Dear Parents and Families,

Welcome to this week’s newsletter and as you can see - the fun and learning just keep happening at ANPS.

BACK TO ALTONA NORTH REUNION: WOW what can I say! A great day was had by all.

We had over 300 people attend our “Back to ANPS” Reunion on Sunday. There were past students and teachers from way back in 1965 when the school first opened. There were photos and loads of stories being shared around with much laughter filling the hall.

I would like to thank our hard working staff for all the jobs associated with both the lead up to the event and on the day. There were displays of photos, memorabilia, school tours along with Wormitage, ANPS Glasses, Pens & Badges on sale. Everyone worked hard making sure our school looked it’s best for our guests.

Thank you to our Reunion Committee, office staff and Mrs Blunt for all the extra touches. Also a big thank you to Megan (Zane and Riley’s mum) for the catering. Thank you also to Ali & Neil (Noah & Gideon’s parents) and Jodie (Chloe’s Mum) for helping out during the day.

2016 ENROLMENTS: Please finalise your 2016 enrolments now as we are beginning to look at staffing for next year. If you have a child ready for school next year, or know of someone who is looking at enrolling their child at ANPS, please come to school and pick up an enrolment form.

WORKING BEE: Another BIG thank you goes to Dan, Wayne (Liam and Marten’s dad) and Petar (Patrick’s dad) for coming along on Saturday to work on our Vegie Garden. They have done a sensational job and I can’t wait until its finished with students out in the garden with home grown vegies.

BADMINTON CLINIC: The 3/4 Unit have been having Badminton Clinics here at school. Another great use of our beautiful hall. The students have been having loads of fun learning new skills and challenging each other in a great game, a game I played for many years.

GIRLS FOOTY: Tomorrow some of our 5/6 girls are heading off to Newport to play in the Girls’ Round Robin Football. These girls have been coached through their lunch breaks by Ms Shiels and Daniel from the Western Bulldogs. Good luck for tomorrow and enjoy the experience!

DISCO: This Friday, 28th August, the P&F will be hosting the Annual ANPS Student Disco. This event is for current students only. Tickets will NOT be available for purchase on the night. Make sure you come along in your disco gear and dance away to our DJ.

ATHLETICS: On Tuesday 1st September, students from Grades 3-6 will represent Altona North Primary School at the ADSSA Athletics Carnival. Congratulations to all students selected to represent our school and we wish them all the best in their efforts, both on and off the Athletics track.

Thank you to Mrs Soto and all staff who have supported these students in the training and preparation for this event. Parents are most welcome to attend and to cheer and support all our students in their sporting endeavours during the day.

FATHERS DAY STALL: Don’t forget our Father’s Day Stall is just around the corner. Our wonderful P&F are once again organising a Father’s Day Stall here at school next Wednesday. Save up your pocket money and buy some special surprises for dad or a special person you may have in your life.

1/2 UNIT SLEEPOVER: Friday 11th September is the big night for our 1/2 students and staff. The sleep over is an integral part of our camp development program which begins with the Prep Picnic and culminates with the 3 to 6 camp. These opportunities to provide students with a sleep over and camp are invaluable for their social and emotional development.

LAST DAY OF TERM: Friday 18th September is the last day of term 3 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 parents, friends and family members are welcome to come along. Students will be dismissed from their classrooms at 2pm. Morning tea and lunch breaks will be held at alternate times to accommodate the early finish.

Have a restful time over the weekend ready for our next big week and hopefully Melbourne will have a win this week, Fingers Crossed.

I hope you have a great weekend.

Robyn Gregson - Principal
**Student Banking Update**
Concerns have been raised regarding the ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torch’ reward item due to the inclusion of four button batteries that can be accessed by unscrewing the back of the torch. Whilst this reward has been independently tested and deemed to meet relevant product standards the Commonwealth Bank have made the decision to proactively withdraw this item from the School Banking Rewards Program. Parents/Guardians are requested to dispose of any ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torches’ their child may have already received as part of the Rewards Program. Students who have previously received a ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torch’ are welcome to redeem an alternative reward item.

**SUNSMART**
From Tuesday 1st September (next week) all students must wear an Altona North Primary School Sunsmart hat whenever they are involved in outdoor activities. If your child does not currently have a hat please call into the Uniform Shop to purchase one.

**SWIMMING REMINDER:** 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. A deposit of $50 needs to be paid to secure a position in this program. We are close to reaching our quota, so if you would like your child to participate, it is essential that you make a payment as soon as possible.

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.

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**PARENTS AND FRIENDS:**

**DON’T FORGET!**
**TOMORROW NIGHT IS DISCO NIGHT!!!!**

If you haven’t purchased your ticket/s please make sure you do tomorrow during school hours as there will be **NO** tickets sold on the night.