Dear Parents and Families,

Thank you to all the parents and carers who have been so patient with the building works across the school this term.

Please put this in your diaries and make arrangements to have your child/ren picked up at this time.

Please take note that we will be planning ways families can help support this valuable 'fundraising event' for our school. Please contact us for more information.

Once again we are privileged to be on the day and well done to Blue, Red and Yellow for your efforts.

HOUSE SPORTS DAY: Last Friday was an incredibly enjoyable day with house colours flying everywhere.

Don't forget morning tea and child care is provided for you, so come along and join in. The Multi Cultural Liaison Officer from Hobson's Bay will also be available on the days, to make sure we are all feeling confident in attending due to language barriers, etc.

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 we have started finalising grades.

PREP TRANSITION: Wow! Our 2016 preps have already had their third transition day. All of our preps have settled in really well and have already started making friendship groups. We have two transition sessions left with the last being a parent information session as well.

CONCERT TICKET ORDERS, DVD ORDERS & COSTUME REQUIREMENTS: Remember to keep Thursday 10th December free as this is our concert night. Thank you 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. All costumes are due at school NOW. Order forms for concert tickets and DVD orders were sent to parents.

We will be offering DVD's for $25.00 each and will contain both concert performances. These need to be ordered prior to the concert night.

MURRAY TO MOYNE: Once again we are privileged to be able to partake in this iconic event. There will be a number of ways families can help support this valuable 'fundraising event' for our school. Please take note that we will be planning activities to support this event early next year. For ways that you can help us see, the back page of this newsletter.

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Congratulations to GREEN HOUSE on a stellar performance on the day and well done to Blue, Red and Yellow for your grand efforts. I was able to watch the students participating and WELL DONE RED HOUSE kids you all tried so hard. I think we are in with a chance next year!!!! The healthy competitive spirit with which everyone participated was a credit to all. Thank you.

Final scores were:

Green - 175 Blue - 158 Yellow - 148 Red - 120

LAST DAY OF TERM 4: The end of the school year is fast approaching with only 4 weeks remaining. All students will be dismissed from school at 1pm on Friday 18th December.

Have a great weekend with cooler weather and hopefully no bushfires.

- Robyn Gregson - Principal
On Monday morning, family and friends of our school attended the first of a series of four gardening and cooking workshops. Those who participated met some new members of our school community and had fun learning the basics of veggie gardening. The second gardening session will be held next Monday 23rd November straight after assembly (9.15am to 11.15am), with a focus on tips and tricks to get gardening with your children. We’ll also have a mini-food swap, so please feel free to bring along your excess garden produce (if you have any!) to swap for something you don’t have so much of. All parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles and friends are welcome to join us.
PARENTS & FRIENDS CHRISTMAS RAFFLE:

Child’s Name: ________________________________________________  Grade: ___________________________

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

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2015 CONCERT

This year, our Annual Concerts will be held on the evening of Thursday 10th December 2015. The Junior Concert will be held at 5.15pm and the Senior Concert at 7.30pm. Ticket order forms have been distributed. Tickets are $8 each plus $2 for non performing ANPS students. Seating will be allocated on a first in, first served basis. Entry is by pre-purchase and presentation of tickets only. Envelopes to order the Concert DVD have also been distributed along with the ticket order form. The cost of the DVD is $25 each.

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2016 ESSENTIAL EDUCATION SUPPLIES

The School Council has determined the cost of the 2016 Essential Education Supplies to be $170.00 per child. This covers essential education items and materials for learning and teaching for next year. Notes were distributed last week.

A discount of $5 will be given for FULL payment on or before Monday 14th December 2015.

Families who made a successful claim for 2015 Family Assistance, will have any remaining credit automatically allocated to 2016 Essential Education Supplies. Unfortunately, Family Assistance is not available in 2016. Families who qualify for Family Tax Benefit Part A will receive $215 per child directly into their bank accounts in January and July 2016. The Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund can once again be claimed by families with a Health Care or Pension Card in June 2016. State Schools’ Relief is also available to families in serious financial difficulties. Follow this link for further information


Please contact the office if you have any questions or make an appointment to speak with the Principal or Assistant Principal should you need to make alternate payment arrangements.

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PARENTS AND FRIENDS

Bakers’ Delight Fruit Mince Pie Drive
Order forms will be sent home on Monday 23 November.
Pack of six Fruit Mince Pies for $8.50.
All orders are to be returned by Monday 7th December to be distributed on Tuesday 8th December.

Mattel Toy Store
Thank you to everyone who has already purchased tickets.
Tickets are still available for:
Fri 27 Nov 10am-3pm
Sat 19 Dec 9-10.30am
Order forms available from the Community Noticeboard behind the office

Christmas Raffle
Raffle books will be sent home with the eldest child on Tuesday 1st December. If you do not wish to sell raffle tickets please fill in and return the form at the bottom of this page.
$1 per ticket or $10 per book of 10. Extra books are available upon a signed request from an adult
This year our 1st prize is a one year membership to Bayfit, valued at $1,049.
Along with loads of other prizes with more being donated each day from our local businesses.
If you wish to donate to our raffle, we would greatly appreciate it.
COMMUNITY NEWS:

MURRAY TO MOYNE

In March 2016 a team of riders and crew will be riding for Altona North Primary School in the Murray to Moyne Cycle Relay to raise money for Student Welfare, Health and Wellbeing. We endorse that all children have the right to learn and to be their best throughout life and Altona North PS is “where the journey begins”. We have a diverse community culture and extensive welfare system across the school which we wish to embrace for all students and their families.

We are asking for support from our families to get behind Team 101 in getting sponsorship, helping to provide us with the food/dinks needed during the ride or any other assistance you can give.

To keep our riders fed during the ride, we are asking if people can help with donations of any of the following which will enable us to keep costs down and put more money into the school:
Tetra fruit boxes, long life Big M, jube lollies, dried fruit, snack packs of chips/biscuits etc. Mayonnaise, peanut butter, Vegemite, nuts, margarine, chocolate bars, cans of drink, Gatorade/sports drinks