Dear Parents and Families:
The school is buzzing at the moment with all the activities that are happening. The smiles and excitement we are seeing on the students faces is just delightful. We have just received the NAPLAN results and with our first look over them I am very pleased with the results for our school. Our focus on teaching and learning is definitely proving to be successful showing higher learning growth.

VALE: It is with my deepest sadness that I have to inform our school community of the passing of Leigh Rush (father of Jack Rush 3/4K and of Hope and Hayley Y7). Mr Rush passed away suddenly on Tuesday. Our deepest sympathy to Kylie and family at this time of sadness in their lives. The ANPS school community is thinking of you all at this sad time.

SCHOOL DISCO: A huge thankyou to our wonderful Parents and Friends for such a wonderful night on Friday. We had students dance the night away, with visits from the Wild Things, Michael Jackson, fairies and many others. Congratulations to Darcy and Logan on winning best dancers and to our Preps who danced until their little legs were worn out.

WAKAKIRRI: Once again our 5/6 students are participating in the 2016 Wakakirri Performance at the Clocktower in Moonee Ponds on 19th August - TOMORROW. Our students have been practising very hard, the dress rehearsal on Monday was fantastic and I can’t wait to see it on the big stage. CHOOKAS!!!

MARINE DISCOVERY CENTRE: What a big day was had by the 3/4 unit after visiting the Queenscliff Marine Discovery Centre. With the opportunity to explore, ask questions and learn all about our marine life the children have come back full of knowledge and excitement for learning.

LITERACY/NUMERACY WEEK: The 29th August is the beginning of our Literacy / Numeracy week. Please look out for notices coming home with details of “What’s Happening” and get involved in your child’s learning. Don’t forget to come along to our Family Maths Night on Monday 29th it will be loads of fun! We will then finish the night with a pizza supper.

BREAKY CLUB: Josh will be spending the day with our Wakakirri team TOMORROW so there will be no Breaky Club. We apologise for the inconvenience but Josh will have other commitments on that day. The people who usually attend Breakfast Club please make sure you have some breakfast before coming to school. Thankyou for your understanding.

LEGO VISITORS: It was lovely to see the pleasure on our visitors faces when they saw our students so engaged and so confident in using our Robotics. They visited a class from each Unit and were highly impressed with our students. Before leaving they presented us with a We Do Kit which we are using in the 1/2 unit and some other LEGO goodies to share around.

Have a great weekend.
Robyn Gregson - Principal

REMINDERS:
NO BREAKFAST CLUB TOMORROW
MONDAY 29TH - FAMILY MATHS NIGHT

Dates to Remember
TERM 3
AUGUST:
Friday 19th: Wakakiri
3/4S - BIKE ED
Monday 22nd: 1/2 unit Light & Sound Incursion
Wednesday 24th: 3/4K - BIKE ED
Thursday 25th: 3/4D - BIKE ED
Friday 26th: 3/4S - BIKE ED
Monday 29th - Friday 2nd:
Literacy/Numercy Week
Monday 29th: FAMILY MATHS NIGHT – All Welcome– Pizza Supper.
Wednesday 31st: 3/4K - BIKE ED
SEPTEMBER:
Thursday 1st: Father’s Day Stall
3/4D - BIKE ED
Friday 2nd: 3/4S - BIKE ED
Monday 5th: School Council 7pm
Tuesday 6th: Athletics Day Prep Swim
Wednesday 7th: 3/4K - BIKE ED
Friday 9th: 1/2 Unit Sleepover
Tuesday 13th: Prep Swim
Friday 16th: End of Term 3 - All students dismissed at 2pm.

TERM 4
OCTOBER:
Sunday 2nd: Daylight Saving Starts
Monday 3rd: Start of Term 4
- All students start at 8:45am
Monday 14th: Prep - 4 Swimming Program
Tuesday 25th: Whole School First Aid

From the Principal
LEGO Robotics is now at Altona North Primary School across all grades!

The students in the 1/2 Unit have had an eventful beginning to Term 3.

In Maths they have been exploring various elements of measurement. Students use a range of materials to measure the length and area of items in the classroom. They employ strategies such as estimation before experimenting using both informal and formal units.

The 1/2 Unit, like the rest of the school, was fortunate to have received their own Lego Robotics kits. So far, 1/2 G has spent the last five weeks building and programming their robots. They worked extremely well with their partners, guiding one another through each stage of construction. Students then learnt how to use the Lego software on the iPad to program their machines. The students built a range of machines which included race cars, push/pull machines, helicopters with a hydraulic pulley system, tip trucks, space rovers with sensors and even a jumping frog! Time to pass them on to the next lucky grade!

A big thank you to all of the people involved in setting up the student garden area. The students had a great time taking ownership of their lot and planting the fruits and vegetables chosen by their grades.