Dear Parents and Families,

**REGIONAL ATHLETICS FINAL:**
Peggy placed 4th in a field of 13 competitors for the 12yr discus event on Tuesday of this week at the Keilor Park Athletics Track. This is an outstanding effort by Peggy yet again. Congratulations Captain.

**SWIMMING PROGRAM:**
Once again we have been delighted with the organisation and level of instruction at this year’s program. A big thankyou to all the parents who travel up to the pool and help out. This is much appreciated.

Next week our 5 / 6 students undertake their program at Altona Beach. I have my fingers crossed for good weather. Please make sure your children come well prepared for all weather conditions.

**ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL COMMUNITIES PROGRAM:**
Starts next Tuesday, 22nd Oct for the P-2 students who will be participating in Dance/Aerobics. The Grade 3-6 students in the program will start Lawn Bowls next Friday 25th Oct. Notes went home last term advising families of their child’s placement within these programs.

If you have any questions, please speak with Miss Ousley who will be Coach for both of these sessions in Miss Shiels’ absence.

**CANTEEN ACCOUNTS:**
Coral has sent home accounts to families who owe money to the canteen. Thank you to those families who have already made payment.

**CONCERT PREPARATIONS:**
Miss Jedda and Miss McCawley, students and staff are well into the concert preparations with dance moves, singing and costume making underway.

Parental help is always appreciated and if you are able to assist, please speak to your child’s classroom teacher as they have the responsibility of finalising all costumes.

We also have a PROP making workshop coming up on the 29th October at 3.30 and any help would be greatly appreciated.

**WORLD TEACHER’S DAY:**
Next Friday, 25th October, is World Teacher’s Day and I am calling on all parents and students to help celebrate this special day by doing something special for their teachers. A home made card, an apple, a flower, a home made muffin or cake would certainly make their day. It is amazing how a little bit of thanks goes such a long way.

I can certainly assure you that our staff at ANPS do go the ‘extra yard’ on a daily basis to ensure your children get the best possible education from our available resources.

**Quote for the week:**
I am wondering who may have read the quote from last week and in thinking about it I am curious to see if any “Intelligent Characters” have been uncovered over the course of the week??!!

We probably all know the age old saying: “Curiosity killed the cat”. Well when it comes to children, the reverse is true provided appropriate parental and educational guidance is in place:

“**The first and simplest emotion which we discover in the human mind is curiosity**”

Staff and parents have a responsibility to facilitate and grow this curiosity. Enjoy the outcomes that flow.

Have a great week,

Brendan O’Brien, Principal
LIVING FUNDRAISER:
Parents and friends are offering Australian-made organic herb, vegetable and flower kits for only $6 each. These kits are not available in stores. Each kit contains everything you need to grow your own seedlings or herbs. Just add water to grow these fun and easy kits. Order forms will be sent home with the eldest child in each family next Monday, 21st October, with orders and payment due back to school by Friday 1st November. A selection of the items available to order is displayed in the cabinet behind the office or visit www.livingfundraisers.com.au to find out more.

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.

SCHOOL BANKING UPDATE:
To view our newsletter in colour and to never miss out on the weekly news from ANPS, register to receive our newsletter by email each week at www.altonanorthps.vic.edu.au

TERM 4 ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM:
DON’T FORGET !!!
The Grade Prep—2 students will be doing Dance/Aerobics starting on Tuesday 22nd October.
The Grade 3-6 students will be doing Lawn Bowls starting on Friday 25th October.
The program starts straight after school on these days and finishes at 4:20pm.
If you have any questions with regard to this program, please speak with Miss Lisa Ousley, as she will be the Coach for this term.

SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB:
Catalogues for Issue 7 went home this week. Please ensure all orders, along with payment are returned to the office by next THURSDAY 24th October. Later orders cannot be accepted.
If paying by cheque, please make payable to Scholastic Australia. If paying by cash, please ensure correct money is enclosed as it is difficult for change to be issued.
Please also make sure child's name and grade are clearly marked on the order form.

Redeem your tokens this year!
In 2014 the School Banking program will be launching a new set of exciting reward items for students to redeem their tokens for. Each reward item will continue to be valued at 10 tokens (i.e. 10 deposits) and there will be two new reward items for students to choose from each term. Please be aware that the Dollarmites moneyboxes will no longer be available next year. To avoid any child missing out on claiming their moneybox, please let your children know of this change and encourage them to redeem their moneybox this school year.

Tokens collected in 2013 CANNOT be carried over to 2014 so please select and order your rewards by Tuesday 3rd December.

If you have questions please call at the office and speak with Bev or contact Susan Brailsford – Commonwealth Bank School Banking Specialist Phone 0422 116 040 or email susan.brailsford@cba.com.au

Treasure Chest Competition. Students can enter a competition in Term 4 to win one of 60 Apple IPods 16GB or DVD packs. Simply make two or more deposits between 21 October and 30 November to automatically go into the draw. Saving regularly is an important habit to get into, whether you are saving a little or a lot. Keep up the great work and remember to bring in your deposit book each Tuesday.