Dear Parents and Families:  
Welcome to this week’s newsletter.

**CANTEEN CLOSED:** This coming Monday, 5th August, the canteen will be CLOSED ALL DAY. Parents/Guardians are asked to please make sure they pack a snack and lunch for their children on this day as we will not be able to provide any assistance in this area.

**NATIONAL SCHOOL’S TREE PLANTING DAY:** Last Friday Mr Ragho and his band of student volunteers once again expertly managed a huge contribution to our school grounds and the local environment. Close to 300 plants were added to our existing gardens. "Well done again Mr Ragho and team!". Please take the time to have a look at the photographic display in building A next week.

**WAKAKIRRI:** On Monday evening, the 5/6 team performed in Wakakirri 2013 at the Moonee Ponds Clocktower Theatre.

Our performance served the Altona North community proudly, once again. This high standard performance is the result of the excellent work of our students, Miss Jedda, Miss McCawley, the 5 / 6 team and many other staff and parent helpers who contributed to the program.

The performance was ‘Brilliant, Spectacular, Engaging, Superbly Characterised, Colourful and as good as it gets!’

**CONGRATULATIONS** to everyone involved.

**CAMP BAANYA BIAIMI:** Last night we held our information evening for the families of students attending camp. It was a very informative session and I thank Miss Shiels, camp co-ordinator, for her thorough organisation once again. If you were unable to attend last night, copies of all information handed out have been given to your children today. Please ensure you read, and complete, the necessary paperwork and return it to Miss Shiels immediately. Final payment for camp is due by tomorrow, Friday 2nd August.

**ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL COMMUNITIES SPORT PROGRAM:** Please be aware that during camp week the Active After School Sport program **WILL NOT** be running. This affects the program for Prep-2 on Tuesday 13th August and Grades 3-6 on Friday 16th August.

**PARENT SURVEYS:** As mentioned in last week’s newsletter, a computer initiated and generated list of randomly selected ANPS families received parent surveys on Monday of this week. These surveys are due to be returned to school tomorrow - Friday 2nd August

Thank you to those who have already returned their completed surveys. Your input is very much appreciated.

**PUPIL FREE DAY:** Monday 2nd September will be a Pupil Free Day for ANPS as all staff will be participating in a Professional Development Day. Parents/Guardians are asked to please mark this date in your diaries and make the necessary arrangements in preparation for this day.

**YOUTH PARTNERSHIPS IN SCHOOLS:** As part of our Transition Program across the school, this term we are offering parents and students in the areas of Grades 3 to 6 the opportunity to attend a 2 hour session covering:

- Organisational skills
- Understanding personal and developmental changes
- Time management
- Goal setting
- Partnerships in education connecting learning at home and school
- Resilience building

This session is being held by a trained and experienced facilitator and run in conjunction with Youth Partnerships.

Notes containing full details of this session were sent home earlier this week to all G3-6 students. If you would like to know more, please speak with Mrs Gregson.

**PREP 2014:** A friendly reminder to families who have children turning 5 years of age before April 30th 2014 - **Now is the time to enrol your child for Prep 2014!**

It is not long now before I start to work out our staffing needs for 2014 and in doing so, it is imperative that all enrolments are lodged. Please make sure you have your child enrolled to guarantee their place at ANPS in 2014.

Have a great week,

**Brendan O’Brien. Principal.**
CAMP BAANYA BIAAMI UPDATE:

Prep 2014 Enrolments now being accepted.

ALTONA NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL DISCO: Get ready for our FUNKY IN FLURO themed whole school disco on Friday 23rd August 2013 6:30pm– 8:00pm. Gloware on sale from 6:30pm.

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 next Monday, 5th August.

PARENT OPINION SURVEY:

As mentioned in last week’s newsletter, our computer system has randomly selected 40 families to participate in this most important survey.

Mrs Gregson distributed these surveys on Monday 29th July, to students of the selected families. Please be assured, all information received is strictly confidential.

Please take the time to fill them in, and by all means, ask for help if you do need it. These are to be completed and returned to school by TOMORROW - Friday 2nd August.

Parents are reminded that students can only attend camp if full payment of $285 is made by no later than MONDAY 5TH AUGUST.

SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB:

Orders, along with payment, for Issue 5 of Bookclub were due back at school today, Thursday 1st August.

Mrs Long will be completing the process shortly. Students who have placed an order can therefore expect to receive their items in a couple of weeks time.

Once again, “Thank You” to Liz for continuing to volunteer her time to co-ordinate this each month.

SCHOOL PHOTOS:

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.

Families of children involved in these positions/teams are encouraged to please take the time to have a look at these photos. The photos are available for purchase at a cost of $16 each. These photos are a lovely addition to your child’s portfolio of keepsakes.

Orders and payments are due into the office by THIS Friday 2nd August. Orders cannot be accepted without payment. If you have any questions, please speak with Wendy in the front office.

AUSSIE OF THE MONTH - JULY:

Karma-Jade upholds the value of ‘consider others’, as well as other important values we reinforce at Altona North Primary School.

Karma-Jade started Grade 2 in 2013 at Altona North Primary School, after arriving in Australia from New Zealand. She is a very capable student who strives for excellence in her learning and is willing to take risks with challenging tasks. Karma-Jade will ask questions to further her learning and uses the opportunities outside of the classroom to extend herself. Karma-Jade is a respectful student who is also quite resilient.

Congratulations Karma-Jade on receiving your Aussie of the Month!!
The 2nd instalment of EMA for 2013 will be processed shortly. Successful applications made at the beginning of 2013 will automatically be rolled over to receive the 2nd instalment.

Families who have a current Pension or Health Care card and have NOT made a claim at ANPS must complete the application by Friday 2nd August. (New Pension or Health Care cards must be valid as of 15th July 2013.) Please present your card at the school office and complete the application form. Late applications are rarely accepted.

The 2nd instalment is a payment to the parent of $60 for Prep Grade Students and $45 for Students in Grades 1 to 6. Please note: As with the 1st Instalment, the school does NOT receive an equal portion.

Payment can be made to the parent in the form of a cheque or a direct deposit. Alternatively you can elect to direct the payment to the school and your EMA can be used to pay for this year’s swimming program, school uniform or allocated to pay for some of the booklist/class supplies for 2014.

If you have any queries please contact Bev at the office.

Miss Jackson distributed catalogues to all families this week. If you would like to make a purchase, please complete and return your order form to the school office by Friday 2nd August and we will place the order on your behalf.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH as we do not process the payment at school. You must pay by Credit Card / Cheque / Money Order.

Delivery of products to ANPS is expected to take place during the week commencing 26th August.

These certificates were presented at this week’s assembly.

100 NIGHTS OF READING:
Prep K:- Aedan, Sridhar
1/2H:- Sara, Aneeqa
1/2K:- Deacon
3/4S:- Chloe
3/4T:- Rayan
5/6O:- Zakarii

OTHER CERTIFICATES AWARDED WERE:
Prep P:- Christian - for “excellent setting out to solve a maths task.”
Prep K:- Aneeqa - for “using great expression when reading.”
        George - for “confidently reading a book to the class all on his own.”
        Jack - for “using great expression when reading a book to the class.”
        Houssam - for “persisting in learning the letter names.”
        Destiny - for “her wonderful listening.”
        Jana - for “honesty in handing in money.”
        Judy - for “challenging herself in maths.”
        Jess - for “taking care and pride in her work.”

1/2M:- Ibrahim T. - for “persisting with all tasks and making good progress.”
       Mfoofida - for “practising excellent reading behaviours.”
       Jalal - for “sounding out words aloud to help with his writing.”
       Afnun - for “practising very good independent reading behaviours.”

1/2H:- Josie for “honesty in handing in money.”
1/2K:- Eva for “practicing her reading goal.”
3/4S:- Charlie for “his procedural text on how to become a millionaire.”
5/6O:- Terry for “being the master of multiplication.”

Taking a well-earned break and getting some fresh air between rehearsals.
TREE PLANTING @ ANPS
FRIDAY 26th JULY
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