Dear Parents and Families:

**ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL COMMUNITIES:**
Next week will be the final week of this program for the term. Please remember that this program will not run during the last week of term, 25th-28th March.
This program has been an excellent addition to our school curriculum and most capably run by Miss Shiels and Miss Ousley.

**INTERSCHOOL SPORT:**
This week is the final week for our grade five and six students to play sport for the summer fixture. I continue to be impressed with the excellent manner in which our students represent themselves and their school. Keep up the great work staff and students.

**PARENTS and FRIENDS:**
The Easter raffle tickets have been distributed and we are hoping to get a high level of support from our community.
Parents please make sure that children DO NOT go street walking to sell tickets. Our expectation is that family and close friends might purchase the tickets. If you do want to go ‘door knocking’ in the local area then this needs to be done with an adult present please.

Once again a BIG thankyou to our hardworking P and F parents.

**FAIRY PARK:**
Miss Kehoe has organised this wonderful excursion to Fairy Park for Friday the 22nd of March. Thankyou Miss Kehoe. This excursion compliments the unit of work that our 1 / 2 students are studying at present on ‘Fairy Tales’. I am sure our students will benefit from the experience. It was some time ago that my wife and I took our children to Fairy Park and I have vivid memories of how enjoyable the experience was for them.

**Thought for the week:**
"**LEARNING is a TREASURE that will follow IT’S OWNER everywhere**"
Chinese proverb.

The power of words never ceases to amaze me. In this case a Chinese proverb provides us with the insight to have a positive focus on learning. In this era of an ‘ever-changing’ world, learning MUST be CONTINUOUS so that we can both ‘learn to’ and ‘adapt to’ the challenges we are faced with on a daily basis.

We are more than happy to offer any support we can to families with their children’s social, emotional and academic learning—You only have to ASK, so please do so.

Have a Great Week,
Brendan O’Brien. Principal.
PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS:

Each year, Parents & Friends organise a huge Easter Raffle to assist with raising funds for our wonderful school. P&F are now seeking donations of eggs / Easter goodies to allow us to make up various raffle prizes. In the past we have had as many as “30” prizes!!!

Donations can be left at the front office.

Raffle tickets have been sent home with the eldest child in each family. These raffle tickets are in books of 10 and each ticket will sell for 50 cents.

If you would like additional tickets to sell, please send a written message of request, signed by a parent/guardian to the office.

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.

ROYAL CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL “GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL”:

The “Good Friday Appeal” will be held over the school holidays on Friday 29th March. As in previous years, we are asking for donations for the wonderful work that the Royal Children’s Hospital does for our children. Several of our students are currently receiving care and ongoing treatment, as well as accessing the Hospital’s wonderful services and facilities. Many of our families make use of the hospitals wonderful services and facilities.

Donation envelopes have been distributed this week and need to be returned by Wednesday 27th March.

Thank you for your generous support.

Social Service Committee.

CANTEEN REMINDER:

Parents and students are reminded that the canteen is not open in the mornings before school.

ALL lunch orders need to be written neatly on a paper bag, stating child’s name & room number and have the CORRECT money enclosed. These orders need to be sent to the canteen via the classroom lunch box.

Paper bags can be purchased from the canteen if necessary for the cost of $3 for 50 bags.

Thank you for your co-operation in helping the canteen run smoothly - Coral

VISITORS TO ANPS:

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.

SCHOLASTIC BOOKFAIR:

Orders have now closed for our first issue of Scholastic Bookclub for 2013. Delivery of these orders are expected to take place during the last week of term.

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ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL COMMUNITIES:

The Active After School Communities Sports Program has been running on Tuesday afternoons for P-2 and Friday afternoons for 3-6 for the duration of the current term.

Next week will be the last session for Term 1. This program will not run during the last week of term (25th-28th March).

This hugely popular and successful program will be offered to a new group of students for term 2.

Please keep a look out for “Term 2 Expression of Interest” forms which will be sent home by Miss Shiels day one of Term 2.

As places are limited, students must submit a new form, by the due date, in order to be in the running to secure a place for the new term.
STUDENT BANKING:
Does your child have a Commonwealth Bank Dollarmite account?
Did you know that for every NEW child that starts banking at school – we get $5 commission?
PLUS we get 5% commission on all deposits. This is a great fundraiser for our school.
We have School Banking every Tuesday.
Just bring your deposit book in with your $ and hand it to your Teacher.
Your deposit will be processed and your child will get their book back the same or next day.
The Student Banking program is aimed at helping students understand core financial values and money management skills. The emphasis on this program is on regular savings and not the value of each deposit so there is no minimum deposit amount, it is more of a fun and engaging activity for the students to enjoy!

DON'T HAVE A DEPOSIT BOOK?
……..Call into your local Commonwealth Bank Branch and open a School Banking account – it’s simple; all you need is Parent photo I.D and child’s Birth certificate – you can start banking at school straight away!
If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school office or call our School Banking Specialist Susan Brailsford M: 0422 116 040 or email: susan.brailsford@cba.com

REMINDER FROM THE OFFICE:
Medical Information/Phone numbers etc: It is imperative that parents keep our staff completely up to date with any new or changing family information. Too often we phone families to only find a number has been disconnected or changed. As you can well imagine our staff feel extremely stressed at these times as do your children.
Asthma and other medical details are also essential for student safety and well being. We have trained staff to care for students who are ill or injured. Our staff’s capacity to undertake the correct treatment is often limited by the available information supplied from home. Please ensure that we have every necessary detail at school regarding your children’s medical needs.
The best place for an unwell child is at home. If your child does not appear to be well in the morning, please do not send them to school. You are required to either telephone the office or send a written note when your child returns.

SPONSORS:

SPORTS REPORTS:

BAT TENNIS: By Sophie
Last Friday, 8th March, the bat tennis team played against St Mary’s Altona. The scores were ANPS 54 - St. Mary’s 19. Our team won. The best players for us were Qiila, Askin, Saja and myself. Everyone played very well. We enjoyed playing against St. Mary’s and we all worked as a team. We would all like to thank Miss Shiels for coaching and encouraging us to do our best.

NEWCOMB: By Shiraz & Aisha
We also played St Mary’s Altona in Newcomb. We won the first set with a score of 15-7, followed by another win in the second with a score of 17-14. It was an interesting match which saw all of our players improve in their game skills. We would like to thank our wonder coach, Mr O’Brien for his coaching skills and also for teaching us about having fun at the same time.

CRICKET: By Helena & Ali
We had a great time playing our Cricket match last week. The scores were St. Mary’s Altona 74 - ANPS 61. Our best batters of the day were Muna, Matthew, Ibrahim and Ali. The best bowlers were Ibrahim, Ali and Ahmed. We are looking forward to next week’s match which will be against Willy Gold. It is also the last match of the season.

T-BALL: By Mustapha and Billy
Our T-Ball match last week was a lot of fun. The final scores were St. Mary’s 23 - ANPS 6. We lost, but our whole team knows that the point of the game was to have fun and show the other team that we are a good, fair and kind team to play against. Thank you to Miss Ousley and Rob for coaching us and giving us plenty to smile about during the game.

UNIFORM SHOP REMINDER:
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

REMINDER TO CHECK YOUR CHILD’S SCHOOL BAG REGULARLY IN ORDER TO NOT MISS OUT ON ANY IMPORTANT INFORMATION OR UP-COMING EVENTS!!
Visit our webpage regularly at www.altonanorthps.vic.edu.au to stay in tune with what’s going on, in and around ANPS. Our webpage is a great way to keep up-to-date and download forms which may have been misplaced.
KIDS LEARN TO SAIL WITH TACKERS:
Royals Training Centre is a not for profit organisation keen to promote sailing to primary school aged children. The centre is a Yachting Australia accredited Discover Sailing Centre based at the Royal Yacht club of Victoria in Williamstown. We will be running a Tackers sailing program for kids aged 7-12 years over the April school holidays.

What: Kids Learn to Sail School Holiday Fun,
Where: Royal Yacht Club of Victoria, 120 Nelson Place, Williamstown VIC 3016
When: Courses start weekend of the 9th/10th February
Contact: Ian Fox 03 9397 1277
Website: www.rycv.com.au
Cost: $330 per child per program