink Pension or Health Care Card that is valid on the 29th January 2013. Application forms are now available from the school office. Please bring your Health Care or Pension Card when making the claim.

**2013 ESSENTIAL EDUCATIONAL SUPPLIES:**

Thank you to those families who have already made either part payment or full payment for the 2013 Essential Educational Supplies (EES).

School Council has determined the costs to be $160 per child for the 2013 school year. These supplies will be purchased by the school in individual packs for each student through a supplier and contain items to meet the school’s specific criteria.

Don’t forget, presenting your Health Care Card or Pension Card at the office can assist with the payment of these supplies as mentioned above.

If you have not received this information, a copy can be obtained from the office or from ANPS website.

If you have any questions regarding Essential Educational Supplies, please contact Mr O’Brien or Mrs Gregson via the office.

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**REMINDER TO CHECK YOUR CHILD’S SCHOOL BAG REGULARLY IN ORDER TO NOT MISS OUT ON ANY IMPORTANT INFORMATION OR UPCOMING EVENTS!!**

Visit our webpage regularly at www.altonanorthps.vic.edu.au to stay in tune with what’s going on, in and around ANPS.

Our webpage is a great way to keep up-to-date and download forms which may have been misplaced.
BANK SOME MONEY AND YOU COULD BANK YOURSELF AN IPAD MINI !!!!!!

Every Tuesday of the school term is Student Banking Day. All student bankers who make a deposit through School Banking by Tuesday 11th December will put you in the draw to win one of twelve iPad Mini’s valued at $369 each. So keep those deposits coming in.

All orders to redeem tokens need to be placed by Tuesday 4th December for delivery before the end of the school year.

Congratulations and a big “thank you” to all student bankers for your support throughout 2012.

Instrumental Group 2012

Grade 5/6 Choir
## END OF SEASON UNIFORM SALE

Limited Stock at BELOW COST PRICES in Various Sizes.

Excellent Quality Schoolwear Suppliers. All Tops include School Logo.

Don’t miss out on these bargains!!!!

### CASH ONLY.

SALE ON MONDAY 25th after assembly & TUESDAY 26th NOV 8:45am in HALL.

*Please bring your own bags.*

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