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Dates to Remember

AUGUST:

Friday 7th:

EMA applications due

Sunday 9th:

ANPS Choir performance at Williamstown Town Hall "Hobson's Voices"

Monday 10th:

Notification of Secondary School placements

Tuesday 11th:

Wakakirri Heat Clock Tower Theatre Moonee Ponds

Friday 14th:

3/4 Unit Scienceworks Exc.

Tuesday 18th-Friday 21st:

Camp Baanya Biami

Wednesday 19th:

Final payment for Swimming

Friday 21st:

Ramadan starts

Monday 24th Aug -Friday

4th September:

Intensive Swim Program

SEPTEMBER:

Wednesday 2nd:

Junior School Council

Friday 4th:

Intensive Swim Program ends

Friday 18th:

Term 3 ends

Saturday 19th:

Ramadan ends

OCTOBER:

Sunday 4th:

Daylight Saving Starts

Monday 5th:

Term 4 Starts 08:45am

NOVEMBER:

Tuesday 3rd:

Melbourne Cup Day Public

Holiday - no school

Saturday 14th:

P&F Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

DECEMBER:

Tuesday 8th December:

ANPS End of Year Concert

Yr 7 2010 Orientation Day

Friday 18th December:

Term 4 ends.



"Consider Others"

REMINDER:

ANPS CHOIR PERFORMANCE THIS SUNDAY - 9TH AUGUST
Williamstown Town Hall 2:00pm. Tickets \$5 - available at the door.

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Families:

HOBSON'S VOICES: Our choir will be performing 5 items in the Hobson's Voices concert this coming Sunday at the Williamstown Town Hall. The children and Miss Jedda have been busy rehearsing for this performance. The concert starts at 2pm and will finish at approximately 4:15pm. Tickets are \$5 each and these can be purchased at the door on the day or you can order them online by visiting;

www.hobsonsbaytickets.com.au

All families and friends are welcome and encouraged to attend this event. A big thankyou to Miss Jedda and Melina for their organisation and support on this important day.

WAKAKIRRI: Five sleeps to go!!! It is hard to believe that we are about to go on stage. Rehearsals have gone smoothly, Props are complete, the back stage crew is well prepared, the teacher's nerves are strained with excitement. Chookas Wakki team.

CAMP: Only twelve sleeps to go before 49 students and five staff head off to Baanya Biami for a well planned week of initiative and adventure activities designed to build social skills, physical endurance, self esteem and to have some fun as well. Please make sure you have completed all of the forms and medical information is up to date.

BUILDING WORKS: The builders are back on site and the site cleanup and marking out has commenced. Work has temporarily halted as we await advice from engineers on some minor building modifications.

The next stage of works will hopefully be the planning and construction of a new indoor basketball/multi-purpose/performing arts facility with toilets, showers, canteen, meeting rooms and more. This will be an excellent resource that we will be able to share with Bayside Altona North and our local community.

FOOTY CARDS:

Footy Cards have become very popular over the last couple of months and many students are bringing them to school. The students have lots of fun during play and lunchtimes with their footy cards. However, they are causing some problems amongst students as they swap, lose or damage them. If students bring footy cards to school then they do so at their own responsibility, not the school or the teachers. I might also add that staff may need to 'mind' them on some occasions if students do not use/play with them properly.

VALUABLES: Once again we also remind parents and students about the need to take full responsibility for their own valuables; Ipods, watches, portable electronic games and the like. Staff will not take responsibility for the care of these or similar items at school, on excursions or camps. They do not form part of the learning environment and are not necessary at school. Please refrain from bringing them to school.

SCHOOL TIMES: Most families are making every effort to ensure their students are at school on time. Well done and many thanks for truly considering the learning needs of your children and for respecting the important role your children's teachers have in educating them.

Have a great week- Brendan O'Brien

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

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.

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

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



INTENSIVE SWIMMING PROGRAM:

All places for the swimming program have been filled. Final payment is due by Wednesday 19th August. (EMA funds can be used for this. Please contact the office if you need information regarding your EMA balance if applicable.)

Medical and permission forms will be sent home shortly to those children attending this program.

All children from Prep - 6 are encouraged to take part in this program. It is a great opportunity for those children already having regular swimming lessons to improve their technique as well as giving non-swimmers the opportunity to gain confidence in and around water and also for everyone to learn some very important safety and survival tips in readiness for Summer.

CAMP BAANYA BIAMI:

Thank you to all families who attended our Information Evening on Monday.

Final payment is now due for Camp Baanya Biemi. If you have any questions or concerns with regard to this or any other aspect of camp, please contact Ms Shiels via the office.

PLANET ARK NATIONAL SCHOOL TREE DAY:

Last Friday all children at ANPS participated in our annual Planet Ark National School Tree Day. Students from 1/2M have written the following reports.

On Friday we had Tree Planting Day. My partner was named Alyssar. She is Alex's big sister. She helped me plant my tree. It is a very little tree but when it grows it will be big. I planted my plant on the hill.

By Emily - grade 1.

On Friday we did our own planting. We got a 5/6 buddy and chose our own plants. It was fun on planting day. We drew a picture of what it was before and now. There were holes for the plants. We put some water and dirt into the holes and then we washed our hands. We learnt about plants. Thank you for reading.

By Aisha - grade 1

On Friday we had tree planting day. We planted all sorts of trees. We planted 340 of them. Everyone planted trees. There were all kinds of places to plant them. Grade 5/6 people helped us. Tree planting day was a good day for the world. At first there were only holes, now the holes have trees in them. To plant the trees we had to take the tree out of the pot then tickle the roots, put the trees in the hole, put some dirt then some mulch. We had to water the plant. We put a plastic cover around it. When we were done we lined up. Miss Jackson was taking a video of people planting trees and also asking people questions for the 1/2B & 1/2M News. When we were all done we formed a full line and checked what the hill looked like. We waited for the rest of the class to come back.

By Bill - grade 2

Visit our webpage at www.altonanorthps.vic.edu.au to see the collage of wonderful photos taken on the day.

PARENTS & FRIENDS:

Our Cadbury confectionary fundraiser has now come to an end!

If you have not yet returned your money and any unsold chocolates - please do so immediately as we need to finalise this event.

Congratulations to Skye Hart 5/6R for winning the raffle prize which was drawn at assembly on Monday morning.

Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser. The profit made from this very successful fundraiser will be announced in next week's newsletter.



STUDENT BANKING – Super Savers: Tuesday is Student Banking Day at A.N.P.S. and all students with Commonwealth Bank Accounts are encouraged to make regular deposits and watch their savings grow. The CBA have announced that each deposit received between July and 21st September will receive a free entry into a prize draw to win a Disney/Pixar prize valued at \$425 or 1 of 200 double passes to the movie "UP". So keep saving! For a starter kit or further information please speak with Bev at the school office.

Altona North OSHC Program:

Amelia has been gathering numbers from families interested in beginning a holiday care program at Altona North Primary School. Our numbers have not changed since last term and we still need to reach a minimum of 30 permanent daily places before we can look into the program starting.

If you are interested and have not yet returned a form to Amelia, please telephone 0417 113 808 to advise her of your interest as soon as possible.

If we do not have the required numbers by August 14th 2009, we will not be able to begin the program for the coming holiday period. We will keep all families updated with the progress of the holiday care program. Thank you!

PARENTS VICTORIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE 18TH - 19TH AUGUST 2009:

Parents Victoria is holding a two-day conference, "If You Care, Be Aware!" at the Jika International Hotel, Fairfield. The conference will focus on internet safety and cyber-bullying and will include sessions conducted by Victoria Police and the Australian Communications and Media Authority. For further information please visit www.parentsvictoria.asn.au

WILLIAMSTOWN JUNIOR BLUE LIGHT DISCOS

(for 9 to 15 year olds) Newport Baptist Church Hall - 26 Mason St, Newport - Friday August 21st, 2009

7:30 to 9:30pm Entry: \$5 Organised and supervised by the Williamstown Police, the Williamstown Blue Light Committee and Community and Parent Volunteers

For further details please contact Sgt Peter Radford at Williamstown Police on 9393 9555 or Bernie Graham on 9391 2029 or Helene Deahl on 0418 388 436 or email the committee on willibluelight@yahoo.com.au