Dear Parents and Families:

Welcome to this week’s newsletter.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS:
Congratualtions to all staff, students and parents for the smooth transition of valuable information last night. From a personal perspective, I really enjoyed bumping into so many families, saying hello and assisting with the ‘Vision and Values’ voting. Staff have already given me extremely positive feedback on the interviews and the challenge now is to put ‘future learning goals’ in place for your children, our students.

CAMP BAANYA BIAMI:
Deposits to secure places at our Grade 3-6 school camp in August were due in by today. We have a limited number of spaces still available if your child would like to attend this 3 day - 4 night experience.

Camp Baanya Biami is the most locally placed of all our camps and offers an exciting and enjoyable range of outdoor experiences with outstanding meals. The Messmaker family have been running camps for over 35 years in the local area and they understand the needs of students extremely well. We, (students and staff), have only ever had extremely positive experiences on attending Baanya Biami. If you want to know more then please speak with Miss Shiels or myself.

WAKAKIRRI:
The excitement continues to build as the final touches are put in place. Wakakirri is on stage at the Moonee Ponds Clocktower Theatre a mere three weeks into term three. Our make up crew are now in discussions over trying to achieve the best LOOK / FACE for each character and costumes are well under way. The production itself is being fine tuned and the level of concentration and commitment from staff and students is exemplary. Chookas as we continue the journey.

WAKKI STORY WRITING:
Recently Mr Raghdo and Miss Ousley finalised the Wakki story writing entries from Altona North Primary. Bill and Mal from S / 6R, along with Peggy from S / 6 O, are our successful entrants - congratulations. We are including a story in each of the next three newsletters and they will also be read at assembly. Thus, story writing / reading continues at ANPS.

OUT OF SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY:
Our social service subcommittee have arranged for tomorrow to be an out of uniform day in support of State School’s Relief. Students are reminded to dress suitably for this chilly winter weather and bring a gold coin donation.

State Schools relief do highly valued work in schools providing uniforms and clothing to those in need. When one considers the chilly weather we are currently experiencing, for most it is hard to imagine not having a decent pair of shoes, socks without holes, or a warm jumper / coat to wear.

Give a thought for those less fortunate than yourselves and donate a $2.00 coin instead of a $1.00 coin to support those in need.

EARLY DISMISSAL TOMORROW: A friendly reminder to everyone that all students will be dismissed from school at 1.30pm tomorrow afternoon for the end of term 2. As children will be dismissed before lunchtime, they only require a morning snack tomorrow. It would be wise to make this morning snack a slightly larger portion than normal.

The canteen will be open during recess as usual. Assembly will commence at 1.10pm in our hall.

SCHOOL GARDEN BEDS: Finally, I am delighted to announce that we are now ready to commence; in earnest, the construction of our student/school/community garden beds. It has been a long term goal for us to introduce these garden beds and then have students harvesting as well as cooking.

With the garden beds being constructed throughout the course of term three, it is hoped that we will get some vegetables in the ground in time for the good weather.

Our garden beds are to be constructed behind the hall next to the back portable. We are very fortunate to have the help of some gifted and keen parents as we move forward. More to come later.

Thought for the Week:

“Knowledge exists to be imparted”
Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Ralph was a wise person. What good is knowledge if we do not share it? One of the great benefits of sharing knowledge is to witness the learning and growth of others - adults and children alike. Try it in the holidays as you have the opportunity to relax and enjoy time with your family.

Have a great week,
Brendan O’Brien. Principal.
CAMP BAANYA BIAMI:

LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE for our Grade 3-6 Camp - August 13th - 16th.

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.

PAY YOUR DEPOSIT NOW!!

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THE AUSTRALIAN HEARING BUS
IS COMING TO LAVERTON:
Visit them to discuss your hearing needs and get a free hearing screening.

Laverton Community Hub
Wednesday 17th July 9am - 4pm
95-105 Railway Avenue
Laverton Victoria 3028
Ph: 03 9932 1000

PARENTS & FRIENDS:

Freddo Frog Chocolate Drive has now FINISHED.

All families who have sold a full carrier of chocolates and returned their money will have their names entered into the draw for a chance to win a $100 Kmart Gift Card. The winner will be drawn during Friday’s end of term assembly.

Our Freddo Frog drive raised $2850.00. Congratulations everyone!!

Biggest Morning Tea: Thank you to staff and families who participated in our Biggest Morning Tea last Monday morning. We raised $153 to help the Cancer Council provide research into new, improved cancer treatments, education and prevention programs and support services for patients and their families.

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HOUSE CERTIFICATES:

These certificates were presented at this week’s assembly.

100 NIGHTS OF READING:
1/2H:- Mohamed E, Cyndus,
1/2M:- Mfoofida
3/4T:- Tyrell,
3/4J:- Maryam,
5/6O:- Peggy

25 NIGHTS OF READING:
3/4J:- Asmaa

OTHER CERTIFICATES AWARDED WERE:
Prep K:- Aaron - for “his spelling.”
1/2K:- Najahh - for “using summarising strategies while reading.”
1/2M:- Meredith - for “demonstrating good listening and speaking skills.”
Eirini - for “always working to the best of her ability.”
Ahlam - for “taking care and pride in the presentation of your writing.”
Karma-Jade - for “taking care and pride in the presentation of your work.”
Eirini - for “persisting with all tasks.”
Ibrahim A - for “persisting with his writing.”
3/4J:- Rhay - for “a great start to his new school”.
3/4S:- Malak - for “persisting with her division problems and achieving success”.
Mohamad - for “his fantastic Australia project”.

SCHOOLKIDS BONUS:

Important news!
The second instalment of the Schoolkids Bonus for 2013 is $205 per child. This payment will be paid by Centrelink from 4 to 17 July. If you haven’t received your payment by 18 July, but think you’re eligible, please contact Centrelink to discuss your personal circumstances.

If you receive Family Tax Benefit as a lump sum the Schoolkids Bonus will be paid after your Family Tax Benefit claim is assessed.


ALTONA NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL
Prep 2014 Enrolments now being accepted.
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. Congratulations to everyone within our school community for collecting 15,590 stickers.

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

FUN WITH MISS Jedda:

THE YOGA LAB: MINI MOTION ADVENTURE WORKSHOPS With Miss Jedda:
-looking for something to do in the holidays? Come along to a special kids yoga and movement workshop with Miss Jedda!

Specially tailored yoga and dance sessions will be offered for Primary kids on the 10th and 11th of July, at the Yoga Lab in Brunswick.

Wed. 10th July: 9:30-10:30am - 5-7yr olds - $15
Our first workshop is designed specifically for children aged 5-7yrs. Exploring the seasonal change upon us, we will take creative, imaginative journeys of adventure in the snow to icy mountain landscapes, move and groove in ways that keep us warm when it’s chilly, and perhaps along the way, even have lunch with a polar bear!

Thur. 11th July: 1:30-2:30pm - 8-12yr olds - $15
This fun workshop for upper primary aged children explores the winter warmers theme with a focus on creative teamwork and movement in small groups, learning about ourselves and each other as we go. We will challenge our growing bodies and minds to build, bend, shape, twist, turn and create, doing things we never thought we could!

Bookings: Camilla@theyogalab.com.au
0421 916 802

A REMINDER FROM THE CANTEEN:

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WAKAKIRRI TICKET REMINDER:

Ticket Sales: If you 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.

ALTONA GATE SHOPPING CENTRE HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES:

Week 1 – Wednesday 3rd July
- Madagascar Stage Show – food court stage
- Show times; 11am and 1pm
- Meet and greet at 12noon

Week 2 – Monday 8th to Friday 12th July
- Kids Mini Herb Garden Workshops – Kmart mall
- Workshops at 11am, 12pm and 1pm – kids get to make and take home their own potted plants.
The Life of a Cake by Bill 5/6O

Once upon a time there was a boy named Spider. His school, (Qwerty Heights High), was holding a competition. The competition was that each student in the school had to write a persuasive piece of writing and the winner would get their article printed as part of the New York Times. In a week’s time, the whole school would gather together in the auditorium to present their work. The winner would be chosen using a “Cheer-o-meter” which detects sounds and records the Pa and dB, (those are the unit measurements for sound); in the end whoever got the loudest cheer would win.

Spider was really excited about this because his dream job was to become an author and this would get him off on the right foot. So Spider wrote day and night for a whole week, (that's out of school of course), he worked for a total of 48 hours. When the special day, came Spider was raring and ready to go. He was the last contestant and expectations were extremely high. When it was his turn he started to introduce himself by saying.

"Hi my name is Spider and this is my persuasive piece called The Life of a Cake."

He then read his article.

"The cake is an amazing thing. It can live for an average of 2 hours after placed into a cake cabinet inside a store. In large cities they would most likely live for roughly half an hour.

If you have not noticed yet, cakes are a lot like humans - there are sour ones, sweet ones, bitter ones, spicy ones and many more. The only difference is, that a cake is something people do not care about at all, well some people are fussy about flavours and looks but that's not the point - the point is, they just eat them. There are more things that we just do; like pollute the air, kill animals, litter the Earth, just one thing I would like to say WHY?! Just because you want to, the worst thing is when you hurt living things like plants and animals.

I bet now you’re thinking what does this have to do with cakes? I will tell you, where does flour come from? Where does butter come from? Where does sugar come from? Where does milk come from? Just tell me, where do all the ingredients come from?

Now I will clarify my message for you. My message is, just because you THINK you’re not hurting something doesn’t mean you’re not.”

Once Spider finished the crowd erupted with joy. Spider had won! The cheering was so loud it was a Pa and dB world record. The ceiling smashed and the school had to be evacuated but still, he had won the grand prize, (of getting his work in The New York Times), and he was on his way to becoming a great well known author.