Dear Parents and Families:

Welcome to this week’s newsletter.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS:** please take the time to read page two of this newsletter. Every parent, student and staff member will have the opportunity to vote on our NEW VISION and VALUES that will drive our behaviour and learning into the future. Read page 2 to find out how you will contribute.

**CHOCOLATE DRIVE:** Congratulations and thank you once again to our hard working Parents & Friends Committee. With the close of the Chocolate Drive, they continue to work hard collecting and finalising last minute details of this fundraiser. If you have not yet returned either your $50 full payment or part payment, along with unsold chocolates, please do so immediately. To date the drive has raised approximately $2,000.00 for our school projects — amazing work again.

**WAKAKIRRI WORKSHOP:** Last night we held a prop & costume making workshop which was highly successful. This coming Saturday from 10am - 2pm there will be another workshop taking place. If you have an hour or two to spare and would like to assist, please leave your name with the office ladies.

**GIRLS SOCCER COMPETITION:** Yesterday 20 girls from 5/6 participated in a lightning premiership soccer tournament against 3 other schools. I was extremely proud of every single student. Every parent and staff member who has had something to do with these wonderful girls should also feel very proud. We came third after winning a most exciting playoff between third and fourth teams. We will publish their sports report in next week’s newsletter.

**REPORTS, PORTFOLIOS & PT INTERVIEWS:** A reminder to all families that Parent/Teacher Interviews will take place on Wednesday 26th June. Semester 1 reports will be sent home, along with your child’s portfolio tomorrow. Confirmed appointment times for the interviews were sent home to families earlier this week.

Please take the time to read your child’s report thoroughly and also allocate family time to sit with them and discuss the contents of their portfolios. Please remember to bring your child’s portfolio to your interview session as these will stay at school for the remainder of the year to have work added to them.

3/4S families participated in their Parent/Teacher interviews this week, as Mrs Sipthorp will be taking leave next week. Thank you to all families who made the time to attend Mrs Sipthorp’s interviews.

**FAMILY DETAILS / OCCUPATION UPDATES:** We are currently updating our confidential computer records. We need to have accurate records of contact details, (phone and address), and occupation details of ALL families within the school. The school needs to update the occupation status of ALL families regularly as our funding is based on this information. Accurate contact details are vital to allow us to contact the family when necessary.

We understand that some family information is of a sensitive nature but please rest assured that this information is kept CONFIDENTIAL at all times. Thank you for your support.

Forms for updating this information will be available during Parent/Teacher Interview sessions.

**MOVIE RATINGS:** Mrs Gregson has requested that I draw your attention to ensuring your children are only viewing television programs or movies with an appropriate rating.

The G (General) classification is considered suitable for all viewers.

The PG (Parental Guidance) classification signals to parents that material in this category contains depictions or references which could be confusing or upsetting, to children without adult guidance. Parents may choose to preview the material for their children; some may choose to watch the material with their children. Others might find it sufficient to be accessible during or after the viewing to discuss the content.

Films with an M ( Mature) classification contain material that is considered to be potentially harmful or disturbing to those under 15 years.

**Thought for the Week:** This quotation says it all. If all adults could aspire to this quotation then the potential of every child would be unlocked:

“The good teacher ……..discovers the natural gifts of his/her pupils and liberates them by the stimulating influence of the inspiration that he/ she can impart.

Stephen Neill.

Have a great week,

Brendan O’Brien. Principal.
SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS:

During the week of the 24th of June, all members of our school community will have the opportunity to have input into selecting our School’s new “Vision and Values”. It is vital for us to seek the perspective of parents, students and staff in this process, as the chosen Vision will be our school goal and will help shape the future direction of the school.

The voting process will be undertaken using a sensorgram format, which is now on display on the wall outside of the Art Room. Families are invited to come and have a look at the display, and are encouraged to have discussions at home in regard to the importance of this process and how you as a family uphold the values displayed.

Parents will have the opportunity to vote on Wednesday 26th of June, either before or after attending Parent Teacher Interviews. The students will have strong discussions in their classes throughout the week, and will be timetabled voting time. Whilst students will not be voting with their parents, they are encouraged to have input in family discussions with regard to the voting decisions.

**VALUES:**

- **Respect** = A feeling of deep admiration for someone or something brought on by their abilities, qualities or achievements.
- **Diversity** = An understanding that each individual is unique and recognising our individual differences.
- **Acceptance** = An agreement with or belief in an idea, explanation or individual.
- **Leadership** = An act or instance of leading, guiding or directing.
- **Responsibility** = An obligation to satisfactorily perform or complete a task.
- **Strength** = The ability to consistently perform towards the highest degree of talent and skill.
- **Excellence** = The quality of being outstanding or extremely good.
- **Community** = A group of people living or working together in one place, practicing common values.
- **Honesty** = Honesty means being truthful, trustworthy, loyal, fair and sincere.
- **Self-Worth** = The sense of one’s own value (self respect).
- **Communication** = An act of talking or discussing with other.

**VISION:**

**Current:**
ANPS is about students, staff, families and the community working cooperatively together to develop positive attitudes, skills and the ability to meet life's challenges confidently.

**New:**
- We are a diverse and inclusive learning environment promoting personal excellence, creativity and empowerment.
- We are a school that enables each student to achieve their potential within a learning environment that is safe, positive, respectful, inclusive and welcoming.
- ANPS is about students, staff, families and the community. Our vision is that we are learners for life, leading the way, who make the most of everyday.

We look forward to sharing discussions and receiving input from all members of our community.

ANPS School Council.
PARENTS & FRIENDS:

Freddo Frog Chocolate Drive has now FINISHED.

We are currently in the process of finalising all details of our recent fundraiser. A huge thank you to those families who have already sent in their money collected from chocolate sales. If you still have money at home, it needs to be sent into school now. Please make sure you send your money, ($50 for a full carrier of chocolates sold), to school.

BIGGEST MORNING TEA

Next Monday, 24th June, the Parents & Friends will be hosting Morning Tea in the Foyer of the Hall after assembly. Everyone is welcome to attend this Morning Tea.

Support our Biggest Morning Tea as all money raised will help the Cancer Council provide “research into new, improved cancer treatments, education and prevention.

DON’T MISS OUT!

CAMP BAANYA BIAMI:

ONLY ONE WEEK LEFT to pay your CAMP DEPOSIT and secure your child’s place at Camp Baanya Biami.

ALL grade 3-6 children are given the opportunity to attend a 3 night, 4 day camp at Camp Baanya Biami in the Central Goldfields region.

The total cost of this camp is $285 with a cash deposit of $85 due no later than Thursday 27th June. We are only able to accept 50 children to attend camp. Please pay your deposit now to show your interest in having your child attend. Please be aware that good behaviour is a prerequisite for children to be able to attend camp. Payment does not automatically secure your child’s place.

If you have any questions regarding camp or if you would like to discuss a payment plan, please contact either Mr O’Brien or Miss Shiels via the office.

DON’T MISS OUT - pay your deposit now.

MRS BLUNT IN THE USA:

TWO Altona teachers have been chosen to travel to America to hone their maths and science teaching skills.

Seaholme Primary School Grade 2/3 teacher Narelle Friend and Altona North Primary School maths and science curriculum coordinator Lee Blunt have been selected to attend a specialist maths and science training Academy in Houston, Texas, USA.

The Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy will provide a week-long training program for primary school teachers to promote maths and science. It will also teach skills and innovative ways to engage students.

The program covers teaching methods for maths and science concepts, interactive classroom experiments and fun maths games.

Ms Blunt said she was excited to meet teachers from the USA and learn about their education system. She said she was also excited to be involved in the maths and science learning opportunity.

“In my role I’m in charge of the curriculum across the school. This will enable me to build my skills and knowledge that I will bring back to the school and children in maths and science.”

“I’m hoping to bring back some fresh ideas and maybe some new approaches in maths and science teaching and learning to engage students.”

Ms Friend said she is looking forward to sharing the fun, maths games and science experiments with staff and students at Seaholme Primary School. The ladies will attend the academy with two other teachers from Gippsland and 200 more from Texas and Western United States Primary Schools.

This is the fifth year that the Seaholme Primary and Altona North Primary School have sent teachers to the academy.

ALTONA NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Prep 2014 Enrolments now being accepted.
Next Friday, 28th June, is an Out of Uniform Day. Students are asked to bring a gold coin donation to support State School’s Relief.

State Schools’ Relief is a not-for-profit Victorian charity which provides the students of Government schools with financial assistance for uniform and footwear. They rely solely on donations from schools, individuals, businesses and foundations. Each year they help over 10,000 students—every donation helps!

We are looking for some assistance with making props and costumes for our 2013 Wakakirri production. Our Grade 5/6 students have been working hard on their fantastic performance, however, we need to create wonderful costumes and props to match.

We will be running Wakakirri workshops on the following dates:

Saturday 22nd of June – 10.00am – 2.00pm
Saturday 20th of July – 10.00am – 2.00pm

If you are able to assist in any way or can attend one of our workshops, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you - See Miss Jeddha or Miss McCawley for more information.

TICKET SALES: If ordered your Wakakirri tickets through school, these will be distributed during the first week of Term 3.

If you missed the deadline for purchasing tickets through ANPS, you will need to contact the Clocktower Box Office 9243 9191 - these tickets will not be on sale until 19th July.

BLUE LIGHT DISCO for ages 9-15 years:
The next Williamstown Branch Blue Light Disco will be held tomorrow night, Friday 21st June @ 7:30pm - 9:30pm at the Newport Baptist Church Hall, 26 Mason Street Newport For further information regarding Blue Light Discos, please contact L/S/C Scott Sutton 9392 3272 or email willibluelight@yahoo.com.au.
End of Term 2 - Early Finish:
School Council has approved the finishing time for the end of Term 2, Friday 28th June, to be 1.30pm. (1.00pm assembly, with dismissal at 1.30pm). Staff will be able to use this extra time to complete room clean ups/filing/assessments, all of which need to be finalised by the end of the Term. Children will be dismissed before lunchtime and will only require a morning snack on this day.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CANTEEN:
Accounts were sent home to families recently and FULL PAYMENT was due last Monday, 17th June. We need to settle all accounts by the end of term.
If you owe money to the canteen, please ensure you pay it asap.
If you have any questions or concerns regarding this, please contact Coral in the canteen.

Woolworths Earn & Learn - the promotion has now come to a close. If you still have stickers at home, please send them to school so Coral can finalise this event for us.
A huge thank you to Coral on behalf of everyone for collating and counting all of our stickers.

UNIFORM REMINDER:
PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL ITEMS OF SCHOOL UNIFORM ARE CLEARLY MARKED WITH YOUR CHILD’S NAME!
We have many parents looking for jackets and jumpers which have been misplaced by students whilst at school. Without names on them it is impossible to ensure they are returned to the correct students. A white permanent marker or a white-out pen is ideal for this purpose.

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.

Opening Hours:
Tuesday & Wednesday Mornings
08:45am - 09:00am
Thursday Afternoons
3:00pm - 3:15pm

A current Uniform Order form is available to download from our website:
www.altonanorth.vic.edu.au

SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB:
The final issue of Bookclub for term 2 was distributed today.
Once again we would like to thank Mrs Liz Long, on behalf of the whole ANPS Community, for continuing to volunteer her time each month to co-ordinate Bookclub for us.

UNIFORM REMINDER:
The children love playing on, and in, the Surf Lifesaving Boat.
Lightning Premiership Soccer Tournament
Wednesday 19th June, 2013

View our newsletter online at www.altonanorth.vic.edu.au to see these pictures in colour.