Dear Parents and Families:

STAFFING NEWS:  
It is with mixed emotions that I pass on this news to our community.

From the 2nd of March I will be taking leave from Altona North to be the College Principal of CARRANBALLAC P to 9 in Point Cook for 12 months.

I am pleased to announce that Mrs Gregson will be the Principal of Altona North for this period. This has been a difficult decision given my long standing leadership of the ANPS Community, especially given the strong ties I have established with everyone and the significance of the 50th Anniversary celebrations. I am pleased to say that I will be attending some of the celebrations.

At the same time I looking forward to the challenge of leading the Carranballac Community.

ANPS has an outstanding staff, dedicated School Council and committed P and F coupled with a vibrant, energetic and caring student body. I feel privileged to have been a small part of the shaping of our incredibly connected school culture and humbled by the positive feedback we always receive.

I would like to wish you all every success for the remainder of 2015 and the start of 2016. Brendan.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL: Once again I would like to extend my thanks to Mrs Soto, Miss Shiels, Rob Avolino, parents in attendance and our wonderful swimmers. We are all extremely proud of your successes. Keep up the great work Robyn.

SCHOOL COUNCIL and ELECTIONS: Thankyou to our past School Council for their dedication to our community capably lead by Wayne Berryman.

I am pleased to announce that we have filled all positions for the next twelve months and I would like to thank all of those who have been nominated and accepted:

Congratulations to:
- Mrs Toula Papaioannou
- Mrs Antonija Mell
- Mrs Natalie Barlas
- Mrs Maggie Jovevski
- Ms Vanessa Shiels.

Our continuing members are:
- Mr Petar Rogan, Mr Wayne Berryman, Mr Neil Chenery, Mrs Lee Blunt and Mrs Robyn Gregson

My absence from Council will be treated as a casual DET vacancy for 12 months.

50th ANNIVERSARY of ANPS: Planning continues for this momentous celebration. I am very pleased with the efforts of staff and parents as we forge ahead with a busy week of key activities. Your assistance would still be appreciated.

You may want to buy a space for your car in the Car Boot Sale OR you might be able to find time to attend one of the weekly activities. Plan ahead and join us.

MURRAY to MOYNE: Our team of riders are pedalling their legs off to get ready for this most worthwhile event. I would like to wish all of the team ‘all the best’ as they make themselves available to support such a worthy cause. Last year’s funds have already been utilised to make much needed improvements to our school support centre and programs.

Please look at ‘how you can help’ support this event with an understanding that the benefits come back directly to the students and families of ANPS. I would like to make special mention of the M to M leader - Robyn Gregson. She works tirelessly for our students and to make this event a huge success. Keep up the great work Robyn.

We must also recognise our band of helpers; they are a bit like the backstage crew at Wakakirri. They are the glue that makes the event successful—thankyou.

ACCIDENT/PRIVATE PROPERTY COVER: Parents/guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs whilst they are in attendance at school.

Parents/guardians can purchase insurance policies from commercial insurers.

Thought for the week:
“Somewhere, something incredible is waiting to be known”

It is with this thought in mind we should all get up to tackle each day.

Have a great week.
Brendan O’Brien - Principal.
Prep 2015 Family Picnic:

We will be holding a picnic next Tuesday 24th February for all our Prep students and their families. This is a wonderful opportunity for the Prep families to come together and enjoy a night of games and great food.

Full details regarding this fun event have been sent home with your Prep student/s. Please ensure your check your child’s bag regularly.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PREP FAMILIES:

**Parent/Teacher Information Sessions** will take place during the afternoon & early evening of Wednesday 11th March

Please place this most important date on your home calendar and take the time to meet your child’s 2015 teachers.

Full details will be sent home with children shortly.

2015 HOUSE CAPTAIN SPEECHES:

Upon enrolment into ANPS every student is assigned a House Colour. They remain in this House for the duration of their educational years at ANPS. Each House, Red, Yellow, Blue and Green is Captained by a Boy House Captain and a Girl House Captain.

At the start of each year Grade 6 students are given the opportunity to run for HOUSE CAPTAIN. The students wishing to stand for this position are invited to make a short speech at assembly to staff and students. From these speeches, students and staff then elect the most suitable candidates to hold these positions for the duration of the school year.

Next Monday, 23rd February, Grade 6 students from GREEN and YELLOW houses will be making their speeches.

Good luck to all candidates.

HEALTHY FOOD & LIVING PROGRAM

Free 10 week program - Childcare and snacks provided

Program activities

- Packing a healthy lunch box for school children
- Reducing the cost of your water and electricity bills
- Learning to grow your own fruit and vegetables
- Cooking healthy and affordable meals

When: Tuesdays from 24 February 2015
Time: 9:30—11:30am
Where: Altona North Library
Corner Millers & McArthurs Road, Altona North
RSVP: RSVP is essential
Friday 20th February 2015.
Contact Liz on 9932 1284 or lizsmith@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au
Twilight Car Boot Market: Friday, 20th March, 2015
4pm-8pm Please see flyer on next page.
To hold a stall, it will be $20 per car or $30 per car & trailer.
We would appreciate more volunteers to get involved on the day. If you can assist with set up, spinning some fairy floss, BBQing a sausage or two or perhaps offering some expertise in running a kids’ craft activity centre or helping with pack up, WE NEED YOU! Any time between 3pm - 830pm. Please fill in the slip below or just drop in at the office to express your interest.
Watch out for flyers and posters over the next few weeks for more on the planned 50th birthday celebrations leading up to the market.

Easter Raffle
We are asking for any donations towards our annual Easter raffle. Nothing is too big or too small, but all is greatly appreciated. Donations can be left at the office.

ALTONA FRUIT AND VEGGIE SWAP
Saturday 14 February
10.30am to 11.30am
Williamstown Library Decking near the Golden Elm
104 Ferguson Street Williamstown
Swap your excess homegrown produce while enjoying a chat with other local gardeners.
Swappers can place their contribution on a common table, browse and enjoy a chat with other locals while taking a share of some things they could use.
Cost: FREE
Bookings: Not required
http://tinyurl.com/WilliamstownFruit-VegieSwap
Hosted by Transition Hobsons Bay

NEWPORT FRUIT AND VEGGIE SWAP
Sunday 15 February
10.30am to 11.30am
Newport Lakes
At the first BBQ shelter near the Mason Street entrance to the park
Bring your homegrown produce along to swap while enjoying a chat with other local gardeners.
Swappers can place their contribution on a common table, browse and enjoy a chat with other locals while taking a share of some things they could use.
Cost: FREE
Bookings: Not required
http://tinyurl.com/NewportFruit-VegieSwap
Hosted by Transition Hobsons Bay

MURRAY 2 MOYNE 2015:
It’s exciting!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
In March 2015 a team of riders and crew will be riding for Altona North Primary School in the Murray to Moyne Cycle Relay to raise money for Student Welfare, Health and Wellbeing. We endorse that all children have the right to learn and to be their best throughout life and Altona North PS is “where the journey begins”. We have a diverse community culture and extensive welfare system across the school which we wish to embrace for all students and their families.

On the 28th and 29th March our riders will ride from the Murray River in Echuca to the Moyne River in Port Fairy (520 km) over a 24 hour period to raise much needed money to support our children. Our riders and crew are a dedicated group of people from various backgrounds who are ready to take on the challenge of riding day and night to assist in providing valuable resources to the welfare of children at Altona North Primary School.

We are asking for support from our families to get behind Team 101 in getting sponsorship, helping to provide us with the food/ drinks needed during the ride or any other assistance you can give. Sponsorship forms will be sent home with students shortly.

To keep our riders fed during the ride, we are asking if people can help with donations of any of the following which will enable us to keep costs down and put more money into the school:
Tetra fruit boxes   Long life Big M   Jube lollies
Dried fruit   Snack packs of chips/ biscuits etc
Nuts   Margarine Chocolate bars   Cans of drink
Gatorade / sports drinks
ALTERNATIVELY you are invited to make a donation via the website www.murraytomyone.com.au to our team which is: Team 101:BIROYA (Altona Nth Primary Welfare Program) using your Visa or Mastercard.

Regards Robyn Gregson

ENVIRO CORNER:

BUNCHES OF LUNCHES - MAKING QUICK, HEALTHY AND YUMMY SCHOOL LUNCHES
Saturday 14 February
11am to 2pm
Altona P-9 College 103a
Grieve Parade, Altona
This workshop will show you how to make a week’s worth of healthy food options for school lunches that are simple to prepare. Participants will take home five lunch items, recipes and lots of inspiration from this workshop which is being run as part of the Altona P-9 College’s Seed Savers and Beyond garden program, providing education on food sustainability, seasonality and healthy, delicious meals to grow and eat.
Cost: Tickets $5 donation
Bookings: Essential
http://tinyurl.com/BookingsBunchesofLunches
Hosted by Altona P-9 College Seed Savers and Beyond Heritage Garden and Nursery
We are celebrating
50 years!

Cresser St, Altona North

*School Tours
*Sausage Sizzle
*Craft
*Bargains

*Face Painting
*Baked Goods Stand
*Balloons
*Jumping Castle

*Clothes
*Popcorn
*Fairy Floss
*Coffee & Cold Drinks

Stalls Available: $20/car or $30/car & trailer

Stall Bookings: Maggie 0432 167 870 or School Direct 9391 4233

PARENTS & FRIENDS TWILIGHT CAR BOOT SALE - FRIDAY 20TH MARCH:

Child’s Name: ___________________________ Grade: ___________________________

I am available to assist with the Car Boot Sale. I understand that a member of the P&F will contact me to confirm all details.

Preferred Time Slot between 3pm-8:30pm ______________________________________________________________________

Parent/Guardian Name: _______________________________________________________________________________________

Phone Number: _______________________________________________________________________________________________