**From the Assistant Principal**

**Dear Parents and Families:**

**HOBSONS BAY DIVISION ATHLETICS:**

We wished Peggy T well as she headed off to participate in today’s Finals Discus event. Congratulations Peggy in your continued success.

**STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE:**

Parents / Guardians are asked to be aware that the Department of Education DOES NOT provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents / Guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs. Insurance policies to cover these services are available from commercial insurers.

**2013 PREP FAMILY PICNIC TONIGHT:**

Our annual Prep Picnic is being held tonight and I am looking forward to seeing lots of our Preps with their families for a night of fun and games.

Thank you to Mrs. Paterson and Mrs Kam for the work they have put into tonight’s event. If the weather is cold or wet we will be having our picnic in the main hall so see you all there.

**END OF TERM - EARLY DISMISSAL TOMORROW:**

A friendly reminder to everyone that all students will be dismissed from school at 1.30pm tomorrow afternoon for the end of term 3. As children will be dismissed before lunchtime, they only require a morning snack tomorrow. It would be wise to make this morning snack a slightly larger portion than normal.

The canteen will only be open during recess. Assembly will commence at 1.10pm in our hall.

**OUT OF UNIFORM DAY:**

Tomorrow we are celebrating the end of term, with a “Footy Themed” Out of Uniform Day. Students & Staff are asked to bring a gold coin donation in support of Cancer Research. In order to remain within the lines of our SUNSMART Policy, school hats must be worn as usual and students are not to wear sleeveless footy jumpers, a t-shirt with sleeves underneath is acceptable.

**CONGRATULATIONS:**

I would like congratulate ALL of our staff for the excellence in teaching and learning that is happening at Altona North Primary School.

Our students are being constantly challenged and supported right across the school and the curriculum. This is evident in the work the students are displaying and also in the latest NAPLAN results.

Those students who participated in the Grade 3 NAPLAN in 2011 and the Grade 5 NAPLAN 2013 at our school, exceeded State growth in 4 out of 5 areas - with one area having 47% growth above that of the State. The other area was equal to State growth!

A BIG CONGRATULATIONS to all staff, students and parents for your hard work in making our students the best they can be.

I would like to wish everyone a wonderful and safe holiday. Good luck to all who are following the footy and I hope your team wins on the big day.

For Mr. O’Brien—“go cats”

Have a great holiday,

Robyn Gregson, Assistant Principal
PLANNING A SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION TO SECONDARY SCHOOL:

1. A workshop for parents and educators to develop a transition plan for young people SIGNIFICANT LEARNING DIFFICULTIES moving from Primary to Secondary School.
   Presented by Grace Terrill, Psychologist Hobsons Bay Student Support Services & Sandra Younghusband, Integration Coordinator, Bayside P-12 College - Williamstown.
   Date: Monday 14th October (Term 4, week 2)
   Venue: Sadie McCarthy Learning Centre, 227 Civic Parade Altona.
   Time: 9am - 12noon
   RSVP by Monday 16th September.
   Please note: Places are limited so please RSVP as soon as possible. For further information please contact Grace Terrill 9398 4676 or terrill.grace.g@edumail.vic.gov.au

2. A workshop for parents and educators to develop a transition plan for young people with SOCIAL - EMOTIONAL OR BEHAVIOURAL DIFFICULTIES moving from Primary to Secondary School.
   Presented by Karen Trevorrow, Snr Psychologist, Hobsons Bay Student Support Services & Grace Terrill, Psychologist Hobsons Bay Student Support Services.
   Date: Thursday 17th October (Term 4, week 2)
   Venue: Sadie McCarthy Learning Centre, 227 Civic Parade Altona.
   Time: 9am - 12noon
   RSVP by Monday 16th September.
   Please note: Places are limited so please RSVP as soon as possible. For further information please contact Grace Terrill 9398 4676 or terrill.grace.g@edumail.vic.gov.au

BOOK/MOVIE CHARACTER DAY:

When we went into the hall, I felt nervous. When the other grades were sitting down and we went up I was nervous when everyone was staring at me. I was dressed up as Alice in Wonderland. I looked so pretty and I was wearing my special dress. I was spinning around in circles in the hall when the music was playing. I saw my cousin and I saw her dressed up as Little Red Riding Hood. I had fun in the hall because we were dancing and we showed everyone our costumes and we saw who had the best costume on. I saw lots of funny costumes and Miss Jackson was dressed up as Captain Underpants. It was very funny the way she dressed up. It was even funny the way Mr O’Brien dressed up and I laughed at Mrs Gregson’s present and Mr O’Brien’s present too.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

ARTZ COLLECTIVE - Where Stars are Made: Future Stars in training! Drama, Singing, Break/Irish/Tap Dancing and more. Age specific classes for Kinder, Preps and Grade 1 up to Teenagers.

For more information: Telephone 9939 6320 Email: admin@artzcollective.com.au www.artzcollective.com.au Studio: Unit 2/59-61 Hudsons Road, Spotswood.

HERB & VEGIE FUNDRAISER: Do you want to grow your own Herbs and Vegies? Don’t go out and buy your seedlings just yet……… Monday 21st October P&F will be starting a “LIVING FUNDRAISER” which is selling Organic Herb & Vegetable Kits for only $6 each. Full details will be sent home with the eldest child in each family or you can visit the website to check out this wonderful fundraiser www.livingfundraisers.com.au

SHOPPING TOUR: On Saturday 16th November we will be departing ANPS at 07:30am for a fun filled day of shopping at various outlets around the Richmond / Brunswick area. The cost is $40 per head. If you would like to know more, please contact Corie via the office.