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## Dates to Remember

### AUGUST:

**Friday 14th:**

3/4 Unit Scienceworks Exc.

**Tuesday 18th-Friday 21st:**

Camp Baanya Biامي

**Wednesday 19th:**

Final payment for Swimming

**Friday 21st:**

Ramadan starts

**Monday 24th Aug -Friday**

**4th September:**

Intensive Swim Program

**Monday 31st Aug:**

Scholastic Bookfair starts

this afternoon @ 3:15pm

### SEPTEMBER:

**Wednesday 2nd:**

Junior School Council

**Friday 4th:**

Father's Day Stall

Intensive Swim Program

ends

Scholastic Bookfair finishes

this morning @08:45am

**Monday 7th September:**

Numeracy & Literacy week

**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:**

Grade 3-6 Camp Baanya Biامي - Tuesday 18th - Friday 21st August  
All children attending camp MUST be at school by 08:30am!

## *From the Principal*

**Dear Parents and Families:**

**HOBSON'S VOICES:** We have experienced a feast of performing arts this week. Hobson's Voices was a celebration of local talent on stage in Williamstown last Sunday. Congratulations Miss Jedda and Choir for a wonderful performance. A big thank you to Miss Shiels and Melina for your strong support on the day. Also thanks to all other staff and our parents who attended to watch our songbirds sing.

**WAKAKIRRI:** Wow, Yahoo!!!! Six judging criteria and the ANPS Wakki team achieved: Five GOLD and one SILVER. This is nothing short of sensational. Congrats again to Miss Jedda for leading our production team so successfully. A huge well done to our students for their magnificent performance and a HUGE thankyou to all the Wakakirri staff helpers and parents who supported our production.

### **SCIENCEWORKS:**

The Grade three and four team are heading off to Scienceworks tomorrow to build their scientific knowledge of Solids, Liquids and Gases. The opportunity to see first hand the real life applications of how these earthly products can be used will certainly add to our students capacity to learn.

**CAMP:** Only FIVE sleeps to go!! I am sure parents and students already have the cases out, the sleeping bags washed and ready. Don't forget your favourite pillow, although they are supplied on camp. One of the most important items will be a WATERPROOF jacket, one that actually keeps the rain from making it's way onto your clothing please.

**BUILDING WORKS:** I received some very exciting news this week. An architectural company visited our school today to undertake a 'site inspection' for the placement of our new Multi Purpose building which will cater for Music/ Performing Arts/Physical Education / Concerts / Community activities/Shared use with Bayside Altona North and more. We are still awaiting the final sign-off on funding from Canberra at this point in time, but it all looks promising.

**SWIMMING PROGRAM:** 130 students are now enrolled in the program. Miss Shiels has been busy organising the schedule to ensure that the program runs smoothly. The new pool does provide the perfect learning environment and all instructors are fully qualified. I am looking forward to visiting the program and witnessing water safety learning in action. Parent helpers will be welcome to make sure the change process goes well.

**Have a great week- Brendan O'Brien**

### **CAMP BAANYA BIAMI:**

All children attending camp next week MUST be at school by 08:30am Tuesday 18th August. There will be an 08:45am roll call and the bus will depart ANPS at 9:30am.

Please make sure you go through the supplied checklist of items with your child when packing their bags in preparation to ensure nothing is forgotten.

Please remember to supply a snack, lunch and drink for the trip to camp.

The bus will return to ANPS on Friday 21st August at 2:45pm.



**Book Fair - One Week Only:**

Starting on MONDAY 31st AUGUST, we will be having the Scholastic Book Fair at our school.

The students will have the opportunity to browse and purchase books. The details are as follows:

**When:** Monday 31st August 3:15pm through to Friday 4th September 08:45am

**Where:** Library

**Time:** Tuesday - Friday 8:30 – 8:45am.  
Monday - Thursday 3:15 - 3:30pm.

Thank you - Mrs. Siphthorp

**INTENSIVE SWIMMING PROGRAM:**

The Swimming Program starts on Monday 24th August and will run until Friday 4th September.

Final payment is due by next Wednesday - 19th August.

Medical and permission forms will be sent home tomorrow, Friday 14th August to those children attending this program. Completed Medical Forms must be returned to classroom teachers by Wednesday 19th August.

**WAKAKIRRI 2009: by Mia Srijan 5/6K**

Our Wakakirri day started early as Mrs. Hardman, Mrs Enright, Kelly Day and Miss Shiels started to work on hair and make up before we even left school.

As soon as we arrived at the Clocktower Theatre we were greeted by Mrs. Angela. She talked about Wakakirri and it was so nice to see her again. Rick took us to our dressing room and we all got changed for our dress rehearsal.

Our dress rehearsal went really well, considering we were all used to practising in a smaller space at school (due to renovations). Afterwards we had dinner and before we knew it, it was time to do it all again – hair, costumes and make up! Performing at the Clocktower Theatre was an awesome experience and I recommend it to students entering grade 5/6.

Thank you to everyone who made this happen and thank you to all the parents who supported us on the night.

Coming to school the next morning after Wakakirri was the hardest thing, but the news that we were awarded 5 gold and 1 sliver for our performance was worth it!

**WAKAKIRRI DVD ORDERS:**

We will be offering families the opportunity to purchase a copy of the Wakakirri DVD shortly. We have been advised the cost of the DVD will be \$39.50 each. ANPS has decided to wait until the State Grand Final Entrants are announced in a couple of weeks time. If we are successful in making it into the State Grand Final, families will then have the option of purchasing either the Heat DVD / Grand Final DVD or both - depending on the outcome.

**PARENTS & FRIENDS:****Cadbury fundraiser update:**

Sales from our Cadbury fundraiser have amounted to a profit of \$4,200 for ANPS to date. Thank you to everyone who have supported this event.

We still have a couple of carriers outstanding. If one of these is yours, please contact the office to discuss the return or payment of the chocolates.

***If you would like to purchase additional Cadbury products, please speak with one of the office staff.***

**Avon Drive:**

It has been decided to hold another Avon Drive due to the success of the last.

Catalogues and order forms will be sent home with the eldest child in each family on MONDAY 24TH AUGUST. Orders and payment will be due back at school on Friday 4th September. (Orders cannot be accepted without full payment.)

Please return all catalogues to school regardless of whether or not you choose to place an order.

**Father's Day:**

Our annual Father's Day Stall will take place on the morning of Friday 4th September. We will not be holding a raffle this year. *Donations for the stall are now being accepted at the office.*

**WAKAKIRRI BACKSTAGE CREW PERSPECTIVE:**

By 5/6C

Walking to the whitewashed photo room I was feeling both happy and nervous. Now standing tall in front of the camera I channelled all my nervous energy to form a big smile. CLICK went the camera and the photo was taken.

Standing in our running order I began to take deep breaths. On the giant white screen in front of me I could see the host announcing the first school onto centre stage. I placed my hands over my ears and closed my eyes. I felt my heart thumping hard against my chest. Suddenly our school began to move onto the stage.

I moved quickly to grab my starting props. It was pitch black and strangely silent. I rushed to get my tree stump onto the stage and flew back off. I felt a feeling of relief as the lights beamed onto the trees. It was SHOWTIME!

**HEADLICE REMINDER:**

Families are asked to please check children's hair regularly and if you do find lice/nits present, treat as necessary and inform the office. Headlice are a nuisance, not a disease.

For more information and answers to many frequently asked questions regarding head lice, visit [www.health.vic.gov.au/headlice](http://www.health.vic.gov.au/headlice)

**NUMERACY & LITERACY WEEK:**

We will be celebrating Numeracy & Literacy Week at ANPS from Monday 7th Sept. - Friday 11th Sept. More information about this event will be sent home shortly as there will be an opportunity for family involvement.