Dear Parents and Families:

LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY: Have a lovely and safe long weekend - please don't send your children to school on Monday 9th March, as the School will be closed. We look forward to catching up with everyone on Tuesday 10th March.

SOCIAL SERVICE NEWS:
First Aid Program It was wonderful to see so many students from all year levels across the school, participating in the Free St. John First Aid for school's program today. It was exciting to see students learning and developing the skills and awareness of dealing with possible First Aid situations.

We would like thanks the ANPS staff and students for their enthusiastic participation and the St. John Trainees for conducting a most successful program.

Murray to Moyne our Social Service Fundraising for Term 1 is in support of the Murray to Moyne Bike Ride, which raises funds for the health and wellbeing program at ANPS.

Our team of riders are pedalling their legs off to get ready for this most worthwhile event. I would like to wish all of the team all the best as they make themselves available to support such a worthy cause. Please look at 'how you can help' support this event with an understanding that the benefits come back directly to the students and families of ANPS.

Good Friday Appeal Friday 27th March will be an out of school uniform day with a gold coin donation going towards the appeal. Envelopes for bigger donations will be sent home later in the term.

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. 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 weekly activities.

ANTIBULLYING PROGRAM: Lets Stamp out bullying
Stay away
Tell someone
Always help
Make Friends
Play nicely

On Tuesday the 17th March, students across the school will take part in the “Lets stamp out Bullying” program. This beneficial program will provide students at ANPS with effective, easy to remember strategies to deal with bullying behaviour.

LIFE EDUCATION: I can't stress enough the importance for all students in every classroom to participate in this most valuable education program, which facilitates the development of the life skills in students to prevent and minimise the harm of drug misuse.

We look forward to the program, which takes place during the week of the 18th to the 23rd of March.

A Free parent session will also be held to support parents in their understanding of the program and it's benefits.

PARENT/TEACHER INFORMATION SESSION: Parent/Teacher Information sessions will take place during the afternoon & early evening of Wednesday 11th March

Thank you to all the parents who have requested a time to meet with their child’s teacher. It is vital that all parents attend these meeting, to share information and discuss all the important issues concerning your child's Learning.

With active parent involvement in your child’s education, it is hoped that your child educational needs will also be strongly supported at home.

PARKING: Please note, parking in the school car park is for staff and deliveries only.

Have a great week.
Wally Raghdo (Acting Principal)
On Monday the 2nd of March, the 5/6 Unit began the selection process for the role of Peer Leader. There were many fantastic speeches and it was particularly difficult for the Grade 6’s to vote, due to the high number of worthy candidates. After listening to the speeches, the Grade 6’s voted in eight Peer Leaders for 2015 including one Head Peer Leader. Congratulations to the following students:

Zane Antonini (Head Peer Leader)
Akram Abdul Hamid
Azahra Amin
Aymen El Hawli
Ella El-Kardi
Jarrod Galea
Hayley Rush
Hope Rush

The Peer Leaders will begin taking on their roles straight away with the celebrations for our 50th Anniversary coming up very quickly. As Head Peer Leader, Zane Antonini will join the School and House Captains at the National Young Leaders Conference on Friday the 13th of March.

On Tuesday the 10th of March, there will be a morning assembly to present the new Peer Leaders with their badges.

Lisa Ousley
Student Leadership Coordinator
5/6 Teacher

Last Thursday 26th February the Grade 1/2 and 3/4 students had the opportunity to participate in a Hockey Clinic run by Hockey Victoria. Liam and Tom were the two coaches who worked with our students. The program delivered was fantastic and the students were engaged in all the activities. It was a wonderful experience for our students as they had lots of fun learning the skills and techniques required to play hockey.

Last Friday 27th February the Grade 1/2 students also participated in a Little Athletics Clinic run by Little Athletics Victoria. Once again the program was great providing our students with an opportunity to experience activities that are part of the Little Athletics Program. They took part in introductory athletic sessions with modified equipment. All the students enjoyed participating in the activities and were engaged at all times. Tomorrow, Friday 6th March the Grade 3/4 students will have their opportunity to participate in the Little Athletics Clinic.

Lynette Soto
PE teacher

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A map outlining the route of the bike ride is 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.

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.

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ANPS VALUES:
RESPECT. EXCELLENCE. ACCEPTANCE. COMMUNITY. HONESTY.
MURRAY 2 MOYNE 2015:

To the families within our community who have already given donations for this exciting, upcoming event, I would like to say a very big THANK YOU for your assistance and generosity.

The ride is getting closer and we are well on the way to being totally prepared. Our riders are out on the road training and getting ready for their Murray to Moyne experience.

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, Nuts, Margarine, Chocolate bars, Cans of drink

Sponsorship forms have also been sent home with the eldest child. 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

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS:

Easter Raffle
On Tuesday 10th March, a book of 10 tickets will be sent out with the eldest child in each family. Tickets are 50 cents each. All books, both sold and unsold are due back to school by Monday 23rd March. The raffle will be drawn on Tuesday 24th March.

STUDENT BANKING

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SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB:

Scholastic book club was sent home with all students last 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.

C O M M U N I T Y   N E W S:

ALTONA LACROSSE CLUB

Players Wanted
The Altona Lacrosse club is located in Altona North and is seeking players of all ages, boys and girls to fill our junior sides. If you are interested in joining and learning to play, please email your details to: recruitment@altonalacrosse.com.au or call: 0401 770 218

Training: Tuesday and Thursday
Time: 6:00pm
Location: PJ Lynch Reserve, Paisley Park, Mason St, Altona North

This year the Hobsons Bay City Council will be having a World Environment Day expo at the Altona Library. It would be fantastic if you could come down on the day and support the community and environmental initiatives of Hobsons Bay.

Location: 123 Queens Street, Altona 3018 at the Altona library
Date: 5 June 2015
Time: 10 am – 2 pm

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CATCH & THROW, GIVE LACROSSE A GO!
Register at lacrossevictoria.com.au/quick-stix/ to receive a promo pack which includes a lacrosse stick, ball, tshirt & wristband!

ALTONA CENTRE:
Paisley Park
Mason Street Altona North VIC 3025
Dates: Tuesdays & Saturdays 10 - 24 March
Time: Tuesdays 5:30pm - 6:30pm
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For further event information and details please contact Lacrosse Victoria on 9926 1390 or email at development.officer@lacrossevictoria.com.au

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