**Dates to Remember**

**FEBRUARY**
- Prep students do not attend school on **Wednesdays** for the month of February.
- Friday 8th: Grades 3-6
  - Swim Trials 1:15pm-3:15pm
- Friday 15th: Grade 5/6
  - Interschool Sports Rd 1
- **Mon 18th-Thurs 21st:**
  - Life Ed Van @ ANPS
- **Tues 19th:**
  - ADSSA Swim Carnival
- **Wednesday 27th:**
  - Parent/Teacher Information Session
- **Friday 22nd:** Grade 5/6
  - Interschool Sports Rd 2

**MARCH:**
- Prep students attend school full time
- **Friday 1st:** Interschool Sports Rd 3
- **Friday 8th:** Interschool Sports Rd 4
- **Monday 11th:** LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
  - no school
- **Friday 15th:** Interschool Sports Rd 5
- **Friday 22nd:** Interschool Sports Finals
- **Saturday 23rd:** Altona Festival Twilight Parade
- **Tues 19th-Wed 27th:**
  - Somers Camp
- **Friday 23rd:** Interschool Sports Rd 5
- **Thursday 28th:** End of Term 1

**EASTER:**
- Good Friday 29th
- Easter Sunday 31st

**APRIL:**
- Easter Monday 1st
- **Sunday 7th:**
  - Daylight Savings Ends
  - Put clocks back 1 hour
- **Monday 15th April:**
  - Term 2 starts 08:45am

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**REMINDER:**

Please remember to send current medication and authorised medical plans to the Sick Bay.

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**From the Principal**

Dear Parents and Families:

Welcome back everyone to Altona North for 2013.

A special welcome to our delightful Prep and families. A big thank you for bringing your children up to school for the important testing we are undertaking on Wednesdays. This opportunity will provide our staff with accurate learning information for your child.

I would also like to welcome new families to our school community. I do hope to meet you all in the coming weeks.

Please feel free to drop by the office to say hello if we do not bump into each other around the school.

Welcome.

**WHAT’S ON?:** In the coming weeks we will all be getting into building the community spirit of ANPS by participating in: *DISTRICT SWIMMING SPORTS*, the *ALTONA BEACH FESTIVAL*, *SCHOOL COUNCIL & SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS*.

There are many ways in which parents and grandparents can involve themselves in the life of our school. Please ask.

**ALTONA BEACH FESTIVAL:** Every year we head down to this marvellous festival. Our students represent ANPS proudly, as do our parents who come along in support. It is a **FUN** experience : Please note—this may not proceed as a result of AEU bans.

With the ALTONA BEACH FESTIVAL falling into hours which are outside of the normal 38 hour working week for staff there is the strong possibility that this may NOT proceed as a result of the AEU bans. We will keep you posted on this one.

**SWIMMING:** Students who are able to swim one length of the 25m pool are strongly encouraged to become involved. Parent support at the pool for trials and on the day at the swimming sports is strongly encouraged. Your involvement makes a huge difference. Trials start tomorrow afternoon and then training next week. Speak with Miss Shiels for more details.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL and ELECTIONS:** Our parents on Council continue to demonstrate their commitment to our students, your children. ANPS is always on the move, in a constant state of improving and you might ask WHY????????

One simple reason – to keep improving the educational opportunities for your children, both in programs and resources - School Councillors govern this improvement and are extremely valued members of our community.

Do you want to get involved? Speak to a Councillor or myself over the next few weeks and watch the newsletter for the Election timeline.

**STOPWORK and AEU Bans:**

Parents are by now well aware of the ongoing dispute between the Government and the AEU. The AEU has had work bans in place since last year which currently includes staff “sticking” firmly to a 38hr week (this affects camps, weekend events, {Bayside Festival potentially}, after hour events, STOPWORK days, (one is scheduled for next Thursday the 14th of February; staff do not get paid on the stopwork days) and a range of other strategies.

It is highly unfortunate that this dispute is continuing, however, it is part of a legal framework that is an entitlement of all staff and as such I need to manage the school with the staff I have available on each occasion.

Please be forewarned that there is a STOPWORK next **THURSDAY the 14th of February** and if this proceeds it will mean significant changes for our ability to have the school functioning on this day. I will provide confirmed details early next week.

In conclusion: I am looking forward to another energetic, exciting and enriching year for our students and school community. The more you get involved the more valuable the experience will be for everyone.

Brendan O’Brien.
Principal.
Each Monday morning following assembly, P&F meet to discuss and prepare fundraising activities. We are always ready to welcome new families and new ideas. Come and join us for a cuppa and a chat.

Each Tuesday morning fresh fruit is delivered to the school for distribution to all classrooms. The P&F wash and put the fruit into bowls and then deliver these to the classrooms. Helpers are welcome and always needed. Watch this space for more information in the coming weeks.

There is a current canteen price list included in this newsletter. Please keep it in a safe and handy place at home. A new pricelist will be issued via the newsletter before the end of term.

Lunch orders are to be written out neatly on a paper bag at home and then placed in the classroom lunch box. Please make sure there is enough money placed in with the lunch order. If there is not enough money, an item will be removed. Please also remember to write HALAL on the paper bag if required.

Please Note: The canteen is unable to run accounts for families. Payment must be included with orders. All orders must be placed in the classroom lunchbox at the start of the school day. Telephone orders will not be accepted.

EXCITING NEWS!! The Uniform Shop has Moved to the Rear of the Library.

If you need to order uniforms please either visit the uniform shop during the below hours or alternatively you are welcome to leave your order along with the correct payment in an envelope clearly marked with your child’s name & grade at the office.

Next week (11th-15th Feb) the uniform shop will be open longer hours to assist families with their requirements.

**Open Hours for next week only will be**
- Tuesday 08:45am - 09:30am
- Wednesday 08:45am - 09:30am
- Thursday 3:00pm-3:30pm

**As of the 18th February the Regular Opening Hours will be:**
- Tuesday & Wednesday Mornings 08:45am - 09:00am
- Thursday Afternoons 3:00pm - 3:15pm

Please ensure your child has an ANPS sun smart hat and that all items of clothing are clearly labelled. Hats must be worn by all students every day of Term 1.

A current uniform order form is attached to this newsletter.
All adults wishing to assist Altona North Primary School in 2013 by either attending school excursions, coming in for class sessions or assisting in the canteen are required to have a valid Working with Children Check. Forms are available at the post office and there is no charge for Volunteers. These checks are valid for 5 years and replace the old system of police checks.

All children are required to bring an Art Smock to school for use during art sessions. An old over-sized shirt is ideal for this purpose.

Please supply your child/ren with one large box of tissues for use in their classroom.

Medical Information/Phone numbers etc: It is imperative that parents keep our staff completely up to date with any new or changing family information. Too often we phone families to only find a number has been disconnected or changed. As you can well imagine our staff feel extremely stressed at these times as do your children.

Asthma and other medical details are also essential for student safety and well being. We have trained staff to care for students who are ill or injured. Our staff’s capacity to undertake the correct treatment is often limited by the available information supplied from home. Please ensure that we have every necessary detail at school regarding your children’s medical needs.

The best place for an unwell child is at home. If your child does not appear to be well in the morning, please do not send them to school. You are required to either telephone the office or send a written note when your child returns.

VISIT OUR WEBPAGE:
Families are invited to subscribe to receive our weekly newsletter via email. Subscribing is a great way of ensuring you always receive the newsletter—you will never miss out on important information again!

Please take the time to visit us at www.altonanorthps.vic.edu.au and familiarise yourself with our site.

STUDENT BANKING
TUESDAY is our Student Banking Day.
This year the Student Banking is themed as the “Savings Hunter Program” taking students’ imaginations on an adventure through the thrilling lands of Savings Adventure Island whilst teaching smart savings and good money management. Once a Youthsaver account is opened, students take their weekly deposits to school in their Dollarmite wallets. Each deposit is rewarded with a silver token. Once 10 tokens have been collected, the tokens can be redeemed for rewards. In 2013 the rewards are more exciting than ever; moneyboxes, handballs, wallets, knuckles games, torches, calculators and headphones each on offer during the dates listed on the rewards card. Information packs providing details of how to participate and open an account will be sent home Friday.

A few reminders to our regular student bankers:
• Please ensure all yellow wallets are handed to your teacher first thing in the morning to ensure your deposit is processed.
• All money should be securely enclosed in the velcro pocket and deposit slips MUST be completed.
• Your child’s book will be sent home the next day.
• Each deposit earns a SILVER TOKEN to be kept safely at home…..when you’ve collected 10 tokens, they can redeemed for an exciting reward!

Please see the information pack for details of how to open an account and join the Student Banking Program.
If you have any questions please see Bev at ANPS office or call Susan Brailsford, School Banking Specialist on 0422 116 040 or email susan.brailsford@cba.com.au

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ART SMOCK:
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TISSUES:
Please supply your child/ren with one large box of tissues for use in their classroom.

MUSIC & PERFORMING ARTS NEWS:
Altona North Primary School Choir: This year we have received a great response from students who are interested in auditioning for the 2013 ANPS choir.

Senior Choir (Grades 3-6) – Auditions were held this week during class time on Wednesday. A big thank you to all students who came along to try out. Stay tuned for the results of the auditions which will be announced next week!

Junior Choir (Grades Prep-2) – Auditions will be held next Tuesday 12th of February during lunchtime in room 12. Thank you to the P-2 students who have signed up already! Miss Jedda is very excited to hear you sing on Tuesday. As we can only select a limited number of students in the choir, unfortunately, not all students who audition will make the final list. Students will receive a letter within a week to notify them if they have been selected to be a member of the 2013 ANPS Junior or Senior Choir.

Being a member of the ANPS Choir involves performing at assemblies, festivals, concerts and out of school events. For these reasons we ask students and parents to be aware of this and supportive of these events.

Good luck to everyone involved!
ALTONA NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL: 2013 Canteen Price List

A charge of 20 cents will apply for paper bags supplied by the canteen OR you can purchase 50 lunch bags for $3.

HOT FOODS:
- 97% Fat Free Spaghetti $3.80
- 97% Fat Free Lasagne $3.80
- 97% Fat Free Ravioli $3.80
- Corn Cobbett's $0.80
- Chicken Burgers - Mayo & Lettuce $4.00
- Pizza Supreme (Heart Foundation Tick) $3.30
- Steamed Dim Sims $0.80
- Chicken Nuggets $0.80
- Sausage Roll (Heart Foundation Tick) $2.60
- Beef Pies (Heart Foundation Tick) $3.60
- Pasties $3.60
- Potato Pie $3.90
- Tomato Sauce portions $0.30

HEALTH LUNCH:
- Salad Sandwich $3.70
- Cheese portion OR Packet Sultanas
- Piece of Fruit
- Big M Chocolate or Strawberry OR
- Bottle of water $5.50
- Just Juice $5.30

DRINKS & FROZENS:
- Big M Chocolate or Strawberry Milk $2.20
- 600ml Bottle of Water $2.20
- Frozen Go Quherts 97% Fat Free $1.00
- Frozen Quelch Sticks $1.00
- Just Juice (Orange Mango / Orange / Pineapple / Apple / Apple Blackcurrant [ABC]) $1.30

ICE CREAMS:
- Frozen Chocolate Thick Shake $2.00
- Paddle Pops - Chocolate / Rainbow / Banana $1.40
- Mojoises $1.60
- Frozen Fruit Cups: apple, orange & pineapple $1.00
- Lemonade Icy Pole $1.00
- Calypo $1.00

EXTRAS:
- Fruit in Season $1.00
- Sultanas $1.00
- Pretzels $1.20
- Pop Corn (Low Salt) Chicken / BBQ $1.40
- BBQ Shapes $1.00
- Mammee Noodles $1.00
- Snakata $1.40
- Muffins $1.50
- JJ Snacks $1.40
- Fantastic Rice Biscuits Delights $1.00
- Jelly Cups $1.00

HALAL FOODS:
Please remember to mark lunch orders HALAL:

- Beef Pies $3.80
- Sausage Rolls $2.90
- Chicken Nuggets $0.80
- Chicken Burgers $4.00
- Tomato Sauce portions $0.30

We now have Halal Sauce portions. We also sell Halal Roast Chicken for sandwiches & rolls.

To help make a healthier choice of food for your children’s lunches, we have marked most items with these symbols.

- This represents food which should be eaten Once A Week.
- This represents food which should be eaten 1 or 2 times a month only if possible.
- This represents HALAL food. This food is purchased from Biadia or Vili's.

At recess we will sell frozen Pineapple Rings, Watermelon, Grapes and Orange Wedges while in season. (Due to rising costs, the price for hot items sold at recess have increased.) We also sell Party Pies and Chicken in a dinner roll for $1.30 each.

Please mark items as HALAL on lunch bags. If there is not enough money in your lunch order, 1 item will be deleted. If a child forgets their lunch they will receive a lunch and lunch slip letting you know how much their order came to. It would be appreciated if you could send the money along to school as soon as possible.

Thank you Coral.
**UNIFORM ORDER FORM- 2013**
**ALTONA NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL**

DATE OF ORDER: ____________________

CHILD’S NAME: ____________________  GRADE: ____________________

FAMILY NAME: ____________________  PHONE NO (HOME) ____________________

(BUS) ____________________

***PLEASE NOTE: 50% DEPOSIT IS REQUIRED ON ALL ORDERS. ORDERS WILL BE RETURNED TO STOCK IF NOT PICKED UP WITHIN FOUR WEEKS OF BEING NOTIFIED THAT THEY ARE AVAILABLE. PRICES ARE INCLUSIVE OF 10% GST.*****ALL TOPS LARGER THAN SIZE 16 ARE EXTRA

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