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Dates to Remember

OCTOBER:

Thursday 16th: 3/4 Unit

“Footy In School” competition

Tuesday 21st: Instrumental
Group to Arts Centre

Wednesday 22nd: Children’s
Week Picnic 10am-1pm

Monday 27th: School

Council Meeting 7pm

Wednesday 22nd: Prep 15
Transition 9am-10:30

Wednesday 29th: Prep 15
Transition 9am-10:30

NOVEMBER:

Monday 3rd: Report Writing
Day - Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 4th: Melbourne Cup
Day public holiday

Wednesday 5th: Prep 15
Transition Session 9am-10:30

Tuesday 11th:

Remembrance Day

Wednesday 12th: Prep 15
Transition Session 9am-10:30

Wednesday 19th: Prep 15
Transition & Parent Info

Session 9am-12:15pm
Prep 15 Parent Evening Info

Session 6pm-7pm.

Monday 17th - Friday 28th:
Prep-Grade 4 Swim Program

Monday 24th - Friday 28th:
Grade 5/6 Beach Program
School Council 7pm

DECEMBER:

Monday 8th: Concert Dress
Rehearsal

Tuesday 9th: Y7 2015 Govt.
Secondary Transition Day

Thursday 11th: School
Concert

Friday 19th: Last Day of
School for 2014

REMINDERS:

Prep - Grade 4 Swimming Program and Grade 5/6 Beach
Program - deposits to secure placement **NOW DUE.**

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Families:

ATHLETICS: We wish Qiila all the best for his continuing athletics competition on Tuesday the 14th October as he takes on the next level at the Regionals. Goodluck Qiila, we are already very proud of both your attitude and performance.

2015 PLANNING: In order to assist us with planning for 2015, it is important that we know whether current students will be returning in 2015.

Students took home gold notices earlier this week requesting families to indicate whether or not your child/ren will be returning to ANPS for 2015. Please complete this form and return it to the office tomorrow.

This will enable us to plan for grade sizes and staffing so we can continue to offer your child the best possible education and learning environment.

PREP 2015 TRANSITION DATES: We will be holding transition mornings for next year’s Preps on Wednesday 22nd & 29th Oct., 5th, 12th & 19th November. Families who have completed enrolment forms will have already received full information regarding these sessions in the mail.

Please ensure that you have handed in enrolment forms if you have a new child starting school next year so your child doesn’t miss out on these very important sessions.

REPORT PREPARATION DAY: On Monday the 3rd of November our school will be closed. Staff will all be busy preparing/writing reports for the end of the year.

We selected this day, as historically, it has the least impact on our community. When we have had school on the day before Cup Day in the past, our attendances have been very low.

Please make sure that you place this date on your home calendar.

No school on Monday the 3rd of November.

TABLE TENNIS:

Everyone would have received the special notice this week indicating the ‘change of date’ for the display. Our apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused. We are all looking forward to the display on Monday during assembly and of course the table tennis robot will be on show as well. At the same time we take delivery of our five new portable tables which will be very exciting indeed.

On the same notice was information about the **LEADER newspaper** finalist voting system. Can I strongly encourage you to get on line and vote for our table tennis funding which has been organised by Mrs Gregson. I believe Mrs G may be invited to play the robot on Monday.

Full details explaining how to vote for ANPS are on page 3 of this newsletter.

FURNITRE for ANPS: We have been extremely fortunate to have obtained quality furniture from Medibank Private late last term. At this point in time the majority of furniture is in storage. You may have seen the a few new items in our Library and Hall foyer that we have been able to distribute already. They are of extremely high quality and fit in superbly to our school environment. Over the next two months we will gradually introduce these items to various areas of the school to enhance the learning environment for all. This week we are concentrating on the staffroom and the Library with additional and upgraded equipment. I will endeavour to keep you informed as the changes happen.

SWIMMING: Families would have received the swimming notices this week. We are using the Yarraville swim centre for both the 5 / 6 beach program and the Prep to 4 pool program. Yarraville comes highly recommended to us and we look forward to high levels of participation from our community.

I cannot stress enough the importance of preparing children for water safety as we head into summer.

QUOTE for this week:

*“It is possible to store the mind with a million facts and still be uneducated”
Alec Bouren.*

This notion just reinforces the concept of life being a lifelong learning journey.

Have a great week.

Brendan O’Brien, Principal.



“Consider Others”

INTENSIVE SWIMMING PROGRAMS:

Swimming Program: Our 10-day intensive swimming program will take place in Term 4 this year. The program caters for students from Grades Prep – 4. It will run from Monday 17th November – Friday 28th November. The lessons will take place at the Yarraville Swim Centre, with each daily lesson being for 45 minutes. The cost to attend the program is \$90 per student.

Beach Program:

Our 5-day Beach Program will also be in Term 4 from Monday 24th November – Friday 28th November. This program caters for students in Grades 5 and 6. It will take place at Williamstown Beach, and as it is later in Term 4 the weather conditions will hopefully be warmer for the students attending. The cost of the beach program is \$110 per student.

Permission notes and further detailed information were sent home on Tuesday of this week for both programs. Permission notes and deposits will be due back by 17th October. Full payments to be finalised by 31st October.

Please be aware that we can only secure a place for your child in these programs when the permission note and deposit are received by the office.

EMA funds can be used to assist in payment of these programs. If you would like to know whether or not you have any EMA available, please contact Mrs Hardman in the office on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.

HOBSONS BAY CHILDREN'S WEEK PICNIC:



Wednesday 22nd October
Logan Reserve Altona 10am -1pm

ANPS will be represented at this event by our 5/6 Unit. They will have a "Sustainability" display set up and will be providing visitors to the picnic with valuable information regarding sustainability and caring for our environment.

Hobsons Bay City Council acknowledges Children's Week by hosting a picnic on Universal Children's Day. This is one of the council's premier events for children and families, which the community supports with roughly 1000- 2000 attendees enjoying the festivities.

The annual Children's Week Picnic is themed "**A Caring World Shares**" and celebrates the right of children to enjoy childhood, whilst also providing a platform to showcase children's talents, skills and abilities.

Some of the key highlights of the event include face painting, jumping castles, animal farm, school performances, Fire Trucks, Police, SES, Scouts Australia, giant games and much more.

NAPLAN RESULTS:

NAPLAN testing took place earlier in the year for all Grade 3 and Grade 5 students. The results have arrived at ANPS and are available for collection from the office, by an adult.

Please keep these in a safe place at home along with your child's school reports as these are an important piece of your child's school history.

HOUSE COLOUR REPORT:

Upon enrolment at ANPS each student is assigned to a "House". Our houses are: Mason (Yellow), Blackshaws (Red), Millers (Blue) and Cresser (Green), with siblings being placed in the same house. Every year a grade 6 boy and girl are nominated as House Captains for each of these houses.

House Certificates are presented to various students at assembly on Monday mornings recognising significant achievements and positive behaviour displayed throughout the week. Each certificate earns points for the child's House and contributes to the overall house points which are tallied at the end of the year.

During the last assembly for Term 3, the current tally for each House was announced:

Mason	559 points
Blackshaws	537 points
Millers	535 points
Cresser	523 points

Keep up the good work everyone!

SOCIAL SERVICE EVENT:

On the last day of Term3, we held an out of uniform day to support "FOOTY COLOURS DAY". All students and staff were encouraged to wear their team colours and bring a Gold Coin Donation.

WE RAISED \$219.25 which we have sent off to assist this organization in their vital programs and lifesaving research supporting Aussie kids and teens living with cancer.

To find out more about this organisation, please visit;
<http://www.footycoloursday.com.au>

Thank you to all members of our school community for your continued support of our Social Service events.

PARENTS & FRIENDS:

Upcoming Event: Parents & friends are pleased to offer tickets to the Mattel Toy Shop in Ardeer. Order forms will go out shortly.

Tickets : \$5 per person

Dates available for ANPS families & friends to attend:

Thurs 11 Dec 2014 10am-3pm

Fri 12 Dec 2014 4pm-8pm

Sat 13 Dec 2014 11am-3pm

There are lots of bargains on offer with 30%-80% discounts compared to stores. Bring your Christmas lists or stock up on birthday presents.

Brands include: Hot Wheels; Barbie; Monster High; My Little Pony; Sofia the First; Jake & the Neverland Pirates; Octonauts; Thomas The Tank; Fisher Price; board games; Looney Toons; WWF; Max Steel; plus many, many more!!! This is open to the whole school community and 100% of all ticket sales will go to our school.

ANPS 50 YEARS:

50th CELEBRATIONS: During the course of term 4 students will contribute their ideas to our 50th celebration. Parents are most welcome to pass on their ideas as well and this can be achieved through the P&F, by dropping by the office, sending the school an email or by stopping by to discuss your concept. All contributions are welcome. Help will be needed and we are going to begin with a few simple 'smartening up tasks' around the front foyer area. We would like someone, OR a few someone's with an eye for detail, to reframe and reorder our awards displays and reset them in order please. All items will be supplied. We would also like help with research into the school's history and the fine tuning of the many photograph albums we have so they can be in good condition for people to browse over when they visit. No specific skills or talents required, just a little enthusiasm please.

LEADER LOCAL GRANTS:

Voting for cycle 5 of Leader Local Grants opened on Monday October 6 and closes at 5pm, Friday 17 October.

Votes can only be placed at

www.leaderlocalgrants.com.au. Voting is open to all those who register on the website, who are 18 or older and live in Victoria.

Each person who registers will be allocated ten votes per grant cycle to vote on any idea or ideas they support. *We encourage you, your friends, family and neighbours to vote for our idea too.*

The project receiving the highest number of votes in the Hobsons Bay Leader will be eligible to receive the \$1,000 Leader Local Grant.

STEPS TO VOTING ONLINE:

Firstly go to www.leaderlocalgrants.com.au

You will see the heading "VOTE NOW - See The Finalists" **CLICK ON THE ORANGE TAB** which will take you to a new page.

Under the heading of LOCAL PAPER - select "**HOBSONS BAY LEADER**" **CLICK ON ORANGE "SEARCH" TAB** which will take you to a new page.

On the Second Row, Far Right, you will see an image of ANPS with the heading "YOU CAN PLAY" - click on this image which will take you into the complete article about our submission.

TOP RIGHT of this page you will see the word **REGISTER** in orange - click on this and **FOLLOW THE PROMPTS**.

2015 YEAR 7:

Parents of students in Grade 6 this year, are asked to please make a note on your calendars that the Year 7 2015 Orientation Day for all Victorian Government Secondary Schools will be held on **TUESDAY 9th DECEMBER**.

Grade 6 students are not required to attend Altona North Primary School at all on this day.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL COMMUNITIES:

Once again we will be holding the Active After School Communities Program. Students have already been notified of their placement within this program.

The Grade Prep-2 students will be doing **LAWN BOWLS** with the Altona North Lawn Bowls Club starting on Tuesday 22nd Oct through until 2nd Dec.

The Grade 3-6 students will be doing **HIP HOP** with TDC starting on Friday 24th Oct through until 5th Dec.

The program starts straight after school on these days and finishes at 4:20pm.

If you have any questions with regard to this program, please speak with Miss Shiels, as she is the co-ordinator of this extremely beneficial program.



The CAMP AUSTRALIA program promotes a healthy and active lifestyle, encourages friendships and supports children to develop new skills – all while having fun!

The program combines active games with planned and unplanned play, quiet time, homework time and a healthy snack. We are on a mission to bring smiles to kid's faces.

Please contact Nicole on 0412 001 589 if you would like any further information OR visit

<http://www.campastralia.com.au/Service/>

STUDENT BANKING:

CBA are rewarding regular savings by sharing the Dollarmites latest find, precious prizes from the ancient Clam of Fortune.

All you need to do for a chance to win is make a deposit of any amount through School Banking between 20th October - 30th November 2014 and you will automatically receive one entry into the competition.

The more you save, the more chances you have to win a prize (up to a maximum of 6 entries).

If you would like to know more about Student Banking at ANPS, please speak with Mrs Hardman in the office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays.



COMMUNITY NEWS:



Looking for a good early literacy App?

As part of your child's early years at primary school, there is a strong focus on the following skill in classroom literacy activities: Phonological Awareness. Phonological awareness is about being able to: identify the number of words in a spoken sentence, count syllables in words, identify the first, middle or last sound, break up words into sounds, put sounds together to make a word, and appreciate and create rhyme.

Hungry For Words, developed by our school's visiting Speech Pathologist, (Suzi), and her colleague, is an App that provides children in Years Prep to 2, with fun, quick, and specific early literacy skill development at home. Available for iPads only.

YARRAVILLE SWIM CENTRE: - 35 Roberts St. West Footscray 9315 3400: Term 4 Swimming Lessons

It's time to think about swimming lessons again. As the warm weather comes and people will be spending more time around water, it is essential to have swimming skills. Yarraville Swim Centre provides swimming lessons for all ages as well as Marine Biology and Surfing lessons. For more information please telephone or email enquiries@yarravilleswimcentre.com

ALTONA LITTLE ATHLETICS CENTRE

"Encouraging kids to be their best!"

There is still time to register at Altona LAC for the season, so come down and join in the fun.

Season commences Sat 11th October 8.45am

George Nevitt Athletics Track, Sugargum Drive, Altona \$155 1st child, \$135 2nd child, \$115 thereafter
Coaching on Mon, Tues & Wed included.

To register and for further information www.altonalac.com.au Mob- 0499 994 305, altonavic@lavic.com.au



Hands-on drip irrigation installation workshop

FREE WORKSHOP— 10:00am – 12:30pm Saturday 25th October
Altona Meadows Primary School, Alma Avenue, Altona Meadows

As Summer approaches the task of watering over the holiday season can become challenging for gardeners, but choosing the right irrigation system can save you time, water and money! In this hands on workshop you'll learn how to design and install automatic drip irrigation. We'll cover pipes, pumps, valves and filters, and build a system from start to finish on the day for the Altona Meadows Primary School Kitchen Garden.

FREE EVENT - Bookings essential at www.mysmartgarden.org.au or call 9932 1142

● Educating Today, Shaping Tomorrow ●



Local community members are invited to our **Open Day** which will be held on **Sunday 12th October 2014, 10am – 1pm.**

Also, on **Sunday 12th October** as part of our **Golden Jubilee celebrations**, the College will be hosting a **'Back to MSJ Day' from 1pm – 4pm.** All past students and staff of the College are invited to bring a picnic and reconnect with friends and see how much has changed in the fifty years of the College.

THE LIONS CLUB of MELBOURNE
MARKETS INC.

Presents the

WORLD FESTIVAL OF MAGIC

The 'World Festival of Magic' Show is spectacular family entertainment, starring the internationally acclaimed Australian magician **Michael Boyd** whose mastery of 'Grand Illusion' will amaze and astound you! Michael will be supported by renowned Magician **Marty Putz** who has been entertaining kids around the world for decades.

This show will captivate and mesmerise both adults and children for the full 90 minutes.

WHERE & WHEN!

MELBOURNE CONVENTION CENTRE
PLENARY HALL -
1 CONVENTION CENTRE PL, SOUTH WHARF 3006
SATURDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2014
2 SHOW TIMES AVAILABLE
11.00AM & 2.00PM
(90 Minute Shows, no interval)

* The World Festival of Magic show is a **FREE EVENT** . It is an opportunity for families, to enjoy a wonderful day out together that otherwise may not be possible.

**The Melbourne Show has been generously sponsored by the business communities of Melbourne & its surrounding areas.

For tickets please fill in the form below indicating the number of tickets required and which show you would like to attend. *Please return to Mrs. Gregson by Monday 13th October.*

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WORLD FESTIVAL OF MAGIC

NAME: _____

GRADE: _____

NUMBER OF TICKETS: _____

11 AM SHOW

OR

2:00 PM SHOW

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Phone number: _____