



Altona North Primary School

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Dates to Remember

TERM 2

MAY:

Fri 29th: Round 4
Interschool Sport VS
Williamstown Blue - Home

JUNE:

Thurs 4th: Family reading
calendars due back
Fri 5th: Round 5 Interschool
Sport VS Bayside/Altona
College - Away
PT Interviews notes due
back
Mon 8th: Queens Birthday
Public Holiday
Tues 9th - Fri 12th:
Education week @ ANPS
Tues 9th: OPEN MORNING
Weds 10th: OPEN
EVENING 5pm - 7pm
Thurs 11th:
MULTICULTURAL LUNCH
Fri 12th: Round 6
Interschool Sports VS St
Mary's Altona - Away
Mon 15th: School Council
Weds 24th: P/T interviews
Friday 26th: End Term 2

TERM 3:

Mon 13TH JULY -
Fri 18TH SEPT

JULY

Tues 28th - Fri 31st Grade
3 - 6 School Camp

AUGUST

Mon 3rd: School Council
Thurs 13th: WAKAKIRRI @
The Clocktower
Sun 23rd: ANPS reunion

REMINDERS:

2016 PREP ENROLMENTS NOW BEING ACCEPTED
8TH JUNE QUEENS BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY - NO SCHOOL
EDUCATION WEEK June 9th - 12th

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Families:

As usual it has been another busy week here at ANPS. The students are all engaged in their learning and the teachers are continuing to challenge their classes more and more each day. It is wonderful to be able to walk around the classrooms and see how the students are all focused and engaged in their learning.

SOMERS CAMP:

Welcome back to our happy campers. It was nice to see students and Mr Raghdo back full of smiles after their nine days away at Somers Camp. Mrs Blunt and myself had the privilege of visiting our campers at Somers on Friday. The camp is an amazing place which I'm sure we will hear more about from the students themselves in next weeks newsletter. We were able to meet up with all the students and staff and have a look at the amazing facilities they were experiencing. In the Dining Rooms I got a thumbs up for the food from all of our students. This is a once in a lifetime experience that these children will always remember and I'm looking forward to seeing the photos.

EDUCATION WEEK 9th - 12th JUNE:

Don't forget we have open morning on the 9th June put this date in your diaries now. You are more than welcome to bring other family members along or friends that might be interested in enrolling their Preps for next year.

All families are welcome to come along and join in the activities our teachers have planned for both students and parents on Wednesday 10th June from 5pm - 7pm at our Open Evening. Even Grandparents, Aunties and Uncles can be challenged.

Come and share in our multi cultural lunch on Thursday 11th June. You can join your children in the classrooms and share in their multicultural feasts!!

CHOCOLATE DRIVE:

All chocolates will be going home on Monday. Thankyou to all of our families and staff who have offered to sell chocolates to raise much needed funds.

CAMPS SPORTS AND EXCURSION FUND:

The Victorian Government have unveiled a new initiative to ensure all Victorian students can take part in school trips and sporting activities.

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) will run over four years and provide payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions.

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent are eligible to apply for CSEF. \$125 per year will be paid for eligible primary school students. Payments will go directly to the school and will be tied to the student.

The cut-off date for applications is 26th June. For further information, and to fill out the forms, please contact the office.

Or visit the website:

www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

COLLINGWOOD CHILDREN'S FARM:

This morning I spent some time in Prep P's room and learnt all about the Collingwood Farm. What an exciting day our Preps had on Monday! Not only were they able to tell me all about the animals but they were able to show me the AUSLAN signs for all the animals that they saw. Great AUSLAN signing Prep P!!!

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS:

Parent Teacher Interviews are coming around quickly. Information regarding these will be sent home this afternoon with all students. Please return all forms so appointment times can be made. It is important for you to come along and find out about your child's learning and how we can work together to provide the best education and experiences for every child.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and don't forget to spend some quality time outside playing. Gardens and Parks are lovely at this time of the year.

Have a great week

Robyn Gregson - Principal



Consider Others



POLICIES: ATTENDANCE

Rationale

Parents/guardians must enroll a child of compulsory school-age at a school and ensure the child attends school at all times when the school is open for instruction or seek enrolment for other approved tuition.

Students are expected to attend normal school hours every day of each term. A Principal or Regional Director (depending on the circumstances) may authorise an exemption and provide written approval for student attendance to be exempt or reduced to less than full time.

For absences where there is no exemption in place, the parent / guardian should provide an explanation on each occasion and the school will determine if the explanation provided is a reasonable excuse for the purposes of the parent meeting their responsibilities under the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006*.

Schools must maintain attendance records and develop policies to support and maintain attendance.

Exemptions from school attendance may be granted in some circumstances. All applications for exemptions are considered on a case by case basis, with the child's best interests as the guiding principle for decision-making. In making a decision the potential benefits or negative consequences of granting the exemption to the child's educational progress, wellbeing and development are also considered.

Aims

To ensure students of school age are enrolled and attend every day the school is open for instruction.

To ensure Altona North Primary School complies with DET policy and guidelines.

To ensure the school complies with the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006*.

To discharge the school's duty of care for all students.

To assist in the calculation of the school's Student Resource Package (SRP) funding.

To enable the school to report on attendance annually through the Annual Report.

Implementation

Students are expected to attend school every day during normal school hours unless there is an approved exemption.

The school will record attendance and absences twice daily.

The school will use only CASES21, eCASES21 to record student attendance.

Parents/guardians are required to provide an explanation for their child's absence from school.

The school will record in writing the reason (if any) given by the parent / guardian.

The school will develop a strategy for following up immediately when unexplained absences exceed a set number of days.

Poor or irregular attendance will be a matter for the Student Welfare Officer or similar senior person in the school.

The student's absences will be recorded on the Student Report Card.

Please refer also to the school's *Student Engagement Policy*, *Admission Policy*, *Enrolment*, *Promotion of Students* and the *Reporting to Parents Policy*.

Please refer also to DET's webpage regarding exemption from attendance.

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS:

Thank you to everyone who supported the P&F sausage sizzle lunch on Tuesday.

Special thanks to Lyn (Em) and Kylie (Hayley, Hope & Jack) who cooked over 200 sausages, Ainy (Aayan & Areeba), Ali (Noah & Gideon), Maggie (Ana, Michael & Chris) and Samira (Elisa) who wrapped orders for over 170 students.

Thanks also to Coral for her help in putting together this event. P&F were able to raise just over \$300 towards the schools fundraising goal.

Chocolate Drive

Caramello Koalas & Freddo Frogs

Each box of chocolates consists of a total of 50 chocolates. Chocolates sell for \$1 each or \$50 per box. ANPS makes \$20 for every box sold. (These chocolates are Halal Certified.)

If you have chosen to participate in this fundraiser, your chocolates will be distributed to the eldest child in your family on Monday June 1st at 3:15pm.

It's not too late to offer to sell chocolates - please send a written request, signed by an adult, stating the number of boxes you would like to sell. If you sell all of your chocolates and you would like to order more, you are required to also send a written note, signed by an adult to the office. *Additional boxes of chocolates will not be distributed until full payment is received for the first box sold.*

Mattel Toy Store

\$5 per person per visit.

We will again be offering mid year tickets to the Mattel Toy Store. Watch out for more information around the school. Speak to family, friends and workmates and let them know about it.

All money raised this year by P&F will go towards improving outside play areas for our children. This is directly related to improving student health & wellbeing and increasing engagement & learning whilst having lots of fun together outside of the classroom.

If you need to order uniforms please either visit the uniform shop during the below hours or alternatively you are welcome to leave your order along with the correct payment in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name & grade at the office.

Regular Opening Hours of the Uniform Shop: Tuesday & Wednesday Mornings

08:45am - 09:00am

Thursday Afternoons

3:00pm - 3:15pm

Please check the order form on the back of this newsletter to see our new prices.

ALTONA NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL
Prep 2016 Enrolments
now being accepted.

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

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Eligibility:

To be eligible for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government Primary School must:

- a) be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC), Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder or an eligible beneficiary of a Veterans Affairs Gold, OR
- b) be a temporary foster parent.

on the first day of Term 2 (April 13th) or
on the first day of Term 3 (July 13th).

Applications:

Parents or legal guardians are required to complete a CSEF application form and lodge it with their child's school for processing by Friday June 26th 2015.

Implications for Students in Grades 3,4,5 & 6 who would like to attend Camp Coolamatong:

CSEF may be offset against the payment of \$300 for Camp Coolamatong. However a deposit of \$100 is required by Friday June 19th.

Please Note: If you claimed ANPS Family Assistance at the beginning of 2015 and nominated to carry over funds towards "CAMP", your balance will be automatically adjusted. Please make contact with our friendly office staff if you are unsure or have any queries.



Financial Assistance Information for Parents

**Do you hold a valid concession card OR
are you a temporary foster parent?**

Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

School **camps** provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, **excursions** encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and **sports** teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students.

How to Apply

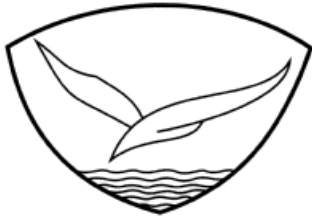
Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Closing Date

You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 26 June 2015.

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef





"Consider Others"

**Altona North
Primary School**

**Education Week
Open Evening**

**Wednesday 10th June
5pm - 7pm**



**Celebrate Learning
with
our Community**

"ALL WELCOME"

Changing lives for 50 years

ENROL NOW FOR 2016

Enter via Cresser Street.

Telephone: 9391 4233



"Consider Others"

EDUCATION WEEK 2015 at ANPS

June 9th - June 12th

Come Along and Join In With Us

ITEM	VENUE	DATE /TIME
<p>Assembly Watch your child perform at our school assembly. You are invited to watch a variety of performances from grades Prep to Six showcasing the Teaching and Learning across the school in Inquiry Learning. Students have been enthusiastically practicing their acts ready to perform for you.</p> <p>Open Morning Session Your child/children would love you to visit their classroom and participate in classroom activities with them. This is the perfect time for you to experience the learning your child is involved in. You are also welcome to visit other classrooms.</p> <p>Morning Tea Stay a little longer and spend some time chatting with other parents and staff while enjoying a cup of tea and a biscuit .</p>	<p>School Hall</p> <p>In classrooms</p> <p>School Hall Foyer</p>	<p>Tuesday June 9th Starting from 8.45 am</p> <p>After Morning Assembly</p> <p>10:45am</p>
<p>Open Evening Come along with your child and participate in Inquiry learning activities together. This is the perfect way for you to gain an insight into your child's school day. We strongly encourage you to join us on the night and take the opportunity to help us celebrate your child's learning and gain an insight into the school's curriculum. Afterwards join the staff for a chat and supper. We would love to see you here.</p>	<p>Library</p> <p>Classrooms</p> <p>In the Library</p>	<p>Wednesday 10th of June Introduction 5pm-5.30 pm</p> <p>In classrooms 5.30-6.30pm</p> <p>Supper 6.30-7pm</p>
<p>Whole School Multicultural lunch You are invited to our Whole School Multicultural Lunch. Join us as we celebrate the Cultural Diversity in our school. We ask all students to bring a plate of food to share with their class that represents their culture or a meal that is a family favourite.</p> <p>Whole School Disco Students will have the opportunity to sing and dance to a variety of their favourite songs.</p>	<p>Classrooms</p> <p>School Hall</p>	<p>Thursday June 11th 12.30pm - 1.30pm</p> <p>1.30 pm– 2pm</p>
<p>Whole School Dress Up Parade The whole school will Dress Up in costumes according to the 'Inquiry Topic' children are learning about this term. You are invited to join in and watch your child in the Parade. You will also have the opportunity to watch the Choir perform.</p>	<p>School Hall</p>	<p>Friday June 12th 9am</p>
<p>Student Organised Activities Throughout the week, our Student Peer Leaders will be organising and running activities for students during recess and lunchtime.</p>	<p>In various areas around the school</p>	<p>Activities from Monday to Friday</p>

UNIFORM ORDER FORM

ALTONA NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

DATE OF ORDER: _____
 CHILD'S NAME: _____ GRADE: _____
 FAMILY NAME: _____ PHONE NO: _____

***PLEASE NOTE: 50% DEPOSIT IS REQUIRED ON ALL ORDERS.
 ORDER WILL BE RETURNED TO STOCK IF NOT PICKED UP WITHIN FOUR WEEKS OF BEING
 NOTIFIED THAT THEY ARE AVAILABLE.
 PRICES ARE INCLUSIVE OF 10% GST.

ITEM	PRICE	SIZE	No. REQ'D	SUB TOTAL
WINDCHEATERS Size 6-16	\$23.00			
BOMBER JACKET Size 6-16	\$39.00			
TRACK PANTS With patches Size 4-16	\$18.00			
Without patches Size 4-16	\$16.00			
Without Cuffs (straight leg)	\$16.00			
PANTS Cotton/Polyester – drawstring plain	\$16.00			
Cotton/Polyester – drawstring with double knee	\$17.00			
Bootleg	\$23.00			
SHORTS (Rugby) Size 6-16	\$17.00			
NETBALL SKIRTS Size 6-14	\$15.00			
SUMMER DRESSES Size 4-14	\$17.00			
HATS				
Legionnaires	\$9.00			
Slouch	\$11.00			
Beanie (winter) acrylic or polar fleece	\$8.00			
POLO SHIRTS Size 6-16				
Short Sleeve – White or Green	\$21.00			
Long Sleeve – White or Green	\$23.00			
SCARVES	\$6.00			
BAGS	\$34.00			
			TOTAL:	
*****ALL TOPS LARGER THAN SIZE 16 ARE EXTRA			AMOUNT ENCLOSED:	
			BALANCE:	