Dear Parents and Families:

Here we are the first week of December and only a few weeks of the school year left. I was quite shocked when someone said that there was only fourteen school days left!!!!!!!! With everything that is happening around the school, I’m sure we need more time to fit it all in. Children get tired at this time of year (as do parents!!! Believe me I have been there!!) So make sure you get some down time in. Talk about all the positive things that are happening and keep the language positive. This all helps to get through the end of year hustle and bustle.

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

SCHOOL CROSSING IN CRESSER STREET: IT’S NEARLY FINISHED!!!!!!!!!!! Council were here again this morning working on the finishing touches. Fingers crossed it won’t be long now.

BUNNINGS BUDDY BENCH: Exciting News—Tomorrow we have a representative from Bunnings Altona bringing along a “Buddy Bench” . This is a project that Bunnings are doing with our Grade 6 students. The Grade 6 students will assist in painting the bench and leaving a lasting memory of our 2016 Grade 6 Graduates.

CONCERT TICKET ORDERS, DVD ORDERS: Remember to keep next 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 . Tickets are selling fast so don’t delay. Purchase your tickets on line now!

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 ASAP. If you know of anyone who is looking at coming to ANPS in 2017, please ask them to hand their enrolment forms in ASAP as classes are filling up fast.

PREP 2017: Next Wednesday is the last of our 5 Transition sessions for our 2017 Preps. They have settled into school beautifully and are all looking forward to an exciting year next year. Thankyou to all the parents who have been busy bringing their children to school in preparation for their success at school. It’s been great meeting everyone.

STUDENT REPORTS: Reports will be sent home on Monday the 12th December. This is a great opportunity for parents to sit down with their children and discuss their children’s successes and to 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 in next week’s newsletter.

PARENTS AND CARERS IN SCHOOL BUILDINGS: We are asking that ALL parents and carers please remain outside when picking up their children. This is for the safety of all students at our school and gives teachers the opportunity to check on all students before they leave.

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. 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 students will be dismissed from the school hall. 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:

SCHOOL CONCERT - NEXT THURSDAY 8TH DECEMBER!!!!!!

Tickets can still 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.

DVD’s are $25 each and must be ordered prior to the concert using pre paid envelopes available from the office.

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Please note the following details to assist with the smooth running of the Concert.

- **All students are to be dropped off, in costume at their classroom by 5:30pm.** Parents will meet class teachers and children will be signed in.
- **The Concert runs from 6:00pm-9:00pm approximately.**
- **All students performing must be escorted to and from the concert by a parent/guardian.**
- Once children have been dropped off at their classrooms parents/guardians then IMMEDIATELY move to the front entrance of the hall and wait for the doors to open to be seated.
- **All children attending as part of the audience are the responsibility of a parent/guardian.**
- Students are to bring water bottles marked clearly with their names.
- Students are to bring Puffers/Medication if required and give to their teacher.
- **PLEASE- NO STILLETTO HEELS TO BE WORN IN THE HALL**
- **THERE WILL BE A DESIGNATED AREA FOR PRAMS & STROLLERS**
- **THERE IS TO BE NO FOOD OR DRINK CONSUMED IN THE HALL OR FOYER**
- **NO SMOKING ANYWHERE ON SCHOOL GROUNDS**
- Audience members are to remain seated during all acts. If movement is essential it must be done IN BETWEEN ACTS. Please respect the children performing on stage.
- There will be no tickets for sale at the door.
- **HAIR & MAKE UP-** Students hair is to be styled neatly at home before arriving at school. A small amount of stage make up is permitted but NOT compulsory; and is to be applied at home. There will be NO makeup provided by the school.
- Upon conclusion of the concert, parents/guardians are asked to remain seated and await instructions from Mrs. Gregson regarding collection of students. Students will be taken back to their classrooms where parents/guardians will collect their children. Students will need to be signed out by the teachers. It is important that this procedure is followed to ensure the safety of your children and family members.

Thanking you in advance for your co-operation, A.N.P.S. Concert Committee.
END OF YEAR RAFFLE

Tickets have gone home via the eldest child in the family. Tickets are $1 each or $10 for a book of 10. If extra books are needed, a note from home signed by an adult needs to be sent to school ASAP. ALL TICKETS ARE DUE BACK WITH BY MONDAY 12th DEC. RAFFLE PRIZES WILL BE DRAWN ON TUESDAY MORNING 13th DEC. (Please ignore the dates printed on the sticky label on the raffle book). It is a legal requirement for all sold or unsold tickets are to be returned to school.

Prizes to be won are: Puffing Billy Family Pass, Lantern Ghost Tour, Sun Theatre Movie Tickets, Wyncity Bowling & Lasertag Pass, hampers and lots more.

Donations for hampers would be greatly appreciated. Please drop them off ASAP to the school office.

Parents & Friends would like to send a huge thankyou for the support of staff, students and families for all our fundraising activities. We were able to raise over $1500 with the Walkathon! A huge effort.

A.N.P.S HOUSE POINTS:

HOUSE POINTS UPDATE

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 now only 2 weeks to go, the battle for House of the Year is certainly very close. Millers who won last year are looking to go back to back and sit in 2nd place. Blackshaws who has led for most of the year have dropped to 3rd. Cresser continue to rack up the points and have moved into 1st place. Mason who won in 2014 are in 4th place but are still close enough to win.

Progressive scores are ... CRESSER 558 MILLERS 554 BLACKSHAWS 550 MASON 537

PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS:

END OF YEAR RAFFLE

LIBRARY AND UNIFORM NEWS:

SOCIAL SERVICE NEWS:

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.
ALTONA NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL presents

BATTLE of the BANDS

THURSDAY 8th of DECEMBER

6:00pm

ALTONA NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL
CRESSER STREET - ALTONA NORTH