Dear Parents and Families: Thank you to all staff and students for a fantastic week of planning. Staff take a lot of pride in their planning and by planning together we get the best possible curriculum for your children.

EDUCATION WEEK: A huge thank you to all parents and families who helped make our Education Week another huge success. It is wonderful to see everyone engaged and enthusiastic about the learning their children are undertaking at school.

CHOCOLATE DRIVE: Congratulations and thank you once again to our hard working Parents & Friends Committee. With the close of the Chocolate Drive, they continue to work hard collecting and finalising last minute details of this fundraiser. If you have not yet returned either your $50 full payment or part payment, along with unsold chocolates, please do so immediately.

ANPS SCHOOL REUNION: Our school reunion is coming up on Sunday August 23rd. All past students, parents and teachers are welcome. Please RSVP by August 7th to help us cater for the event. For more information visit our website: http://www.altonanorthps.vic.edu.au/ or contact the office.

CAMP SPORTS AND EXCURSION FUND: There is only ONE WEEK left to get your claim in. Make sure you don’t miss out! Come to the office and fill out the forms ASAP to take advantage of this great opportunity. It is a quick process and can greatly help towards the cost of upcoming excursions, as it is a payment of $125 per student. If you have a current health care/pension card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible.

LAST DAY OF TERM: Friday 26th June is the last day of term and it is a 2:00pm finish. Please ensure you have someone here to pick up your child/children at this time, alternatively you can contact our OSHC - Camp Australia to arrange for your children to attend. Assembly will be held at 8:45am in the school hall. All parent/s, friends and family members are welcome to come along. Students will be dismissed from their classrooms at 2pm, we have found this to be a safer way of dismissing the children. Morning tea and lunch breaks will be held at alternate times to accommodate the early finish.

REPORTS/PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS: A reminder to all families that Parent/Teacher Interviews will take place on Wednesday 24th June. Semester 1 reports will be sent home, along with your child’s portfolio tomorrow. Confirmed appointment times for the interviews were sent home to families earlier this week. Please take the time to read your child’s report thoroughly and also allocate family time to sit with them and discuss the contents of their portfolios. Please remember to bring your child’s portfolio to your interview session as these will stay at school for the remainder of the year to have work added to them. 3/4S and 5/6O families will participate in their Parent/Teacher interviews next term, as Mrs Sipthorp and Miss Ousely will be on leave.

FAMILY DETAILS / OCCUPATION UPDATES: We are currently updating our confidential computer records. We need to have accurate records of contact details, (phone and address), and occupation details of ALL families. The school needs to update the occupation status of ALL families regularly as our funding is based on this information. Accurate contact details are vital to allow us to contact the family when necessary. We understand that some family information is of a sensitive nature but please rest assured that this information is kept CONFIDENTIAL at all times. Thank you for your support.

EARN AND LEARN: Woolworths Earn and Learn has come around again. This is a great opportunity to gain access to new equipment for our school. Please find more information on the next page.

MOBIL: Next Tuesday 23rd June, Mrs. Blunt along with our School Captains - Liam and Cindy, will be attending a special morning tea, at Altona Primary school. This morning tea is in recognition of the Mobil Bright Futures grant that ANPS has recently received. Thank you to MOBIL for their continuing support of our school. This year MOBIL has donated $4,000 to go towards our kitchen gardens project.

CAMP COOLAMATONG: Planning is now complete for our camp. Full payment for camp is due by Friday 17th July. There will be a compulsory information evening for parents and students to attend on Wednesday 15th July at 6pm, I look forward to seeing you all there.

SCHOOL PHOTOS: School Leaders, Sports and Choir photos are on display in the corridor behind the office. If you have a child/children in any of these groups and would like to order the photo/s, you will need to contact MSP directly or order via their website.

STATE OF ORIGIN: We had an exciting visit this week from the Channel Nine News crew. Libbie Pearl interviewed some of our students on the Rugby League State of Origin. She was very impressed with their knowledge and participation during the interview. You may have seen the brief moments our students on the 5 o’clock news!!!!! Adnan’s team and favourite colour, The Blues, Won!

Hope your teams win this week Go Melbourne!!!
END OF TERM
Term 2 will be finishing on Friday 26th June. An assembly will be held at 8:45am in the hall, all family and friends are welcome.

Recess will start at 10:45 and conclude at 11:15. Lunch will start at 1:00 and conclude at 1:45. Please make sure you send your children in with morning tea and lunch.

ALL Students will be dismissed from their classroom at 2:00pm.

This day will also be an out of school uniform day. Please remember to bring a gold coin donation.

REPORTS:
Adjustment to Reporting on ICT
This year there will be an adjustment to how we report on ICT. ICT is now more integrated into the curriculum through our daily practise. We have expanded our ability to incorporate ICT within classrooms through our growing bank of iPads, Netbooks and Laptops. To reflect this, students will be receiving a descriptive written report about their use of ICT within the classroom context and this will replace the dot point on the report. Please speak with Mrs Blunt if you have any questions.

POLICIES: School Council Operations
Rationale
School Councils are governed by the Education and Training Reform Act 2006 and the Education and Training Reform Regulations 2007.

Aims
To ensure the School Council operates in accordance with operational requirements.
To ensure Altona North Primary School complies with DET guidelines and legislation in relation to School Council operations.

Implementation
The School Council, in accordance with the regulations operate its bank accounts with the Principal and one member of Council as co-signatories
* keep all records pertaining to Council on the premises unless
* temporarily removed for audit or by instruction of the Minister
* prepare an Annual Report by the date fixed and in accordance with any Ministerial order and the standards and guidelines issued by the Minister

Members of School Council will not be paid for their services but can be reimbursed for any reasonable expenses incurred in performing their duties. Please refer also to the school’s School Council Meetings Policy.

Woolworths Earn & Learn is back and it is now easier than ever to earn valuable resources for our school.
It's simple to participate. From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September 2015, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers from the checkout operator or through an online order and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet. There'll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards). Once completed, simply place the Sticker Sheet in the Collection Box, either at your local school or your local Woolworths.

ALTONA NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL
Prep 2016 Enrolments now being accepted.
Camps, Sports and Excursions 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.$125 per year will be paid to eligible primary school students. CSEF payments will go directly to the school from the commencement of Term 3 and be tied to the student.

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.

Would you like $125 to pay for your child's excursions??

If you hold a current Centerlink Pension / Health Care Card OR are a temporary foster parent, please come to the office and complete the required paperwork.

This NEW payment from the Government is available to pay for CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS.

DON'T MISS OUT

ONLY ONE WEEK REMAINING!!!!!!!
Altona North Primary School Reunion

CELEBRATE WITH US!
SUNDAY 23RD AUGUST, 2015
1:30PM - 4:30PM
51 CRESSER STREET, ALTONA NORTH
RSVP BY FRIDAY 7TH AUGUST
9391 4233 OR altona.north.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

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