Dear Parents and Families,

I do hope you all had a wonderful couple of days and that if you had a bet on the Melbourne Cup you had a winner.

Mrs Blunt and I attended a Principal Briefing yesterday where we looked into and heard about the Victorian Governments Education Vision, goals and strategies for Education in Victoria. It was very exciting to learn that the focus was on “the Whole Child” (educational, social and emotional), respectful relationships, great teaching across all curriculum areas, and the vital importance of Partnerships to ensure life long learning. We believe ANPS is well on the way to addressing all these areas and providing our students with the goals, knowledge and resilience to meet all of life’s challenges.

THANKYOU: Thankyou to Ms Shiels our Acting Leading Teacher for the wonderful job she is doing around the school in assisting Mrs Blunt and myself. As we all know this is a very busy time of year and we are often expected to attend Principal briefings and meetings. Ms Shiels has stepped up an made sure that all aspects of the school continue to run smoothly.

GRADE 5/6 BEACH PROGRAM: What a day to start our Beach Program with this rain. Our students left this morning in the rain to brave the elements (although the focus was on the indoor section of the program today). I have received the news that once again our students have been amazing in their attitudes towards their learning and there impeccable behaviour. Well done Grade 5/6!!!!!! Our students are a credit to our school and always shine when it comes to learning and there impeccable behaviour.

COOKING AND GARDENING PROGRAM: Our cooking and gardening program will be running from 16th November until 7th December. All parents, friends and family members are welcome to join in. Please fill out the form at the back of this newsletter and send it back to school as soon as possible so we can advise of numbers.

SCHOOL APP: ANPS is now app friendly! Please read the next page of this newsletter to see how you can connect with us. This will be a great way of contacting parents and sending out updated information.

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 wanting to enrol at ANPS for 2016, please tell them to get enrolments in quickly as grades are filling up.

PREP TRANSITIONS: Wednesday was our first 2016 Prep Transition day. One forgets so quickly how little the Preps are when they first start and how nervous the first time parents are. This group of Preps for next year came in very confidently and joined in with the activities around the classrooms as though they were old hands at school. Even children new to the area quickly made friends and are excited about next year when they are at school.

CONCERT: Remember to keep Thursday 10th December free as this is our concert night. Please remember to send your child’s costume in to school as soon as possible - this allows them to rehearse in costume and therefore become comfortable with what they will be wearing on the night.

Tickets will be on sale shortly. Please be aware that these will be allocated at the time money is receipted. This ensures tickets are allocated on a first in, first served basis and tickets will not be able to be exchanged or refunded. If you have any questions once the order forms are sent home, please contact the office.

Thankyou to those parents who have offered their assistance in helping with props and costumes already. More help is always needed so don’t be shy to put your hand up to help out with sewing or creating.

HOUSE SPORTS DAY: Please keep Friday 13th November free for our House Sports Day. Students will all gather in their respective Houses and compete in a range of FUN and healthy sport activities. Students are also encouraged to come dressed in the colours of their house on this day. This is always a great day, as long as the weather is on our side.

Enjoy the weekend and have some wonderful family time together.

Robyn Gregson - Principal
We’re very pleased to inform you that our school has implemented an app called Updat-ed that will make connecting with you so much more effective. The app is 100% FREE.

To download the app just visit the App Store for iPhones or Google Play for Android’s. Search for Updat-ed. Once the app has downloaded simply select Altona North Primary School from the menu. We’ll receive your registration request and will need to approve you before your app is up and running.

So what will the app do?
The app’s great for sending out alerts and reminders with one of its best features being the ability to save events directly into your phone’s calendar, as well as many other features!

STUDENT BANKING

Our Student Bankers have been making regular deposits and many now have 10 tokens to redeem for a reward. The last day to redeem your rewards this year, is Tuesday December 1st. The CBA has advised that some rewards are no longer available.

At present, the following items are available.
- Galaxy Glider
- Outer Space Savers Money Box
- Invisible Ink Martian Pens
- Intergalactic Rocket
- ET DVD
- Shark Key Ring
- Scented Pencils
- Swimming bag.

Please collect your 10 tokens and redeem before the 1st December to avoid disappointment.

SOCIAL SERVICE

Annual K-Mart Wishing Tree:
This is an ongoing fundraiser throughout Term 4.

Children are asked to start donating some of their loose change towards the purchase of a gift to be placed under the K-Mart Wishing Tree. The loose change is collected in the classroom. The gifts are purchased and collected by the Salvation Army and distributed to families or individuals who may not receive a gift at Christmas.

The Parents and Friends will be holding a huge End of Year Christmas Raffle. Tickets are to be distributed at the end of November. $1 per ticket or $10 per book.

If you DO NOT wish to participate in this year’s raffle, please complete the tear off slip below and return it to the school.

PARENTS & FRIENDS CHRISTMAS RAFFLE:
NO TICKETS PLEASE

Child’s Name: ___________________________ Grade: ___________________________

I DO NOT wish to receive a booklet of Raffle Tickets to sell on behalf of ANPS

Parent/Guardian Name: ______________________________________________________
Altona North Primary School presents

Free Cooking and Gardening Program
For all Altona North PS Parents and Families

Come Along and Have Some Fun!
Meet Other Parents and Families
2 Weeks Gardening, 2 Weeks Cooking

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

You don’t need to bring a thing.
All parents and families welcome
Free child care available

WHERE:
Altona North Primary School
Meet at Reception

WHEN:
Mondays for 4 weeks
16th, 23rd, 30th November
& 7th December

TIME:
9.15 - 11.45am
Followed by shared meal
on 30th Nov & 7th Dec

For more information contact Eliza Mead
on 9313 5092 or eliza.mead@isispc.com.au
To Register - fill out the form below, tear off and return to school Reception

I will be attending the Program:  Yes ☐  No ☐  No. of people attending Program:  ☐
I require childcare:  Yes ☐  No ☐  No. of children for childcare:  ☐  Age(s):  ☐
Name: _______________________________  Phono: _______________________________
Email: _______________________________  Any food allergies? _______________________________