Dear Parents and Families:

CONCERT:
What a show!!!! We were all so proud of the work everyone put into our GRAND SCHOOL CONCERT last Thursday night. The student class performances, choir and Instrumental were of the highest standard we have seen. All staff are to be congratulated for their work in preparation, for the on-stage performances, for behind the scenes dedication and the hidden work that many do to make the concert the success it was.

Special thanks and congratulations go out to Miss Jedd and Miss McCawley for their outstanding leadership and management of this huge event. To our students, I want to pass on my personal congratulations for the superb characterisation on stage, the silky smooth back stage work and excellent audience participation. To our parents, thank you for taking the time out of busy family schedules to join in the Performing Arts celebration that is our school concert. To the Parents & Friends, parents who assisted with costume preparations and to our School Council President—Wayne Berryman, sincere thanks for the extra effort you always contribute to our students and this great school.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS:
I would like to pass on my thanks to Bill and Peggy for their outstanding leadership in 2013 and to congratulate Matthew and Shiraz for their leadership selection as School Captains for 2014. A big thank you also goes out to our 2013 House Captains and Peer Leaders—you have all played a significant role in helping to positively shape our school culture and behaviour—thank you.

YEAR 7 2014 TRANSITION:
Grade six students are about to make a huge step from Primary to Secondary school. An important phase of this is their Transition Day next Tuesday, (10th December), where they venture off to their new schools and spend the day familiarising themselves with the new surroundings. These students do not need to come to ANPS before heading off to their Secondary Schools on this day. Best of luck for the next stage of your learning journey.

INTERNAL TRANSITION program at ANPS:
Next Tuesday we will be conducting an Internal Transition session for all Grade Prep to 5 students at ANPS. Every student will take a step into the 2014 curriculum: preps will experience a Grade One curriculum, Grade One’s a Grade 2 curriculum and so on. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to gain a respect and understanding for what lies ahead next year. It is important for me to point out that students will NOT be with their 2014 teachers for this experience.

CANTEEN:
Please note that the canteen will be closed for the last three days of term as Coral will be taking some leave.

END OF YEAR:
Our preparations for 2014 are progressing well. Staff have nearly finalised student reports and they will go home on the 13th Dec along with student portfolios.

Staff selection for 2014 will take place over the next two weeks in order to have all teaching and non-teaching staff in place for January. Please note that your classroom teacher may be on selection panels over the next two weeks and Casual Replacement Teachers will be taking their class program.

At this time of year we often get late information re student placement for 2014 from families. This matter has already been processed, (well publicised and time lined), and I need to be clear that no further discussion will be entered into. I thank you in anticipation of your co-operation.

Thought for the week:
“We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future” Franklin D Roosevelt.

Have a great week,

Brendan O’Brien, Principal
2014 ESSENTIAL EDUCATIONAL SUPPLIES:

Payment advice have been sent home to all families regarding the costs involved with the 2014 Essential Educational Supplies.

These supplies will be purchased by the school, through a supplier, in individual packs for each student and contain items to meet the school's specific criteria. Please ensure you read this information thoroughly as there are several payment options.

Payment made by Wednesday 11th December will entitle you to a $5 discount.

Don't forget - if you hold a Centrelink Pension or Health Care Card, you may be eligible to receive family financial assistance including EMA in 2014.

To claim EMA for 2014 you need to have a Centrelink Pension or Health Care Card that is valid on the 28th January 2014.

Application forms are now available from the school office. Please bring your Health Care or Pension Card when making the claim.

LIBRARY NEWS:

It's that time of the year again where you need to return all books borrowed from the library in preparation for the New Year.

If you have trouble finding overdue books, a good place to look is under your bed or on a bookcase with other books. Perhaps you could ask Mum or Dad to help you find school library books.

Student borrowing has now closed for the year.

UNIFORM NEWS:

If you wish to buy school uniforms for the beginning of 2014 can you please put in an order, along with a 50% deposit, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. This way it will be ready for you to collect on Tuesday 28th January between 12:30-2:30pm when the office is open.

If you don't place an order now, we cannot guarantee stock will be available.

PARENTS & FRIENDS:

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: Raffle tickets have gone home with the eldest child in each family. These tickets are in a book of 10 per family and each ticket will sell for $1. Thank you to those families who have made donations.

If you would like to purchase additional books of tickets, please send a written request signed by a parent/guardian.

Raffle tickets and money are due to be returned to school by Wednesday 13th December to be drawn on 17th December.

ALL RAFFLE TICKETS, SOLD & UNSOLD NEED TO BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL. It is a legal requirement that we account for each and every raffle ticket distributed.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR 2013:

FRIDAY 20th DECEMBER EARLY FINISH:

Please be aware we will be having an early dismissal on the last day of school for 2013.

A whole school assembly will be held at 12:30pm and all students will be dismissed at 1:00pm. The children will not be required to bring lunch to school on this day.

Please contact Camp Australia on 1300 105 343 or visit www.campaustralia.com.au if you are unable to collect your child from school early on this last day for 2013.

Camp Australia also run School Holiday Programs which will be held during the Christmas break.

Social Service:

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.

Accounts have been sent home to families who owe money to the canteen. Full payment of these accounts is due by next MONDAY 9th December. Immediate payment is most appreciated. Please speak with Mrs Gregson if you are unable to meet this deadline.

Thank you - Coral

Canteen:

REMEMBER TO CHECK YOUR CHILD’S SCHOOL BAG REGULARLY IN ORDER TO NOT MISS OUT ON ANY IMPORTANT INFORMATION OR UP-COMING EVENTS!!