Dear Parents and Families:

Well the Winter weather is now upon us and the jumpers and jackets are needed. Please ensure ALL jumpers and jackets are clearly named. As of the 1st of May hats are no longer compulsory.

CROSS COUNTRY: Congratulations to all our students who participated in the Cross Country on Tuesday. The day started off with terrible weather but fortunately it cleared in time for our students to compete. Mrs. Soto was extremely pleased with everyone’s efforts and excellent behaviour.

NEW STAFF MEMBER: I would like to welcome Will de Lacy, Will is part of our Welfare Team and will working with us on Thursdays and Fridays. You will see Will around the school working with a number of our students and introducing different programs throughout the rest of the year. Please welcome Will to ANPS when you see him in the yard or around the school.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL: Congratulations to our P & F Group another amazing Mother’s Day Stall. I saw many smiling faces going back to their classroom with treasures for Mum or other special ladies in their lives. Prep D students were most excited when showing me their goodies and telling me how much Mum will love her present.

Not only were there happy faces on the students - the Parents and Friends were more than happy raising over $1,000 on the day.

SOMER’S CAMP INFO AFTERNOON: Please remember today we have our Somer’s Camp Info afternoon at 3:45 in the staffroom. All students going the Somer’s and their families are expected to attend.

2016 PREP INFO EVENING: Just a reminder that we have our Prep Information Session next Wednesday at 6:00 please make sure you attend if you have a child starting next year. If you know of anyone who is interested in finding out more about ANPS and looking for a school for their children please invite them along.

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.

WAKAKIRRI: Our 5 / 6 students have started their journey into this years Wakakirri performance. I am sure it is going to be as delightful and touching as our past performances. I am looking forward to watching growth of both the performance and our students.

EDUCATION WEEK: Come along to Education Week June 9th - 12th as usual our staff have put together a week of great activities and loads of learning for students and parents. More information will be coming out so please make sure you keep an eye on all that is happening.

CHOCOLATE DRIVE: Parents and Friends are running a Chocolate Drive this term. This is a wonderful way to raise much needed funds for our school. Please support this effort if you can. Remember we all love chocolate and its OK to eat chocolate in moderation. A sometimes food is the best way to think of it.

STUDENT HEALTH: Please note that a letter was sent home this week regarding Intestinal Worms. Thankyou to all those parents who have addressed this issue and remember to keep a check on your child’s health, especially with winter coming on and the colds that are about. Please also keep a look out for headlice. Many thanks for your support in keeping our school a healthy school.

NAPLAN: NAPLAN is being focused on in the media at the moment as the NAPLAN testing begins next week. This can be a stressful time for some students so you can help at home by letting your child know that this is a snap shot of their work on the day and all they can do is do their own best. Also support them by making sure they get a good nights sleep and eat a healthy breakfast in the morning. As with all learning these factors contribute to students being focused and prepared for their day of learning.

3/4 BIKE EDUCATION: As part of the 3/4 unit’s Road Safety Program, all grade 3/4 students will participate in a “Bike Ed” program. Students will be involved in activities with the following components-bike maintenance, riding and handling skills, safety, simulation and road rules, and also traffic skills. Full details regarding this program have been sent home to families. If you have a child within the 3/4 unit and have any questions with regard to Bike Education, please make a time to speak with the classroom teacher.

Have a great week
Robyn Gregson - Principal
STUDENT HEALTH

We have received a report of threadworm within our school community. This is not a cause for concern as your child may not be affected, however threadworms are contagious.

If you find threadworm in any family member please treat the whole family at the same time. The chemist has a range of products available. Vacuum carpets and wash floors, clothes and bedding in hot water, to kill any remaining eggs. For several days after treatment, showers should be taken rather than baths as this will help to remove any remaining eggs. Keep fingernails short and discourage children from sharing food and placing objects in their mouths.

Worming products do not protect from reinfection and only treat adult worms. Check roughly 2-4 weeks after initial dose and retreat if necessary.

Any child or adult can easily be infected by threadworm. Regular checks and prompt treatment are the only means of keeping this problem under control.

For further information on how to treat and prevent threadworm refer to this website http://www.combantrin.com.au/index.html

We are asking that families check all household members for headlice.

If you find lice or nits (eggs) in the hair of any family member please treat the whole family. The chemist has a range of products available to treat head lice or nits. Pillowcases should be washed in hot water or dried in a dryer on the hot setting (there is no need to wash all bedding as lice cannot live off the head).

One simple way of finding lice is to comb tangles out of hair and then apply conditioner. The conditioner should be combed through with a fine-toothed comb (this stuns the lice and makes it difficult for them to crawl around). Conditioner and lice should be wiped onto paper towel and disposed of. Comb all parts of the hair 4 or 5 times.

As lice have a cycle of 7 to 10 days, it is necessary to treat the hair every few days until there are no signs of nits (eggs) or lice.

It has been found that lice have difficulty surviving in hair that has a light film of hair spray, mousse or gel applied to it. There are also various herbal treatments available.

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If children are unwell the best place for them to be is at home!
As the cold weather sets in now is the time for coughs and colds to start taking hold. If your child is showing signs of being unwell, please keep them at home until they are well enough to return to school.

If you are advised by a doctor that your child has an illness such as chickenpox, the slapped cheek virus or another of the numerous childhood illnesses, please contact the office so we can inform other members of our community of the symptoms to be aware of.

If your child is going to be absent for an extended period of time, please contact their class teacher via the office to discuss the situation.

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 celebrating Our Love of Reading with a ‘Family Reading Month’. This month 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/s 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.

Cross Country
On Tuesday 5th May, 24 students from across Grades 3-6 participated in the ADSSA Cross Country Carnival. The weather started off windy and rainy as the first age group (which were the 10 year old boys) competed in the 2km race. Throughout the afternoon more age groups started competing in the 2km and 3km race under rough weather conditions. There was a total of ten schools who competed on the day. We had fun and worked great as a team.

By Vicky (5/6O) & Cindy (5/6S)

A Personal Narrative by Araya 1/2M
I went to my cozy and snuggly bed. I put the warm doona on me.
I was wiggling and jiggling and then fell out of bed onto my big pile of dolls and I was crying so much.
So I went to my mum and dad’s room, tip toeing very quietly and whispered “Can I sleep in your cozy bed?” She said, “Yes,” a whispering voice.
I put their warm cozy doona on, right to the top of me. I slept very soundly in their bed. Zzzz… Shh…
School Banking is shooting for the stars.

At the beginning of 2015, the School Banking program launched students on a mission to save by making regular deposits into their Youthsaver account. In just one term, over 958,000 School Banking deposits were made around Australia. It’s a fantastic result that’s seen thousands of Australian children begin their savings mission.

**Rewarding good savings behaviour with two new items**

To help keep students on track with their savings mission in Term 2, we’ve released two new awesome reward items from our Outer Space Savers range. Students just need to make 10 School Banking deposits to be able to redeem a reward item.

![Invisible Ink Martian Pen and Intergalactic Rocket](image)

**You could win a 5 nights’ family trip to California’s Disneyland**

Don’t forget, students who consistently display stellar savings behaviour by making 25 or more School Banking deposits in 2015 will automatically go into the draw at the end of the year to win a family trip to California’s Disneyland.


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**CONGRATULATIONS**

The following students have made regular deposits and recently received the following rewards.

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