Dear Parents and Families: Welcome back to Term 2. I have heard lots of interesting stories about what families did over the holidays and which movies to see. The students have been very excited this week returning to school and catching up with everyone. After the Murray to Moyne Bike Ride I had a lovely time in the bush near Daylesford soaking up some fresh air and relaxation.

Over the holidays we did have some broken windows and reports of people on the roof of the Hall. If you notice any unwelcome people damaging our school grounds on weekends or in the evenings, especially if they are on the roof, please help us by calling the police.

STAFFING: I would like to welcome Ms Lee Tomkins to our staff. Lee will be here on a Tuesday to teach our LOTE language AUSLAN to our Preps and Teachers. AUSLAN was the chosen language for our LOTE subject. The School Council members worked hard in surveying parents and looking at all the secondary schools around our area to look at common languages being offered. AUSLAN was then chosen from the research that has been done internationally regarding it’s strong enhancement to language development. Please make Ms. Tomkins feel very welcome.

WADE NOONAN VISIT: We would like to welcome Mr Wade Noonan (MP) to ANPS tomorrow. Wade will be visiting the 5 / 6 Unit and talking to them about our 50th Birthday Celebrations, their Unit of Learning for this Term, “Earn and Learn”, and any other topics our students bring up with him. Parents are welcome to come along and hear Wade talking with the students. This will happen tomorrow at 2:30 in the BER building.

MURRAY TO MOYNE BIKE RIDE: A huge thank you must go out to our wonderful Team 101 who successfully made it all the way from Echuca to Port Fairy in 24 hours. Ms Shiels worked really hard on her bike she has even gone and purchased a new bike ready for next year!! Wendy has shown us that she’s willing to give it a go by riding a bike at Port Fairy (let’s see!!!). Thankyou to Marthese and Wendy (our drivers extraordinaire), Leigh (our Kitchen Rules Queen) and to Brendan, Glen, Leon, David, Mark, Graeme, Vanessa and Steff (our amazing riders) what a wonderful job they did for our school and the money is still coming in. It is not too late to sponsor by going to the Murray to Moyne web site and donating to Team 101 or Altona North PS. Get in quickly!! And thankyou to those families who have done so already.

MURRAY TO MOYNE BIKE EDUCATION AND SAUSAGE SIZZLE: Come along and join in the fun with our Sausage Sizzle afternoon. Remember this is NOT for lunch but after school starting at 3:15pm next Wednesday, 22nd April. Bring along your bikes and participate in Bike Ed activities and our famous sausage sizzle. Can’t wait to see you all there.

ANZAC CEREMONY: Our student Leaders will be conducting our Anzac Ceremony next Friday 24th April at 11:30. If Parents would like to join us you are most welcome to come along and experience the wonderful work that our Students put into our Anzac Ceremonies.

SCHOOL PHOTOS: On Wednesday 30th April all ANPS students will be having individual and class photos taken. Personalised order envelopes will be sent home with each student the week prior to photo day. Please take the time to read the envelope carefully and follow the instructions on how to place your order and pay, if you would like assistance, please contact the office.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL: The P&F will be holding their annual Mother’s Day Stall on Thursday 7th May. Make sure your children save up some pocket money for this day so they can buy a lovely gift for that “Special Lady” in their lives.

2016 PREP INFO EVENING: On Wednesday 13th May we will be holding our Prep Information Night, if you have a new Prep for 2016 or know of a neighbour, friend or relative that has a child ready for school please let them know that they are most welcome to come along and find out about Altona North Primary School’s fabulous curriculum and holistic approach to learning, meet Teachers and see all about our student engagement.

SUNSMART: Don’t forget our SunSmart policy continues until the 1st of May which is when all students can put their hats away. Up until this date however, it is compulsory for all students to wear their hat at school during all outdoor sessions.

NEW TOBACCO BANS AT ALL VICTORIAN EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES AND SCHOOLS: A friendly reminder to all Parents and Carers picking up students from our school. It is now illegal to smoke within 4 metres of any of our school gates. Local council will be sending people around who will be fining anyone caught smoking within 4 metres of our gates.

GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL: A huge thank you to everyone for their support of this very important event. The ANPS Community raised a total of $455.75.

Have a great week

Robyn Gregson - Principal
**SCHOLASTIC BOOKFAIR IS COMING:**

**NEXT WEEK! Monday 20th to Friday 24th April.**
The times are

**Mon:** closed in the morning    3.15pm - 3.30pm
**Tue:** 8.30am - 8.45am & 3.15pm - 3.30pm
**Wed:** 8.30am - 8.45am closed in the afternoon
**Thur:** 8.30am - 8.45am & 3.15pm - 3.30pm
**Fri:** 8.30am - 8.45am closed in the afternoon.

The library will also be closed at lunchtime on Tuesday and Thursday to students.

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**M2M Bike Education & Sausage Sizzle.**
Wednesday, 22nd April, 2015 3:15pm
All families are invited to celebrate Team 101 BIOYA’s safe and successful completion of the M2M bike rally. We will be holding a sausage sizzle and bike education afternoon. Bring along your bike and helmet. You will also have the opportunity to meet the riders & talk about their experience.

Available: Halal beef sausage in bread for $2;
Bottle of water $1.50 Streets ice cream $1.50

Families are encouraged to pre-order their food in order to assist with planning - notes will go home shortly. **Please be aware: this is an after school event. The sausages will not be supplied to the children for lunch.**

All money raised will go towards our student health and wellbeing programs.

**Upcoming events.**
Mothers Day Stall Thurs 7th May
We will again be holding a stall giving students an opportunity to buy that special person a lovely gift. Everything will be $5 or less.

If you are able to volunteer your time on this day from 845am-11am please fill out the slip on the bottom of this page.

Freddo Frog & Caramello Koala Chocolate Drive
Prior to the start of this fundraiser, notes will be sent home with the eldest child in each family giving you the opportunity to either accept or not accept to participate in this fundraiser.

Boxes of 50 chocolates are to be sold for $1 each. Or you may wish to not sell chocolates and just make cash donation. ANPS makes $20 on each box sold.

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**WAKAKIRRI**

Our school is preparing to enter WAKAKIRRI 2015- Australia’s Search for the Best Story! Our Story Dance Performance will include the students from Grade 5/6 who are very excited to be taking part.

They will be participating in an unforgettable experience; by being involved in the creating, preparing and performing of our Story-Dance item – A story told to music using creative movement, dance and drama.

This term, the students and teachers will be looking at who and how people will be involved, the Story outline and the plan for the weeks ahead before show time in Term 3.

We would love the support of parents so if you can help in any of the following ways, please contact your child’s classroom teacher.

In the meantime, visit the website [www.wakakirri.com](http://www.wakakirri.com) for more information and updates.

Perhaps you;
Can assist with props and set making.
Are able to arrange some catering for Rehearsals and Performance day?
Have contacts for transport (students and/or props & sets to the venue on show day)?
Have access to great music and editing programs we can use for our soundtrack?
Can help with Fundraising & Sponsorship?
Could encourage your child to take part, get involved and ask how it’s going?

Stay tuned to the website [www.wakakirri.com](http://www.wakakirri.com) and subscribe to Wakakirri to keep updated with the Wakakirri Story.

Purchase tickets to the Show to see your child and school perform LIVE at a Professional Theatre.

Have skills you can offer the group; costume making, choreography, story ideas, make up and Hair designing.

We look forward to sharing our 2015 Wakakirri Story with you!

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**PARENTS & FRIENDS MOTHER’S DAY STALL - THURSDAY 7TH MAY:**

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2016 PREP Information Evening

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Learn about our Quality Programs
Experience Student Engagement in Action

Wednesday 13th May
6:00pm - 7:30pm
51 Cresser Street Altona North
Telephone: 9391 4233

Principal:
Mrs Robyn Gregson

Assistant Principal:
Mrs Lee Blunt

“Consider Others”