REMINDEERS:

**Monday 16th - Friday 20th - EDUCATION WEEK**

**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.

- **Honesty** - To be truthful and sincere
  - Telling the truth
  - You don’t tell lies to teachers or other people
  - We speak the truth
  - Honesty means that I am always trustworthy

Remember that these words our out of the mouths of our students and decided upon by the whole community.

Dear Parents and Families:

All I can say is how great is this school!!!! The wonderful programs and activities that have been happening not just this week but every week. Right across the school there is something special and challenging for everyone taking place on a daily basis, its at the point that I’m unable make it to everything to see the children as they are immersed in the variety of learning opportunities that our staff provide within their Curriculum Planning.

**CROSS COUNTRY:** Congratulations to our students who participated in the Cross Country on Tuesday. The day started off with terrible weather but fortunately it cleared in time for our students to compete. Mr. Clark was extremely pleased with everyone’s efforts and excellent behaviour.

**MOTHER’S DAY STALL:** Congratulations to our P & F Group on another amazing Mother’s Day Stall. I saw many smiling faces going back to their classroom with treasures for Mum or other special ladies in their lives. Our Parents and Friends do an amazing job ensuring that all the children have an opportunity to purchase so many fabulous gifts for their Mums or the special person in their lives. Thank you Parents and Friends.

**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. Information and a calendar were sent home with your children last week.

**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. Make sure you come along on the Wednesday 18th May for our Family Night followed by a pizza supper.

**CONSTRUCTION WORKS:** Yeah!!!!!!!Finally we have movement on our construction work to fix the storm damage from the beginning of the year. We currently have builders, plasterers and electricians in the school repairing Wendy’s office, the sickbay, the photocopy room, rooms 14 and 15. These rooms should take about two days so students will not be disrupted for very long. I have organised that Rooms 14 and 15 be done whilst students are at sport.

**PREP EXCURSION:** Our Preps were extremely excited going off to Collingwood Children’s Farm. As part of their enquiry unit “Living Things” the Preps explored the Children’s Farm and discovered lots of information regarding the animals, how they live, what they eat and much, much more.

**MEET THE ORCHESTRA:** Some of our students are very privileged to be able to attend The Arts Centre to meet the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra tomorrow. They will hear different instruments in action and different style of music being played. This is an exciting program that we have been offered and great opportunity for our students to hear exceptional musicians play and be able to share their love of music with others.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and GO MELBOURNE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Have a great weekend - Robyn Gregson - Principal.
WHATS HAPPENING AT ANPS:

Junior Council
On Wednesday 4th of May three grade 6 children attended the Junior Council at the Hobsons Bay Council Chambers. These meetings occur once a month and are a great way for the children to get an insight into how Local Government runs. The students are given the opportunity to share with councillors and students from neighbouring schools the events that have been happening in our school and it is also a forum for students to bring up any issues that are concerning them about their local community. This is a very valuable part of the grade 5/6 program and you never know we may have a budding politician in the making.

Book Clubs
Book Clubs are a great opportunity for students to work in small groups to complete weekly set tasks and to share the students comprehension of a chosen text. Book Clubs are designed to extend students knowledge and understanding of the Question Answer Relationship (QAR) through conversation and discussion.

Inquiry
This term the grade 5/6 Inquiry topic is called ‘Leaving and Arriving- Our Immigration Story’. The students are learning about the reasons for immigration and have been interviewing family members or friends to discover more about their immigration story. The major project this term will allow the students to create a digital story based on the information gained.

Cross Country
On Tuesday 3rd May students from Altona North Primary School attended the district cross country at Cherry Lake. Everyone gave it their all and supported each other throughout the day. Well done to Altona North finishing 10th overall against some tough competition. Despite the windy conditions and a tough course it was a great afternoon.
Vicky P - 5/6S

Mother’s Day Stall
A BIG Thank-you to our Parents and Friends for putting on another great Mother’s Day stall, we appreciate all of the effort and time you put in to make sure our students and families don’t miss out.
Happy Mother’s Day to all of the ladies in our community.
Collingwood Children’s Farm Excursion
On Wednesday the 4th May the Prep Unit went on a fantastic excursion to the Collingwood Children’s Farm, to learn about Living Things, which is our Inquiry Topic this term.
We all got to milk a cow, feed ducks and chickens, horses, pigs, goats and a donkey.
We really, really, really liked it and had a great time.
Look out for our full report next week.

AUSLAN NEWS:
This week our Auslan colour is YELLOW!
We hope you are all enjoying practicing the signs at home.
We look forward to you showing us what you’re learning from your children.

READING IN MAY:
Get Ready to Take An Adventure–
Where Will Your Imagination Take You?

May is Family Reading Month 2016
You and Your Family Are Invited to Join Us

This May, ANPS is again celebrating Our Love of Reading with a ‘Family Reading Month’. In May we are encouraging families to spend time together and share in their love of reading.
It is a great way to spend time together as a family. You can read to each other, share your favourite book and have wonderful discussions about the books that you read.
And when you make reading a family affair and encourage everyone in your family to read for at least 10 minutes a day, you provide EXCELLENT reading role modelling for your children.
Reading together will positively benefit your child’s literacy development and learning confidence, helping to give them a greater chance of success in school and life.
What a great way to take an adventure without leaving your chair just let your Imagination run wild.
ALTONA NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL
VISION & VALUES

Altona North Primary School is about students, staff, families and the community working cooperatively together to develop positive attitudes, skills and the ability to confidently meet life's challenges.

RESPECT To show politeness and have consideration for others

EXCELLENCE To be the best we can be

ACCEPTANCE To be accepting of others

COMMUNITY A group of people learning together harmoniously

HONESTY To be truthful and sincere