REMINDER: Labour Day PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Monday 11th March. No school this day.
Donations of Easter Goodies wanted for Easter Raffle.

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Families:

STUDENT LEADERS CONFERENCE: Last Friday our School Captains and House Captains all attended the Young Leaders Conference in the City at the new Exhibition Centre. I am pleased to report that our leaders will be presenting at our next Assembly, Monday 25th of March.

JUNIOR COUNCIL: Yesterday ANPS students attended the Hobson’s Bay Junior Council at the Council Chambers in Civic Parade. This is an exciting opportunity for our senior students to get a better understanding of how Government works and to have a positive impact upon their local community.

LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY: Have a lovely and safe long weekend—please don’t send your children to school on Monday as there won’t be anyone here. We look forward to catching up with everyone on Tuesday. Our next Assembly will be on Monday the 25th of March.

INTER-SCHOOL SPORT: Parents are most welcome; in fact encouraged, to come along and watch their children play sport on Friday mornings. If you do want to watch, then please remember to sign in as a visitor at the school where the sport is being played.

Our students are performing extremely well against the opposition schools and their high level of sportsmanship and effort are to be congratulated.

PARENTS and FRIENDS: We are all very fortunate to have a lovely group of P & F members who contribute their time, energy and efforts to our students. Every Tuesday our P&F helpers distribute fruit to all classes after washing and sorting it.

Every Monday, after assembly, they plan and work to organise special events and activities for students in order to help celebrate occasions like Mother’s Day, Easter and the like.

Presently they are seeking more donations for the Easter raffle which is always a huge success. Drop items off at the front office please.

FACILITIES NEWS: This week we are making some changes to our new hall with the installation of an ACROMAT retractable wall system. This wall lowers from the ceiling and then allows us to have TWO teaching spaces, it will also allow us to use this flexible wall as a backdrop to the stage and have a ‘backstage area’. TDC dance group will also benefit from this wall by creating two teaching spaces. The cost of this wall is being shared equally by TDC and the school.

We are about to embark on the construction of our kitchen garden beds. This will be a big project and it will require careful planning. I have already had offers of help from parents to assist with the acquisition of supplies to make this possible. Parents have also offered to assist with the ongoing management and use of this exciting project. If you are able to help and have not offered to this point then please call by the office.

Our students will be directly involved in each critical step of the process.

WE also hope to install the surfboat into the Junior Adventure area in the next two weeks. With this, we will need the help of several strong adults to relocate the boat after school one night. I will keep you all posted on this.

Thought for the week:
How did everyone go with ‘awakening the joy and creative expression’ that Einstein proposed in last week’s newsletter????

“It is greater to educate a child, in the true and larger sense of the word, than to rule a state”.
—William Ellery Channing

It is important that we focus on a couple of key words in this quote: “educate”, “rule” and “state”.

The broad definition of ‘educate’ in this quotation needs to be understood clearly - one must guide, facilitate, support, encourage the learning to be an effective educator - NOT rule! ‘State’ is a macro term used in this case to describe ‘being in charge of/ruling’ and the notion of state is more about describing a group, large or small. To ‘rule’ is to control, it is far more effective to educate or guide.

Have a Great Week,
Brendan O’Brien. Principal.
School Captains, Peggy & Bill along with House Captains for 2013.

Green/Cresser:
Mustapha El Haouli & Jamele Melhem

Yellow/Mason:
Karl Abdo & Sophie Tsarbopoulos

Blue/Millers:
Billal Melhem & Kaiesha Elechi

Red/Blackshaws:
Ben Thompson & Teresa Mulvenna

JUNIOR COUNCIL MEETING REPORT:

by Jamele, Mustapha & Sophie

The three of us were chosen to go to the Hobson's Bay Junior Council Meeting yesterday, Wednesday 6th March. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers. There were 16 different schools at this meeting.

The Junior Council Members raised issues for the Hobson's Bay City Council to address. There was also a speaker who spoke to us about responsible pet ownership.

We had some nice snacks and we met some great friends from other schools. Thank you Miss Ousley for taking us.

NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS CONFERENCE:

by Peggy

I was really fortunate to have attended The National Young Leaders Day Conference held at the Melbourne Convention Centre on Friday the 1st of March. I thank ANPS for this opportunity. It was amazing to see over 3000 students from all over the state.

I was very impressed with the various leaders and what they had to say about their Leadership qualities. I have learnt a lot from this conference and came home with a positive attitude on how to become a better leader and with a vision for the future.

Some of the Leadership values are:

- INITIATIVE - to get things done
- RESILIENCE - to never give up your hopes and dreams
- INTEGRITY - to be honest
- TRUST WORTHY
- HONESTY
- RESPECT and APPRECIATION
- BEING A GOOD ROLE MODEL

I do hope ANPS is proud of my Leadership qualities and it’s very important I continue with these values now and into the future.

3/4T NEWS:

Our class has been learning about PLACE VALUE since the beginning of term. During recess and lunch, Shakille and Rayan decided to use MAB blocks to build their own sky scraper. They worked out that they had used:
7 thousands = 7000
30 flats = 3000
6 tens = 60
9 ones = 9

Rayan and Shakille added all the numbers together and found that it took 10,069 MAB blocks to build their sky scraper.

All visitors to ANPS must sign in at the office and receive a Visitor Pass. Please do not enter the corridors when dropping off your child in the morning or collecting them in the afternoon.

PREP PARENTS CAN MEET THEIR CHILDREN UNDER THE GREEN SHADE SAIL AT THE REAR OF BUILDING “B” DAILY. Remember also, the car park is for staff only.

These rules are in place to ensure the safety of all students at all times.
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 the correct payment in an envelope clearly marked with your child’s name & grade at the office.

**Opening Hours:**

**Tuesday & Wednesday Mornings**
08:45am - 09:00am

**Thursday Afternoons**
3:00pm - 3:15pm

A current Uniform Order form is available to download from our website: www.altonanorth.vic.edu.au

If you do not wish to accept and sell the raffle tickets allocated to you, please return them to school immediately. All raffle tickets, sold and unsold are due to be returned to school by Friday 22nd March. The raffle will be drawn on Tuesday 26th March. **It is a legal requirement that we account for every book of raffle tickets distributed.**

Footy Kids - Aussie Rules for boys and girls 5 and under. has launched in the Altona North Primary School gymnasium every Sunday morning during the school term.

We provide a program which encourages kids to be healthy and active while teaching them the fundamentals of Aussie Rules.

As a special promotion mention this advertisement for a 1 week FREE trial. (normally $35 for 2 weeks) to redeem this offer contact us on info@footykids.com.au or visit our website and register online www.footykids.com.au

**COMMUNITY NEWS:**

**INNER WEST SECONDARY SCHOOL DISCOVERY:**

Bayside P-12, Footscray City College & Gilmore College for Girls together with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development invite you to the Newport Substation, Newport on Thursday, March 21st 7pm-8pm.

Meet the Principals of these schools, receive information and consider your options for local, Government Secondary Education.