Dear Parents and Families:

VALE: I start this weeks newsletter on a sad note. We have the very sad news to share that Ian Kapp the husband of Fay has passed away, after a long battle with illness. It is with the deepest sympathy we send Fay and her family our condolences and heart felt thoughts from the Altona North Primary School community.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL: I hope all our Mother’s had a fantastic Mother’s Day and were looked after on their special day. Thankyou to our wonderful Parents and Friends who ran such a great stall last week for Mother’s Day making $400 for the school. There was a large variety of items to purchase at a cost to suit everyone. This is not an easy task so our many thanks go out to all the Parents and Friends who assisted with the stall.

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.

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. Don't miss the timetable of events so you don’t miss out on our Assembly items, Inquiry parade and Multicultural lunch.

NAPLAN: This week we had NAPLAN testing for all our Grade 3 and 5 students. All of our students took it in their stride and tried their best and that is all we ask. Our school community have been a great support to our students during this time. With the media hype and so much emphasis placed on the NALPAN testing at this time of the year we need to remember that excellent learning is happening all year and that teachers are constantly testing students to ensure their learning is focused to the individual and all students are challenged and engaged in their learning.

WATER DAMAGE: Yes it’s back!!!! As the painters were putting on the final coat of paint from our last water damage the rain hit again. On Monday we had further damage done but not quite as bad. You might notice carpet dryers around the school. The classrooms are not being disrupted and all teaching and learning is going ahead undisrupted.

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

Have a great weekend - Robyn Gregson - Principal.
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

There has been a colouring-in competition running in the 3/4 unit over the last couple of weeks. The winners were drawn this week and BIG congratulations goes to Aliya and Youssof from 3/4D.

WHAT’S HAPPENING AT ANPS:

3/4 FOOTBALL CLINICS:

On Friday we have footy clinics, they are so much fun. We played rob the nest, I love that game a lot. We also played a game where you handball to a partner and they handball back. We also learnt to kick a ball to our partner for them to kick back. I am having so much fun.

By Fatima

Yay today's football Friday, we do football clinics on Friday. Our coaches are Lee, Ashley and Adam. Footy clinics are the best, we learn all kinds of things, like skills, games and more. Some of the games we learnt were football baseball which was awesome.

The skills we learnt were kicking, handballing, bouncing and marking. I can now do a chest mark and an overhead mark.

By Faith

The Western Bulldogs set up footy clinics for the grade 3/4s at ANPS. We do them to help improve our football skills. On Tuesdays we do them with Ashley and Adam. On Fridays with the AFL development guys.

By Riley

5/6 INTERSCHOOL SPORT:

Every Friday students from the 5/6 unit play a variety of sports against other schools in our area.
Altona North Primary School - 2017 Enrolments now being accepted.

Auslan News:
This week our Auslan colour is **blue**!
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.

Mother’s Day Stall:
Thankyou to everyone who supported our stall. We hope you were all treated to a great day on Sunday. It was awesome watching the enthusiasm and joy on our children’s faces as they shopped for their loved ones.
We were pleased to be able to also raise over $400 towards our fundraising goal.
We are now that much closer to some new shade sails in the 1/2 lineup area!

Upcoming Events:
Term 3
School Disco Friday August 12th
Father’s Day Stall Thursday September 1st

Term 4
Mattel Tickets on sale November/December dates TBA
Christmas Raffle Early Dec

Thankyou to the following businesses for their ongoing support of our fundraising activities:
Hairhouse Warehouse Highpoint/ Williamstown (via Antonija, Tia & Araya’s mum) and Airodrome Altona North.

CSEF.....Prep Uniform Offer
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 should have received a uniform orderform in late April.
Some parents have returned their order and vouchers were distributed yesterday. They can now present their voucher to the Uniform Shop and receive their ordered garment/s free of charge.
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**Assembly**
Watch your child perform at our school assembly. You are invited to watch a variety of performances from grades Prep to Six showcasing the Teaching and Learning across the school in Inquiry Learning. Students have been enthusiastically practising their acts ready to perform for you.

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