Dear Parents and Families:

Welcome to this week’s newsletter.

Week 6 of term and so much has happened already. This week as you would have noticed the weather has been kinder to us but the days are still very cold. Please ensure your children are dressed appropriately for those icy days. I am still seeing children in shorts and polo shirts shivering outside because they have forgotten their jumpers.

**CAMP BAANYA BIAMI:**
A wonderful 4 day experience for everyone who attended. Both students and staff have come back buzzing with stories and excitement over their attendance at camp. It seems the giant slide and the flying fox were hands down winners, but many of the other activities came up as being very close to best.

Thankyou to our students for their excellent behaviour on camp. This has been commented on by all staff who attended. Just goes to show what great kids we have here at ANPS!

A BIG thankyou to Miss Shiels for her coordination of our camp and to Mrs. Blunt, Miss Ousley, Rob and Wendy for giving so generously of their time and enthusiasm in support of our students. Well done to all!!!

**P&F DISCO:**
DON’T forget, tomorrow night starting at 6:30pm and finishing at 8pm is the “Funky in Fluro” Disco for current ANPS students hosted by the P&F. Tickets must be pre-purchased, no ticket sales at the door. Parents/Guardians, please remember to walk your children into the hall and sign them in at the start of the disco. You MUST ALSO come into the hall to sign out and collect your children at 8pm when the disco finishes.

**FATHER’S DAY STALL:**
Next Thursday, 29th August, the P&F are holding the annual Father’s Day Stall. The Parents and Friends do a wonderful job running the Father’s Day stall for our students, so please support their hard work. There are loads of quality items on sale for a range of prices.

**LITERACY & NUMERACY WEEK:**
This very exciting week of wonderful activities starts with a whole school assembly on Monday 9th September and concludes with a whole school Book/Movie Character Parade on Friday 13th September. We will also be holding an Open Evening, followed by a pizza super, on Wednesday 11th September.

Details of the full week’s events will be sent home with students shortly.

The Literacy and Numeracy week committee, coordinated by Mrs. Touma, are working very hard to ensure that the whole week is action packed and full of exciting events for all.

I urge parents to come along on the Wednesday night and be challenged by the Numeracy learnt by your children, it’s not always as easy as you think it might be. The challenge is on!!!

**LATENESS:**
We still have many students coming to school late. ANPS starts at 8:45 sharp. It is also important socially for your child/children to be at school ten minutes prior to the bell. This is the time social skills are developed and they are able to have a run and play before settling down to work for the day.

One of the main reasons given for being late is Mum or Dad was running late or slept in. Parents, you really need to have your child at school on time as part of their education, long life learning and respect for being on time in later life.

This checklist may help:

- Are bags packed the night before?
- Is there time for a healthy breakfast?
- Are clothes laid out the night before?
- Set the alarm clock
- Is homework finished and packed the night before?
- Are lunches ready?

Checking on these things will help organise your routine and ensure things run smoothly of a morning.

I hope you all have a sensational weekend and let’s hope Melbourne have a win this week!!!!

Have a great week,
Robyn Gregson. Assistant Principal.
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 6:15pm.

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-purchased tickets only.

FATHER’S DAY STALL: Parents & Friends will be holding their Father’s Day Stall on Thursday 29th August. Gifts available for sale will soon be on display in the cabinets near the office. Gifts will be priced from $2 - $7. Please remember to send a bag with your child to take their purchases home in. (School library bags are good for this purpose.)

ARE YOU AVAILABLE TO HELP WITH THE STALL?
If you hold a current Working with Children Check and are available to assist with the stall, please contact the office.

A reminder for all families that a Working with Children Check is required for you to assist with any event held at ANPS. Please speak with the office ladies for full details.

PREP NEWS:
On Wednesday the Prep’s Grade 3 buddies came to visit during eating time. While eating their lunch, the children enjoyed reading the cards they had written to their buddy. The prep children are already excited about seeing their buddies again!

PYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS:
The School Sport Victoria – Altona District - Athletics Carnival is being held on Tuesday 3rd September at the Newport Athletics Track. All students who have been selected for the ANPS Team have received permission and medical forms, along with a list of the events they are participating in. Families of participating students are asked to please read the information thoroughly and return forms by Friday 30th August. Families are also encouraged to meet us at the venue, in North Road Newport, to cheer our team on.

Notes have gone home to all students this week regarding our Term 4 swimming program. This year we have opted to run two separate programs. The first is an Intensive 10 Day Program held at the Laverton Leisure Centre for students in Grades Prep - 4. The second is an alternate program for the students in Grades 5-6 which is a Lifesaving Victoria Beach Program.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding either of these messages, please speak with Miss Shiels.

MUSIC & PERFORMING ARTS NEWS:
Our ANPS Choir and Instrumental Groups have a very busy time coming up.

Our Junior and Senior Choirs have the Hobson’s Voice performance at Williamstown Town Hall on Sunday the 8th of September. This special event is lead by Doug Heywood. Students will come together to perform with other local school choirs.

Tickets are available online at http://www.hobsonsbaytickets.com.au or on the day for $10 at the door. The performances will begin from 2:00pm and we would love to see you there!

The students will also be performing at Festival Of Performing Arts (FOPA) on Wednesday the 4th of September. The performance will be held at Carranballac College - Jamieson Way Campus in Point Cook. Parents are welcome to come and watch to support our Junior and Senior Choirs and Instrumental Group who will be performing between 10:30am-12:00pm.

Literacy & Numeracy week will take place from Monday September the 9th - Wednesday the 13th. Stay tuned for more details regarding the choir & instrumental group’s participation. - Miss Jedda & Miss McCawley
EXCITING NEWS FROM 3/4J:

Last month we entered a Scholastic Bookclub competition. It was about how we recycle old Bookclub magazines in our classroom. We took photos of our recycled bookmarks, hats, paper jets, 3D shapes and Ned Kelly costumes... and we won! Our prize was 4 new bright coloured recycle bins.

By Fatima (3/4J)

EMA: Second Installment:

The second half of Education Maintenance Allowance, EMA, has now been paid. If you opted to have a cheque for this sent to the school, please visit the office to collect it. If you opted to have it paid electronically into your bank account, please check your bank statement and finally if you opted to have it paid directly to the school, please contact the office to check your balance. You may have funds available to assist with Swimming or 2014 EES.

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Jarrod trying to catch a “Yabbie”.

Kaiesha enjoyed her “Archery” experience.

Alex, Liam, Scott, Ali & Adam in their “Hut”.

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