Dear Parents and Families:

HOBSONS BAY DIVISION ATHLETICS:
Congratulations to Peggy from 5/6O for placing first in the 12yr discus event at the Hobsons Bay Division Athletics on Thursday 19th September. Peggy now progresses to the Regional Finals on the 15th of October at the Keilor Park Athletics Track. Well done Peggy, we know you will do us all proud.

SCHOOL DATA, time to celebrate: Just before the school holidays we received the NAPLAN data. The data that we are always most interested in is the ‘Matched Cohort Data’. What does this mean (Matched Cohort)? Matched Cohort is the group of students who have remained consistently at ANPS over a three year period and have been tested twice—once in year three and then again in year five. Many other students come and go but do not then fit into the matched cohort group.

We know that when students remain at our school we have a huge positive impact upon their learning standards and the recent NAPLAN data has confirmed this.

We compare our data against that of the rest of the State. We have matched or bettered State Growth Standards and the recent NAPLAN data has confirmed this.

If you want to know more or see the data, please ask.

SWIMMING PROGRAM: Our intensive swim program for Prep-G4 students starts NEXT MONDAY the 14th October and will run through until Friday 25th October.

The Swimming program for the 5/6 students will commence on Monday 21st with the second session on Thursday 24th and the final session on Friday 25th October.

Please ensure you have returned the blue medical form if your child is attending this program. If we do not receive a completed medical form, your child will not be permitted to attend.

I would like to congratulate all families who have gone to the expense and trouble to enrol their children in this year’s swimming program. Water Safety is essential especially when we all live so close to the Bay and a local pool. Apologies to those who are on the waiting list.

2014 PLANNING: In order to assist us with planning for 2014, it is important that we know whether current students will be returning in 2014.

The eldest child in each family took home yellow notices earlier this week requesting families to indicate whether or not your child/ren will be returning to ANPS for 2014. Please complete this form and return it to the office tomorrow. This will enable us to plan for grade sizes and staffing so we can continue to offer your child the best possible educational and learning environment.

PREP 2014 TRANSITION DATES: We will be holding transition mornings for next year’s Preps on Wednesday 30th Oct., 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th November. Families who have completed enrolment forms will have already received full information regarding these sessions in the mail.

Please ensure that you have handed in enrolment forms if you have a new child starting school next year so your child doesn’t miss out on these very important sessions.

CONGRATULATIONS MISS SHIELS: Miss Shiels was married on the 29th of September to Michael Cauchi. We congratulate them both and wish them all the very best for a happy future together.

REPORT PREPARATION DAY: On Monday the 4th of November our school will be closed. Staff will all be busy preparing/writing reports for the end of the year.

We selected this day, as historically, it has the least impact on our community. When we have had school on the day before Cup Day in the past, our attendances have been very low.

Please make sure that you place this date on your home calendar.-

No school on Monday the 4th of November.

STORIES are back: A big thankyou to SALMA from Prep K for her delightful holiday story. You will find her story on page 2. Congratulations also to her family for encouraging holiday learning in such a meaningful manner. There were also some lovely pictures with her story.

Quote for the week: “Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of TRUE education” - Martin Luther KING Jr.

Such a powerful statement. Pleasingly both traits are present in many of our students.

Have a great week,
Brendan O’Brien, Principal
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.

On Thursday 19th September, the current Grade Prep—2 students and their families participated in a most enjoyable experience being the annual ANPS Prep Picnic. Not only did the students have fun, so did parents and staff. Well done Mrs Paterson, Mrs Kam and their band of helpers for the delightful manner in which the evening went. A big thank you to all the families who brought along such a delicious array of food.

We hope you all enjoyed this opportunity to meet and socialise in a different way.

MY HOLIDAY by Salma: Prep K
Salma made a beautiful book about the recent school holidays and shared it with Mr O’Brien on Monday. Here is Salma’s story.
“I went swimming with my family and we bought ice-cream. We swam at Albert Park. We had a BBQ. I watched the Banana in Pyjamas Show. I had fun during the school holidays.”
Salma’s book also contained some lovely photos of her holidays.
Thank you for sharing your story with us all Salma.