From the Principal


Dear Parents and Families:

Please take time to read our notices in this weeks newsletter as there are some very important items especially our Family Maths Night. This will be a night of fun and laughs and Parents, you don’t even have to be good at Maths. The kids will show you how it’s done!!!!!! Also for Parents who need support over the holidays we have our Holiday Program on once again so book in quickly and don’t miss out on your children having a great times over the holidays. Remember concessions are available through Centrelink.

WAKAKIRRI: OH WHAT A NIGHT!!!!!!!! Well done to our 5/6 students and the Wakakirri team!!!! I was so proud of our students and their performance. We do have a lot of talent here at ANPS. Congratulations to our students for their excellent behaviour on the day and night. It is a credit to you all. Congratulations and a huge thankyou to all of our staff who supported, participated and helped out over the process of Wakakirri. To Mr John - what a terrific job you did for your very first Wakairri. Thankyou. It was great to see staff, family and friends there on the night to support our students.

DISTRICT SPORT FINALS...CRICKET/TENNIS: This Friday we have two teams in the District Sports finals. Congratulations to our Cricket and Tennis teams for making the finals which will be held at Altona Primary School (Tennis) and Off Civic Pde (Cricket). If you can make it down to watch our teams play and support our school we would love to see you there. Good luck to our sports people. Do the best you can and above, all have fun!

LITERACY/NUMERACY WEEK: Our Literacy and Numeracy Week is fast approaching so make sure you have the dates in your diaries. It will be a week of celebrating the many aspects of Literacy and Numeracy that we do here at Altona North Primary School. One of our highlights will be the fun night of Maths with Maths expert Rob Vingerhoets coming along to show us how much fun we can have doing Maths. And don’t forget the pizza supper.

SWIMMING: Our 10-day intensive swimming program will take place in Term 4 this year. The program caters for students from Grades Prep – 4. It will run from Monday 3rd October – Friday 14th October. The lessons will take place at Carlile Swimming which is located at Bayfit Leisure Centre, with each daily lesson being for 45 minutes. The cost to attend the program is $105 per student. Permission notes and deposits details were sent home earlier in the week and are due back by 2nd September. Full payments to be completed by Thursday 15th September. Our 5-day Beach Program will also be in Term 4. This program caters for students in Grades 5 and 6. More information about the 5/6 Beach Program will be sent home in the coming weeks.

FATHERS DAY STALL: Our busy Parents and Friends have been at work again preparing for the Father’s Day Stall. This is a great way for our students to do their Father’s Day shopping for that special person in their lives and help raise some funds for the school.

LAST DAY OF TERM: Friday 16th September is the last day of term 3 and it is a 2:00pm finish. Please ensure you have someone here to pick up your child/children at this time, alternatively you can contact our OSHC - Camp Australia to arrange for your children to attend. Assembly will be held at 8:45am in the school hall. All parents, friends and family members are welcome to come along. Students will be dismissed from their classrooms at 2pm. Morning tea and lunch breaks will be held at alternate times to accommodate the early finish.

1/2 UNIT SLEEPOVER: Friday 9th September is the big night for our 1/2 students and staff. The sleep over is an integral part of our camp development program which begins with the Prep Picnic and culminates with the 3 to 6 camp. These opportunities to provide students with a sleep over and camp are invaluable for their social and emotional development.

WORK AROUND THE SCHOOL: Today we had workman in replacing damaged skylights in Block A. Hopefully this will be end of leaks in the library. Terry our new Handyman has been busy cleaning up around the school and making sure everything is safe and sound for our students.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend with family and friends.

Have a great weekend.

Robyn Gregson - Principal
Queenscliff Marine Discovery Centre Excursion

Finally the bus drive was finished. It took almost an hour and a half for us to get there. When we arrived we did some exercises with Ms Clark. Then I saw the amazing view of the beach. We went inside to wash our hands because any germs could make the fish die. First Mrs Sipthorp chose two people to feed the puffer fish. It looked creepy. Then we got to touch small sea creatures. I touched a sea star, it felt soft. Then we went on a scavenger hunt for eels, sea horses and a whale. When we found them we went to the classroom. We learnt about putting rubbish in the bin, so that it doesn’t contaminate their environment. Next we went back to school. I was exhausted.
By Areeba 3/4S

It was the best day ever, I went to the Marine Discovery Centre, and it was fun. This is what we did. Phill taught us about different sea creatures and how long they lived for. Did you know some turtles live for 100 years and over? My favourite part was when we went into the aquarium there were lots of different types of fish. My favourite sea creature was a sea horse. The dad seahorses give birth not the mum, I thought that was pretty cool. When we touched the sea creatures in the water, I touched a starfish, but that’s not its real name, its real name is a sea star, the same as a jelly fish, its real name is a sea jelly. When we were touching the creatures in the touching pond, Phill said there were creatures we couldn’t even see with our eyes, this was called microscopic zooplankton. It was the best day ever.
By Victoria 3/4S

MUSIC NEWS:

Our 1/2’s and 3/4’s have been enjoying exploring the musical possibilities of our ukuleles and brand new keyboards. The songs we have been focusing on include “Oye Como Va” and “You’ve Got a Friend in Me”. Students are eager to play songs independently.

Congratulations to the 5/6 unit in regards to the great performance that was held for Wakakirri! If you thought they would get a break then you are wrong. We have the school concert to work towards and students will use the skills developed in Waka rehearsals for developing a concert item.
Altona North Primary School is committed to ensuring a safe and secure environment when it comes using computer and other electronic devices (i.e. mobile phones). At ANPS we want ensure that we take a whole-school approach to cybersafety, cyberbullying and bullying. As such our school has become an eSmart school where the smart, safe and responsible use of information and communications technology is a cultural norm. As part of our eSmart commitments a weekly tip for both parents and students about internet safety will be shared in our newsletter.

The internet safety Tip of the Week

- **For Students:** Always ask an adult if you’re unsure of anything when you are online.
- **For Parents:** How do I know if my child is being cyberbullied? Please take the time to look at this website. [https://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/parent/online-risks/cyberbullying/how-do-i-know-if-my-child-is-being-cyberbullied](https://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/parent/online-risks/cyberbullying/how-do-i-know-if-my-child-is-being-cyberbullied)

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**Holiday Program – Bookings Now Open for Altona North Primary**

These holidays are going to be epic! We’re making sure every day is action-packed with a massive selection of awesome activities to keep your children entertained all day long.

Team Holiday is a multi-award winning holiday program service bringing the fun to your school these holidays! We’ll be providing full day programs for kids aged 5-12 each day of the school holiday break from 8am-6pm! Every child from every school is welcome to come and join the fun.

At Team Holiday, all programs are fully rebatable for Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebates, which means you only pay half, if not less, of the full program price.

Every one of our staff is fully-qualified, Working With Children checked, and is either a teacher or studying in the education field. They’re also the absolute experts in creating unforgettable school holiday experiences.

If you would like more information, please visit [www.teamholiday.com.au](http://www.teamholiday.com.au) or call our friendly staff on 03 9532 0366.
Come along and join us for a FUN and EXCITING night full of GREAT activities which you can use with your child at home.

Promote and Grow your child’s LOVE of MATHS!!!

Our school consultant Rob Vingerhoets has spent many entertaining hours working with our staff and now it’s your opportunity.

COME AND SEE HOW EXCITING MATHS CAN BE!
Join us for a Pizza Supper afterwards.

MONDAY 29th AUGUST
6pm - 8pm

ANPS Family Maths Night  6pm – 8pm
MONDAY 29th August 2016:

☐ We will be attending the ANPS Family Maths Night as a family.
(Please note children need to be accompanied by an adult for the evening)

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Number of adults attending the evening __________________________

Signed: ..............................................................  Date: .................................