Dear Parents and Families:

Well, we are in the Winter months now and old Jack Frost came out to play this morning turning our lawns white with frost and a very foggy start to the day. It was actually quite exciting seeing our younger students walking in the fog and laughing.

I would like to welcome new families to our school and I am looking forward to catching up with the students and their families at our school events.

Also, there have been a number of enrolments and tours for 2017 Preps - so welcome to those families as well. Remember if you have a child ready to start school next year or know of someone looking at attending ANPS then please make sure to either pick up an enrolment form or book a tour soon.

FAMILY READING MONTH: Thankyou to all those families who joined in our “Family Reading Month”. It is wonderful to see so many forms being filled in and returned to school. Mrs Blunt will be looking at them very soon to calculate all the times so if you still have one at home get it in quickly and don’t miss out.

BOOK CUBBY: Thankyou to our budding writers Marwa and Faith for representing our school at the Altona Civic Centre on Monday. They had the opportunity to work with other schools in the area to contribute to the Hobson’s Bay City Council book which is being prepared for public reading in our local libraries. Well done to all our budding writers who participated in Book Cubby.

CHIRPY CHICKS: I had a delightful time wandering around classrooms last Friday and seeing the students interacting with the Philip Island Rangers who taught us so much about the Fairy Penguins of Phillip Island. We even had a Penguin called Bella-Rose in the Prep grade!!!!! And it looked like our Bella-Rose too. Parents if you have children in the Prep to 2 grades don’t forget to ask your children about what they learnt about the Philip Island Penguins.

3/4 WETLANDS INCURSION: Another great learning experience was happening today in the 3/4 grades. We were very lucky to have a ranger in to talk about the wetlands. There was lots to learn about our wetlands and this is very important so we can also look after our frogs in our own frog pond. Did you here them croaking last week? What a great sound.

5/6 IMMIGRATION EXCURSION: And the learning just keeps happening with the 5/6 grades heading off next week to the Immigration Museum. They will discover what it was like for people from all over the world to Immigrate to Australia.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING: Not only do our students continue to learn but so do our staff. Last week all teachers attended LEGO training and had fun learning how LEGO can enhance student learning in Numeracy. We are looking at strengthening our Numeracy across the school and working on the STEM framework (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). We are looking at purchasing kits of LEGO for the different grade levels so lookout for some fantastic news as our LEGO arrives at school.

COMMUNITY BEHAVIOURAL MATRIX: Parents and Carers - don’t forget to add any further thoughts onto our matrix sheets in the passage of Block A. Our School Council will be looking at the information that has been collected and begin working on refining our expectations of each other within our school community.

QUEEN’S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY: Just a reminder that there is NO school on Monday 13th June due to the Queen’s Birthday holiday. Please make other arrangements for you children on this day as there will be no staff on the premises.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ANPS:

Staff Professional Learning

Last night our staff undertook Professional Learning here at school. Staff sat together and worked on writing goals for each unit to achieve over the month. Thank you to our dedicated staff who put so much time and effort into the Teaching and Learning of our students.

School Community Behavioural Matrix

Thank-you to those parents and families who have already contributed to our School Community Behavioural Matrix, if you would like to contribute and be part of our “School Wide Positive Behaviours” you are more than welcome to come to the office and see our displays and find out more information. Remember - this is open to all families and we would love your input.

CAMP: Camp deposit forms were sent home on Tuesday 31st May. This is an exciting time of the year and we are looking forward to fun filled time at camp. If you have misplaced your forms please ask for another form. Ms. Shiels is working hard on providing another wonderful experience to our students here at ANPS.

WAKAKKIRI: Wakakkiri is well on the way with staff spending time painting, cutting and designing costumes and props. If any parents have sewing skills or could spare some time to help out please speak to Mr John, I am sure he would be pleased to hear from you.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS: Parent Teacher Interviews are coming around quickly. Information regarding these were sent home on Tuesday with all students. Please return all forms so appointment times can be made. It is important for you to come along and find out about your child’s learning and how we can work together to provide the best education and experiences for every child. Please remember to send a separate form back for each child within your family.

BIRTHDAYS AND PARTIES: We have had a number of Birthdays and Parties recently. If you would like to bring a cake to school for your child’s birthday we are more than happy to have a little get together to sing Happy Birthday and share cake and lolly bags BUT PLEASE make arrangements with your child’s teacher prior to coming to school with a cake. This way we can make sure the class is ready and the time is suitable as teachers also have other duties that they must do during lunch and morning tea breaks.

If you are going to the footy or any other sporting events this weekend make sure you rug up and keep warm in this cold weather.

Have a great weekend - Robyn Gregson - Principal.
WHAT’S HAPPENING AT ANPS:

Biggest Morning Tea

Last Wednesday ANPS celebrated the Biggest Morning Tea by wearing a hat and bringing a gold coin donation. Many of our students were very creative: wearing hats adorned with feathers, bows, ribbons, flowers etc. One student was seen wearing a fantasy TV screen projecting the weather of the day and another wore a colourful helicopter hat. All students enjoyed a cupcake as a treat for morning tea and we raised $222.45 for the Cancer Council. The Social Service Committee would like to thank Woolworths (Borrack Square) and Kate, mother of Oliver 1/2 T for their support of this worthy fundraiser.

EXCITING COMMUNITY NEWS:

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