Dear Parents and Families,  

Only one week to go before we can all sleep in. I know a number of staff and students looking forward to that after such a busy term. 

**NAPLAN:** The NAPLAN results have arrived and are available for collection for year 3 and 5 students. NAPLAN results are a ‘snapshot’ of your child’s performance and the result needs to be considered alongside other data sets that are provided by staff during the course of the year. Teaching staff assess children in a variety of ways to give a holistic summary of children’s academic growth. If you would like to discuss the NAPLAN results with one of our staff please leave a message at the front office and we will make a time for you. NAPLAN results must be collected by an adult.

**SAUSAGE SIZZLE:** A huge thank you goes out to our Parents and Friends for another very successful sausage sizzle. They were here all morning finalising all orders to give our students a tasty lunch.

**SWIMMING PROGRAMS:** Don't forget our swimming program begins first day back after the holidays so pack your child's bathers and towel in their school bag at the start of the holidays so you don't forget to send them. This year we are moving our swimming program to BayFit which is the local swimming pool for our school. Students will be walking to the pool and back unless there is rain and then buses will be driving students to and from the pool. **TOMORROW** is the last day to get your name down for the swimming program. If your child's name is not in with payment by tomorrow then they will miss out.

**2016 ENROLMENTS:** Looking at the “Dates to Remember”, you will see we have set the Transition Session dates for next year’s Prep students. If you have a child ready to start school in 2016 and have not yet handed in their enrolment forms, please do so immediately as we have started our planning for next year.

**1/2 UNIT SLEEP OVER:** Tomorrow night is the big night for our 1/2 unit 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. We look forward to full parental support for this event, especially when it comes to picking your children up on time please. Staff will be wanting to get home to have a sleep in their own beds by this stage.

**LAST DAY OF TERM/FOOTY COLOURS DAY:** Friday 18th September is the last day of term 3. Students are encouraged to dress in their favourite Footy Teams colours and bring along a gold coin donation. See you all in your Red and Blue for Melbourne!!!!!!! All money raised goes directly to the Fight Cancer Foundation. **All students will be dismissed from their classrooms at 2pm** if you are unable to pick your child up at this time please make alternative arrangements.

**UNIFORM:** An ANPS Sun Smart hat must now be worn for every outside activity. If you do not have a hat please see the Uniform shop to arrange one. We have LOTS of items in lost property at the moment. Lost property is located in “B Block” near the Prep classrooms, please check there FIRST for any items that your child has misplaced.

**LITTLE ATHLETICS:** **CONGRATULATIONS** to all our students who participated in the Athletics last week. A BIG CONGRATULATIONS to Mohammad K in coming first in Discus, Ayan got a 3rd place in Discus and a number of students got into final levels on the day. Well Done. Good Luck to Mohammad who now goes to the Districts on Tuesday. 

Some of the programs we have been running this term to enhance student learning and engage students socially, emotionally and academically are: Brekky Club, Fresh Fruit Days, many Sporting Clinics, Bike Ed, Athletics, FOPA, FOVA, Drumming Group, Instrumental Group, Ukulele Group, Lunchtime Library, Lunchtime Activities, Incursions, Excursions, Girls Footy, Sausage Sizzles, Kids Gardening, Talk Time, Counselling, WAKI, Choirs, Special Days, Lit/ Num Week, Open Evening, Camps, Sleep Over, and the list goes on.

I hope you have a great weekend and enjoy your time together as a family.  
**Robyn Gregson - Principal**
LAST DAY OF TERM/FOOTY COLOURS DAY

Friday 18th September is the last day of Term 3 and it will be a 2pm finish.

All students are asked to bring a gold coin donation and dress in their favourite footy team colours on the day. All money raised is donated directly to the Fight Cancer Foundation.

An assembly will be held in the school hall at 8:45am and all parents, friends and family members are invited to join us. Students will need to bring their snack and lunch as these breaks will be happening at alternative times.

**All students will be dismissed from their classrooms at 2pm.**

If you are unable to pick your child up at this time please make alternative arrangements. Please contact Camp Australia on 1300 105 343 or visit www.campaustralia.com.au if you are unable to collect your child from school early on this day.

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50th ANNIVERSARY

Altona North Primary School will be selling name bricks next term to celebrate our 50th Anniversary, all families are welcome to buy a brick. Each brick costs $20 and can contain up to 48 letters. More information will be sent home next term.

We still have many ANPS pens, badges and glasses for sale, if you wish to purchase these please come by the office.
- Pens: $1 each
- Badges: $3 each
- Glasses $8 or 6 for $45

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DAFFODIL DAY

Daffodil Day is about helping to raise much needed funds to go towards vital cancer research prevention programs and patient support for the many Australians affected by cancer.

Our Social Service committee have a range of Daffodil Day items to sell at 50% off.
- Bears & Footballs $2.50 each
- Pens, Key Rings, Wrist bands and Paperclips $1 each

Items are on display near the Art Room.

All monies raised go directly to the Cancer Council. This merchandise can be purchased over the counter from the canteen between 11.15 and 11.30am tomorrow (Friday 11th) through to the end of term or until sold out.

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PARENTS AND FRIENDS

We would like to send a huge Thank You to families, staff and our wonderful local businesses in your support of all the fundraising events during this term. Thank you also goes to Bunnings for donating products for our Fathers’ Day stall.

**Upcoming events in Term 4:**
- Funde 2 for 1 vouchers $20
- Mattel Toy Store entry tickets $5 per person
- Huge End of the Year Holiday raffle (donations welcome) $1 per ticket or $10 per book of 10
- Bakers Delight Fruit Mince Pie Drive $8.50 for a pack of 6 pies

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Woolworths Earn & Learn is finishing soon. If you have any stickers that you haven’t yet placed in the box please do so by next Wednesday (16/9/15).

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ANPS VALUES:

RESPECT. EXCELLENCE. ACCEPTANCE. COMMUNITY. HONESTY.
Williamstown Swimming and Life Saving Club (WS&LSC) runs a fun Nippers Program for children aged 5-14 years (5 years old by Sept 30th). Nippers are taught about surf awareness and surf safety through the Surf Life Saving Education Program.

The program is conducted on a Friday afternoon at Williamstown beach. The season begins in November and runs through to March, stopping for Christmas and January.

For the upcoming season the club will also be running an accelerated Nippers program on a Sunday morning, for more information please attend the information sessions.

What do you need to do to sign up for Nippers?

To participate in the Nippers program, families are required to join the WS&LS (New Family Membership starts from $250) – includes use of the pool and facilities for the year. Every member 18 years and over (i.e. both parents/guardians) must have a Working with Children’s Check (WWCC), linked to both WS&LSC & LSV – Details on website (http://www.williamstownslsc.org.au/membership/working-with-children) or at Information Sessions. Memberships cannot be processed until we receive WWCCs. Attend the Information Session at the club house to answer questions you have!

Information Sessions
Sunday Oct 4th at 4pm
Sunday Oct 11th at 10am
Wednesday Oct 14th at 7pm
Sunday Oct 18th at 4pm

For further information, see our website www.williamstownslsc.org.au or contact Craig Logan on 0437 555 889.