Dear Parents and Families,

With only 11 school days to go we are all busy with end of year preparations. Please keep your diaries up to date with everything that is coming up so you and your children don’t miss out on an important event.

CANTEEN: During the last week of school the Canteen will be CLOSED on WEDNESDAY 16TH, THURSDAY 17TH and FRIDAY 18TH. Please make sure that you send your child/ren to school with enough food for morning tea and lunch as we will be unable to supply them with anything. Thank you for your understanding.

2016 CLASS PREPARATIONS: Class preparations are well underway, if you know of anyone who is looking at coming to ANPS in 2016 please ask them to hand their enrolment forms in ASAP as classes are filling.

YEAR 7 2015 TRANSITION: Grade six students are about to make a huge step from Primary to Secondary school. An important phase of this is their Transition Day next Tuesday, (8th December), where they venture off to their new schools and spend the day familiarising themselves with the new surroundings. These students do not need to come to ANPS before heading off to their Secondary Schools on this day. Best of luck for the next stage of your learning journey.

I was so inspired my family trialled the recipes at home. So come along and try your hand at cooking and gardening.

REMINDERS:
CANTEEN CLOSED EVERY WEDNESDAY.
WEDNESDAY 16TH DECEMBER: CLASS PARTIES
FRIDAY 18TH DECEMBER: LAST DAY OF TERM 4. 1PM DISMISSAL

From the Principal
Our school concert will be held next **THURSDAY 10th December**. The Junior Concert will be held at 5.15pm and the Senior Concert at 7.30pm. Tickets will be sent home next **MONDAY 7th DECEMBER**. Entry is by pre-purchase and presentation of tickets only. You will not be able to purchase tickets on the night. Please purchase the concert DVD prior to the concert night as there will be **NO sales after the event.**

**LIBRARY NEWS:**

It's that time of year again where you need to return all books borrowed from the library AND all home readers. If you are having trouble finding your school books a good place to look is under your bed or maybe on a bookcase with other books. Maybe ask Mum or Dad if they can help you look. There is no more student borrowing for the rest of the year!!

**UNIFORM NEWS:**

If you wish to buy school uniforms for the beginning of 2016 can you please put in an order, along with a 50% deposit, **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.** This way it will be ready for you to collect on Thursday 28th January between 10am-12pm when the office is open. If you don't place an order now, we cannot guarantee stock will be available.

**END OF TERM NOTE:**

**FRIDAY 18th DECEMBER EARLY FINISH:**

Please be aware we will be having an early dismissal on the last day of school for 2015. A whole school assembly will be held at 12:30pm and all students will be dismissed at 1:00pm. The children will not be required to bring lunch to school on this day.

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 last day for 2014.

**AND OUT OF SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY:**

The Social Service Committee has decided that the final day of school for 2015 will be an Out of Uniform Day. All students are allowed to come to school in casual, Sunsmart clothing, and bring a Gold Coin Donation. All proceeds of the day will go to the ANPS Murray 2 Moyne Bike Ride which raises funds solely for our school’s Student Welfare Program.

If you would like to know more about this program, please speak with Mrs Gregson.

**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.
Fruit Mince Pies:  
$8.50 per 6 pack.  
All orders are due back Monday 7th December.

Mattel Tickets:  
Sat 19th Dec, 9-10.30am

End of Year Christmas Raffle:  
Books were sent home earlier this week via the eldest child.  
$1 per ticket or $10 per book of 10.  
All tickets sold and unsold must be returned to school by Monday 14th Dec.  
The raffle will be drawn Tuesday 15th December.  
Extra books available upon written request signed by adult.

1st prize: Bayfit 12 month gift certificate  
2nd prize: Luna Park family pass  
3rd prize: Westside Hotel family dining voucher (2 vouchers available)  
4th prize: Wyncity Entertainment & Family Dinning voucher  

Plus: Ladies only 1 hour mobile massage from Mummy Massage. Wesgate Golf Club x2 people plus drink. Irukanjji Shark & Ray Encounters family pass. Puffing Billy family pass. Lantern Ghost tours. Airodrome 5 jump pass. 3 double passes to Planet Sport. 2x double passes to Sun Theatre. Living Legends Horse Ranch Family pass. Kidzshak play centre x6 double passes. Alfa Bakehouse voucher. Coles Myer vouchers. plus many, many more.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

Concert Photographer Needed  
We are looking for a parent or friend to take some photos at our Junior and Senior School Concerts on Thursday 10th of December. If you are interested and have a camera please let the office staff or Miss McCawley know. Thank you.

MURRAY TO MOYNE  
In April 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 are asking for support from our families to get behind Team 101 in getting sponsorship, helping to provide us with the food/drink needed during the ride or any other assistance you can give.  
To keep our riders fed during the ride, we are asking if you can help with donations: 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  
At this week’s gardening and cooking workshop, we were joined by Julie from Grow Cook Share who taught us how to incorporate many of the items we’ve recently planted in the school garden into a Mexican-inspired feast. A lot of fun was had in the kitchen as well as during a shared meal! The final workshop of this series will be held next Monday and we’d love to see you there. We’ll once again be joined by Julie who will teach us how to ensure that vegetarian meals are full of all the right things – including making sure they’re filling enough even for the most committed meat eater. Come along straight after school assembly on Monday morning, meet some new people, be inspired to cook something new and enjoy a shared meal. All parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles and friends are welcome to join us and childcare is provided.
State Schools’ Relief
Year 7 uniform package initiative

Fact sheet for parents

The Affordable School Uniform Program

Program background
Each year, State Schools’ Relief (SSR) provides tens of thousands of children with school clothing, shoes and other essential items. For the first time SSR has received government funding so that it can help more families needing financial assistance, and ensure no one is left behind. As part of the Victorian government’s uniform expansion program, every Year 7 (in 2016) government school student who is a recipient of the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) automatically qualifies for a free uniform pack.

Eligibility requirements for CSEF can be found at www.education.vic.gov.au/csef.

What’s included in the uniform pack?
The uniform pack includes all basic uniform items needed to start secondary school (approx. value $225):
- Jumper x 1
- PE shirt x 1
- PE shorts x 1
- For girls: a dress (or shorts or trousers x1 and a shirt x1 (long or short sleeve)
- For boys: shorts or trousers x1 and a shirt x1 (long or short sleeve)

How can parents apply for the packs?
The 2015 CSEF recipients can apply for a pack from 1 December 2015 by contacting the secondary school where their child will attend. Secondary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents at www.ssr.net.au/schools. Parents who missed this year’s CSEF applications or were ineligible in 2015, can apply in 2016. The 2016 program will be promoted via school newsletters and websites.

What if parents have already purchased their child’s uniform?
Eligible parents who have already purchased their child’s uniform for 2016 are entitled to a winter package available next year.

Can parents who are ineligible for the Camp, Sports and Excursion Fund or who have children in other year levels receive assistance from SSR?
Yes. Applications for parents requiring financial assistance for uniforms, text books or shoes are encouraged via the regular SSR services – www.ssr.net.au/schools. SSR only responds to requests from schools (not from parents directly). Parents are encouraged to talk to their school principal, assistant principal or student welfare coordinator about their situation and they will assess their eligibility.

Terms and conditions
- Only CSEF recipients are eligible for the uniform packs.
- Each student is eligible for a single uniform pack.
- A voucher is dispatched electronically to the school, uniform shop or uniform supplier on approval. The school will provide the voucher to the parent/student to present at the uniform retailer (and not at SSR).
- The order is valid for 75 days from date of issue.
- Once expired, a new application must be lodged. Expired vouchers cannot be redeemed.
- Each voucher specifies the individual items funded by SSR.
- No change to the items can be made unless through the school.
- Changes made in store will not be honoured by SSR.
- The maximum voucher value is $225 and any short fall will not be covered by SSR.

More information
Parents: For CSEF application details please visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

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