**Dates to Remember**

**OCTOBER:**
- Tuesday 21st: Instrumental Group to Arts Centre
- G3-6 Active After Care starts today 3:15pm-4:15pm
- Wednesday 22nd: Prep 15 Transition 9am-10:30am
- Children’s Week Picnic 10am-1pm
- Monday 27th: School Council Meeting 7pm
- Wednesday 29th: Prep 15 Transition 9am-10:30am

**NOVEMBER:**
- Monday 3rd: Report Writing Day - Pupil Free Day
- Tuesday 4th: Melbourne Cup Day public holiday
- Wednesday 5th: Prep 15 Transition Session 9am-10:30am
- Friday 7th: 1/2 Unit IMAX Excursion
- Tuesday 11th: Remembrance Day
- Wednesday 12th: Prep 15 Transition Session 9am-10:30am
- 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 1st: 3/4 Unit Science Incursion
- 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

**From the Principal**

**Dear Parents and Families:**

**NAIDOC MEDAL OF EXCELLENCE:** NAIDOC week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Every year there is a Short Story Writing competition and this year our Grade 3 / 4 students participated.

The theme for 2014 was: 'Write the lyrics to a rap titled: RESPECT'.

We congratulate 3 / 4 B on their RAP and the success that it has achieved.

*Our 3 / 4 B class is the “2014 NAIDOC Week Winners” of the ‘Prime Minister’s NAIDOC Medal’.*

This is a wonderful achievement indeed!

3 / 4 B will be presented with their medals at a special assembly on Tuesday the 21st, at 1.00pm, in our hall, by the Executive Director of NAIDOC WEEK — Mr Dylan Williams. We are also anticipating that the Mayor of Hobsons Bay— Sandra Wilson will be in attendance.

Please join us to help celebrate and see our NAIDOC RAP performed.

Congratulations Mr Bainbridge and 3 / 4B rappers.

**ATHLETICS:** Congratulations again to Qiila on his excellent performance at the Regionals’ on Tuesday this week.

Once again Qiila represented ANPS in the wonderful spirit we would expect. He jumped a ‘personal best’ at 140cm and came 4th overall against 14 competitors in High Jump. Amazing!

**FOOTY IN SCHOOLS:** Our grade 3/4’s represented our school today. There were two teams; one girls and one boys, today at Western Oval in the ‘Footy in Schools’ program.

This day aims to build skills, social competence and team work capabilities - all were achieved.

Our students had a marvellous time. Thankyou to Mr Bainbridge for his organisation and coaching role on the day (we need to be careful as the Bulldogs are scouting for a new coach. Bainbridge at the Bulldogs has a ring to it!). Thanks also to Fay, Jade and Joanna for their keen support on the day.

News report just in from the ground from MR B: “Domingating performances so far. Won 3 from 4 matches with one left to play and having fun”.

Final Results for the day, both the Girls team and the Boys team came in at 2nd place in their competitions.

**PREP 2015 TRANSITION:** Don’t forget our transition mornings for next year’s Preps start next Wednesday 22nd October and continue for the next 5 weeks on Wednesday mornings.

We are all very excited about the arrival of our new Preps and their families. Staff have prepared an outstanding transition program which also includes some specialist lessons.

**TABLE TENNIS:** Our five new tables arrived on Monday and we were all treated to an incredible table tennis display from staff, students and professional players. In the end the robot won every contest convincingly.

Paul Pinkewich, (managing director of Table Tennis World), put up a great challenge against the robot and demonstrated to us his pedigree on the table.

For the record - Paul has won 10 world titles, every State and Australian title in both Open and Masters divisions and has represented Australia 287 times. He is a member of the NSW Hall of Fame.

**MUSIC and PERFORMING ARTS:** Miss McCawley and the Instrumental Group are heading into the Arts Centre on Tuesday the 21st to watch a Puppetry Performance. This will further enrich the performing arts and cultural experiences of our students. Miss McCawley won this opportunity for our students and she is to be congratulated on her initiative. Our Instrumental group are also deserved participants given the extra time and effort they contribute to their music. Enjoy.

**QUOTE for this week:** “ A good teacher is one who helps you become who you feel yourself should be.” — Julius Lester.

Once again the message has not changed. Our role as parents and educators is clear. We need to support, guide and facilitate children’s learning. Telling them is NOT the best method.

**Have a great week.**

Brendan O’Brien, Principal.
**INTENSIVE SWIMMING PROGRAMS:**

Permission notes and deposits will be due back by TOMORROW - Friday 17th October.

**Swimming Program:** Our 10-day intensive swimming program will take place in Term 4 this year. The program caters for students from Grades 5 and 6. 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.

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.

**CONCERT PROP MAKING WORKSHOPS:**

We will be holding Prop Making Workshops in preparation for our end of year concert on TUESDAY 21st OCT and WEDNESDAY 29th OCT. These sessions will start at 3:30pm. If you are available to assist in anyway with either making Props or Costumes, please speak with your child’s classroom teacher.

**ANPS 50 YEARS 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.

**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 3-6 students** will be doing HIP HOP with TDC starting on TUESDAY 22nd Oct through until 2nd Dec.
- **The Grade Prep-2 students** will be doing LAWN BOWLS with the Altona North Lawn Bowls Club 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.

**PARENTS & FRIENDS:**

**MATTEL**

We are selling ENTRY TICKETS to the Mattel Toy Club in Derrimut. Tickets are $5 per person with 100% of ticket sales coming straight to ANPS towards our fundraising goals.

There is no limit to how many tickets you can buy, but there are limited spaces for each available shopping date. (16 years old and over only. Mattel do not allow children under 16 years old into the shop.

**Dates available to the ANPS Community are:**
- Thurs 11 Dec 2014 10am-3pm
- Fri 12 Dec 2014 4pm-8pm
- Sat 13 Dec 2014 11am-3pm

Order forms, along with payment, must be returned by Monday 8th December. Tickets will be distributed on Tuesday 9th December.

If you did not receive an order form and would like one, please either visit the school office or download a copy from the school’s website www.altonanorthps.vic.edu.au

**Giant Christmas Raffle:**
We are fortunate to have the continued support of local businesses who are donating some great prizes for our Christmas raffle. Parents and Friends would like to include “family friendly practical hampers”.

We are seeking donations from our school community of non-perishable foods, household items, sports equipment, gardening gear, cooking equipment, picnic supplies, etc... No item is too small or too big. Please drop them off at the office or leave your name and contact number and a member of P&F will be in touch.

Raffle Tickets will be sent home with the eldest child during the first week of December. These tickets will be in books of 10 and each ticket will sell for $1.00. You will be given the option to either receive or not receive raffle tickets to sell closer to the time.

Thank You
**LEADER LOCAL GRANTS:**

**ONLY ONE DAY LEFT TO VOTE FOR A.N.P.S.**
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](http://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:**
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.

**REPORT PREPARATION DAY:**

No school on Monday the 3rd of November.
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.

**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.

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.

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.

**SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB ISSUE 7:**
Catalogues for Issue 7 of Scholastic Bookclub were distributed yesterday. **Please note:** This is the final bookclub for 2014.

Orders, along with correct payment, are due back to school by Friday 24th October. Please remember, if paying by cheque, make payable to Scholastic Australia.

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