Dear Parents and Families:

Welcome back to Term 4 and what a wet start to the term we have had. The Wet Day Timetables have been in action already and buses booked for the swimming program due to such poor weather.

**STAFFING:** I would like to welcome Ms. Blease as our new Prep M teacher at ANPS. As we have mentioned Mrs. Pearce has gone on Family Leave and Ms. Blease has replaced her in Room 2. Please make her feel welcome and introduce yourself to her.

**SWIMMING:** Our swimming program has started very well with our students, as always, trying their hardest and displaying excellent behaviour and listening during their lessons. Our Prep swimmers are excelling after having known their 7 weeks of free swimming lessons last term. They have turned up at the pool ready to swim and knowing what to expect, so that the most benefit can be gained from each lesson. Thankyou to Life Saving Victoria for their support in providing our free Prep swimming program last Term. What an opportunity for our students. Swimming is an important skill to learn especially living in Australia with so many beaches and pools around. Our children need to know how to swim and be water safe before the summer season gets here. The Grade 5 / 6 students are taking their swimming lessons a step further in preparing them for a safe summer through participating in another program provided by Life Saving Victoria. They will be participating in a beach swimming program followed up by a Life Savers information program here at ANPS. These are two wonderful program we have been fortunate to have access to.

**CHILD SAFETY STANDARDS:** All schools are now required to follow the Child Safe Standards as set out by the Victorian Parliamentary Committee. Altona North Primary School is committed to implementing the Child Safe Standards and ensuring that our school community is aware of the expectations of the school and Victorian Government. During term 4 you will be receiving information regarding the Standards and our school’s Codes of Conduct and Policies. Please be aware of these as you get further information.

**PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY:** Yesterday your children may have come home informing you that we had a new Principal for the day. Principal for a Day is a program initiated by the Department of Education bringing business people and other agencies into schools to see how schools operate on a daily basis. We were very lucky to have Liana Buchanan who is the Principal Commissioner for the Commission for Children and Young People. She was very impressed with the standards, values and the extra work we do here at ANPS to ensure our students are receiving a holistic approach to their education and learning. She was very pleasantly surprised to see the confidence our students have, their politeness and welcoming manner. Liana is also overseeing the Child Safety Standards and she was very pleased to see that ANPS has met this requirement. Our school captains proudly showed her around the school and gave her an in depth profile of our buildings and grounds. Well done Obi and Cecylia!!!

**GREAT NEWS:** As part of our extra curricula activities we have been able to book FDM Xtreme a Hip Hop Dance group. They will be visiting our school on Wednesday 19th October to dance for our students and any parents who would like to come along and see them. They have currently just won their 3rd World Hip Hop Championship.

Also as part of our great news on Thursday 20th October we will be having a visit from a representative of the Western Bulldogs who will bring the famous Premierships Cup to ANPS for students to have their photos taken with in celebration of the Bulldogs Grand Final win. Well Done Bulldogs!!!!!!!!!!

And another great news items!!!!! Rob Vingerhoets has started working today in classrooms with students and teachers on creating great learning in Maths. We are all looking forward to working with Rob and learning from him all about the great world of Maths!!!!

Have a wonderful weekend,

Regards

Robyn Gregson
Principal
**ESMART:**

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:** Never share your password with anyone except your parents.