Dear Parents and Families:

**SCHOOL CONCERT:**
We are all looking forward to this very special annual event next Thursday evening, December 11th. Parents please be on time and make sure that if you have little ones with you that they show all performers the RESPECT, (one of our core school values), they deserve. If you have a toddler with you on the night and they become upset or noisy then the most polite thing to do is to take them outside for a short period to settle them down. If you are able to arrange a babysitter for the evening, that will allow you to enjoy the show even more and our performers; your children, will have the audience’s complete and respectful attention.

**PLEASE NOTE THE LATE START:**
Approved late start of 10:30am the following Tuesday, (9th December), where they venture off to their new schools and spend the day familiarising themselves with the new surroundings. These students do not need to come to ANPS before heading off to their Secondary Schools on this day. Best of luck for the next stage of your learning journey.

**INTERNAL TRANSITION program at ANPS:** Next Tuesday we will be conducting an Internal Transition session for all Grade Prep to 5 students at ANPS. Every student will take a step into the 2015 curriculum: Preps will experience a Grade One curriculum, Grade One’s a Grade 2 curriculum and so on. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to gain a respect and understanding for what lies ahead next year.

It is important for me to point out that students will NOT be with their 2015 teachers for this experience.
Seating is currently being allocated and tickets will be sent home with children next week prior to the concert. If you have not already ordered your tickets, please do so immediately as we will NOT be selling tickets on the evening. Entry is by pre-purchase and presentation of tickets only.

CONCERT TICKETS:

If you wish to buy school uniforms for the beginning of 2015 can you please put in an order, along with a 50% deposit, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. This way it will be ready for you to collect on Thursday 29th January between 9am-11am when the office is open. If you don’t place an order now, we cannot guarantee stock will be available.

PARENTS & FRIENDS:

Payment advice was sent home to all families recently regarding the costs involved with the 2015 Essential Educational Supplies.

School Council has determined the cost to be $170 per child for the 2015 school year. These supplies will be purchased by the school, through a supplier, in individual packs for each student and contain items to meet the school’s specific criteria. Please ensure you read this information thoroughly as there are several payment options.

Payment made by Wednesday 15th December will entitle you to a $5 discount.

The school office and uniform shop will be open on Thursday 29th January from 9:00am-11:00am should you wish to make an Essential Educational Supplies Payment or purchase school uniform.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE:

Raffle books have been distributed to the eldest child in each family. Each book has 10 tickets @ $1 each. All raffle books both sold and unsold need to be returned back to school by Monday 15th Dec. The more tickets you sell, the greater your chance to take home a prize. There are currently over 50 prize packs to be won with more donations coming - far too many to list.

MATTEL TICKETS:

Last chance to pick up tickets for $5. Final orders accepted Monday 8th Dec with distribution on Tues 9th Dec.

Thank you to all who have supported all our fundraising activities.

SPECIAL THANK YOU:

Altona Fresh in Second Avenue have kindly donated a fresh fruit & veg hamper for a Door Prize at each of our End of Year Concerts. Altona Fresh continue to be a generous sponsor of ANPS fundraising events and we are extremely grateful to them for their ongoing support.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS:

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K-MART WISHING TREE:

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. Each classroom is collecting their coins and will decide as a class the type of gift they will be purchasing to donate to this extremely worthy cause.

The gifts will be collected by the Salvation Army and distributed to families or individuals who may not receive a gift at Christmas.

LIBRARY NEWS:

It’s that time of the year again where you need to return all books borrowed from the library in preparation for the New Year.

If you have trouble finding overdue books, a good place to look is under your bed or on a bookcase with other books. Perhaps you could ask Mum or Dad to help you find school library books.

Student borrowing has now closed for the year.

FRIDAY 19th DECEMBER EARLY FINISH:

Please be aware we will be having an early dismissal on the last day of school for 2014.

A whole school assembly will be held at 12:30pm and all students will be dismissed at 1:00pm. The children will not be required to bring lunch to school on this day.

Please contact Camp Australia on 1300 105 343 or visit www.campaustralia.com.au if you are unable to collect your child from school early on this last day for 2014.

AND OUT OF SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY:

The Social Service Committee has decided that the final day of school for 2014 will be an Out of Uniform Day. All students are allowed to come to school in casual, Sunsmart clothing, and bring a Gold Coin Donation. All proceeds of the day will go to the ANPS Murray 2 Moyne Bike Ride which raises funds solely for our school’s Student Welfare Program.

If you would like to know more about this program, please speak with Mrs Gregson.