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Dates to Remember

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

Thursday 6th: 1/2 Unit IMAX Excursion

Tuesday 11th:

Remembrance Day

Wednesday 12th: Prep 15

Transition Session 9am-10:30

Friday 14th: Whole School House Sports Day

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

**REMINDERS: Report Writing Day - Monday 3rd November
Melbourne Cup Day - Tuesday 4th November
No School on these days.**

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Families:

REMINDER!! Next *Monday the 3rd of November our school will be closed.* Staff will all be busy preparing / writing reports for the end of the year. Tuesday is the Cup Day Public Holiday which means we will be starting the week on Wednesday 5th Nov.

LITTLE ATHS: Last Friday Cara and Bree from Little Athletics Altona conducted clinics for our grade 1 / 2 classes. The clinics were very successful and we were provided with extremely positive feedback from Cara and Bree about our students' behaviour and engagement. Well done children and staff once again.

WORLD TEACHER'S DAY: Tomorrow is a significant day for teachers. Our staff are doing an amazing job and continue to demonstrate their commitment to your children at ANPS.

What can children / parents do to say WELL DONE and THANKYOU? It is completely up to you, but often something creative and personal carries the most meaningful message.

SWIMMING & BEACH PROGRAMS: Don't forget to enrol your children into these extremely important and beneficial safety around water programs. The Prep to Grade 4 students will be participating in a 10 day Intensive Swim Program whilst the Grade 5/6 students will be involved in a 10 hour Beach Program. We have extended the deadline for deposits until next Friday, 7th November.

I cannot stress strongly enough the importance of children learning how to swim and be safe near and in water. Parents need to enrol their children into the program before the places run out.

2015 CLASS PREPARATIONS: A reminder to all families and friends that preparations are well under way for developing class models for 2015.

If you have a family member, friend or neighbour that is wanting to enrol at ANPS for 2015 please tell them to get enrolments in quickly as grades are filling up.

CONCERT PREPARATIONS: Last night we held our second "Prop Making Workshop" which was attended by all teaching staff and ES staff.

Class teachers all need parents to make sure all of the concert class costumes are prepared as per

the notes which have already gone home. All costumes are due at school as soon as possible. If you would like to help or know more, please speak with your child's classroom teacher.

NAIDOC: It was nice to see our three rappers on page 2 of the local Hobsons' Bay Leader newspaper this week.

TABLE TENNIS funding: Thankyou to everyone who hopped online to vote for our table tennis funding with the Leader Newspaper group. Unfortunately we were NOT successful.

ROAD BEHAVIOUR: This is a friendly reminder to all families to please drive slowly and safely around our school in order to look after our precious students, your children. Please also observe all parking restrictions and make sure your children are dropped off at the curb and enter/exit your car from the curb side.

HOURS of ATTENDANCE: Staff are on duty between 8.30am and 3.30pm daily. Outside of these times your child is clearly your responsibility unless they are booked into Out of School Care with Camp Australia.

HOUSE SPORTS DAY: Please keep Friday the 14th of November free for our House Sports Day and family picnic. Students will all gather in their respective Houses and compete in a range of FUN healthy sport activities. This is always a great day, as long as the weather is on our side. Families can then share a picnic lunch together to conclude the fun.

It will be lovely to catch up with families in this relaxed atmosphere.

A QUOTE WORTH LIVING BY:

"A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the type of house I lived in, or the kinds of clothes I wore, but the world may be much different because I was important in the life of a child".

Anonymous.

Have a great week.

Brendan O'Brien, Principal.



Consider Others



No school NEXT MONDAY 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.

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.

SWIMMING and BEACH PROGRAMS:

We have extended the due date to participate in the Swimming and Beach Program. The final date is now strictly **Friday 7th November**. Total payments are to be settled by this date. Therefore if there are still students wanting to participate this is the final reminder for them to return their permission notes and monies. Yarraville Swim Centre has also informed us that they are now able to accommodate an additional 20 students in their swimming program; therefore there are still some vacancies available. - Lynette Soto - PE teacher



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.

1/2 UNIT - LITTLE ATHS:

On Friday 24th of October, the 1/2 unit enthusiastically participated in a number of activities run by the Little Athletics Altona Centre. The students practised all the necessary skills required to participate in athletics such as running, hopping, jumping and throwing. Students have developed a better understanding and appreciation for athletics and look forward to telling their families about what they learnt about hurdles, long jump, discus and javelin.

FROM THE LIBRARY:

We have 12 new beloved classic Dr. Seuss books that are now available in the library. They include "The Cat in the Hat" and "The Cat in the Hat Comes Back", "Green Eggs and Ham", "Horton Hears a Who!" and many more. Come in and enjoy these new books.



CONCERT PROPS & COSTUMES:

If you are available to assist in anyway with either making Props or Costumes, please speak with your child's classroom teacher.

MRS GREGSON SAYS "THANK YOU":

To students, teachers and families of ANPS,

I would like to take this opportunity to say thankyou to everyone for the kind words and wishes I have received on reaching my 40 years in Education. The flowers and book that where presented to me at assembly were just beautiful and I will enjoy watching the birds using the fabulous birdbath.

The past 40 years has gone so quickly and I have been extremely fortunate to be able to celebrate it with Altona North Primary School.

A great big thankyou - Robyn Gregson



UNWELL CHILDREN:



If children are unwell the best place for them to be is at home! If your child is showing signs of being unwell, please keep them at home until they are well enough to return to school.

If you are advised by a doctor that your child has an illness such as chickenpox, the slapped cheek virus, whooping cough or another of the numerous childhood illnesses, please contact the office so we can inform other members of our community of the symptoms to be aware of.

If your child is going to be absent for an extended period of time, please contact their class teacher via the office to discuss the situation.

DON'T MISS OUT!

PARENTS & FRIENDS:

LAST CHANCE: This is the last chance for you to purchase an Entertainment Book for \$65. It is a great Christmas present or buy it for yourself and gain huge money saving vouchers for the upcoming school holidays. Lots of price saving vouchers to thousands of local and Melbourne wide family food and entertainment outlets. Use this as an excellent resource to plan family outings!

MATTEL TOY CLUB: 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.

If you DO NOT want to sell a book of raffle tickets, please complete the tear-off slip below and return it to school by WEDNESDAY 12th NOVEMBER.

UPCOMING EVENT: SAUSAGE SIZZLE LUNCH - Monday 17th November: Back by popular demand, we will be holding a sausage sizzle lunch on Monday 17th November as the school canteen will be closed on this day. Once again we will be offering a Beef Halal Sausage in bread for \$2 each and a bottle of water for \$1.50 each. All students wishing to take part in the sausage sizzle will need to PRE-ORDER their lunch. Order forms will be sent home with students shortly.

SOCIAL SERVICE:

Annual K-Mart Wishing Tree:

This is an ongoing fundraiser throughout the term.

Children are asked to start donating some of their loose change towards the purchase of a gift to be placed under the K-Mart Wishing Tree. The gifts will be collected by the Salvation Army and distributed to families or individuals who may not receive a gift at Christmas.



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.



PARENTS & FRIENDS CHRISTMAS RAFFLE:
NO TICKETS PLEASE

Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____

I DO NOT wish to receive a booklet of Raffle Tickets to sell on behalf of ANPS

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

COMMUNITY NEWS:

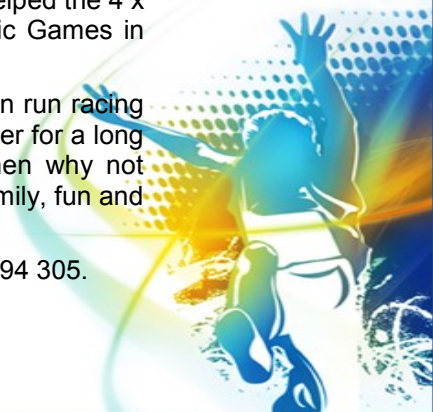
ALTONA LITTLE ATHLETICS CENTRE: Little Athletics – Season 2014/15

Do you know that some of Australia's top athletes like Sally Pearson, Kim Mickle and Morgan Mitchell recently competed at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow.

At only 19 years of age, Morgan Mitchell competed in her first Commonwealth Games. The young athlete who hails from Werribee ran in the women's 400m event and is also the current Australian National champion. She qualified for the semi-finals of the event and helped the 4 x 400m relay team finish in fourth place. Her sights are now on the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio.

It was great to see Morgan two weeks ago at our orientation day running in a fun run racing over 100m with our young athletes, I'm sure it will be something they will remember for a long time to come. If you would like your child to realise their 'personal bests' then why not consider joining the Altona Little Athletics Centre, where the key objectives are family, fun and fitness.

For more information please go to www.altonalac.com.au or call Robyn on 0499 994 305. Hope to see you at the track,



Little Athletics Victoria

Students from within the 1/2 Unit enjoyed their Little Aths session last week.

Thank you Cara and Bree.



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



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.campaustralia.com.au/Service/AltonaNorth/030D>