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CAMP BAANYA BIAMI:
Our camp will be proceeding as planned, although we have only 28 students attending. We are able to proceed with the reduced numbers by utilizing our school bus and by hiring a HERTZ bus.

There are a few places left so if those parents who are still undecided about their children attending, please speak to Miss Shiels or our office staff.

CHOCOLATE DRIVE WINNER: On the last day of term 2, the P&F drew a winner from the Chocolate Drive. Aneeqa, (Prep K), was the lucky recipient of a $100 Kmart voucher. Congratulations to Aneeqa and thank you to everyone who supported this fundraising event which raised a grand total of $2,850.00

Earlier this week, Aneeqa came to show me her special holiday diary. We are sharing her entry for the last day of term with you all on page 2 of this newsletter. Another great example of ‘Story Writing’ alive and well. And what a great idea—to keep a diary of your holidays. So many fond memories in Aneeqa’s diary.

Thought for the Week:
“The illiterate of the twenty first century will not be those who cannot read and write, but those who cannot LEARN, UNLEARN, and LEARN”
Alvin Toffler.

This is an amazing message from a deep thinking person who understands the need to ‘move with the times’ to ‘use life as a life-long learning journey’.

Too often we get stuck with our learned ways and find it difficult to accept that there are new and improved ways of doing things, using technology as a tool to learning and a device to facilitate growth is a case in point. Too often students use technology for one purpose only; entertainment! Students need to learn to use technology to assist them in their learning, to discover better ways of doing things. Parents can model this OR guide them in the most effective ways of using technology. At the same time parents may in fact learn something valuable from their children.

Have a great week,
Brendan O’Brien. Principal.
CAMP BAANYA BIAMI: August 13th-16th:

**ALTONA NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL Prep 2014 Enrolments now being accepted.**

**LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE** for our Grade 3-6 Camp!!!

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 pre-requisite 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!!**

SCHOOL DISCO: Get ready for our FUNKY WITH FLURO themed whole school disco on Friday 23rd August 2013.

The ticket price is $7 per student. If there are 3 or more ANPS students within an immediate family, a family ticket is available for $15. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

**ONLY CURRENT ANPS STUDENTS CAN ATTEND THIS DISCO.**

The disco will be held in the Hall starting at 6:30pm and finishing at 8pm sharp. There will be a live DJ with all the latest music, great lighting, cool prizes and groovy glow-wear which will be for sale on the night. Please note, we will not be selling entry tickets on the night - pre-purchase of tickets only.

Full details, along with the ticket order form, will be sent home with students on Monday 5th August.

**Friday 28th June 2013:**

I won a one hundred dollar voucher.

I played with Kadija and her little sister and my little sister. My little sister is Umaiza.

In the evening I went to a big Kinder disco. I danced with my sister and with my Mum.

I was Happy.

WAKAKIRRI TICKETS:

If you ordered your Wakakirri tickets through school, these were distributed today, Thursday 18th July.

If you missed the deadline for purchasing tickets through ANPS, you will need to contact the Clocktower Box Office 9243 9191 - these tickets go on sale tomorrow, Friday 19th July.

SCHOOL PHOTOS:

CLASS PHOTOS: Students were given their photo packs to take home on Tuesday of this week. If you have not received your photos or have any questions or concerns with regard to your photos, please contact MSP directly on 5222 6747 or www.msp.com.au

SCHOOL CAPTAINS, HOUSE CAPTAINS, PEER LEADERS, CHOIR AND SPORT PHOTOS: Samples of these photos are on display in the side and rear windows of the office.

Orders and payments are due into the office by Friday 26th July. Orders cannot be accepted without payment. If you have any questions, please speak with Wendy in the front office.

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.


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