Dear Parents and Families:

Welcome to this week’s newsletter.

Well, the weather has shown some improvement and the students have been extremely happy being able to play in the sunshine. Next Tuesday is the start of our compulsory “Hat Wearing” season. Please ensure your child has their ANPS Sunsmart hat with them everyday from next week until the end of the school year.

Reflecting on the past week, and looking ahead for the remainder of the term, there has been so much happening and going to happen. I would like to thank all the staff for their constant work and enthusiasm making sure students are challenged, and engaged with excellent learning opportunities.

P&F DISCO:

Last Friday evening the Parents and Friends held our annual disco. This year’s theme was “Funky in Fluro” and boy, was it amazing to see all the students turning up in their disco gear. From the Macarena to Gangnam Style, we were entertained by some great dancing and singing.

P&F sold lots of glow in the dark items. The hall was ablaze with glowing bracelets and flashing necklaces.

Thankyou to the popcorn “Queens” in the kitchen and to all the Parents, Friends and Staff who worked hard to put this stall together in order to help us celebrate Father’s Day.

FATHER’S DAY STALL:

The P&F held their annual Father’s Day Stall this morning. They have decided to open the stall again TOMORROW morning for those students who were unable to make a purchase today.

I was able to buy some terrific presents also! We as busy parents are “shutting the book on bedtime reading”. Two-thirds of the parents surveyed said they read to their kids less than once a week by the time they turned five.

Research shows that bedtime stories helped a child’s reading, critical thinking, listening and speaking skills.

The challenge, this week, is for parents to read to your children at least three times. I’m sure the children will let me know if you managed to meet the challenge!!!!

Next week at ANPS starting off with:

- **PUPIL FREE DAY** Monday, 2nd September; Professional Development Day for all ANPS Staff.
- **DISTRICT ATHLETICS** on Tuesday, 3rd September for selected students;
- **F.O.P.A. (Festival Of Performing Arts)**: on Wednesday, 4th September for the Choir & Instrumental Groups;
- **PREP EXCURSION** to Scienceworks on Thursday 5th September.
- **1/2 SLEEPOVER** on Friday 7th September.
- **FATHER’S DAY** for choir students being held at the Williamstown Town Hall on Sunday 8th September - 9am-4:45pm

I hope you all have a great weekend. Rest up for a busy week ahead.

**DON’T FORGET NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY**,

Have a great week,

Robyn Gregson, Assistant Principal.
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 supper, on Wednesday 11th September.

Details of the full week’s events are included in this newsletter.

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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 though to Grade Four.

The second is an alternate program for the students in Grades Five-Six which is a Lifesaving Victoria Beach Program.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding either of these programs, please speak with Miss Shiels.
LITERACY & NUMERACY WEEK AT ANPS

**MONDAY 9th September – FRIDAY 13th September 2013**

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<td><strong>Assembly</strong>&lt;br&gt;You are invited to see how literacy and numeracy is integrated into our specialist programs.</td>
<td>School Hall</td>
<td><strong>Monday 9th September</strong>&lt;br&gt;Starting from 8.45 am</td>
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<td><strong>Open Morning</strong>&lt;br&gt;We warmly welcome you into our classrooms to observe and participate in literacy activities. Following the Open Morning, you are invited to join our staff and other parents/carers for a chat and a cup of tea/coffee and biscuits.</td>
<td>Classrooms&lt;br&gt;Hall Foyer</td>
<td>After Morning Assembly&lt;br&gt;10.45am -11.15am</td>
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<td><strong>Buddy Day</strong>&lt;br&gt;Classes from across the school will buddy up to do a number of activities. The Better Buddies program between the preps and grade 3 students will also occur on this day.</td>
<td>In various classrooms</td>
<td><strong>Tuesday 10th September</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Student Organised Activities</strong>&lt;br&gt;Throughout the week, our Peer Leaders will be organising and running activities for students during recess and lunchtimes.** “Wall of Hands” Fundraiser**&lt;br&gt;Throughout the week students will be encouraged to make donations towards the “Wall of Hands” campaign, raising funds to provide literacy resources for Indigenous children in the remote communities of the Northern Territory. For each gold coin donation the students will trace their hand and place it on their house colour wall.</td>
<td>In various areas around the school</td>
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<td><strong>Open Evening</strong>&lt;br&gt;We strongly encourage you to join us on the night as you and your child have the opportunity to conduct and participate in a variety of numeracy games that can also become home activities. Warm up games and maths games in general, are an important component of the school’s curriculum and have proven to improve vital maths skills and engage students in all areas of numeracy. Afterwards you join the staff for supper.</td>
<td>Library&lt;br&gt;In classrooms&lt;br&gt;Staff Room</td>
<td><strong>Wednesday 11th September</strong>&lt;br&gt;Introduction&lt;br&gt;5pm - 5.30pm&lt;br&gt;5.30 - 6.30pm&lt;br&gt;Supper&lt;br&gt;6.30-7pm</td>
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<td><strong>Whole School House Colour Reading Buddy Day</strong>&lt;br&gt;Students will have the opportunity to read with their buddies from their house colours across the whole school.</td>
<td>Venue to be selected</td>
<td><strong>Thursday 12th September</strong>&lt;br&gt;9 am – 9.45 am</td>
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<td><strong>Book Character / Movie Parade</strong>&lt;br&gt;Teachers and students will have the opportunity to dress in their favourite book/movie character. This is your chance to be creative using spare items around your house to make your spectacular costume.</td>
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