Dear Parents and Families,

SCHOOL CONCERT:
We are all very excited about tonight’s two concerts. The hall looks amazing—thankyou to the 5 / 6 team, Dan, Miss McCawley, Parents & Friends, student ICT monitors, staff and helpers for the attention to detail and preparations for this annual highlight.

There is plenty to look forward to and my sincere hope is that the audience will once again demonstrate the highest level of respect for all of those on stage. Our students pride themselves on their audience manners and we expect the same from all our visitors. Please remember the students and staff have worked extremely hard to put our concert together so if you could please refrain from leaving outside whilst the concert is on this will be greatly appreciated. Staff will be on duty if you need any assistance.

Please note due to the lateness of the concert students may come to school later on Friday morning. Students may come in up until 10:30 without being recorded as being late.

YEAR 7 2015:
On Tuesday our current Grade 6 students spent the day at their Secondary School. All returned with positive impressions of their new schools for 2016. Special thanks to Mr Raghdo who has worked very hard to ensure that all of our ANPS students were able to get the best choice available for their secondary education.

ANPS INTERNAL TRANSITION:
On this same day, all current ANPS students had the opportunity to experience education at their next level. Thank you to all staff and to Mrs Blunt for leading this internal transition process. All of our students were excited about either moving to the next Unit level or welcoming others into their Unit. This is a wonderful way of preparing our students for the next step in their schooling.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS:
I would like to pass on my thanks to Cindy and Liam for their outstanding leadership in 2015. Our new School Captains will be presented on stage tonight at the school concert and I am sure they will follow in the positive footsteps that have been paved for them. A big thank you also goes out to our 2015 House Captains and Peer Leaders - you have all played a significant role in helping to positively shape our school culture and behaviour—thank you. Miss Ousley has been the teacher in charge of our student leaders and has done an incredible job, thank you.

SEMMESTER 2 REPORTS:
All students will receive their 2015 final reports and portfolios on Monday to take home and share. It is important that parents and families take the time to read over the reports and share the highlights as a celebration of a year of learning. If parents would like to meet their child’s classroom teacher to discuss any elements of their child’s report, please either send a note to the teacher or call and leave a message at the front office. Staff have allocated Wednesday after school for this purpose.

K-MART WISHING TREE:
On Monday morning at assembly we will once again witness the generosity of our community when all of the Wishing Tree Christmas presents are on display. We are always amazed at the careful selection and thoughtfulness that goes into this, another of our annual fundraisers. Special thanks goes to Mrs Morgan, Mrs Myzeka and Mrs Hardman for their management of our Social Service Program in 2015.

BIG DAY OUT:
Our Graduating Grade Six students will be celebrating the end of their Primary School years next Monday 14th December by attending their “Big Day Out”. We wish them all the best for a fun filled day that has lasting positive memories. Enjoy the breakfast and your waiters!!!!

CLASS PARTIES:
On Wednesday of next week, all grades will be participating in End of Year Class Parties. We encourage each student to bring a plate of food to share with their classmates, reflecting your families’ cultural background.

CANTEEN:
The canteen will be closed WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY next week. Our hardworking Canteen staff will take this opportunity to celebrate their efforts and prepare for end of year.

COOKING AND GARDENING PROGRAM:
We had our last Cooking and Gardening Program of the year on Monday, Thank You to all families and community members who took time out of their busy days to come along and join in the fun, it was great to see so many of you there. We are hoping that more of you will join in and share your recipes and cooking skills with our parents, grandparents and friends of ANPS next time. I know there are parents out there that make a great Tabouli, cook a fantastic spring roll and prepare a smashing curry - we would love you to come along and share your talents.

LAST DAY OF TERM 4:
The end of the school year is fast approaching with only 1 week remaining. There will be a whole school assembly in the hall at 12:30. All students will be dismissed from school at 1pm on Friday 18th December. Please make sure that you have made arrangements to have your child/ren picked up at this alternative time.

Have a great weekend;
Robyn Gregson- Principal
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.

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.

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/ drinks 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.


End of Year Christmas Raffle:
$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 next Tuesday 15th December. Extra books are available upon written request signed by an 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 Dining voucher

Plus: Ladies only 1 hour mobile massage from Mummy Massage. Wesgate Golf Club x2 people plus drink. Irukandji 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.

Thank you to all families and community members who have helped us fundraise this year, it is greatly appreciated.