Dear Parents and Families:

Excitement and engagement are continuing here ANPS with another week full of amazing extra curriculum activities. This week it was wonderful to see so many students enjoying our netball clinics with students from Years 1 to 4 participating. Our Preps have had a terrific learning experience when they had a visit from the MFB Fire Brigade, so don't forget to STOP, DROP, COVER and ROLL.

Our 5/6 students were able to attend a Secondary School Expo to see what is being offered by our local secondary schools. Four Grade 5 students attended the Leading Lights Program for ICT and will lead the rest of the Leading Lights at ANPS in ICT programs. Tomorrow our 5/6 students will be conducting our very important ANZAC DAY service. And that's just in one week!!!

MURRAY TO MOYNE BIKE EDUCATION AND SAUSAGE SIZZLE:
I would like to thank everyone involved in organising, setting up, jumping in and helping with yesterdays Bike Ride Sausage Sizzle. It was wonderful to see parents helping out when needed. Thankyou to all the staff who attended and assisted in many ways and we also had a surprise appearance by our friendly BEAR. Parents and Friends continue to amaze us with the work they do for our students.

ANZAC SERVICE:
Our student Leaders will be conducting our Anzac Service tomorrow Friday 24th April at 11:30. If Parents would like to join us you are most welcome to come along and experience the wonderful work that our Students put into our Anzac Service. We will also be planting our Oak Tree from Lone Pine, a very special acknowledgement for Altona North Primary School.

SCHOOL PHOTOS:
On Wednesday 30th April all ANPS students will be having individual and class photos taken. Personalised order envelopes were sent home with each student on Monday. Please take the time to read the envelope carefully and follow the instructions on how to place your order and pay. If you would like assistance, please contact the office.

MOTHER'S DAY STALL:
The P&F will be holding their annual Mother’s Day Stall on Thursday 7th May. Make sure your children save up some pocket money for this day so they can buy a lovely gift for that “Special Lady” in their lives.

2016 PREP INFO EVENING:
On Wednesday 13th May we will be holding our Prep Information Night, if you have a new Prep for 2016 or know of a neighbour, friend or relative that has a child ready for school please let them know that they are most welcome to come along and find out about Altona North Primary School’s fabulous curriculum and holistic approach to learning, meet teachers and learn all about our student engagement.

BREAKFAST CLUB:
Thankyou to the Bank of Bendigo and the Altona Rotary Club for their great support of our Breakfast Club. They have donated $3,500 to ANPS. We will provide further information soon regarding the organisation of Breaky Club so watch out in the newsletters.

LOTE:
Our Preps are well on their way with their learning of AUSLAN. Our new LOTE teacher Mrs. Tomkins started last week and will now be working with our 1/2 students as well. It’s is lovely to see the Preps in the yard practising their AUSLAN.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and that your teams all win no matter what sport you follow.

Have a great week
Robyn Gregson - Principal
All adults wishing to assist Altona North Primary School in 2015 by either attending school excursions, coming in for class sessions or assisting in the canteen are required to have a valid Working with Children Check. Applications can be made online at http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/ there is no charge for Volunteers. These checks are valid for 5 years and replace the old system of police checks.

**PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS:**

A big thank you to all families who came along to our M2M BBQ & Sausage Sizzle event. We raised over $600 towards our student health & wellbeing programs. To all the parents and staff who volunteered their time and pulled together to organise a great family event, thank you for another successful event. Thank you to Veronica who donated her face painting talent and also Sue & Rohan from Farmers Direct who donated the fresh bread for the sausage sizzle.

**Upcoming Events**

**Mothers Day Stall Thurs 7th May**

We will again be holding a stall giving students an opportunity to buy that special person a lovely gift. Everything will be $5 or less. If you are able to volunteer your time on this day from 845am-11am please fill out the slip attached. Thank you

**Freddo Frog & Caramello Choc Drive**

Notes will be sent home on Friday 1st May via the eldest child, giving families an opportunity to accept or not accept participating in this fundraiser. Chocolates are to be sold for $1 each and they come in boxes of 50 therefore if you sell your whole box of chocolates you will bring $50 to school. ANPS makes $20 on each complete box sold. Or you may wish to not sell chocolates and make cash donation instead.

**Altona North Primary School Merchandise:**

Badges - $3 each  
Pens - $1 each  
Wine glasses - $8 each or 6 for $45  
See front office for purchases.

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It was with great pleasure that the grade 5/6 unit got to spend some valuable time with Mr Wade Noonan (MP) last Friday afternoon. Mr Noonan came to congratulate the ANPS community on celebrating our 50th year of education recently. Mr Noonan had many wonderful things to say about the ANPS community and congratulated us on all of the efforts we put into the vast number of educational programs we have. We were also presented with a fantastic certificate which marks the special occasion. The 5/6 students also took advantage of this time and spoke to Mr Noonan and his Assistant Ollie about the role government plays in our society as this made wonderful connections with our Inquiry Topic ‘Earn and Learn’. We were so proud of the quality questions our students asked Mr Noonan and Ollie. We think the students questions challenged their thinking. We would like to thank Mr Noonan and Ollie for their time.

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**PARENTS & FRIENDS MOTHER’S DAY STALL - THURSDAY 7TH MAY:**

**I am available to assist with the Mother’s Day Stall. I understand that a member of the P&F will contact me to confirm all details.**

Parent/Guardian Name: ________________________________  
Phone Number: ________________________________