Dear Parents and Families:

Well I know I often say something about the weather but this is getting very silly. We never know whether to call a hot day timetable or a wet day timetable. Very Confusing for all.

WALK-A-THON: WOW a great big THANKYOU to our Parents and Friends for an excellent day for our school. We have so many super heroes at ANPS and they all came out to play last Friday!!!!! We had every super hero you can think of even the parents came dressed up as the Super Heroes we know they are. This event finished off with some very cool dance moves and a very special lunch and magic show for Grade 1/2T Congratulations to everyone who helped support our fundraising for the school.

SCHOOL GARDEN: Our school garden is starting to take shape with our vegies starting to grow. The look on students faces when they can see the growth and changes is fabulous. Not only is the garden teaching our students about healthy eating, sustainability and gardening it is also the bases of many of our Numeracy and Literacy lessons.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS: It has been noticed that there are a number of students coming to school without the correct uniform on. Please be reminded that we do have a compulsory uniform and it is expected that students turn up to school each day with the correct uniform on. Leggings are not a part of our school uniform. Please refer to the uniform policy attached to this newsletter. If you are having any difficulties with uniforms please do not hesitate to speak to Mrs. Blunt or myself.

SCHOOL CROSSING IN CRESSER STREET: We are getting closer to the finish of our School Crossing in Cresser Street. It now needs to be checked and signed off by Vic Roads and we will then have a nice safe crossing for our community.

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.

ESSENTIAL EDUCATION SUPPLIES (EES) 2017: Forms were distributed last week to inform parents of the costs associated with Class Supplies for 2017. There are two payment options. Both require either full or part payment by the 14th December. If you need financial assistance or a payment plan, please make an appointment to speak with either Mrs. Blunt or myself.

2017 CLASS PREPARATIONS: Class preparations are well underway, if you will be moving schools next year please let the office know as soon as possible. If you know of anyone who is looking at coming to ANPS in 2016 please ask them to hand their enrolment forms in ASAP as classes are filling up fast.

STUDENT REPORTS: Reports will be sent home on Monday the 14th December. This is a great opportunity for parents to sit down with their children and discuss their children’s successes and to then work out ways of how you might be able to support them with setting goals to address areas of need. Student portfolios will be sent home with reports. It would certainly be beneficial for parents and their children to spend time going over the portfolio. Parents are able to make appointments to meet with teachers to discuss report outcomes in the final week of school. Details will be in next week’s newsletter.

MURRAY TO MOYNE: Once again we are privileged to be able to partake in this iconic event. There will be a number of ways families can help support this valuable ‘fundraising event’ for our school. Please take note that we will be planning activities to support this event early next year.

LAST DAY OF TERM 4: The end of the school year is fast approaching with only 18 days remaining. All students will be dismissed from school at 1pm on Tuesday 20th December. We will be holding our last assembly for the year on this day at 12:30pm and all students will be dismissed from the school hall. All parents are welcome to come along at this time and join us for a final celebration of the year and to say farewell to our departing Grade 6 students. Please put this important date in your diaries and make arrangements to have your child/ren picked up at this time.

Regards,
Robyn Gregson - Principal
ANPS 2016 CONCERT- BATTLE OF THE BANDS:

This year’s School Concert, “BATTLE OF THE BANDS”, 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. Performing students will not require a ticket.

**Tickets can be purchased online.**

Go to [https://www.trybooking.com/243355](https://www.trybooking.com/243355) or [www.trybooking.com](http://www.trybooking.com). (If you go to our website, www.altonanorthps.vic.edu.au you can simply click on the link).

Search Altona North Primary School and follow the prompts through to ‘checkout’ using credit card. Once you’ve completed the process, tickets will be emailed through to your email address for printing. Please print your tickets and keep them in a safe place to be presented at the door on the night of the concert. If you cannot print your tickets, you can forward your email to altona.north.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au and we will print your tickets for you. Please ensure you enter your students’ names within the email, so your tickets can be passed to your child.

Tickets are $9.70 each with a .30cent booking fee. You will be able to select seats from the allocated seating plan. TryBooking is a simple, streamlined ticketing system trusted by many schools and organisations. Should parents be unable to access the internet, perhaps a friend could assist. 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.

**LIBRARY AND UNIFORM NEWS:**

It’s that time of year again where you need to return all books borrowed from the library in preparation for the New Year. If you are having trouble finding overdue books a good place to look is under your bed or maybe on a bookcase with other books.

There is no more borrowing for the rest of the year!!

The library will no longer be open at lunch time.

If you wish to buy school uniforms for the beginning of 2017 can you please put in an order, along with a 50% deposit, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. This way it will be ready for you to pay the balance and collect your items on Tuesday 31st January between 10am-12pm when the office is open. If you don't place an order now, we cannot guarantee stock will be available.

**STUDENT BANKING:**

A big congratulations to one of our super hero Student Bankers. Abdul Nafay Ali from Prep M was a lucky winner in the Australia Zoo Competition, winning a 12 month magazine subscription to K-Zone. “Addy” made an appearance at last Monday’s assembly to make the presentation to Ali. Regular saving reaps lifelong rewards for all our student bankers.

The last banking day for 2016 will be Tuesday 13th December. Tokens will carry over into 2017 and there will be new rewards on offer. Students who are eligible and would like to redeem their 10 tokens in 2016, must place their order by next Tuesday 29th November. At this late stage of the year, many of the reward items are “out of stock”. The items pictured here are the only...
The aim of the House system is to promote a sense of belonging and pride in our students. Students are encouraged to do their best in every aspect of school life. Students gain points for their house by displaying ANPS values and receiving achievement awards.

With only 4 weeks to go, the battle for House of the Year is certainly very close. **Millers** who won last year have moved into 1st place for the first time this year. **Blackshaws** who has led for most of the year has dropped to 2nd. **Cresser** have caught up this term to be 3rd. **Mason** who won in 2014 are in 4th place but are still close enough to win.

Progressive scores are …

**MILLERS 532**  **BLACKSHAWS 530**  **CRESSER 528**  **MASON 509**

So remember to keep doing your best and may the best house win.

**Music and Performing Arts**

Things are heating up in the final round of school this year! Concert preparations are well underway and so far it looks like it is going to be a fantastic night of fun and nostalgia. We will have the Village People, Queen, The Monkees, The Bee Gees and many more fantastic bands performing on the 8th of December for a ‘Whole School Concert’. Get excited!

To prepare our lovely students for the pressures of performing we have organised some performing opportunities for them. The senior choir thoroughly enjoyed their performance at Florence Aged Care Facility. Amongst shaking off those nerves many students found it a great experience to publically speak and develop their confidence.

Don’t go just yet! Our Instrumental Group has been itching to perform at the 1st ‘Lunch Time Concert’ ever at ANPS. We have been pushing the date back however this **Friday the 25th November** has been locked in for a performance in the music room. The sliding doors will open and the audience will gather outside to listen to the sweet, rocking vibes thrown at them.

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**COMMUNITY NEWS:**

A big CONGRATULATIONS to Tommy and Maison on receiving Certificates of Educational Achievement! All staff and community members of ANPS are very proud of you both.

If you would like to feature in our “Community News” section for your amazing out of school achievements send a photo along with a quick sentence or two telling us what you're doing to; altona.north.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

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**Twilight tour and information session**

at One Tree Altona North Children’s Service

Tuesday 6 December from 5:30 - 6:30pm
10 Fifth Avenue, Altona North

RSVP to Claire McManus on 0488 644 414 or claire.mcmanus@onetree.org.au by Tuesday 29 November
Altona North Primary School, students and staff from the 1/2 unit along with Kids Thrive would like to invite ALL Parents and Community Members to join us on **MONDAY 28TH NOVEMBER** for a special assembly performance celebrating the release of the Kids Thrive CD.

The CD contains all of the original songs from the concert performance.

The CD will be available for purchase on the morning for **$5** - what a great Christmas present idea.

**DON’T MISS OUT ON YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO OWN THIS ONE OF A KIND COLLECTORS ITEM!!!**