Dear Parents and Families:

REMEMBRANCE DAY: Congratulations and thanks to Miss Ousley and our School Captains on the respectful manner in which they honoured all of those who have fought for their countries, with the ceremony they conducted on Monday.

HOUSE SPORTS DAY: Unfortunately we have had to cancel the whole school House Sports Day which was going to be held tomorrow due to the recent wet weather. Our oval is soaked and would not withstand the range of activities we have planned.

At this stage we have next Friday the 22nd of November pencilled in as the backup date and have our fingers crossed for improved weather.

Please note that all students are expected to wear their school uniform tomorrow.

PREP 2014 TRANSITION / INFORMATION SESSION: A reminder to all 2014 Prep parents that the next transition session will be held Wednesday the 20th November.

Please note this session will start at 9:30am and concludes at 12:15pm.

There will be a parent information session in the Library at 9:45 followed by morning tea.

The following week, Wednesday the 27th, transition returns to the regular time of 9am-10:45am.

CONCERT: Everyone has been working extremely hard getting ready for our end of year concerts. Have you ordered your tickets?

If not, you need to do so IMMEDIATELY as we will not be selling tickets at the door.

Seating is allocated on a first in, first served basis and tickets have been on sale for the past three weeks. Ticket order forms are available from the office.

If you would like a DVD of the whole concert performance, we will be offering DVD’s for $25.00 each.

An envelope is attached to this newsletter or available for collection from the office. Make sure you don’t miss out on this special offer! DVD’s can only be purchased using the envelope ordering system.

2014 STUDENT PLACEMENT REQUESTS: Our usual practice is to offer parents the opportunity to highlight any placement ideas they may have for the coming year. Parents are invited to put into WRITING their ideas and hand them to either Mrs Gregson OR myself for consideration by Wednesday the 20th November.

We will take all letters into consideration at the time of placement, but will not guarantee any expected outcomes.

SUSTAINABILITY: Last week I highlighted the great progress we are making with our Living Wall and the Kitchen Gardens. Please take the time to look at the Living Wall project at the back of the student toilets. The VUT staff have worked long and hard to achieve such a high standard result.

Thought for the week:

“What sculpture is to a block of marble, education is to a human soul.”

Joseph Addison.

This quotation may appear to represent a simplistic view of both sculpturing and of educating. In order to appreciate the complex nature of both ‘art forms’ one must have tried one or the other. A ‘work of art’ requires imagination, creativity, planning, experience, practise, persistence and the list goes on.

A desirable educational outcome requires a similar diversity of skills and commitment to the task. Parents and teachers are all faced with this wonderful challenge of educating the adults of the future—enjoy the challenge and celebrate the positive experiences along the way. Take time to talk to your partner and friends about the successes you witness.

Have a great week,
Brendan O’Brien, Principal
**Annual K-Mart Wishing Tree:** This is an ongoing fundraiser throughout the term. Children are asked to start donating some of their loose change towards the purchase of a gift to be placed under the K-Mart Wishing Tree. The gifts will be collected by the Salvation Army and distributed to families or individuals who may not receive a gift at Xmas.

**Melbourne Cake Expo:** 23rd & 24th November at the RASV Centre, Melbourne Showgrounds, Flemington.
Have your cake and...
Raise some money for our school!
Love cake and want somewhere to take the kids for a great weekend?
We know just the place. Treat the family to a fun filled day of everything cake!
Cakes, cake pops, cupcakes, cake demonstrations, cake tutorials, cake schools and a whole lot of other sweet treats.
There will also be a huge jumping castle, face painter and plenty of activities for the kids.
Why not come down and get your hands deliciously dirty in some activities or get some of that Christmas shopping out of the way.
Tickets are $12 with 20% from every ticket going to our school and the National Breast Cancer Foundation. Free entry for children under 12!
To purchase tickets, log on to [www.cakeexpo.com.au](http://www.cakeexpo.com.au) and enter the promotional code Altona North upon check out.

**NAPLAN RESULTS:**
NAPLAN testing took place earlier in the year for all Grade 3 and Grade 5 students. The results have arrived at ANPS and will be available for collection from the office, by an adult.
Please keep these in a safe place at home along with your child's school reports as these are an important piece of your child’s school history.

**UNIFORM REMINDER:**
Seating is currently being allocated and tickets will be sent home with children the week prior to the concert.
If you have not already ordered your tickets, please do so immediately as we will NOT be selling tickets on the evening.
Entry is by pre-purchase and presentation of tickets only.

**CONCERT TICKETS:**
A reminder to everyone that school uniform is compulsory at ANPS. All pants are to be bottle green and tops can be either white or bottle green and must have the school logo on them.
If you need to order uniforms please either visit the uniform shop during the below hours or alternatively you are welcome to leave your order along with payment at the office.

**GRADE 5 KINDER VISIT:**
I was so excited to go on the kindergarten visit last Friday morning. Shaimaa and I were Khaled’s buddy. Khaled is actually my cousin.
First we put on an art smock and painted a picture, when we were finished we put back our art smock back on the rack.
Then we went outside and played in the sand pit, it was so much fun. We got water and put it in the sand to make it nice and wet. We built a really cool sandcastle. Finally we went and played basketball. It was so much fun.
When we visit the kindergarten again I would like to play soccer and paint more pictures with my buddy.

**LIVING RAFFLE:** The next event will be the Christmas Raffle. If you would like to donate non-perishable items to enable them to make up hampers, it would be most appreciated.

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