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Dates to Remember

JULY:

Monday 20th:
P&F Chocolate Drive starts
School Council 7pm
Wednesday 22nd:
P/T Interview sessions
Friday 31st:
P&F Chocolate Drive ends

AUGUST:

Wednesday 5th:
Junior School Council
Friday 7th:
EMA applications due
Monday 10th:
School Council 7pm
Notification of Secondary
School placements
Tuesday 11th:
Wakakirri Heat Clock Tower
Theatre Moonee Ponds
Tuesday 18th-Friday 21st:
Camp Baanya Biami
**Monday 24th Aug -Friday
4th September:**
Intensive Swim Program

SEPTEMBER:

Wednesday 2nd:
Junior School Council
Friday 4th:
Intensive Swim Program end
Monday 14th:
School Council 7pm
Friday 18th:
Term 3 ends.

Term 4:

5th Oct - 18th December
Tuesday 8th December
ANPS End of Year Concert
Yr 7 2010 Orientation Day



Consider Others

REMINDERS:

Grade 3-6 Camp Baanya Biami
second payment of \$70 now due.
EMA 2nd instalment applications close Friday 7th August.

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Families:

Welcome to our first newsletter for term three. It was pleasing to see all of our students at assembly on Monday ready to undertake their learning for this term.

STAFFING news: Mrs Anastasiou has taken over Grade 3 / 4 Z while Mrs Takano takes Family Leave. Special thanks to Mrs Takano for returning to assist with Parent Teacher Interviews this week alongside Mrs Anastasiou.

Mrs Siphthorp has returned to the Library after her leave and is faced with the challenge of assisting the implementation of 'Classroom Libraries' as an extension to our Library program.

STAFF MEETINGS: Our Prep staff are undertaking Professional Development every Wednesday between 4.00 and 6.00 pm on Literacy. I would like to thank them for their commitment to education and their personal professional growth. As a result of this, our staff meetings will be moved to Mondays from next week. Please take both of these meeting times into consideration if you are wanting to speak to any teacher as they already have commitments.

WAKAKIRRI: The excitement is growing as we enter a tight timeline to get prepared for this year's program. Wakakirri has been a real challenge for Miss Jemma and the team as the planning and rehearsals have had to take place without a room to work in. Nevertheless the "Show must go on" as staff and students make their preparations.

WAKAKIRRI WORKSHOP: If parents are available to help with prop construction; painting, sewing, building etc we are having a workshop this Friday from 3.30pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. All welcome but please register at the front office.

BUILDING WORKS: Construction should commence in the next few days to Room 12 and the Staffroom. Another wonderful improvement to our school facilities thanks to the 'Stimulus Funding' from the Federal Government. Three grade five/six classes have settled into their new rooms now for the remainder of 09.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS:

Wednesday 22nd July. Staff are looking forward to catching up with all parents at this most important meeting time. The sharing of student progress and setting of goals for the next six months is critical to your child's educational growth. I am looking forward to catching up with parents as well on the evening so please pop in for a chat or catch me in the corridor as I am moving around the school.

Have a great week- Brendan O'Brien

WAKAKIRRI TICKETS:



The excitement is building for our 5/6 unit with the Wakakirri Heats being less than one month away. The opportunity to order tickets through the school has now expired. All 2nd round offers have been successful and payment is now due.

If you missed the ticket deadline, you can still contact the Clocktower Centre on 9243 9191 to book tickets for the Tuesday 11th August performance.

LIFE EDUCATION VAN:

The Life Education Van has been on site at ANPS this week with children from all grades attending sessions.

A Parent Information Session is being held on Monday 20th July 1:10pm-1:30pm.

This is your opportunity to come in and gain an understanding of the programs your children have been covering during these sessions.

GRADE 3-6 CAMP: BAANYA BIAMI:

The second payment of \$70 is now due for Grade 3-6 children who are attending Camp Baanya Biami in August.

EMA funds held by the school can be used to assist with payment of camp. If you would like to know whether you have funds available please contact the office.

Please be aware that good behaviour is a pre-requisite for children to be able to attend camp. Payment does not automatically secure your child's place.

If you have any questions regarding camp or if you would like to discuss a payment plan, please contact either Mr O'Brien or Miss Shiels via the office.

EMA 2nd INSTALMENT APPLICATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 7TH AUGUST 2009:

The 2nd instalment of EMA for 2009 is currently being processed. Successful applications made at the beginning of 2009 will automatically be rolled over to receive the 2nd instalment.

Families who have a current Pension or Health Care card and have NOT made a claim at ANPS must complete the application by Friday 7th August.

Please present your card at the school office and complete the application form. *Late applications are rarely accepted.*

The 2nd instalment is a payment of \$66.30 per child with the school's portion being \$33.15 and an equal amount of \$33.15 paid to the family.

EMA can be used to pay for the upcoming swimming program, school uniform or allocated to pay for some of the booklist/class supplies for 2010.

If you have any queries please contact Bev at the office.

NEWS FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP:

The new price list has been distributed and is now active. Please also remember the uniform shop is only open during the times below.

Many thanks - Mary Day.

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS:

Monday, Wednesday & Friday
08:45am-09:00am sharp.
Tuesday & Thursday
3:15pm-3:30pm.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ISSUE 5 2009:

Catalogues were sent out today. Orders and payment are due back to school next FRIDAY 24TH JULY. If paying by cheque or money order, please make payable to SCHOLASTIC AUSTRALIA. Correct payment is appreciated as it is difficult to provide change.

If you would like to receive the newsletter via email each week, please send us an email at altona.north.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au to be added to the distribution list.

PARENTS & FRIENDS:

Our Cadbury confectionary fundraiser will be starting tomorrow. Carry packs contain 50 units of confectionery and the selling price for these is \$1.20 per unit.

This is one of our Major Fundraisers for the year and we hope to raise approximately \$3,500 for ANPS from this event.

Please sell these 50 bars to friends, neighbours, relatives, and work mates **within two weeks** and return the \$60 to the School in the envelope provided, with name clearly marked. **Please do not allow children to sell door-to-door without an adult present.**

All money and any unsold chocolates are due back at school by Friday 31st July.

If you experience difficulties selling your chocolates, please return them along with the money collected to the office. If you sell all of your chocolates and would like to receive more to sell, please contact the Parents & Friends via the office.

Thank you for your continued support of P&F & ANPS.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

THE DESIGNER SWAP SHOP NOW OPEN:

Shop 8, Borrack Square, Altona North

Monday - Friday 9:30am - 4:15pm

Saturday: 10:00am - 1:00pm

New and Pre-Loved Designer & Big Brand Label Fashions for Ladies, Men and children. Versace, Prada, Ralph Lauren, OshKosh, Mooks, Guess and MORE!

EXCHANGE STUDENTS IN NEED OF VOLUNTEER HOST FAMILIES:

Have you ever considered introducing your own children to an older international sibling?

World Education Program is looking for Volunteer Host Families for International Students arriving in February 2010.

Our Big Brothers & Big Sisters from France, Switzerland, Japan, Brazil, Italy, and Belgium are keen to start corresponding with a family they can call their own and learn about the place they will call home.

If you would like more information on becoming a Host Family, please contact: Nikki Medwell - Inbound Exchange Administrator
World Education Program

Ph: (03) 9598 4733

Fax: (03) 9598 4233

Toll Free: 1300 884 733

Email: nikkimedwell@wep.org.au

4th Altona Sea Scouts - Pines Scout Camp, Altona Road

(just past the Altona Boat Ramp)

'Scouts' - Joys, Cubs and Scouts

The 4th Altona Sea Scouts would like to invite all students to come and try Scouting.

'Joey Scouts' - For boys & girls aged 6 to 8 years old

Tuesday Nights 5:45 to 6:45pm

'Cub Scouts' - For boys & girls aged 7½ to 11 years old

Tuesday Nights 7:00 to 8:30pm

'Scouts' - For boys & girls aged 11 to 15 years old

Wednesday Nights

Please feel free to come along and participate in a Pack Meeting and experience the exciting activities and games 'Scouts' have to offer.

During a Pack Meeting the children participate in a range of activities as they work towards their badges, venture on excursions around our local community or into Melbourne and occasionally attend camps.