Dear Parents and Families:

My what a busy week it has been with our 50th Year Celebrations, Let’s Stamp Out Bullying incursion, Life Education and Car Boot Sale. Please take the time to talk with your child about all the exciting things that they have been involved in this week. I am sure there will be particular moments and events that they would like to share with you.

50th ANNIVERSARY of ANPS: A big thank you to students, staff and families for all your contributions and involvement in all the activities that have occurred during our 50th Anniversary Celebration Week. A special thank you to Mrs. Blunt and her team for all the extra behind the scenes work that was done for our celebration week. It was wonderful to see so many families and visitors attending our Open morning on Monday, our whole school picnic and hopefully our “Uniform with a Twist Parade” tomorrow morning at 11:30 in the school hall. It was also wonderful to have Mr. O’Brien back to visit us and to be involved in the cake cutting and the excavation and opening of the Time Capsule.

There certainly have been some memorable moments that have included student performances, 50th anniversary cake cutting, opening of the time capsule, whole school photo, family picnic, games day, disco and student dress-up. The contents of the time capsule has really created interest with our current school community and former students and families. It will be interesting to see what the students decide to add into the new Time Capsule for future generations to see.

MURRAY TO MOYNE: Our M2M team is ready and waiting to start on their epic journey from Echuca to Port Fairy. We are hoping to raise much needed funds to support the welfare of all our students across the school. Please keep seeking sponsorship to help us on our way. Wendy has been training hard to keep awake all night to get us through the night and Ms Shiels has been putting in lots of Kms on her bike training to make sure it is hard for Mr. O’Brien to keep up with her!!!!!! Make him work Ms. Shiels!!!!!!! Don’t forget to sponsor Wendy and Ms Shiels so that they make the 520 kms next week.

GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL: The Good Friday Appeal has been supported by our school for many years and is a wonderful way to show the Royal Children’s Hospital what a fabulous job they do. I am sure we have all been touched in some way by the RCH and the great work they do.

ANTI BULLYING PROGRAM: On Tuesday all students participated in the ‘Let’s Stamp Out Bullying’ incursion. The aim of the program is to provide students with an understanding of what bullying is, how it affects others and strategies that can be used to deal with bullying. This incursion was funded by the school through the welfare and curriculum programs and supports our ongoing commitment to ensuring that our school is an Anti-bullying school and a welcoming, supportive and safe place for all.

LIFE EDUCATION: It has been fantastic to see the student’s faces going to visit Healthy Harold in his Van. The Life Ed. Program is a wonderful program teaching students a variety of life lessons in many areas such as Cyber Safety, medicines and the safe use of these, healthy eating and loads more. Don’t forget that next Monday after assembly there is a parent information session with the Life Ed staff and Healthy Harold so please come along and learn about Life Education and what your children are learning.

TERM 1 FINISH: Remember there is an early finish Friday 27th March. Children will be dismissed from their classrooms at 2:00. Please note there is NO assembly in the afternoon but there will be an Easter Parade at 11:30.

Have a great week

Robyn Gregson - Principal
OFFICE REMINDER:

End of Term 1
Term 1 will be finishing on Friday 27th March. An assembly/Easter Hat Parade will be held at 11:30am in the hall, all family and friends are welcome. There will also be a very special guest appearance.

Recess will start at 10:45 and conclude at 11:15. Lunch will start at 1:00 and conclude at 1:45.

Students will be dismissed from their classroom at 2:00pm.

ALTONA NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL
Prep 2016 Enrolments now being accepted.

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

Altona North Primary School Merchandise:
- Badges - $3 each
- Pens - $1 each
- Wine glasses - $8 each or 6 for $45
See front office for purchases.

NAB AFL Auskick is once again kicking off in the local area. If your child is interested in giving AFL a go, then head to www.aflauskick.com.au to find your nearest centre. Register and Pay online before 19th April to receive 4 FREE tickets to an AFL game in the 2015 season!

REMINDERS 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.

M2M: Our Murray to Moyne Cycle Relay team head off next Friday 27th March to begin their ride from Echuca to Port Fairy - a total of 520km. Classes have worked extremely hard in support of this Health & Well Being fundraiser for our school by collecting their loose change and marking the journey with coloured dots on their classroom maps. Fundraising for this event will continue on Wednesday 22nd of April when the P&F host a sausage sizzle / Bike Education afternoon. Please remember - all funds raised under the M2M banner go DIRECTLY to ANPS.

RCH Good Friday Appeal: The last day of term, next Friday 27th March, will be an out of uniform day with a gold coin donation in support of the Royal Children’s Hospital Good Friday Appeal.

The “Good Friday Appeal” will be held over the school holidays on Friday 3rd April. As in previous years, we are asking for donations for the wonderful work that the RCH does for our children. Donation envelopes were sent out last week and are required to be returned to school by Wednesday 25th March.

Thank you for your generous support.
Deb Morgan, Helen Myszka & Bev Hardman

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS:

Car Boot Sale: DON’T FORGET we are holding our Car Boot Sale TOMORROW AFTERNOON. Come along and see what bargains are for sale. We have approximately 50 stall holders booked - all selling a range of second hand and new items - as well as a Jumping Castle, Face Painting, Halal Sausage Sizzle, Ice-creams, fairy floss and pop-corn stalls. Student Captains of Altona North Primary School will be running tours of the school between 4.30pm and 5.30pm, during the Car Boot sale. All are welcome to see our classrooms and facilities as well as, historical photos from the past 50 years and student work from the time capsule opened on Monday which will be displayed in the library. We hope to see you there!

Easter Raffle: The eldest child in each family received a book a raffle tickets this week. 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. Additionally donations for the raffle are still being accepted.

IT’S NOT TOO LATE TO DONATE:
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.

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
- Dried Fruit
- Long Life Big M
- Chocolate Bars
- Margarine
- Cans of drink
- Bottled Water
- Nuts

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 - Team Manager