Dear Parents and Families:

Welcome to our second newsletter for 2017. Whilst the weather has been up and down our students have completely settled into their learning. Our Preps are now old hands at school and finding their way around the school with comfort and ease. New families are still enrolling so I would like to welcome these families to our school.

POP UP PLAYGROUP:
Don’t forget families with pre-school aged children - The Hobson’s Bay Council have started a Pop Up Playgroup here at ANPS. Come along tomorrow from 9am until 11am for a chat and to meet other parents while your children play. I’d love to see you all there. Bring along friends with you!
You do not have to have children attending ANPS to be involved. This Playgroup is open for all families in the Hobson's Bay area.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL: Congratulations to our swimming team! The students were very well behaved as expected and showed their style in the pool. Although it was a smaller team this year we received a number of ribbons with Ana D (5/6L) going onto the next level.
Thank you to the parents who came along to watch and support the kids. A big thank you to Ms. Shiels, Fay and Terry for supporting our students and giving great care for them whilst out of the school. THANK YOU Swimming Team for representing Altona North Primary School!

SCHOOL COUNCIL and ELECTIONS: Thank you to the parents who have nominated for School Council. Welcome back to Toula Papaioannou (Antonio and Kosta’s mum) who is an experienced member of our School Council. Toula worked very hard over the past year getting our school crossing in Cresser Street installed and making our surrounding streets safer for our students. Welcome also to Kylie Swan (Amity’s mum) who is new to our school council and a great asset to have aboard. HOWEVER WE STILL HAVE 2 PARENT VACANCIES!!!!!!!.
As the result of insufficient nominations having been received, I call for further nominations for the remaining 2 parent positions on School Council. Please consider becoming a School Council member it is a great way to become involved in your child’s school and see what happens behind the scenes to create a valuable and enriched learning environment. These further nominations are due in by 4pm Monday 20th February. Nomination forms are available from the school office.

PARENT/TEACHER INFORMATION SESSION: Our Parent / Teacher Information Session will be held next Wednesday 22nd February. Confirmed appointment times have been sent home with students today. Please remember to put this in your diaries as this is a very important time to talk to your child/children’s teacher to share information. Teachers are currently working hard to test all students and are working in unit teams in planning strong, vibrant and challenging lessons for ALL students.

AFRICAN DRUMMING GROUP: This year Mr. John has been able to book an African Drumming Group to perform and workshop with some of our students. Our Instrumental, drumming, Ukulele and Senior Choir students will be attending. Enjoy everyone!

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MURRAY 2 MOYNE CYCLE RELAY:

For the Fourth Year, Team 101, consisting of 8 riders and 3 crew, will be supporting the Welfare Department at Altona North Primary School to raise money for resources to cater for children with special needs, social, emotional and wellbeing difficulties and to engage all students in their learning and to give them the best opportunities in life.

On the 1st & 2nd April the team 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.

In the three years we have participated in this event, close to $10,000 has been raised for ANPS which has allowed us to assist students in a variety of ways: camps / swimming programs / excursions / incursions as well as the Life Skills program which all students are currently experiencing on a Monday and Wednesday. Help us to continue the wonderful support programs we are able to offer through this fundraising.

Your family and friends have the opportunity to support this fundraising activity by either sponsoring per kilometre or by a donation.

Donate via School or Visit: murraytomoyne.com.au to make a donation directly
Team 101: BIOYA, Altona North Primary School Welfare Program

From the Principal Continued...

SUNSMART: Every student MUST wear a hat when in the yard or they WILL be sitting under cover and unable to go into the playground. A friendly reminder to all in our community that we live in an environment that has great potential to do damage to our skin. Our school Sunsmart policy requires children to wear polo shirts, collared clothing and Sunsmart hats during school hours. We encourage the use of sunscreen but DO NOT allow students to share this at school as it may cause rashes to other students.

School Uniform is compulsory at ANPS. All tops must be purchased through our uniform shop as they are a special design, guaranteed Sunsmart and have our logo embroidered on them. The same goes for our SunSmart Hats. Our uniform is of high quality at a very reasonable price. If you are experiencing difficulty with ensuring your child is wearing full school uniform everyday, please speak with either myself or Lee Blunt.

We also encourage students to be Sunsmart out of school hours and are pleased to see our students wearing their school hats before and after school.

Enjoy your weekend
Robyn Gregson - Principal
Lunch time activities kicked off this week under the guidance of Amelia (youth worker) and Ms Shiels. Special activities will run during the lunch play break on Wednesdays and Thursdays. On Wednesday we had table tennis and basketball in the gym with 62 students participating and on Thursday we had giant chess and a basketball round robin tournament. These activities are open to all students and to encourage the development of social skills, team work and problem solving. We look forward to developing links with Florence Aged Care who will be assisting with a lunch time gardening club. Stay tuned for upcoming events.
Regular Opening Hours of the Uniform Shop:
Tuesday & Wednesday Mornings
08:45am - 09:00am
Thursday Afternoons
3:00pm - 3:15pm

Please ensure your child has an ANPS sun smart hat and that all items of clothing are clearly labelled. Hats must be worn by all students every day of Term 1.

If you are unable to come into the uniform shop during these hours of operation, you are more than welcome to leave your order at the office and we will call you when the items are ready for collection. Alternatively, you are most welcome to make payment at the time of placing your order and the items will then be passed onto your child to bring home as soon as possible.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CANTEEN:

Please be aware that the Canteen is closed every WEDNESDAY. Please send your child/ren to school with morning tea and lunch on this day as the school is unable to provide food for them. For a full canteen price list check on our webpage. http://www.altonanorthps.vic.edu.au

Please Note: The canteen is unable to run accounts for families. Payment must be included with orders. All orders must be placed in the classroom lunchbox at the start of the school day. Telephone orders will not be accepted this year. The canteen is NOT OPEN BEFORE school.

BEFORE / AFTERSCHOOL CARE:

Situated on site at ANPS this program promotes a healthy and active lifestyle, encourages friendships and supports children to develop new skills – all while having fun!

This high quality program embraces the schools values and builds on your child’s educational experience and individual interests.

The program combines active games with planned and unplanned play, quiet time, homework time and a healthy snack. Everyday is an adventure led by an enthusiastic Camp Australia staff member who is on a mission to bring smiles to kid’s faces.

Please contact 0412 001 589 or visit the room if you would like any further information.

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 your children can feel extremely stressed at these times as can our staff.

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 all important information 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 telephone the office, enter their absence via our webpage or send a written note when your child returns.

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.
Congratulations to our wonderful swimming team who participated in the ADSSA Inter School Swimming Carnival on Tuesday. We had a team of 14 students who were extremely excited and proud to be representing ANPS. Each student shook of pre-race nerves and swam strong to the finish line in both the 50m and 25m events. Our 25m swimmers proved strong coming away with six ribbons. Well done kids and thank you for being wonderful school ambassadors.
ALTONA NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Cresser Street, Altona North
Saturday 25th March 2017
9am – 1pm

MARKET DAY
$25 per stall

Bookings and Enquiries:
School Office (03) 9391 4233

Sausage Sizzle (Halal)-Hot & Cold Drinks-Cake Stall
Second Hand Books, Furniture & Bric-a-Brac- plus more

COME ALONG AND SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL
Altona North Primary School would like to be connected with you and we have many ways for you to do this.

**Web:**
Sign up for our weekly newsletter and stay up-to-date with what's taking place.

**Our app:**
Via the App Store and Google Play store search “UPDAT-ED” and select Altona North Primary School.

**Facebook:**
https://www.facebook.com/AltonaNorthPrimarySchoolOfficial/

If your child has participated in something outstanding outside of school hours we would love to feature their achievement in the school newsletter - send us an email along with a brief description to altona.north.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
Altona North
Fun with Friends
Playgroup

Each Friday during the school term
9.00am - 11.00am
Altona North Primary School
51 Cresser Street, Altona North.

Fun with friends is a free playgroup giving you and your child the opportunity to meet local families with preschool children.
For information ring or text Jacinta - 0417 394 137