**Dates to Remember**

**TERM 2**

**MAY:**
- Monday 2nd: School Council
- Tuesday 3rd: ADSSA Cross Country
- Wednesday 4th: Prep Exc. Collingwood Children’s Farm
- Thursday 5th: Mother’s Day Stall
- Friday 6th: Grade 5/6 Interschool Sports Rd 1
- Monday 16th - Friday 20th: Education Week
- Wednesday 18th: Education Week Open Evening
- Friday 20th: Grade 5/6 Interschool Sports Rd 3
- Friday 27th: Grade 5/6 Interschool Sports Rd 4

**JUNE:**
- Friday 3rd: Grade 5/6 Interschool Sports Rd 5
- Monday 6th: School Council
- Friday 10th: Grade 5/6 Interschool Sports Rd 6
- Monday 13th: Queens Birthday - Public Holiday
- Friday 24th: End of Term 2
- All students dismissed at 2pm.

**REMINDERS:**

**Thursday 5th: Mother’s Day Stall**

**From the Principal**

ANPS is about students, staff, families and the community working TOGETHER to develop POSITIVE attitudes, skills and the ability to confidently meet life’s challenges.

**Community:** - A group of people learning together harmoniously
- Being together and looking after one another
- We all work together, caring and helping each other
- Work as a team and get along with others

Dear Parents and Families:
It’s been another busy week here at ANPS with lots of special events happening. Our students of course have continued totally unaffected by changes and just stepped up and focused on their learning as usual.

**ANZAC SERVICE:** On Tuesday our student leaders conducted a very well run ANZAC Service commemorating 101 years since Gallipoli. Their planning and preparation was thorough and their presentations certainly gave everyone an insight into the emotions and events that surrounded Gallipoli 101 years ago. Well done to all students involved and thank-you to Ms Shiels and the 5 / 6 team for supporting the students in their preparations. I was unfortunately caught up in my office with a groups of local Principal’s who stopped for the minute silence and watched our students continue on with the ceremony. They were amazed at the high level of commitment from our students and the fact that our students completely ran the whole ceremony. Well done to our student leaders and the 5 / 6 Unit.

**STAFFING NEWS:** Congratulations to Ms. Shiels who has been successful in gaining an Acting Leading Teacher position here at ANPS. Her role will focus on eLearning across the school. Well done Ms. Shiels and we look forward to seeing the development of ICT integrated into our learning. A big congratulations also goes to Nicole Punton for successfully gaining an Education Support job with us until the end of the year. Well done to you both!

**WAKAKIRRI:** Mr John, the 5/6 students and 5/6 team are again busily and excitedly developing their ideas for their Wakakirri Performance. We look forward to seeing how they progress as the year goes by. This is an exciting time for the 5/6 Unit as this program develops our students in so many ways socially, emotionally, academically and personally. It is important that we see this program for the strong relationship it has with our academic learning and in developing students self esteem, respect and pride in themselves.

**INFORMATION EVENING:** A huge thankyou to our staff for a wonderful Information Evening last night. This information evening covered all aspects our great school. Teachers spoke of the differentiation in teaching, our scope and sequence across the school, our planning, extra curricula activities such as sports clinics, excursions, incursions, camps and the list goes on. I sat back and listened to all the learning opportunities that we offer our students and thought “WOW”, how great is our school.

**SCHOOL PHOTOS:** Today went well with lots of smiles, beautifully groomed hair and all looking fabulous. Thankyou to the student leaders who helped with making sure grades were on time, in height order and looking absolutely fabulous. Thankyou also to our photographers who were so patient and made sure they were getting the best photos possible for all students.

**FAMILY READING MONTH:** May is ‘Family Reading Month’ at ANPS. We strongly encourage all of our students and their families to join in this whole school event. Reading together creates an opportunity for families to spend special time together reading and discussing the books they love to read. What a great way to promote reading with your children and create special memories of time spent together. Further information can be found on the next page of the newsletter. Also don’t forget to look for the information and calendar your child will be bringing home.

**EDUCATION WEEK:** Our dedicated Education Committee has begun preparations for our annual Education Week to be held from the 16th - 20th May. This week is a great opportunity for you to participate in some great learning opportunities with your students so please put the dates in your diary so that you are available to come along to our community events.

I do hope you all have a fantastic weekend and that Melbourne has another win!!!!

Have a great weekend - Robyn Gregson - Principal.
Our school was filled with ANZAC spirit on Tuesday morning when our wonderful Student Leaders conducted a very emotional service marking 101 years since Australian soldiers landed on the shores of Gallipoli. Our Leaders were extremely professional in their approach and engaged all staff, students and parents with their stories and tributes to those who lost their lives. On behalf of all involved I would like to thank the very talented Corinna (Patrick’s mum) for making the sensational wreath.

‘We put our heart and soul into these pictures because the people in the army risked their lives for us.’ By Melhem 5/6S
GREAT NEWS!!!!!!
State Schools’ Relief (SSR) is offering uniform support to all 2016 Government School Prep recipients of the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF). If you have a child in Prep 2016 and have made a successful CSEF application, you will soon receive a uniform order form to complete and return to the school.
Families eligible for uniform support can select either a windcheater and tracksuit pants, or a bomber jacket: just in time for winter.
Once the application is approved by SSR, a voucher is dispatched electronically to the school. The school then provides the voucher to the parent/student to present at the school shop within 45 days.
Many families claimed CSEF at the beginning of 2016 and need take no further action. However if you only recently became eligible for a Health Care Card or Pension Card and your card is valid as of the 11th April 2016, CSEF applications can be processed until June 3rd, 2016.
For more information, please contact our friendly office staff.
As this is a new initiative, we may not have all the answers, but we will do our best.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR
A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who supported our Book Fair last week. This includes everyone who spent money at the Fair and who volunteered their time to help out. A special thanks to those parents Maggie and Ali, and also to all of the staff that helped during the week. Our total sales reached $2,500 and you will be happy to hear that we earned $800 of credit for our Library to buy new books.
Thank you
Angela Martino
Share Your Thoughts With Us!

We value your feedback and would love to hear from you! Please fill out the quick questionnaire and return it to us by Tuesday 3rd May.

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**IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU WISH TO SHARE WITH US?**