Dear Parents and Families:

Welcome to this week’s newsletter.

CAMP BAANYA BIAMI:

Students and Staff going on camp next Tuesday are getting very excited. We are hearing lots of talk regarding activities, disco, music, food etc. Ms. Shiels, Mrs. Blunt, Wendy Curran, Ms. Ousley and Rob Avolino are the staff who will be attending this year. Ms. Shiels and her team have done a wonderful job of organising this camp along with everything else that is involved in making your child’s camp an everlasting memory. Wishing all a great time and loads of fun next week. Let’s all hope the sun is shining for the camp.

Due to staff attending camp, the Specialist Timetable has been modified to accommodate these changes so your children may have specialists on different days.

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 NOW.

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

YOUTH PARTNERSHIPS IN SCHOOLS:

Last night we held a Parent, Teacher & Student information session. Thank you to those families of students in grades 3-6 who braved the elements and took part. It was a very informative night looking at school home relationships and preparing our children for not only secondary school but home relationships and preparing our children for not only secondary school but home relationships and preparing our children for not only secondary school but home.

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BREAKFAST CLUB:

A big thank you must go to the Community Bank and Altona Rotary for their continued support of our Breakfast Club. If you would like to know more about the Breakfast Club please talk to me for further information.

100 DAYS OF SCHOOL:

The Prep Unit is celebrating 100 Days of School next Monday. How exciting reaching the milestone of 100 days. Parents, how quickly this time flies!!!! I can remember YOUR anxious faces at transition and the beginning of the year. Now you have made it through your child’s first hundred days CONGRATULATIONS!!

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BUILDING RESILIENCE:

Dr. Anrew Fuller’s 10 hints for Creating Resilient Families:

1. Promote a sense of belonging.
2. Have some down time.
3. Rediscover ‘family rituals’.
4. Encourage spontaneity and curiosity.
5. Love kids for their differences.
6. Make it clear who is in charge—NOT your child’s friend.
7. Be consistent!
8. Teach the skills of self esteem.
9. Know how to resolve difference.
10. Keep your child interested in learning from you.

Have a great week,
Robyn Gregson. Assistant Principal.
**PARENTS & FRIENDS:**

Full details, along with the ticket order form, went home with the eldest/only student earlier this week.

**SCHOOL DISCO:** Get ready for our FUNKY IN FLIRO 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-ware 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.

**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.

**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 Mr O’Brien starts to work out 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.

**PREPS celebrate 100 days at school:**

Today, Thursday 8th August is the 100th day of school for our Prep students. Class parties and celebrations will be taking place next Monday 12th August.

**REMINDERS FROM LAST WEEK’S PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE:**

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**ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL COMMUNITIES SPORT:**

Please REMEMBER the Active After School Sport program WILL NOT be running next week. This affects the program for Prep-2 on Tuesday 13th August and Grades 3-6 on Friday 16th August.

**CAMP BAANYA BIAMI UPDATE:**

Camp Baanya Biami - it is getting closer!!

Don’t forget to refer to the PINK forms on your fridge when packing your bag - there are lots of helpful hints and reminders on the pink forms.

Parents are reminded that students can only attend camp if full payment of $285 has been made.

**eSmart:**

Altona North Primary School has now commenced it’s eSmart journey. eSmart is a cybersafety and cyberbullying system developed by The Alannah and Madeline Foundation to assist school communities to promote the safe, smart and responsible use of digital technologies, manage cybersafety and deal with cyberbullying and bullying if the need ever arises. An eSmart committee has been established which includes, Jason Henry, Robyn Gregson, Lee Blunt, Tara Gibbon and Kevin Dunn ( a parent from our School Council). These members have met already and discussed how the program will be implemented across the school. It is expected that every government school will commence eSmart by the end of 2013.

If you would like more information, you can visit the school’s website or feel free to discuss eSmart with one of our committee members above.

**PREP CELEBRATIONS:**

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The next Farmers Market to be held at Altona Primary School will be on SATURDAY 17TH AUGUST.

Please help support your local community.

For more information telephone 9398 2925.