Dear Parents and Families:

Welcome back to the 2016 year. I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and are looking forward to another busy and exciting year at ANPS.

WELCOME:

I would like to welcome our new staff to the school:
Ms. Pearce in Prep, Mr. Koutsonikolas in Music and Performing Arts, Mr. Clark in Phys Ed, Mandy in the Canteen and Angela in the Library. Please give these staff members a very warm Altona North welcome when you see them around the school.

I would like to also welcome all of our new students and families to our school, I am certain that you will enjoy being a part of our friendly and supportive community.

PREPS:

Our new Preps began their school journey on Monday and what a treat it was to see them all arriving and settling into their grades. As usual parents were far more anxious than the children. They have now all settled in like they have been here for weeks and already we are seeing our future leaders emerging and blooming with confidence.

WEATHER DAMAGE:

Well amongst all of our excitement of starting the new year last Wednesday's storm gave us some grief regarding water damage. We have had water in 3 classrooms, Wendy's office, sickbay and photocopy room. We have a team of professional tradesmen coming in and out with the support of the Department of Education. Hopefully it wont be too long before all repairs are done.

SWIMMING TRY-OUTS:

Tomorrow afternoon Mr Clark and Miss Shiels are taking students from Grades 3-6 to the local pool for swim trials. Thankyou to the improved number of students who 'are trying out'. You are putting your best foot forward and that is what we are looking for from students at ANPS.

Successful competitors will be notified by Mr Clarke and are required to attend training sessions in preparation for the Swim Carnival which is being held on Tuesday 16th February.

SCHOOL COUNCIL and ELECTIONS:

School Council elections are coming up next week. Please think about if you would like to become a member of our school council. We meet at 7:00pm on a Monday night usually twice a term, more if needed. There are 3 parent positions coming up for renewal. Please speak to myself or any of our school councillors if you would like some further information.

SUNSMART:

A friendly reminder to all in our community that we live in an environment that has great potential to do damage to our skin. Our school Sunsmart policy requires children to wear polo shirts, collared clothing and Sunsmart hats during school hours. We encourage the use of sunscreen but DO NOT allow students to share this at school as it may cause rashes to other students.

We also encourage students to be Sunsmart out of school hours and are pleased to see our students wearing their school hats before and after school.

HOAX PHONE CALLS TO VICTORIAN SCHOOLS:

You would be aware of the hoax calls to some schools across Victoria. I would like to reassure you in light of the recent hoax threatening phone calls to Victorian schools in the last few days, our school has NOT received such a call but I want to inform you that, like all schools, we have an emergency management plan in place for situations like this, and we practise it throughout the year.

Those schools which did receive a threatening call enacted their emergency management plans and we worked well.

The safety and wellbeing of our students is always our top priority.

If you have any questions please contact me.

PARENT/TEACHER INFORMATION SESSION:

Our Parent / Teacher information session will be held on Wednesday 24th Feb. This is an opportunity for you to meet your child’s teacher and share information valuable to your child’s growth and learning. Information and notes will be coming home shortly.

MURRAY 2 MOYNE BIKE RIDE:

Once again Altona North Primary School is participating in the Murray to Moyne Bike Ride. This is a major fundraising effort for our school, sponsorship information will be coming home soon, let's see if we can beat last years' effort. Keep an eye out for more news coming your way.

Enjoy your weekend

Robyn Gregson - Principal.
STUDENT PAYMENTS: All monies paid by students for supplies, excursions, fundraisers etc. must be placed in a sealed envelope with the student’s name, grade and the purpose of the payment. Envelopes should be given to the class teacher at the beginning of the school day. Payments will then be sent to the office for processing. Correct money would be appreciated as the teachers do not open the envelopes and will not be able to give change.

ESSENTIAL EDUCATIONAL SUPPLIES: Most families have paid for their supplies or made arrangements for payment plan. This is a great start to your child’s school year. Teachers will allocate supplies once they receive notification from the office that payment has been made. If you have not as yet made a payment, please do so by Wednesday 10th February. Families who made part payments in 2015 also need to pay the balance by 10th February 2016. If you have any queries or need assistance please contact Mrs. Gregson or Mrs. Blunt on 9391 4233 during school hours please.

CAMPS, SPORTS, EXCURSION FUND: The Victorian Government provides payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports, excursions and incursions. $125 per child is paid to eligible families. Once processed, the CSEF payments go directly to the school and are tied to the student.

If you hold a Health Care Card or Pension Card, valid as of the 27th January 2016, you may be eligible to claim CSEF for the 2016 school year. Forms are available at the school office. Applications must be completed by 29th February. If you require more information about CSEF please speak to one of our office staff.

MEDICAL INFORMATION/PHONE NUMBERS:
It is imperative that parents keep our staff completely up to date with any new or changing family information. Too often we phone families to only find a number has been disconnected or changed. As you can well imagine your children can feel extremely stressed at these times as can our staff.

Asthma and other medical details are also essential for student safety and well being. We have trained staff to care for students who are ill or injured. Our staff’s capacity to undertake the correct treatment is often limited by the available information supplied from home. Please ensure that we have all important information at school regarding your children’s medical needs.

The best place for an unwell child is at home. If your child does not appear to be well in the morning, please do not send them to school. You are required to telephone the office, submit notification via our webpage or send a written note when your child returns.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS:
All adults wishing to assist Altona North Primary School in 2016 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 http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/ there is no charge for Volunteers. These checks are valid for 5 years and replace the old system of police checks.

STUDENT BANKING
Altona North Primary School has been involved with The Commonwealth Bank School Banking program for many years. TUESDAY is Student Banking Day and many of our students bring their banking to school every week (you can make deposits of as little as 5 cents.) This program teaches children lifelong money skills and also rewards them for their healthy savings habits. In return for the deposit into their very own Youth Saver account, they receive a token. Once 10 tokens have been collected, the tokens can be redeemed at school for a reward. The 2016 rewards are “Outback” themed and are pictured above. Our 2016 Preps should receive an information pack today. Grades 1 to 6 can collect a pack from the office.

CBA Banking Specialist, Susan Brailsford, will be at our school to address our whole school assembly and open up accounts on:
MONDAY 15th February 8.45am-10.00am
No Child I.D Required.....Only parent’s drivers licence and 2 minutes of your time.
Please call at the SCHOOL OFFICE and chat with Susan.
Enquiries: susan.brailsford@cba.com.au
M: 0422 116 040

PARENT/TEACHER INFORMATION SESSIONS:
Parent/Teacher Information sessions will take place during the afternoon & early evening of Wednesday 24th February.
Please place this most important date on your home calendar and take the time to meet your child’s 2016 teachers.

Full details will be sent home with children shortly.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CANTEEN:
Please be aware that the Canteen is closed every WEDNESDAY. Please send your child/ren to school with morning tea and lunch on this day as the school is unable to provide food for them. For a full canteen price list check on our webpage. http://www.altonanorthps.vic.edu.au

Please Note: The canteen is unable to run accounts for families. Payment must be included with orders. All orders must be placed in the classroom lunchbox at the start of the school day. Telephone orders will not be accepted this year. The canteen is NOT OPEN BEFORE school.

A MESSAGE FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP:
Our new style of long sleeve polo shirts have now arrived and are ready for purchase and are priced at $25 each. The uniform shop is open Tuesday and Wednesday at 8:45am and Thursday at 3:15pm. You are more than welcome to leave your order and payment at the office outside of these hours.

FROM THE OFFICE:

A MESSAGE FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP:
A MESSAGE FROM THE CANTEEN:
STUDENT BANKING
COMMUNITY NEWS:

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.

BARNSTONEWORTH UNITED JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB.

See website for more details www.bujfc.com

VICTORIAN SCHOOL TERM DATES:

Term 1: 27 January to 24 March

Term 2: 11 April to 24 June

Term 3: 11 July to 16 September

Term 4: 3 October to 20 December

Updat-ed

We’re very pleased to inform you that our school has implemented an app called Updat-ed that will make connecting with you so much more effective. The app is 100% FREE.

To download the app just visit the App Store for iPhones or Google Play for Android’s. Search for Updat-ed. Once the app has downloaded simply select Altona North Primary School from the menu. We’ll receive your registration request and will need to approve you before your app is up and running.

Barnies Open Day:
Sunday 7th February
9 - 11.30am

Barnes is holding our Open Day on Sunday 7th February at Sugarmum Reserve, Altona.

Come along to meet the coaches, committee members and register for Season 2016.

(Online registration will be available)

See website for more details www.bujfc.com

Martial Journey academy of martial arts open day

It’s great to know how to throw a punch and understand how much damage it can do, but it feels much better knowing you may move out of the way with far less effort. During the hours and hours of training in order to gain this skill, you will also learn patience, commitment, perseverance, resilience, respect, and how to be your best.

These traits will help you excel in life; more importantly, you will have the belief to pick yourself up when life smashes you down.

We’re inviting your family to our open day, so you may watch a class, chat to team members, learn basic martial arts skills, and experience our multi-award winning academy.

WED 10 FEB 2016
4pm to 4.45pm:
pre-schoolers 3-5yrs
5pm to 5.45pm:
oung girls 13-14yrs
6pm to 6.45pm:
kids 6-9yrs
7pm to 7.45pm:
adults 15yrs & over

Raising inspiring leaders through martial arts

ph:8368 2007
martialjourney.com
facebook.com/martialjourney

5 Wallace Ave, Point Cook
(next to United service station and car wash)
## Uniform Order Form

**Uniform Order Form**
**Altona North Primary School**

**Date of Order:**
**Child’s Name:**
**Class:**
**Family Name:**
**Phone No:**

***PLEASE NOTE: 50% Deposit is required on all orders. Order will be returned to stock if not picked up within four weeks of being notified that they are available. Prices are inclusive of 10% GST.***

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