Dear Parents and Families:

There are so many new and exciting things happening around the school at the moment please be sure you are reading the newsletters and notes that come home on a regular basis so you and your children don’t miss out on learning opportunities.

KITCHEN GARDEN: It was fantastic to see so many different parents turn up to our Garden Opening. We had visitors from Hobsons Bay City Council, ISIS Family Care and the Burmese Mens Gardening Group as well as our own parents, grandparents and friends. Two children representing each grade came over to start off our planting with our visitors and families. Each grade came over to look at and listen to what is happening in the garden at ANPS. We finished the day with a free sausage sizzle for all, which I think was the highlight of the day. My apologies if lunches were brought home as many children came back for more sausages which were very welcome on such a cold day. A huge thankyou to all of our parents who came along and set up the BBQ, cooked sausages, organised drinks, cups, tables and all the behind the scenes jobs. What a team we have here at ANPS!!!!!!

A special Thank You to Team Holiday for supplying the wonderful BBQ - it certainly made cooking the sausages a lot easier.

Also we have some terrific ideas coming in for the naming of the Garden competition, people are being very creative, remember there are prizes for the best name for our garden which will be announced at assembly.

2017 ENROLMENTS: The end of the year is fast approaching and we are well underway with our planning for the 2017 school year. Please be aware that if you, or anyone you know have a child to enrol at ANPS for 2017, enrolment forms need to be handed into the office by the end of this month (July) please.

PARENT SURVEYS: Parent Opinion Surveys were sent home on Monday 25th July. Families who receive these surveys to complete, are randomly selected by a computer generated program. Staff at ANPS do not see the personal responses of these surveys. The surveys were due to be returned to school by TODAY Friday 29th July. If you have not sent your survey back please do so Monday.

NATIONAL TREE PLANTING DAY: Today Mr Raghdo and his band of environmental monitors supported all of our students in planting new trees into our gardens. It was also a paper free lunch day “Nude Food Day”. Prep students did not participate in the rubbish free lunch, (see info regarding their 100 days of school). Our school grounds are looking beautiful and with the extra planting today they are going to be FABULOUS. Don’t forget to talk to your child/ children about what plant they planted and come along and check on it’s progress.

PREP 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL: Also Today the Preps celebrated their first 100 days of school. CONGRATULATIONS to all Prep students and their families. Keep your eyes open for next weeks newsletter to see how they celebrated.

CAMP BAANYA BIAMI: Don’t forget that our campers leave next Tuesday 2nd August. All students attending camp must be at school by 8:45am.

I look forward to seeing you all at assembly on Monday.

Robyn Gregson - Principal
Students have made a great start to Term 3 focusing on the skills and rules of basketball. We have been working on skills such as dribbling, passing, shooting, and lay ups and putting these skills to work in a range of drills and activities aimed at creating an engaging learning environment. At different levels students have been learning everything from which lines represent the basketball court, to many of the rules used in junior basketball. They have then been applying these rules to the skills and activities aimed at simulating game sense situations. Once basketball has been completed we will be covering the sport of hockey.

Our Prep students have been enjoying exploring musical possibilities with dynamics. They have been experimenting creating different timbres with guiros and claves, analysing different dynamics and following verbal and visual musical cues. “If I Didn't Have You” from Monsters INC has been the song of choice used to explore this element of music. “Oye Como Va” will be the next song for our preps to explore with a focus on rhythm.

The 1/2 unit has been exposed to the Cuban music of Papa Noel. The students seem to have thoroughly enjoyed the song ‘Juliana’ as they are intrigued by non-western musical elements. Dynamics have been of primary focus for the 1/2’s and they have been practicing the ability to steadily crescendo and decrescendo using music specific verbal cues and classroom created visual notation.

I was so pleased to see such a developed musical analysis ability as displayed by the 3/4 unit. “No Money” by Glantis was used as a basis for analyse and students used music specific terminology and offered for the most part very accurate descriptions of the songs form, dynamics and instrumentation. The students have also been developing their ability to function as a class band and have displayed a development in relevant communication skills.

Our 5/6’s have been, and will be, put to the test given that Wakakirri is less than a month away. We have so far decided our casting crew, backstage team and student representatives. Rehearsals will go into overdrive mode with the some scenes to be completed and having to run the performance from start to finish. We appreciate all the support shown by parents already and the future support required to ensure your child is 'make-up', 'costume' and 'hair' ready for the performance.

The ‘Our Sunset, My World’ Art Exhibition went well. It was lovely to be able to go to Federation Square and see artwork on display created by students at Altona North Primary School.

Victoria was excited to tell me Monday morning that she had been in to see her artwork on display and this is what she had to say in her Writers Notebook:
100 DAYS OF LEARNING

Yay!!! We finally reached 100 Days of School. Students celebrated with a fun filled day of activities. In the classrooms they made their own glasses and crowns. They also brought in and presented their own little collections of ‘100 items’. Students proved that you can count anything and not necessarily all of the same thing. Zak brought in 100 leaves and Amer shared a collection of different toys. There were pieces of paper, bottle tops and even Nutri Grain amongst the treasures. Later that day, students broke up into six teams. The teams worked their way around the gym to complete a circuit. The activities were all hands on and had a focus on the number ‘100’. They were challenged to skip, bounce and pass a bean bag 100 times; build using 100 blocks and toss a beanbag into targets with the aim of achieving 100 points. Finally, they worked together using their bodies to make the number 100. Overall, everyone had a great day and the counting continues as we work towards 200.

Yesterday was 100 days of school. I liked building a 100 tower with my grade. (Evangellea)
Making the 100 glasses made me happy. (Advik)
I had fun. We made a human 100 and did 100 skips, passes and bounces. (Marley)
I liked making the 100 glasses and hats and they looked funny on me. (Malak)
I liked throwing the bean bags into the target hoops. I scored 100 three times. (Ibrahim)
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