50th ANNIVERSARY of ANPS:
This will be an action packed week with a variety of daily activities for our community. Thankyou to everyone who has contributed so far. If you have a spare couple of hours there is plenty to do in readiness, just pop by the office and let us know when you can assist.

MURRAY to MOYNE:
Mrs Gregson is leading this fundraising adventure and let me tell you she rules with an iron fist. All riders are training hard and the 'behind the scenes preparations' are being tightly monitored.

PREP 2015 FAMILY PICNIC:
Thankyou to our Prep families and staff for joining in this family picnic. It was a beautiful evening which allowed staff and parents to mingle and get to know each other socially. Special thanks to Mrs Paterson, Mr Davies and Mrs Blunt for their organisation.

CANTEEN NEWS:
Welcome back Coral. Coral will be in the canteen every Tuesday and Thursday. Continued thanks to Dianne for her support in keeping the canteen operational.

Have a great week.
Brendan O’Brien - Principal.
REMEMBER TO CHECK YOUR CHILD’S SCHOOL BAG REGULARLY IN ORDER TO NOT MISS OUT ON ANY IMPORTANT INFORMATION OR UP-COMING EVENTS!!

Visit our webpage regularly at www.altonanorthps.vic.edu.au to stay in tune with what’s going on, in and around ANPS. Our webpage is a great way to keep up-to-date and download forms which may have been misplaced.

**STUDENT BANKING**

**TUESDAY** is Student Banking Day. This year, Student Banking is taking you on a mission to Planet Savings. There are 8 new awesome rewards on display in Block A plus CBA have introduced a new Grand Prize competition where you could win a family trip to Disneyland.

**How to enter**

All you need to do is simply make 25 or more Student Banking deposits during 2015 and you’ll automatically go into the Grand Prize competition.

**The Grand Prize**

A family trip for up to two adults and two kids to California's Disneyland, including:
- Return flights to LA and airport transfers
- 5 nights at a Disneyland hotel
- 3 day pass to Disneyland
- Enjoy Space Mountain, rollercoasters and hundreds of rides
- Meet Mickey Mouse and other Disney characters

Find out more at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

**PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS:**

**Twilight Car Boot Market:** Friday, 20th March, 2015
4pm-8pm

To hold a stall, it will be $20 per car or $30 per car & trailer.

We would appreciate more volunteers to get involved on the day. If you can assist with set up, spinning some fairy floss, BBQing a sausage or two or perhaps offering some expertise in running a kids’ craft activity centre or helping with pack up, WE NEED YOU! Any time between 3pm - 8:30pm.

Watch out for flyers and posters over the next few weeks for more on the planned 50th birthday celebrations leading up to the market.

**Easter Raffle**

We are asking for any donations towards our annual Easter raffle. Nothing is too big or too small, but all is greatly appreciated. Donations can be left at the office.

**SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB:**

Scholastic book club was sent home with all students this week. All orders, along with full payment will be due back to school by **Wednesday 11th March**. No late orders can be accepted. If paying by cheque, please make payable to Scholastic Australia. If paying with cash, please enclose correct money as it is difficult to issue change.

**50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS:**

Planning continues for this momentous celebration. We are very pleased with the efforts of staff and parents as we forge ahead with a busy week of key activities. Your assistance would still be appreciated.

You may want to buy a space for your car in the Car Boot Sale OR you might be able to find time to attend one of the weeks activities. Plan ahead and join us.

**2015 HOUSE CAPTAINS:**

We would like to congratulate the new House Captains of 2015.

Cresser (Green): Zak El-Houli and Maryam Hablas
Millers (Blue): Sebastian McGrath and Latifah Mataia
Blackshaws (Red): Scott Thompson and Fatima El Abdallah
Mason (Yellow): Alex Gramatakis and Jana Haddara

It was extremely difficult for staff to vote as all of the candidates speeches were of a very high standard and we believe that all of our Grade 6 students would make wonderful leaders. I am looking forward to working closely with the School Leaders throughout this year. Soon, we will be attending the National Young Leader’s Conference, which is a fantastic way for the students to begin their roles.

Tomorrow (Friday the 27th of February) there will be a special presentation at 2.45pm for the School and House Captains to receive their badges. All students will be attending and we would love to see parents and community members also.

Next week, the process of choosing our Peer Leaders will begin and we wish all of the candidates the best of luck.

We hope to see you tomorrow for the presentation and we wish all of the Peer Leader candidates luck for next week.

Lisa Ousley
5/6 Teacher
Student Leadership Coordinator

**ENVIRO CORNER:**

**ELECTRIC VEHICLES - CAR CHAT**
Thursday 26 February
7.30pm to 9.30pm
Two Birds Brewing
136 Hall Street, Spotswood

Charge your glass at Two Birds Brewery and talk cars - electric cars.

Join in a lively discussion of how electric vehicles are integrating into our society, which models perform the best, what infrastructure is required. Maybe have a tinker under the hood. Guest speaker is Jeff Challis with Dr Scott Watkins showcasing his EV car.

Cost: $10
PARENT/TEACHER INFORMATION SESSIONS:

Parent/Teacher Information sessions will take place during the afternoon & early evening of Wednesday 11th March
Please place this most important date on your home calendar and take the time to meet your child’s 2015 teachers.

SOCIAL SERVICE NEWS:

Our Social Service Fundraising for Term 1 this year will be in support of the Murray to Moyne Bike Ride, which raises money for the Welfare at ANPS.

Children will be encouraged to donate any loose change they may have to this effort.
A map outlining the route of the bike ride will be displayed in each class. For every dollar raised by the children a ‘sticky dot’ will be placed on the line stretching from Echuca to Port Fairy.
I wonder which grade will reach Port Fairy 1st.

THE CHALLENGE BEGINS!!!
Please Note: This will be a challenge for each particular grade and is quite separate to the sponsorship forms.
Later in the term our focus will turn to the Good Friday Appeal.

ART COMPETITION
The 9th Dream Car Art Contest.
Children are invited to draw their idea of a ‘dream car’ and enter The 9th Dream Car Art Contest.
Prizes include Apple iPod touch, Apple iPad mini, Apple iPad Air.
Please go to: toyota.com.au/dreamcar for the entry form and more details.

HEALTHY FOOD & LIVING PROGRAM

Free 10 week program - Childcare and snacks provided
Program activities
- Packing a healthy lunch box for school children
- Reducing the cost of your water and electricity bills
- Learning to grow your own fruit and vegetables
- Cooking healthy and affordable meals

When: Tuesdays from 24 February 2015
Time: 9:30—11:30am
Where: Altona North Library
Corner Millers & McArthurs Road, Altona North
RSVP: RSVP is essential
Friday 20th February 2015.
Contact Liz on9932 1284 or lizsmith@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS:

All adults wishing to assist Altona North Primary School in 2015 by either attending school excursions, coming in for class sessions or assisting in the canteen are required to have a valid Working with Children Check.
Applications can be made online at
there is no charge for Volunteers. These checks are valid for 5 years and replace the old system of police checks.

MURRAY 2 MOYNE 2015:

It’s exciting!!!!!!!!!!!!
In March 2015 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.

On the 28th and 29th March our riders will ride from the Murray River in Echuca to the Moyne River in Port Fairy (520 km) over a 24 hour period to raise much needed money to support our children. Our riders and crew are a dedicated group of people from various backgrounds who are ready to take on the challenge of riding day and night to assist in providing valuable resources to the welfare of children at Altona North Primary School.

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 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
- Nuts, Margarine, Chocolate bars, Cans of drink
- Gatorade / sports drinks

Sponsorship forms went home with the eldest child yesterday. Please make sure you return your form even if you do not gain sponsorship. It is a legal requirement that we account for every form sent home.

ALTERNATIVELY you are invited to make a donation via the website www.murraytomoyne.com.au to our team which is: Team 101:BIOYA (Altona Nth Primary Welfare Program) using your Visa or Mastercard.

Regards  Robyn Gregson

NEWS FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP:

If you need to order uniforms please either visit the uniform shop during the below hours or alternatively you are welcome to leave your order along with the correct payment in an envelope clearly marked with your child’s name & grade at the office.

Regular Opening Hours of the Uniform Shop:
Tuesday & Wednesday Mornings
08:45am - 09:00am
Thursday Afternoons
3:00pm - 3:15pm

Please ensure your child has an ANPS sun smart hat and that all items of clothing are clearly labelled.
Hats must be worn by all students every day of Term 1.
**We are celebrating 50 years!**

_Cresser St, Altona North_

*School Tours*
*Sausage Sizzle*
*Craft*
*Bargains*

*Face Painting*
*Baked Goods Stand*
*Balloons*
*Jumping Castle*

*Clothes*
*Popcorn*
*Fairy Floss*
*Coffee & Cold Drinks*

**Stalls Available: $20/car or $30/car & trailer**

**Stall Bookings:** Maggie 0432 167 870 or School Direct 9391 4233

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**PARENTS & FRIENDS TWILIGHT CAR BOOT SALE - FRIDAY 20TH MARCH:**

Child's Name: ___________________________________________ Grade: ___________________________

I am available to assist with the Car Boot Sale. I understand that a member of the P&F will contact me to confirm all details.

Preferred Time Slot between 3pm-8:30pm ________________________________________

Parent/Guardian Name: _______________________________________________________

Phone Number: ____________________________