Dear Parents and Families:

I hope you are all coping with this cold spell we are having. Rest assured that our classrooms are lovely and warm and children are able to learn in comfort.

**PREP 2016**: A friendly reminder to families who have children turning 5 years of age before April 30th 2016 - *Now is the time to enrol your child for Prep 2016!*

I have now started to work out our staffing needs for 2016 and in doing so, it is imperative that all enrolments are lodged. Please make sure you have your child enrolled as soon as possible to guarantee their place at ANPS in 2016. If you have family or friends looking for a place please remind them to collect an enrolment form from the front office as soon as possible.

**CAMP COOLAMATONG**: Our campers are back and the stories I’ve been told sound fantastic - dancing dolphins, kangaroos, echidnas and falling out of the canoe (Nia and Latifa). All the staff have commented on how wonderful the students were and the camp staff have sent a letter congratulating our staff and students on the students' excellent behaviour and manners. Well done to all for this and also for the challenges you faced to push yourselves to try new things. A BIG THANK YOU to Ms. Shiels for your wonderful organisation and to our sensational staff Mrs. Blunt, Mr. Jaggard, Miss Ousley and Tara for the their time, enthusiasm and experience in providing our students with the very best of experiences and care.

**CHAPLAIN / COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORKER**: Last term I introduced Will de Lacey our school’s Community Development Worker. Will is employed under the Chaplaincy for Schools network of schools. It is a wonderful experience for our students to perform in front of an audience and to see other schools perform. Thank you to Ms. McCawley for organising our FOPA team.

**LITERACY AND NUMERACY WEEK**: During the week of 17th-21st of August ANPS will be celebrating this annual event. We are looking forward to seeing our families joining in the activities for the week. It is always a terrific week and a time where families can come along and join in our learning.

**OPEN EVENING**: A part of Literacy/Numercy week we will be once again opening our doors to the community on the evening of Wednesday 19th August. We invite you to come along and work alongside your children and experience their everyday learning here at ANPS and then join in for a pizza supper.

**Festival Of Performing Arts**: On Thursday 20th August our fabulous Instrumental and Drumming Groups will be heading off to take part in FOPA. This is a festival we participate in every year which showcases the talents of the students across our network of schools. It is a wonderful experience for our students to perform in front of an audience and to see other schools perform. Thank you to Ms. McCawley for organising our FOPA team.

**Festival Of Visual Arts**: This is a new festival that we are participating in. Thank you to Mrs Morgan for her work in organising this display. You will be able to have a look at the display at the Point Cook Shopping Centre during the week beginning August 15th. So if you are down that way please pop in and have a look at Mrs. Morgan’s display of our students’ work.

**1/2 UNIT EXCURSION TO IMAX / MUSEUM**: Tomorrow (Friday) our 1/2 Unit head off on their excursion to IMAX and the Museum. All the students are excited and looking forward to a great day. Don’t forget if you haven’t sent your child’s form back please do so in the morning as we don’t want to disappoint anyone.

**REMININDERS**:

**Thursday 13th August - Wakakirri**

**Friday 14th August - STUDENT FREE DAY**

**Monday 17th - Friday 21st August - Literacy & Numeracy Week**
CSEF has arrived. Families who made a successful CSEF claim last term, can now access these funds to pay for camps, sports, excursion and incursions. The tear-off slip attached to the school activity note will now include an option to pay using CSEF funds. Many families have used their CSEF to pay for this years camp. If you nominate to use CSEF and you have insufficient funds, the office will contact you to make alternate arrangements.

Swimming Program and Beach Program  Our 10-day intensive swimming program will take place in Term 4 this year. The program caters for students from Grades Prep – 4. It will run from Monday 5th October – Friday 16th October. The lessons will take place at Carlile Swimming which is located at Bayfit Leisure Centre, with each daily lesson being for 45 minutes. The cost to attend the program is $100 per student. Our 5-day Beach Program will also be in Term 4. This program caters for students in Grades 5 and 6. It will take place at Williamstown Beach. The cost of the beach program is $110 per student.

Permission notes and further detailed information will be provided next week for both programs. Permission notes and deposits will be due back by 21st August. Full payments to be finalised by 3rd September.

PLEASE NOTE: In order to secure your child’s place in this extremely beneficial program we must receive your deposit and permission note by the 21st August. Please contact the office if you would like to know whether you have CSEF or Family Assistance available to use for this program.

An important message from the Canteen: Please be aware that the canteen will be CLOSED ALL DAY MONDAY 17th AUGUST. Please remember to pack a morning snack for your child on this day. P&F will be offering a Sausage Sizzle lunch for all students - order forms MUST be completed and sent to school by THURSDAY 13th AUGUST.