Dear Parents and Families:

SCHOOL CONCERT
Amazing, incredible, sensational!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
I was so impressed with the extremely high standard of performance, the intricate design and construction of props, the smooth flow of both concerts and the variety of talents on show. Add to this our continually improving hall set up and equipment and we are now reaching lofty standards.

Well done to all staff for your contributions in preparing our students for the night. A big thank you to all helpers; Parent & Friends, parent prop and costume helpers, John Palermo Photography, 2014 and 2015 School Captains and Wayne Berryman, School Council President, for their speeches, our Mayor, Colleen Gates, Our Federal Member, Tim Watts and our Grade six graduation class.

Certainly a night to remember and one Miss McCawley should feel very proud of - well done!

STAFFING: At the end of each year we bid farewell and often welcome back staff. This year Mr Page and Mr Bainbridge will be relocating to schools closer to their homes and we wish them all the very best for their careers. We also thank them sincerely for their valuable contributions to ANPS in 2014.

We welcome onto our staff for 2015 Miss Kehoe who has been at another school for 12 months AND Ms Georgiou; who has been doing replacement work for us this year.

A full staff list will be sent home tomorrow after students meet their 2015 class teachers.

GRADE SIX 2014: We should all feel extremely proud of our exiting Grade Six students this year. They have been an incredibly responsible group and have served the Altona North Community well. We wish them every success in high school and do hope they make time to come back and visit us in the future.

CAPTAINS and PEER LEADERS: Without exception we have had leadership of a high calibre from our student leaders. Well done on your leadership and we do hope it stands you in good stead for the future.

PARENTS & FRIENDS: We have had the good fortune to have a solid group of volunteers supporting us all year. The Christmas raffle had an incredible 74 prizes and there were lots of excited students and families heading home with bundles in their hands this week. How much did the team raise???????

Just over $9,000 raised for sport & choir uniforms. Congratulations and thank you to our P&F!

K-MART WISHING TREE: Once again our community has shone with generosity through our support of this valuable program. Congratulations and thank you to everyone for your support of our Social Service program in 2014 which raised a grand total of $2,910.00.

We are fortunate to have the dedication and efficient organisation of Mrs Myska, Mrs Morgan and Mrs Hardman to make this the success that it is.

BIG DAY OUT: I was thoroughly impressed with the attitude and behaviour of this year’s Grade Six group as they enjoyed their Big Day Out. The senior school staff had worked with the students to jointly plan a fun filled experience.

CLASS PARTIES: The variety and diversity of class party food was a credit to all families who participated. There was a virtual feast in every area of the school.

CANTEEN: As a result of our early finish tomorrow where all students will be dismissed at 1pm - the Canteen will not be open at all. Please ensure you send your child to school having eaten a healthy breakfast and with a large morning snack.

Take care and all the best to everyone for a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

Brendan O’Brien, Principal.
A MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE:

The office WILL NOT be receipting any payments tomorrow - December 19th.

The Office will be open from 09:00am - 11:00am on THURSDAY 29TH JANUARY 2014 for Uniform Collection and Final Payments of Essential Educational Supplies.

As previously mentioned, EMA will no longer exist for families holding a Centrelink Healthcare or Pension Card in 2015, however, ANPS is able to offer these families $150 per student to assist with Essential Educational Supplies, uniform, camp or swimming programs, provided the card is valid as of January 28th 2015.

Any 2014 EMA credit will be allocated to outstanding family invoices.

If families holding a Centrelink Healthcare or Pension Card for 2015 have not yet presented their card to the office and completed the necessary paperwork, please come in on THURSDAY 29TH JANUARY between 9AM—11AM to do this.

PARENTS & FRIENDS:

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE:
Thank you to everyone who supported our school by either purchasing raffle tickets and/or making a donation to our prize pool. We were able to raise $721 towards our fundraising total for the year. We would like to congratulate the winners who shared the 74 prizes.

All unsold raffle books need to be returned to school. If you have lost your raffle tickets, please complete the green note sent to you by P&F. It is a legal requirement that all raffle tickets be returned to school.

We would like to thank the following businesses who continue supporting our fundraising efforts by donating goods & services: Westgate Golf Club, The Comedy Club, Luna Park, Wonderland Fun Park, Living Legends retired horse homestead, Melton Waves, Lantern Ghost Tours, Phillip Island Nature Parks, Melbourne Sports Hub, National Sports Museum, Searoad Ferries, Sandstorm Event, Hairhouse Warehouse, Ward McKenzie foods & Masterfoods

Also thank you to all families for the donated goods which made up many of our wonderful hampers!

Our year of fundraising has been a busy one. All our various events from sausage sizzles, trivia night, disco, hot cross bun drive, mothers & Father's Day stalls, Easter & Xmas raffles and more have been very well supported by our school community and beyond.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL:

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 2013.

Camp Australia also run School Holiday Programs which will be held during the Christmas break.

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.