Dear Parents and Families:

Welcome to this week’s newsletter and a big welcome back to Mr O’Brien from his trip to America. He certainly has returned all refreshed and full of beans! Please make sure you take the time to ask him about his trip as he would love to tell you all about his experiences.

Well, we have had another busy week of wonderful educational events at A.N.P.S. with more to come next week. I wouldn’t be surprised if you get exhausted just reading about it all!

Hopefully we will see you at one of our Open Sessions during Literacy and Numeracy Week next week. Your attendance and involvement adds to the excitement for your child and helps to make the week a success for us all.

**DISTRICT ATHLETICS** On Tuesday of this week 38 students from grades 3-6 proudly represented our school in the Altona District Sports Carnival. All of our students are to be congratulated for their wonderful behaviour and their enthusiasm. They all tried their hardest in their events and provided each other with encouragement and support.

Congratulations to Peggy, in particular, (pic over page), for receiving a first place in the discus event. Peggy now qualifies for the Hobson’s Bay Division Voice event. We are sure their performance will be another resounding success. We wish them all the best. Thank-you once again to our 2 dedicated Performing Arts teachers, Miss Jedda and Miss McCawley, for their support of the choirs. Thank-you also to the staff members who will be helping out on the day.

**F.O.P.A. (Festival Of Performing Arts):** Yesterday our Junior and Senior Choirs, along with the Instrumental group, took part in F.O.P.A. at Carramballac College, Point Cook. Mr O’Brien watched the students perform and exuberantly reported back that the students’ singing and instrumental performances were outstanding.

Thank-you to Miss Jedda and Miss McCawley for their great work with the students and to Mr Raghdo for his support on the day.

**PREP EXCURSION** to Scienceworks took place today. All of our Prepies excitedly climbed aboard the bus to take them on their adventure to Scienceworks. The Preps visit was full of engaging and fun learning activities that they will be talking and writing about back in their classrooms. What a wonderful learning opportunity! Thank-you to Mrs Paterson, Mrs Kam and their helpers for making the day such a success.

**1/2 SLEEPOVER** Tomorrow night grade 1/2 students will be having a sleepover in our school hall. The grade 1/2 team have a variety of fun activities planned for the event. This is a perfect step into preparing students for camp when they reach grade 3.

Thank-you to Miss Kehoe, Mrs Myszka and Mr Henry for their planning and attendance and thank-you to the other staff members who are also supporting the sleepover. Hopefully everyone will get a good night’s sleep.

**HOBSON’S VOICES,** for our choir students, is being held at the Williamstown Town Hall this Sunday, 8th September - 9am-4:45pm.

The choir students have been very busy performing in our local community and will again be performing at the Hobson’s Voice event. We are sure their performance will be another resounding success. We wish them all the best. Thank-you once again to our 2 dedicated Performing Arts teachers, Miss Jedda and Miss McCawley, for their support of the choirs. Thank-you also to the staff members who will be helping out on the day.

**LITERACY & NUMERACY WEEK:** Next week is our annual Literacy and Numeracy Week. We have lots of activities organised for the week, some of which involves our school community. The week kicks off with special performances and presentations at our School Assembly. Assembly begins next Monday at 8:45am. This will be followed by an Open Morning with visits to classrooms where you can participate in Literacy activities with your child/children. From 10:45-11:15 you can join us for morning tea in the hall foyer where you can chat with staff, other parents and visitors.

We also have our Open Evening next Wednesday, 11th September from 5pm-7pm. The night will have a Numeracy focus where your child/children can enjoy each others company playing maths games together. The evening will finish off with a Pizza Supper. Please remember to return the purple attendance slip indicating the number of people coming and staying for supper. This will assist us greatly with our catering arrangements.

Please take the opportunity to attend one or both of our Open Sessions. This is the perfect opportunity for you to learn more about how your child learns.

We also have a Book/Movie Character Parade next Friday 13th September to finish off the week. Students and staff will be dressing as their favourite book/movie character. You are invited to attend the parade and join in the fun by dressing up too.

Children love to have their families visit them at school. Please take this time to come along and be involved and also help make our Literacy and Numeracy week a great success. Page 4 of this newsletter contains a running sheet of the week’s activities.

**Have a great week,**

*Lee Blunt - Leading Teacher.*
LITERACY & NUMERACY WEEK:  
9th - 13th September

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.

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.

Parents are invited 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!!

Have you started preparing your costume for the Book / Movie Character Parade?

CONGRATULATIONS PEGGY!

WHEN:  
Thursday 19th September

TIME:  
5:00pm – 6:30pm

WHERE:  
Altona North Primary School Amphitheatre

WHAT TO BRING:  
A picnic rug and a plate of food to share with everyone.

Hope to see you there!

REMINDER FROM THE ART ROOM:

2013 ILLUSTRATION COMPETITION - Friends of Altona Libraries. Theme - “What’s the Story”

Create a piece of artwork inspired by your favourite book using any medium. Illustrators use pen, paper, crayon, chalk, collage, photography, paint, graphic design and a little tender loving care to tell the author’s story. Every picture tells a story, so what’s the story?

The competition is open to all interested students. Prizes included are between $30 - $80 vouchers and one book for People’s choice.

A Christmas card cover design can also be submitted with your entry. Entries close on Wednesday 16th October.

See Mrs. Morgan for more details and entry forms or go to http://libraries.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au

PREP FAMILY PICNIC:

WHEN:  
Next Wednesday, 11th September @ 2:30pm

WHERE:  
ANPS School Support Centre  
(old Dental Unit located next to Jnr Playground)

WHAT:
Men’s, Women’s, Babies, Toddler’s, Children’s Clothing.  
Handbags, Shoes, Bedding, Stroller.

Please bring your own plastic bags to take items home in.

Janet Greenwood, Community Support Worker.

2nd Hand Giveaway:
Williamstown Swimming and Life Saving Club (WS&LSC) runs a Nippers Program for children aged 5-14 years. Nippers start learning about surf awareness and safety through the Surf Life Saving Education Program.

The program is conducted on a Friday afternoon at Williamstown beach. The season begins in November and runs through to March, stopping for Christmas and January.

To participate in the nipper program, families are required to join the WS&LSC. (New Family membership starts from $270). Membership gives you access to the clubhouse and toilets, the boards and the swimming pool. All members 18 years and over are required to have a Working With Children Check prior to their membership being accepted.

Information sessions
Saturday 14th September 2 – 5pm  Sunday 15th September 2 – 5pm  Saturday 5th October 2 – 5pm

New Member Welcome Day
Sunday 6th October 2 – 5pm

For further information, see our website www.williamstownslsc.org.au or contact Matt McCarroll on 0438 457 246.

ALTONA LITTLE ATHLETICS – Season 2013/14 Competing in the National School Cross Championships on Saturday 31st August in Launceston, Tasmania, Matthew Hussey (U/12 boys) won a silver medal with Brodie Hicks (U/10 boys) achieving a top 10 finish. With both boys being the current state champions and with Matthew having been selected as the team captain, it proves once again what a successful breeding ground the Altona Little Athletics Centre is for young athletes.

If you would like your child to realise their potential then why not consider joining the Altona Little Athletics Centre, where the key objectives are family, fun and fitness.

As well as participating in the weekly programmes, athletes will have the opportunity to compete in our end of season Centre Championships as well as compete in the regional and state competition.

If you would like your child to realise their ‘personal bests’ then why not consider joining the Altona Little Athletics Centre, where the key objectives are family, fun and fitness. For more information please go to www.altonalac.com.au or call Kylie on 0439 366 199 from Altona Little Athletics Centre.

ALTONA LIFE SAVING CLUB SIGN UP DAY 2011 / 2012 SEASON The Altona Life Saving club (ALSC) is holding their annual SIGN UP DAY:
When: 16th October 2011 10am -12noon
Where: The Altona Life Saving Club 127 The Esplanade Altona.
Details on how to join can be found on the Altona LSC Website.
For any further information please contact the Club via email or on 0423 644 248.
### 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>Monday 9th September&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>Tuesday 10th September</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.</td>
<td>In various areas around the school</td>
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<td><strong>“Wall of Hands” Fundraiser</strong>&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>
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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 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>Wednesday 11th September&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>Bayside Altona North Choir Performance:</strong> The Grade 3-6 students of ANPS will be entertained our visitors.</td>
<td>School Hall</td>
<td>Thursday 12th September&lt;br&gt;9:30am</td>
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<td><strong>Book/Movie Character Parade:</strong> 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. <strong>Whole School House Colour Reading Buddy Day:</strong> 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>Friday 13th September&lt;br&gt;9 am</td>
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Rainwater diverter & frog bog workshop
Sunday 15 September, 10.00am — 12.30pm
Altona North Primary School
Cresser St, between 5th and 7th Avenue, Altona North

Do you have questions about where to put your rainwater diverter and how to get the best use out of it? Would you like to learn how to use rainwater to create a frog bog to provide habitat for some of Hobson Bay’s endangered frog species? Then this is the workshop for you! As an extra treat, go on a tour of the amazing eco-features at Altona North PS, see the hardworking worm factory and the native birds that have returned since the students have planted hundreds of trees.

FREE EVENT - Bookings essential at
www.mysmartgarden.eventbrite.com.au or call 9932 1000