Dear Parents and 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 enrolment forms in quickly as grades are filling up.

2017 STUDENT PLACEMENT REQUESTS: Our usual practice is to offer parents the opportunity to highlight any grade placement ideas they may have for the coming year. Parents are invited to put into WRITING their ideas and hand them to either Mrs Blunt OR myself for consideration by Wednesday 23rd November.

We will take all letters into consideration at the time of placement, but will not guarantee any expected outcomes.

PREP TRANSITIONS: Wednesday was the first of five 2017 Prep Transition days. Our Preps for next year all settled in quickly and confidently and didn’t want to leave when the session ended - luckily they have four more sessions to gain even more confidence. We look forward to seeing them all again next Wednesday.

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. Also we have had a number of complaints about parents NOT stopping at the Seventh Avenue crossing. This crossing is as important to stop at, if not more so, than the manned crossing the Fifth Avenue. Please make sure you do stop as I am ringing the police to patrol around the school.

REMEMBRANCE DAY: Our student leaders will be conducting a Remembrance Day ceremony tomorrow morning from 10:45am - 11:15am. All parents and community members are welcome to attend.

CONCERT TICKET ORDERS, DVD ORDERS & COSTUME REQUIREMENTS: Remember to keep Thursday 8th December free as this is our concert night. Thankyou to those parents who have offered their assistance in helping with props and costumes already. More help is always needed so don’t be shy to put your hand up to help out with sewing or creating. All costumes are due at school NOW and order forms for tickets and DVD orders will be sent home in the coming days. We will be offering DVD’s for $25.00 each and will contain the entire performance. These need to be ordered prior to the concert night.

SCHOOL REVIEW: Our school Review is well under way and our independent reviewer will be visiting the school TOMORROW. She will be speaking to staff and students to get a feel for our school. If you see Toni at school please make her feel welcome as you do with all visitors that we have at ANPS.

Regards,
Robyn Gregson - Principal
ALTONA NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL’S YEAR OF SELF-EVALUATION, REVIEW AND PLANNING

In 2016, we will be setting our school’s strategic plan direction for the next four years. Our primary goal is to provide an excellent education for every student. To do this we will evaluate our progress to date and plan a strategy that is critical to our school’s continued success – improving learning, student engagement, wellbeing and successful transitions and pathways for our students.

Staff, students and parents will work together during the year to set the strategic directions for the school using the following questions:

- What outcomes did we aim to achieve?
- What outcomes did we achieve?
- Why did we achieve / not achieve improvements in student outcomes?
- How effectively did we manage our resources to support the achievement of students outcomes?
- What can we do in the future to continue to improve?

The process of the school self evaluation provides an opportunity for our school community to reflect on our achievements, our strengths and areas where improvement is needed. After we’ve completed our self evaluation, an external reviewer will work with us to offer independent and expert advice on our progress. With their experience and knowledge of Australian and international best practice they will be able to help identify the most effective strategies for us to continue to improve into the future.

Robyn Gregson
Principal
This year’s School Concert will be held on Thursday 8th December in our School Hall. Our Prep to Grade 6 students will perform in one combined School Concert to be held at 6:00pm. The Grade 6 Graduates will also be presented on the night.

ANPS has moved into the 21st century with Concert Tickets on offer through TryBooking Online Ticketing System. From mid November, Parents will be able to go online to access a customised website and purchase tickets using credit card facilities. Tickets will then be emailed to your email address.

TryBooking is an uncomplicated, streamlined ticketing system trusted by many schools and organisations. Should parents be unable to access the internet, perhaps a friend could assist. If this is not an option, our office staff will be available to order tickets on your behalf. Online ticketing is a new process for ANPS and we are confident that it will simplify the process for all concerned.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email or phone the school office.

SOCIAL SERVICE:

Annual K-Mart Wishing Tree:
This is an ongoing fundraiser throughout Term 4.

Children are asked to start donating some of their loose change towards the purchase of a gift to be placed under the K-Mart Wishing Tree. The loose change is collected in the classroom. The gifts are purchased and collected by the Salvation Army and distributed to families or individuals who may not receive a gift at Christmas.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS:

"Be a Superhero" Walkathon
Friday 18th November

Sponsorship forms were sent home with all students this week. Students are encouraged to dress up in their favourite superhero costume, or make up their very own superhero persona. The class which fundraises the most amount as a total group will win a FREE superhero worthy buffet (halal friendly) lunch and Magic show, performed by Professional Magician Jake Wilkinson. This will be held on Friday 18th November, 1pm-2pm.

Remember as a Superhero, your greatest contribution to your school community is to uphold our school values: Respect; Excellence; Acceptance; Community; Honesty.

Families are also invited to dress up & join in the fun. The event will finish with a Dance Party in the Hall and an icy pole for each student participating.

Sponsorship forms with or without donations are due back by Thursday, 17th November. Only forms returned by this day will go into a raffle to win the "Be a Superhero" hamper.

You’ve got to be in it to win it! So team up with your classmates!

The Parents and Friends will be holding a huge End of Year Christmas Raffle. Tickets are to be distributed at the end of November. $1 per ticket or $10 per book.
If you DO NOT wish to participate in this year’s raffle, please complete the tear off slip below and return it to the school.

PARENTS & FRIENDS CHRISTMAS RAFFLE:

NO TICKETS PLEASE

Child’s Name: ____________________________ Grade: ____________________________

I DO NOT wish to receive a booklet of Raffle Tickets to sell on behalf of ANPS

Parent/Guardian Name: ____________________________
ALTONA NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL CONCERT

presents

BATTLE of the BANDS

THURSDAY 8th DECEMBER

6:00pm

ALTONA NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL
CRESSER STREET - ALTONA NORTH