Dear Parents and Families,

**CANTEEN NEWS:**
The canteen will be closed EVERY WEDNESDAY. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. Please remember to send your child to school with lunch and morning tea EVERY WEDNESDAY.

**UNIFORM NEWS:**
This week we received our new short sleeve polo shirts - and they look fantastic! We will be selling these in the uniform shop for $23 each. All of our older style short sleeve polo shirts are on sale for $18 each. Uniform shop hours are Tuesday and Wednesday 8:45-9:00am and Thursday 3:00pm-3:15pm.

**STAFFING NEWS:**
A big CONGRATULATIONS! To Ms Shiels who will be acting as our Leading Teacher for the remainder of the year. Ms Shiels will be working with all units across the school every Tuesday. Ms Jackson will be in replacing Ms Shiels every Tuesday.

**SWIMMING PROGRAM:**
Once again we have been delighted with the organisation and level of instruction at this year’s program. A big thank you to all the parents who travel to the pool and help out. This is much appreciated.

**BEACH PROGRAM:**
Over the last three years we have run the beach program to provide our senior students with a water safety experience that is more closely suited to their needs. The Beach Program for the 5/6 students starts on Wednesday 8:45. There are still a few spaces left in this program, if your child is interested please fill in the forms and send them back ASAP.

**2016 CLASS PREPARATIONS:**
A reminder to all families and friends that preparations are well under way for developing class models for 2016. If you have a family member, friend or neighbour that is wanting to enrol at ANPS for 2016 please tell them to get enrolments in quickly as grades are filling up.

**NAPLAN:**
Do you have a child in currently Grade 3 or Grade 5?
Have you collected their NAPLAN results from the office?

NAPLAN testing took place earlier in the year for all Grade 3 and Grade 5 students. The results have arrived at ANPS and will be available for collection from the office, by an adult. Please keep these in a safe place at home along with your child’s school reports as these are an important piece of your child’s school history.

**CONCERT PREPARATIONS:**
Ms McCawley, students and staff are well into the concert preparations with dance moves, singing and costume making underway.

**HOUSE SPORTS DAY:**
Please keep Friday 6th November free for our House Sports Day. Students will all gather in their respective Houses and compete in a range of FUN healthy sport activities. This is always a great day, as long as the weather is on our side.

**BRIGHTER LINES:**
You may have noticed the new artwork in our school yard. This was completed during the term break. We would like to thank all families and friends who have contributed to our fundraising efforts this year to make this possible.

**REPORT PREPARATION DAY:**
On Monday 2nd of November our school will be closed. This is an allocated student free day. Please make sure that you place this date on your home calendar. No school Monday the 2nd November.

**ROAD BEHAVIOUR:**
This is a friendly reminder to all families to please drive slowly and safely around our school in order to look after our precious students, your children. Please also observe all parking restrictions and make sure your children are dropped off at the curb and enter/exit your car from the curb side.

**HOURS of ATTENDANCE:**
Staff are on duty between 8.30am and 3.30pm daily. Outside of these times your child is clearly your responsibility unless they are booked into Out of School Care with Camp Australia.

**JUST A LITTLE BIT LATE?**
We are often reminding families that school starts at 08:45am and the importance of students arriving at school on time. Take the time to have a look on the back of this current page - it is interesting to see how being “Just a little bit late” regularly adds up.

Have a great weekend.
Robyn Gregson - Principal
EVERY MINUTE COUNTS

Just a little bit late doesn’t seem much but.....

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Did you know your child’s best learning time is the start of the school day?

That’s when every minute counts the most!
Canteen closed every Wednesday
Altona Lifesaving Club Information Day
Sunday 11th October 2015
11am - 2pm
Altona Lifesaving Clubrooms 127 The Esplanade Altona

ALSC Nippers runs from November to March each year.
The Nipper Program aims to teach children lifesaving, surf, and competition and teamwork skills. Nippers participate in beach sprints, flags, wading in shallow water, board paddling, swimming, relays and lots of fun games. ALSC places a great emphasis on our Nippers being nurtured in an environment that values teamwork, contribution, friendship, trust, respect, caring and responsibility.

Join us and meet new people, make new friends and live a healthy and active lifestyle.

Enquiries email: nippers@altonalsc.com.au
Website: http://www.altonalsc.com.au/

Mount St Joseph Girls’ College Open Day
Sunday 11th October

All local community members are invited to our Open Day on Sunday 11th October from 11am to 2pm. Visitors will have the opportunity to see our school in action, meet staff and students and learn about how our College specialises in the education of girls.

Enrolment application forms can be obtained from the website www.msj.vic.edu.au or by contacting the school on 03 968 2000 or emailing the College Registrar, Sherri Collins at registrar@msj.vic.edu.au

Now accepting applications for 2016 and 2017.

English Conversation Club

Would you like to practice your English speaking skills in a relaxed setting and make new friends? Then join the English Conversation Club which is a great way to meet people and enjoy conversations on a range of topics.
The English Conversation Club is a weekly group for adults who speak English as a second language. Sessions are free, morning tea is provided, and everyone is welcome including children.

Every Monday from 2 March until 30 November (excluding school and public holidays)
10am to 11.30am
Laverton Community Hub
95-109 Railway Avenue

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PRIZES TO BE WON
WILLIAMSON’S LITTLE LADIES FREAKY FRIDAY
10th October 2015
For more information contact Sue Scott, Officer on 9932 5120 and to confirm your first birthday at a local contact centre on 0413 333 415.