Dear Parents and Families:

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS:
At the close of nominations for Council we have been fortunate to have all positions filled. May I take this opportunity to thank our nominated Councillors for putting up their hands to support our students. Well done.

Nominated and duly elected candidates for Parent positions are:
- Toula Papaioannou
- Natalie Barlas
- Antonija Mell
- Ann Boileau-Evans

Teacher position:
- Miss Shiels

On behalf of the school community I would like to extend thanks to Vanessa Hardie for her long term commitment to our Council. Vanessa was President, Treasurer and Council member during her period on Council and was a valued member who will be missed. I would also like to thank Mr Raghdo for his service to our community as a staff representative.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE:
Parents are reminded that the school and the Department of Education do NOT provide accident insurance for students whilst at school, on excursions, swimming, sporting programs or on camps.

For your information: reasonably low cost accident insurance policies are available from commercial insurers.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS:
Next Wednesday, 27th Feb, afternoon / evening we will be expecting to see all parents at school to meet their children's teacher for 2012. This is a wonderful opportunity to share information so that your child’s time at school can be maximised.

If you have not already made a time with your child’s teacher please do so immediately.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL:
Yesterday our swimmers braced the wet and cold to participate in the ADSSA carnival. Congratulations to our swimmers on their wonderful efforts on the day. Well done to Ashkin for placing third and being presented a ribbon for his effort. A big thank you to Miss Shiels for her co ordination, to Mr Jaggard for his support and to Peggy and Abdullah mother’s for helping out. Thanks also to the families of Victoria, Alex, Moa, Liam, Kristen, Mikaela, Charlie and TaiPan for coming along in support. (12 in all which is fantastic). The results are not in yet as it does take time to apply the handicap system to schools.

CENSUS:
Next Thursday, the 28th of February, is Census day for all schools. This is a most important day for us as the Department confirms student numbers and school budgets. If your child is going to be absent on this day it is essential that a note or phone call is provided to staff please.

FOOTY KIDS:
This is an exciting new program starting up in our hall on Sunday mornings for children under the age of 5. Flyers are available at the front office for more detailed information.

LIFE EDUCATION:
We have been privileged to have Ainslee and Harold with us all week delivering a fresh, friendly and healthy living program to our students. Thankyou to all parents who have seen the value in this excellent program and have allowed their children to attend.

Please keep in mind the FAMILY challenge and don’t forget to sign up for it. Details are available at the front office and also on the flyer which was sent home with the students this week.

Thought for the week:
“A college degree and a teaching certificate define a person as a teacher, but it takes hard work and dedication to be one”.

I have every confidence in our staff and firmly believe that this quotation applies to each and every member of the staff at ANPS.

Have a Great Week,
Brendan O’Brien.
Principal.
EASTER RAFFLE: Parents & Friends will be holding a huge Easter Raffle and we are now seeking donations of eggs / Easter goodies to allow us to make up various raffle prizes. Donations can be left at the front office.
Raffle tickets will be sent home with the eldest child in each family on Monday 11th March. These will be in books of 10 tickets with each ticket selling for 50 cents.

Please supply your child/ren with one large box of tissues for use in their classroom.

EMA CLAIMS NOW BEING PROCESSED:
LAST CHANCE TO CLAIM EMA:
If you hold a Heath Card or Pension Card, valid as of the 29th January 2013, you may be eligible to claim Education Maintenance Allowance during the 2013 school year.
Forms are available at the school office. All completed claims must be received by the office before Thursday 28th February 2013.
If you require more information about EMA please speak to one of our friendly office staff.

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We would like to hear from families about how the year has started.
What has been good?
What could have been better?
Come along to the Student Support Centre, located near the Junior Adventure Playground, on Thursday 28th February @ 09:45am for a cuppa and a chat.
Everyone Welcome.
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A family day will be held on Sunday 24th February (12pm start) at Paisley Park Complex, Corner Ross Rd & Mills St Altona.

BARNESTONEWORTH UNITED JNR FOOTBALL:
Now inviting boys & girls between ages 5-16 to register for the 2013 season. Based in Williamstown, the “Barnies” is a family-friendly, FFV-affiliated soccer club with a wide community membership.
Where: J.T. Gray Reserve. Kororoit Creek Rd. Registrations now open. For more information telephone Maria 0487 916 590

JUNIOR RUGBY:
Get down to Power House Junior Rugby Union Football Club and register for 2013 U6 - U18
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Teaching boys and girls under 5 the basics of Aussie Rules in a fun and friendly environment.
All session are 45 minutes and are run indoors so no matter the weather the kids can get a kick. Parent participation is essential at the early stages to help kids through skills and activities but we do work towards the kids to do parts of the sessions by themselves.
We also places a big emphasis on eating healthy and the importance of fitness for well being.
To find out more call directly on 1300 439 642 or register online at footykids.com.au