Dates to Remember

**October is - Walk, Ride, Scoot to School Month!!!!!**

**TERM 4**

**OCTOBER:**
- Friday 28th: World Teachers Day
- Monday 31st: REPORT WRITING DAY - NO SCHOOL

**NOVEMBER:**
- Tuesday 1st: Melbourne Cup Day - NO SCHOOL
- Thursday 3rd: Senior Choir to perform at Florence Aged Care.
- Wednesday 9th: PREP 17 TRANSITION
- Thursday 10th: 5/6 unit Swimming Program
- Tuesday 15th: Grade 6 Graduation Photos
- Wednesday 16th: PREP 17 TRANSITION
- Friday 18th: Walk-a-thon
- Monday 21st: School Council 7pm
- 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:**

**HOUSE SPORTS DAY & PICNIC - TOMORROW!!!!!!**

**NO SCHOOL MONDAY 31ST- REPORT WRITING DAY**

**NO SCHOOL TUESDAY 1ST - MELBOURNE CUP DAY**

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**From the Principal**


Dear Parents and Families:

I have really enjoyed talking to a number of you over the past few weeks to get some feedback and look at how we can continue to improve our wonderful school. We are getting quite a number of enquiries for future enrolments and it is lovely to hear the good reviews we are receiving from our community members: Thank You! As part of our school promotions you will soon spot some new notice boards going up around the school. So have a look out for them. Also if you know of anyone looking for Prep placements for 2017, they really need to get in quickly. We need to finalise our numbers by the end of next week so we can organise our staffing and grade planning for next year.

**FIRST AID:** On Tuesday we had St. John’s First Aid trainers at school to teach our students what to do in an emergency. Did you see our school on Channel 10 weather with Mike Tuesday night? Four of our students starred practising their recovery positions. This was a wonderful opportunity for our students to build on last years First Aid training. The program is a free program held by St John’s Life Saving for our Prep to Grade 6 students. The program is modified to target different age groups across the school.

**HOUSE SPORTS DAY:** Please remember to keep Friday 28th October 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. At the end of the Sport Events you are invited to join us for a Family Picnic. So bring along your picnic rug and lunch. Share a bite to eat with your child/children and all the other families who will be joining us. Our House Sports Day 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 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. We have chosen the Monday as our Student Free Day as in the past, approximately 50% of our students have family time together on this day, so it proves to be the least disruptive day for most of our families.

**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. This is an important photo for our Grade 6 students as it will give them memories for many years to come.

**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 forms in quickly as grades are filling up.

**CONCERT PREPARATIONS:** Mr John, students and staff are well into the concert preparations with dance moves, singing and costume-making underway. Parental help is always appreciated and if you are able to assist, please speak to your child’s classroom teacher or Mr John. More information on ticketing will follow.

**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.

**SCHOOL CROSSING IN CRESSER STREET:** As I have mentioned in previous newsletters we are now entitled to a supervised crossing in Cresser Street. The work on this was held up with council elections and now the work will begin on our crossing.
Concert preparations are well under way at ANPS as students fire up their voice boxes and will soon commence creating props and backdrops. Costume notes have been discussed with each class and sent home as a guide for students as to how they can dress like their selected band. Please follow this costume note as accurately as possible and borrow or buy clothes accordingly; on that note parents and guardians may desire to encourage their children to ask their friends for items of clothing if needed. This has proven to be effective in this year’s Wakakirri.

Our instrumental bands are also firing up as Ukulele Group practise ‘Wild Thing’ by the Troggs, Drumming Group practise ‘Hopeful’ by Bars and Melody and Instrumental Group practise ‘Counting Stars’ by One Republic. These tunes and more will be played at our concert and the kids can’t wait! Get excited!!!

Keep your eyes on the webpage for photos and stories of everything happening at ANPS!

Have a wonderful weekend,

1/2 UNIT NEWS:

**Garden Planting**

I liked putting the cow poo into the soil. I loved planting the spring onions because it kept me going for the whole session. (Logan K)

We wore gloves when we planted and watered our new vegetables. I planted cucumber and zucchini. To help grow the plants we added cow poo. (Omar H)

We had a special visitor called Marie who did some gardening with us. Marie taught us about planting and hover flies. They spread seeds and their babies eat the pest insects. (Ali M)

On Wednesday 1/2 J got to plant lots of food with Marie. We planted onions, basil, cucumber, lettuce tomatoes and zucchini. We mixed cow poo with the soil and water. I had fun and my gloves didn’t get dirty. (Evangellea P)

Our grade did some gardening with Marie. I planted a lot of things and it was lots of fun. My favourite was the onions as we had to do them one by one. We learnt about cow poo and hoverflies. The adult destroy the weeds and spreads pollen and the babies eat the pests. At the end we even got to eat some fruit. (Gideon C)

SCHOOL REVIEW: We are currently nearing the end of our School Review. If you have any feedback you would like to give us for over the past four years we would love to hear from you or speak to one of our School Council Members. Remember this is a school for your children and we do all we can to ensure we provide the very best teaching and learning, safe and caring learning environment and many opportunities for extension to your child’s learning and experiences.

NEW CARPET: We now have new carpet in our B Block!!!! The carpet was replaced as a result of leaks that we had in our roof causing the carpet to get wet during the storms that have occurred. The roof has been replaced and now the carpet. The 5 /6 area will also be getting new guttering to stop any further leaks occurring there as well.

BREAKFAST CLUB: Thank you to Mrs. Georgiou for her continued work in our Breaky Club. Josh’s hours have changed and Mrs. Georgiou has been carrying on with our program. I would also like to welcome Helen Proud who is an ex teacher who has volunteered to help us out with Breaky Club. Helen belongs to our local Lions Club and is often seen around the community helping others. Welcome to Altona North Primary School Helen. Please say “Hi” when you see Helen around.

Please note that CRESSER STREET WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN FIFTH AND SEVENTH AVENUES FROM 14th TO 18th NOVEMBER. This will be an inconvenience to our parents and carers picking up children BUT please do remember in the long run it will be much safer for your children when the crossing is finished and in operation. WORLD TEACHERS DAY: Don’t forget tomorrow is World Teachers Day so bring those smiling faces to school to brighten your teachers day. HAPPY WORLD TEACHERS DAY to all our wonderful teachers.

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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN THE ARTROOM?

Challenging

Clever

Creative

Colourful
ALTONA NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL CONCERT presents
BATTLE of the BANDS
THURSDAY 8th of DECEMBER
6:00pm
More information to follow in the coming weeks.

ALTONA NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL
cresser street - altona north