Dear Parents and Families:  

It’s hard to believe that we are already nearing the end of April. Students and families have had opportunities to be involved in so many learning activities and whole school community events. We look forward to this continuing for the rest of the term.

We can be very proud of our students as they continue to shine in the way they behave so wonderfully when they attend events outside of school. This was particularly highlighted when three of our grade 5 students attended their first ‘Leading Lights’ ICT session at Williamstown Primary School last Thursday. We received highly positive feedback about Tia, Vicky and Kamel’s behaviour. We were told that they were a dream to work with as they behaved so responsibly and their ability to work as a team was fantastic. We also received very positive feedback about our Grade 5/6 students behaviour during their time at the Secondary School Transition Expo last week. Well done to all of our 5/6 students for being such great ambassadors for our school.

ANZAC SERVICE:  

Last Friday our student leaders conducted a very well run ANZAC Service commemorating 100 years since Gallipoli. Their planning and preparation was thorough and their presentations certainly gave everyone an insight into the emotions and events that surrounded Gallipoli 100 years ago. Well done to all students involved and thank-you to Miss Ousley and the 5/6 team for supporting the students in their preparations.

CROSS COUNTRY:  

Next Tuesday 5th May, Mrs Soto together with Miss Ousley and Rob are taking a group of grade 3 to 6 students to participate in the district Cross Country event at Cherry Lake. We wish all participants the best of luck but most of all we would like to say how proud we are of the efforts that these students have put in leading up to this event. No matter what place they come in the Cross Country, they can all be proud of their efforts.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL:  

Just a reminder that the P & F will be holding their ANNUAL Mother’s Day Stall on Thursday 7th May. Make sure your children put away some pocket money for this day so they can buy a special gift for the ‘Special Lady’ in their lives.

2016 PREP INFO EVENING:  

Another reminder that we are now enrolling Prep students for 2016. If you know anyone out in the community who has a child eligible to start school next year, can you please inform them of our 2016 Prep Information Evening. The invitation to the information evening is open to any prospective parents and their children, as well as our current families who have children ready to start school next year.

FAMILY READING MONTH:  

May is also ‘Family Reading Month’ at ANPS. We again strongly encourage all of our students and their families to join in this whole school event. Reading together creates an opportunity for families to spend special time together reading and discussing the books they love to read. What a great way to promote reading with your children and create special memories of time spent together. Further information can be found on the next page of the newsletter. Also look for the information and calendar your child will be bringing home.

WAKAKIRRI:  

Miss McCawley, the 5/6 students and 5/6 team are again busily and excitedly developing their ideas for their Wakakirri Performance. We look forward to seeing how they progress as the year goes by.

EDUCATION WEEK:  

Our dedicated Education Committee has begun preparations for our annual Education Week to be held from the 9th to 12th June. This week is a great opportunity for you to participate in some great learning opportunities with your students so please put the dates in your diary so that you are available to come along to our community events.

FAMILY ASSISTANCE:  

Families with a Pension/HealthCare Card current as of 28th January 2015 were eligible to apply for Altona North Primary School’s Family Assistance of $150. If you are eligible and have not made a claim, please call at the school office to complete the application form and present your card. The cut-off date to make a claim for Family Assistance is Tuesday 5th May.

CHOCOLATE DRIVE:  

Notes will be sent home on Friday 1st May via the eldest child. Please send these notes back as soon as possible so we know how many chocolate boxes we will need to order.

Have a great week  

Robyn Gregson - Principal
Get Ready to Dive Into Books
As You and Your Family Are Invited to Join in Our
May is Family Reading Month!

This May, ANPS is again celebrating Our Love of Reading with a ‘Family Reading Month’. In May we are encouraging families to spend time together and share in their love of reading.
It is a great way to spend time together as a family. You can read to each other, share your favourite book and have wonderful discussions about the books that you read.
And when you make reading a family affair and encourage everyone in your family to read for at least 10 minutes a day, you provide EXCELLENT reading role modelling for your children.
Reading together will positively benefit your child’s literacy development and learning confidence, helping to give them a greater chance of success in school and life.

REMINDER:
MAY IS OUR FAMILY READING MONTH
How to be a Reading Champion at ANPS.

*Remember to fill in your calendar with your daily reading times and return it to school with the TOTAL Minutes your family spent reading in May.

*Return date: Thursday 4th June

*There will be 2 prizes per grade for the students who spend the most time reading with their families.

BOOKFAIR:
Thank you to everyone who came to Book Fair last week. I hope you were able to purchase an interesting book or maybe a cool pen or rubber!!
We sold a total of $1204.95 worth of books, pens, pencils, rubbers and posters. Well done!! This means that I was able to make a selection of books for us to keep for the library to the value of $411.00.
The lucky winners of the Book Fair raffle were Omar 1/2T, Chelsea 3/4K, Jana 5/6O, Joshua 5/6O, Serene 1/2T and Jet 3/4G. Congratulations to you all!
Thanks,
Katey.

ANPS. FAMILY ASSISTANCE
At the beginning of 2015, parents received information regarding the Governments decision to cease the Education Maintenance Allowance and instead provide extra financial support directly to Victoria’s neediest schools. The Government deemed Altona North Primary School to be eligible to receive a portion of this extra financial support. Our School Council decided to pass on this extra support in the form of Family Assistance. Families with a Pension/HealthCare Card current as of 28th January 2015 were eligible to apply for Altona North Primary School’s Family Assistance of $150. If you are eligible and have not made a claim, please call at the school office to complete the application form and present your card. The cut-off date to make a claim for Family Assistance is Tuesday 5th May.

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Prep 2016 Enrolments now being accepted.