**Dates to Remember**

**October is -**

**Walk, Ride, Scoot to School Month!!!!!!**

**TERM 4**

**OCTOBER:**
- Monday 3rd - Friday 14th: Prep - 4 Swimming Program
- Wednesday 19th: FMD Xtreme
- Thursday 20th: AFL Premierships Cup
- Friday 21st: PJ Day/Gold Coin Donation
- Tuesday 25th: Whole School First Aid
- Wednesday 26th: 5/6 unit Zoo Excursion
- Friday 28th: World Teachers Day

**Monday 31st: REPORT WRITING DAY - NO SCHOOL**

**NOVEMBER:**
- Tuesday 1st: Melbourne Cup Day - NO SCHOOL
- Wednesday 9th: PREP 17 TRANSITION
- Tuesday 15th: Grade 6 Graduation Photos
- Wednesday 16th: PREP 17 TRANSITION
- Friday 18th: Walk-a-thon
- Monday 21st: School Council 7pm
- Tuesday 22nd: 5/6 unit Swimming Program
- Wednesday 23rd: PREP 17 TRANSITION
- Wednesday 30th: PREP 17 TRANSITION

**DECEMBER:**
- Wednesday 7th: PREP 17 TRANSITION & PARENT INFORMATION MORNING
- Thursday 8th: SCHOOL CONCERT!!!!
- Tuesday 20th: LAST DAY OF TERM 4 - 1PM FINISH.

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**REMINDERS:**

**2017 Enrolments closing soon.**

**Friday 21st…..PJ Day / Gold Coin Donation**

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**From the Principal**


Dear Parents and Families:

Well what a mixture of weather we have had since the children have returned this term. From strong wind, heavy rain and sunshine who can guess what's next? During these extremes we have ensured that the children are safe at all times and protected from the elements. We have also made sure we have had the school bus doing shuttle runs between the school and the pool to eliminate any chance of the children being caught in unexpected weather conditions.

**SWIMMING:** Our swimming lessons are going along extremely well and it's so nice to see the happy faces going off to swimming everyday. The quality of teaching and the time in the pool is exceptionally good and the children are in the water under instruction the whole time. I can't stress enough the importance of teaching our children to swim especially here in Australia with so many beaches nearby and backyard pools becoming more and more common.

**TEMPORARY FENCING:** When you are in the school you will notice that we have temporary fencing around some areas. This is part of our school maintenance to improve the condition of our beautiful school. We do as much as we can to ensure the school is kept in best condition for our students to enjoy and be proud of. Currently we are getting some of the tile work looked at to ensure they are in the best condition possible. The safety fencing ensures that your children are safe at all times whilst work is being done in these areas. The temporary fencing is currently around the outside of the canteen, the sandpit area and the Prep line up area. Please take your Prep children to line up in the centre of the school at the bottom of the ramp. Access from A Block to B Block is through the library. Our apologies for the inconvenience but this is to ensure ANPS is in good condition at all times for our students to enjoy. Thankyou for your understanding.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** CONGRATULATIONS to Gideon who has been recognised and passed the first round of judging for the 2016 Schools Poetry and Short Story Competition. It is wonderful to see our students achieving such high standards in their writing. Well done Gideon!!!!!!

**2017 CLASS PREPARATIONS:** A reminder to all families and friends that preparations are well under way for developing class models for 2017. If you have a family member, friend or neighbour that is wanting to enrol at ANPS for 2017 please tell them to get enrolments in quickly as grades are filling up.

**CONCERT PREPARATIONS:** Mr John, students and staff are well into the concert preparations with parent volunteers wanted to help with the outfits. Students will be wearing various outfits throughout the day.

**HOUSE SPORTS DAY:** Please keep Friday 6th November free for our House Sports Day. Students will all gather in their respective Houses and compete in a range of FUN and healthy sport activities. This is always a great day, as long as the weather is on our side.

**REPORT PREPARATION & MELBOURNE CUP DAY:** On Monday 31st October our school will be closed. This is an allocated student free day. Please make sure that you place this date on your home calendar. No school Monday the 31st October. Melbourne Cup day is on Tuesday 1st November and is also a student free day due to a Public Holiday. Please make sure you make arrangements for your children on this day.

**GRADUATION PHOTOS:** The Grade 6 Graduation Photo will take place on Tuesday 15th November, all Grade 6 students will need to arrive at school by 8:45am. Grade 6 students who missed their individual photo earlier in the year will have the opportunity to have their photo taken on this day.

**PREP TRANSITIONS:** Prep Transition is approaching fast! Please check the timeline for these dates, if you have any questions please contact the office. Every year we have 5 days of transition for our future preps which provides a strong grounding in preparing our new school beginners to feel confident and excited about where their journey begins. The first of these transition days is Wednesday November 9th. We are all looking forward to meeting our 2017 Preps.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Robyn Gregson
Principal
The Western Bulldogs will be holding their first ever Moonlight Cinema on Friday 14th October, 2016 at Victoria University Whitten Oval.

Moonlight Cinema
Western Bulldogs will be holding their first ever moonlight cinema on Friday 14 October, 2016.
Gates will open at 6:30pm with the movie to start at 7:30pm at the VU Whitten Oval.
Bring a picnic rug to sit on the grass and enjoy the movie - **Zootopia**.
Tickets available online or on the night.

PJ DAY......Friday 21st October.

In response to popular demand, the Social Service Committee invites students and staff to wear their comfy pyjamas and/or dressing gown to school on Friday 21st October and donate a gold coin. All donations will support the Motor Neuron Disease Australia: a cause some senior students are quite passionate about. Students are welcome to bring along their snuggle blanket, much-loved teddy bear and/or favourite bedtime story book. Teddy is sure to enjoy spending the day at school and might like to make a gold coin donation too. This fundraiser promises to be a day of fun and excitement, however parents are asked to please ensure children wear appropriate footwear (no slippers) and are dressed to suit the weather conditions of the day. Will Mrs. Gregson wear her onesie?

PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS:

*Upcoming Events:*

**Walkathon - Are you a Superhero?**
Friday 18th November.
Dress up as your favourite superhero, support your classmates and help raise money for our 1/2 area shade sails. Keep your eyes open and stay vigilant so you don’t miss out on any information.

**End of Year Giant Christmas Raffle.**
This will be held in early December
Donations for prizes and hampers are welcome.
Please drop off non-perishable items at the office.
Parents and Friends meetings are now held on Friday mornings in the foyer of the school hall. Come along and have a coffee and join us in our cooking workshops.
If you are interested in the cooking workshops, please fill in the slip below.

All workshops are Halal friendly.

YES! I am interested in attending the cooking workshops.

Your Name_______________________________________________
Childs name______________________________________________
Contact number___________________________________________
Altona North Primary School presents

FREE GARDENING WORKSHOP

Planting and Planning the school canteen garden beds

All Altona North PS Parents and Families welcome

Come Along and Have Some Fun!
Meet Other Parents and Families

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

▸ You don’t need to bring a thing
▸ Hear about other great things happening at the school
▸ Be part of the new School & community garden

WHERE:
Altona North Primary School
Meet at Reception

WHEN:
Wednesday 19 October 2016
TIME:
9am - 12.00pm
Including free morning tea

For more information or to RSVP, please contact Altona North Primary School on 9391 4233 or altona.north.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
PREP 2017

TRANSITION DATES

Session 1. Wednesday 9\textsuperscript{th} November: 9:00am-10:30am
Session 2. Wednesday 16\textsuperscript{th} November: 9:00am-10:30am
Session 3. Wednesday 23\textsuperscript{rd} November: 9:00am-10:30am
Session 4. Wednesday 30\textsuperscript{th} November: 9:00am-10:30am
Session 5. Wednesday 7\textsuperscript{th} December: 9:00am-11am
  (Session 5 includes a Parent Information Session)

Please see the office if you would like any information about these dates