Dear Parents and Families:

SCHOOL CONCERT: We are all very excited about tonight’s two concerts. The hall looks amazing—thankyou to the 5 / 6 team, Dan, Miss McCawley, Parents & Friends, student ICT monitors, staff and helpers for the attention to detail and preparations for this annual highlight.

Our grade six students will receive their graduation certificates and also perform their very special graduation item as well.

There is plenty to look forward to and my sincere hope is that the audience will once again demonstrate the highest level of respect for all of those on stage.

SEMESTER 2 REPORTS: All students will receive their 2014 final reports and portfolios tomorrow to take home and share. It is important that parents and families take the time to read over the reports and share the highlights as a celebration of a year of learning. If parents would like to meet their child’s classroom teacher to discuss any elements of their child’s report then please either send a note to the teacher or call and leave a message at the front office. Staff have allocated Tuesday after school for this purpose.

K-MART WISHING TREE: On Monday morning at assembly we will once again witness the generosity of our community when all of the Wishing Tree Christmas presents are on display. We are always amazed at the careful selection and thoughtfulness that goes into this, another of our annual fundraisers. Special thanks goes to Mrs Morgan, Mrs Myszka and Mrs Hardman for their management of our social Service Program in 2014.

CLASS PARTIES: On Wednesday next week, 17th December, all grades will be participating in End of Year Class Parties. We wish them all the best for a fun filled day that has lasting positive memories.

Quotation: “Children are our most valuable resource”  Herbert Hoover.

Have a great week,
Brendan O’Brien, Principal.
Please remember the canteen will be CLOSED ALL DAY on Wednesday 17th December when class parties are taking place. The Canteen will also be CLOSED ON THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL, Friday 19th December due to our early finish. The children will only need to bring a morning snack to school on this day as they will be dismissed at 1pm.

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 Monday 15th December will entitle you to a $5 discount.

Please speak with our office staff if you have any questions regarding 2015 EES.

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.

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.

Thank you to everyone who purchased Mattel tickets. We sold 53 tickets, raising $265 towards our fundraising total. Happy shopping! We hope you get lots of bargains. Please provide us with feedback once you have attended as it assists us with our future planning for fundraising events.

Don’t forget to sell your raffle tickets! We have 65 prize packs to be won! Please make sure you write a name and contact number in clear writing. All tickets back by Monday 15th Dec; prizes will be drawn on the morning of Tuesday 16th Dec. All winners will be notified by Tuesday afternoon.

All raffle books both sold and unsold need to be returned back to school by Monday 15th Dec.

Altona Fresh in Second Avenue have kindly donated a fresh fruit & veg hamper for a Door Prize for both 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.

Children have been donating some of their loose change towards the purchase of a gift to be placed under the K-Mart Wishing Tree. Each classroom has 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 displayed at assembly on Monday morning before being collected by the Salvation Army and distributed to families or individuals who may not receive a gift at Christmas.

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