Dear Parents and Families:

NAIDOC MEDAL OF EXCELLENCE: Our Grade 3/4B students and Mr Bainbridge are all extremely proud recipients of the ‘Prime Minister’s NAIDOC medal’. Dylan Williams; the Executive Director of NAIDOC Week for Australia and the Mayor of Hobson’s Bay, Sandra Wilson were both in attendance at our special NAIDOC assembly on Tuesday and presented these significant medals to Mr Bainbridge and all 3/4B students.

3 / 4B then performed their original ‘Respect Rap’ in front of the whole school. The rap certainly sends a diverse and purposeful message to all about respect and acceptance.

Please take the time to read the ‘Respect Rap’ published in this newsletter and talk it through at home.

Well done students and Mr Bainbridge!

PREP 2015 TRANSITION: The first of 5 transition sessions took place yesterday. It was wonderful to meet new families and to have familiar families with younger siblings about to start school in attendance.

We welcome with open arms our bright and bubbly new Preps and are always happy to talk any issues with parents.

Thankyou for your participation in this important transition program.

CITY WEST WATER “National Water week” poster competition. Each state holds their own regional competition every year. The competition is for primary school aged students and each year is based on a different theme. Poster entries were placed in four categories: Prep / Years 1 & 2 Years 3 & 4 / Years 5 & 6.

Winners were chosen using the following criteria:

- How well the poster conveys water related issues
- How well it can be reproduced to promote National Water Week
- Appearance: attractively displayed in colour
- How good it looks from a distance
- Effective use of art materials
- Originality of design or innovative concept

Three of our Grade 5/6 entries were selected as winners:

1st Astrin, 2nd Shiraz and 3rd Scott.

A representative from City West Water will attend next Monday’s assembly to present the students with their prizes.

CHILDREN’S WEEK PICNIC: Yesterday the 5/6 students all attended the City of Hobson’s Bay Children’s Week festivities at Logan Reserve in Altona.

Students and staff are to be congratulated again on their exemplary behaviour and leadership. Sincere thanks to Mr Raghdo and to his team of environment helpers who ran our annual Sustainability stall and answered many questions from those in attendance.

The Wormitage was very popular.

MUSIC and PERFORMING ARTS: On Tuesday Miss McCawley and the Instrumental Group attended the Arts Centre to watch a Puppetry Performance. Special thanks to Miss McCawley for organising and entering our school into this competition which the students thoroughly enjoyed.

CONGRATULATIONS MRS GREGSON: On Monday during assembly Shiraz and Latifah, on behalf of all ANPS students, presented Mrs Gregson with a beautiful sheath of flowers, a lovely card and a deserving speech in recognition of her being involved in education for 40 Years!

Such a wonderful milestone for her to have achieved. Robyn works tirelessly at ANPS and knows each and every one of the students by name. Congratulations Mrs Gregson!

HAVE YOU VISITED OUR FROG POND LATELY? We are all enjoying some lovely “Frog Songs” daily out by our pond. If you haven’t already, please take the time to stop by and listen - it would appear that we have a couple of different breeds of frogs by the varying sounds.

A FINAL NOTE: A friendly reminder to all families to please check children’s hair regularly. There is no rhyme nor reason to why some children are more prone to these than others, they are easily passed amongst the classroom. Please ask at the office if you would like more information on how to deal with head lice.

Have a great week.

Brendan O’Brien, Principal.
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During Monday morning’s assembly, Shiraz and Latifah presented Mrs Gregson with flowers and a card on behalf of the ANPS students in recognition of her achieving 40 years in Education. Here is the speech Shiraz and Latifah prepared:

“Thank you for all the work you have done for our school. All your persistence and hard work has paid off. We appreciate all your efforts on helping out the school and getting to know each of the students individually as their Primary Schooling goes on.

Congratulations on achieving 40 years in service. We hope you continue working and bringing joy to many of the students at this school for years to come and keep doing what you do.

SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB ISSUE 7:

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

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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.

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. We would 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.

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.

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Don’t mean to be rude, but this is just for you.
Never bully others and just be true.
Bullying is a crime and it’s not too fine.
Aboriginals are the first Australians and they are kind.
Let your imagination control your mind.
Include Aboriginals, they’re really really cool.
So come on down, you won’t be a fool.
They’re our friends.
We hope their culture never ever ends.
Rhythm sticks and didgeridoos
Are the instruments that they use.
You gotta be nice and make sure you don’t blow your fuse!

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Dylan Williams; the Executive Director of NAIDOC Week for Australia
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On Tuesday 21st of October the Instrumental group, Miss McCawley and Rob went to the Arts Centre to watch a puppet show. Thanks to Miss McCawley, the Instrumental group had the opportunity to go to a theatre in the city. When we got there it was really HOT and the Immigration Museum was right next to the theatre so we were really excited about going. When we got there the theatre usher said that we were too early so we just sat outside and ate our lunch.

After we finished our lunch we went inside to the theatre and watched a puppet show. It was about a man who was looking into space and saw some planets. His wife bought 2 circus tickets and they went to the circus. Unfortunately his wife was picked to be a horse rider and she fell off the horse. No one could do anything so she was left there to die and the husband was really sad.

The husband built a rocket ship and he travelled into space faster than the speed of light so he could look into the past and re-live the moments with his wife. He kept travelling around to different planets so he could look back at the moments with his truly beloved wife. After many years of travelling he reached the end of the universe and his rocket was all smashed up. He couldn’t find a way to get home. Unfortunately he died because he was stuck at the end of the universe and kept aging.

After the puppet show we had question time. After all the questions were answered we had to walk all the way to a music shop and it took us 10 minutes to get there. When we got to the music shop there were a lot of guitars, drums and pianos. Liam and I tried out some guitars. I, (Joseph), tried out the ukuleles. Matthew and Alex tried out some expensive pianos that were up stairs and Qiila, Zach, and Mal also tried out the electric drums. All of us had fun at the music shop Tia, Nia, Abby, and Yasmin just had a walk around the shop.

While we were walking back to the bus we saw a man swimming in front of the Art Museum and he was collecting money, a girl hiding behind the bush told the man to get out of there quickly because security was coming and we were really confused about that.

Finally we got back to school and we had free time in the music room. The bell rang and we were proud of our behaviour and so was Miss McCawley, Mr ‘Brien, and Rob.   By: Joseph and Alex  5/6S

On the 21st of October the instrumental group had a great opportunity to go to the arts centre and watch a MAGICAL performance called “something very far away”.

I woke up very excited because I knew that I got to go to the city to watch a puppet show with some of my very close friends. On the way to school I couldn’t stop telling my dad about what we were going to do today, and he had some great news to tell me. He said that he would be working in the city and said that he could come and see me; this surprise was such a great bonus. When we got into the bus I told all of my friends about what I discovered on the way to school, they couldn’t believe it and said they wish that their parents could come and see them. I was very lucky.

We finally got to the arts centre; we formed a line until the usher took us down to our seats. The seats were red and comfy; they looked exactly like the ones in the cinemas. I was very grateful that I got a great seat. The puppet show moved me to the edge of my seat. It was about a married man whose dream was to go into outer space, his wife died, he made his dream come true but his plane unfortunately crashed into a planet when he reached the end of the universe, he died because of no oxygen.

After the puppet show we got to walk over to “Allan’s Billy Hyde” music store on Bourke street. My dad popped in, like he promised, I felt very proud. I got to play the electric drums with Qiila and Zak. They sounded AWESOME!

I would like to thank Miss McCawley for organizing such a great experience, Rob for tagging along and Mr O’Brien for driving the bus.

It was a blast and I can’t wait to go on the next excursion.   By: Mal 5/6 S