**Dates to Remember**

**TERM 3**

**SEPTEMBER:**
- ANPS SCHOOL HATS MUST BE WORN
- Friday 9th: 1/2 Unit Sleepover
- Tuesday 13th: Prep Swim
- Friday 16th: Out Of Uniform -Footy Colours-Gold Coin Donation
- 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 3rd - Friday 14th: Prep - 4 Swimming Program
- Tuesday 25th: Whole School First Aid

**November**

- Tuesday 1st: Melbourne Cup Day - NO SCHOOL
- Monday 21st: School Council 7pm
- Tuesday 22nd: 5/6 Beach Program

**December**

- Thursday 8th: SCHOOL CONCERT!!!!
- Tuesday 20th: LAST DAY OF TERM 4 - 1PM FINISH.

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**REMINDERS:**

**Friday 9th Sept...... 1/2 Unit SleepOver**

**Friday 16th Sept ...Out Of Uniform...Footy Colours...Gold Coin**

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**From the Principal**


Dear Parents and Families:

Oh my goodness, have we had an exciting week for all, with many wonderful things happening around the school. Thankyou to all our parents who have been coming along and supporting our activities. The children love seeing you and having the opportunity to show you what they have been up to in their school day.

**STAFFING:** I would like to CONGRATULATE Mrs. Blunt on her very worthy and well deserved official appointment to Assistant Principal at Altona North Primary School. I am delighted to have Mrs. Blunt as part of our Leadership. Her knowledge and commitment to our school and students is second to none. Well Done Mrs. Blunt!!!!!!!

I would also like to Congratulate Ms. Clark on being the successful applicant for our teaching position. Ms. Clark has stepped into the 3 /4 unit with ease and is a welcomed member of our school community.

**KIDS THRIVE PERFORMANCE:** WOW!!!!!!! We had a great show yesterday with our Kid’s Thrive Team. The grade 1 / 2’ s showed us how a performance should be done. After two terms of developing their knowledge and understanding of “respect” and “friendship”, they put together a number of original songs which sent a very strong message of respecting and getting along with others. They all looked sensational in their colorful t-shirts and finished off by showing the visitors their work books and how the songs had been developed. This was a wonderful program to be a part of and I would like to thank the Hobsons Bay City Council, ISIS Family Care Services and Kid’s Thrive for their support and funding of the program. I know our students have gained so much from the Kid’s Thrive Program.

Well done kids!!!!!!!

**VOLUNTEER PARENT HELPER PROGRAM:** If you would like to help around the school, do some classroom reading or help on excursions etc., please come along to join our parent program which will be held at school on Monday 12th September @ 9:30 am in the staffroom. Mrs Blunt and Suzi would love to see you there.

**SWIMMING:** I had a lovely time at the pool on Tuesday watching our Prep students take to the water like confident little swimmers. It was impressive to see just how confident they were in the water and the skills they have developed already. The Prep Swimming Program was a free program sponsored by Life Saving Victoria to enable us to provide our students with the confidence and knowledge of water readiness. Our Preps are well and truly ready now for the next step of our ten day intensive swimming program starting the first two weeks of term 4. This program is for Grades Prep to 4 and has filled very quickly, if you haven’t signed up yet please check with the office to make sure there are places still available.

**ATHLETICS:** On Tuesday we had a large squad of students attend the Local District Athletics Day. Mr. Clark had a team of 45 students who tried their best and had loads of fun. Luckily the weather was perfect for them. Congratulations to all our athletes and thank you for representing ANPS so well. A big congratulations to Joshua Dickens who came second in the 100 metre sprint and will be representing ANPS next Tuesday at the Divisional Carnival in Werribee. GOOD LUCK JOSHUA!!!!

**CYBER SAFETY:** Our Grade 6 students were very fortunate to participate in a Cyber Safety forum at the new Newport Community Hub. Our students learnt about the real problems of social media and how to make sure they keep safe when using the range of social media and interactive gaming that is now available. I have mentioned before about the dangers of social media. Parents please be very vigilant and supervise the sites your children are using. We are currently looking into a parent information session for Term 4.

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From the Principal Continued...

1/2 UNIT SLEEPOVER: Friday night is our annual Grade 1 / 2 sleepover. The students are getting very excited about the chance to sleepover at school with their teachers. I know parents are getting excited also!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Don’t forget to say thank you to our fabulous staff who are staying the night and giving the children this terrific opportunity in preparation for our camp program which begins in Grade 3. I do hope staff get some sleep!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

PLANNING WEEK: Next week is Planning Week for the teachers. As you are aware, our teachers plan together in their units to ensure the very best learning is planned for your children each term. Students will not miss out on any of their learning as their specialist times have all been timetabled on the one day to release class teachers.

VEGETABLE GARDEN: If you are interested in having a say about growing vegies in our vegetable garden ,we have Hobsons Bay City Council and ISIS Family Care attending school tomorrow , Friday 9th September at 9:30. They will be talking to parents about what they would like to see happen next in our garden. We would love to have you along and hear what you have to say.

END OF TERM: A final assembly for the term will be held on Friday 16th September at 8:45. Some of our sensational students will be performing, so come along and be entertained. Remember that there will be an early finish this day. The students will be dismissed at 2:00 pm. Please arrange to have your children picked up at this time.

I wish your family a wonderful weekend and GO BULLDOGS!!!!!!!!!!!!

Robyn Gregson
Principal

WAKAKIRRI

DVD’s....
Our Grade 5/6 Wakakkiri Team performed admirably on the 19th August and received very good critiques. If families would like to order the DVD as a keepsake, please go to www.wakakirri.com, to order on line. (Please note the date of the performance was 19th August at the Clocktower in Moonee Ponds.) The DVD’s are filmed and edited using the latest digital equipment with guaranteed high fidelity on both visual and audio. Two cameras are used to capture all the action. The cost of the DVD’s is $42.00 each.

PHOTOS....
Official Wakakirri Photos are also available from www.winkipopmedia.com.au. Click on “View & Order Your Photos” Select: “Wakakirri”. Enter your name & email address. Enter the password: star. Photos are available as prints, posters and digital files. You must order before the end of September.

SOCIAL SERVICE:
The last day of term, Friday 16th September is an Out Of Uniform Day with a Gold Coin Donation. As a fundraiser, the proceeds of the Out Of Uniform Day will go to The Fight Cancer Foundation; a very worthwhile cause I’m sure you’ll agree. Students are asked to wear their favourite Footy Colours whether they support AFL, NRL or any other code of football. So far the Social Service Committee has raised $698. We thank all ANPS families for your generous support.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS:

Would you like to be part of the Parents and Friends Team?
Parents and Friends is a group of ANPS community members who meet once a week on Friday mornings at school to discuss and plan upcoming Fundraising Activities to benefit all students. Please fill in the tear off slip below and send back to school as soon as possible or drop by on a Friday morning to find out more.

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YES, I am interested in learning more / joining Parents and Friends.
Name: ___________________________ Contact no.: ___________________________
Name of eldest child: ___________________________ Grade: __________________
INVITATION

to

VOLUNTEER PARENT HELPER PROGRAM

Want to support our students’ learning?
Want to be part of class/school programs?
This is your opportunity to participate in our Volunteer Parent Helper Program, where you can gain skills and knowledge you can use to help support learning at school and home.

Date:
Monday 12th September 2016 at 9:30am

Duration:
90 Minutes

Location:
Staffroom

Lee Blunt
Assistant Principal

Suzi Gurovski
Speech Pathologist
Holiday Program – Bookings Now Open for Altona North Primary

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2017 Enrolments now being accepted.
AFL, CRICKET & NETBALL MULTI SPORTS DAY FOR GIRLS

AFL Victoria, Cricket Victoria & Netball Victoria are offering you the chance to come and try all three exciting sports in a friendly, relaxed and fun environment at Dunnings Rd Reserve, Point Cook.

DATE: TUESDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2016
TIME: 9:30AM – 12:30PM
LOCATION: DUNNINGS RD RESERVE
DUNNINGS RD, POINT COOK 3030
COST: FREE

The program is open to girls of all ages and skill levels.

TO REGISTER, VISIT: