Dear Parents and Families:

I hope you have all survived the hot weather we have had lately. It looks as though we may have a little relief for a day or two.

**LABOUR DAY:** Just a reminder that there is NO school on Monday as it is a Public Holiday for Labour Day.

**MURRAY 2 MOYNE BIKE RIDE:** Not long now before our team heads off to the great Murray River to participate in the Murray 2 Moyne Bike Ride. Donations are starting to come in now and we will be having our Bike Ride Fundraising evening after school on Friday March 18th. Come along to our sausage sizzle and have a go at Bike Ed activities, and also a bowling alley. Lots of fun for everyone! We have key rings for sale at the canteen for $1 each, these will also be available to purchase on the evening.

**PREP 2017:** We are now accepting Prep enrolments for the 2017 school year. We have a limited number of places left for next year. If you or anyone you know wishes to enrol at ANPS, please do so as soon as possible to avoid missing out. There will be a Prep 2017 Information Evening on 27th April. We look forward to seeing you there.

**CITY KIDS CAMP:** I have been in touch with our campers everyday and boy, have they been having a great time! You can see some photos later in the newsletter. Mrs Blunt and Ms Shiels have both commented on the excellent behaviour of all the students attending and of their enthusiasm when trying new challenges has been outstanding. Swimming seems to be a favourite daily past-time to cool down after long hot days exploring the area of Echuca. I look forward to hearing lots more stories when they come home.

**RESPONSIBLE PETS PROGRAM:** The students from Grade Prep through to Grade 2 had the fortune of having an incursion on Monday introducing them to responsibly look after their pets to make sure they are fed, well looked after and cared for. This turned out to be a very popular incursion with the students who showed great enthusiasm and asked some fabulous questions. Well done Prep to 2s. Thankyou to Mrs Touma for her organisation.

**CURRICULUM PLANNING:** Next Tuesday all of our Curriculum Leaders will be meeting to plan our extensive curriculum and align it with the new Victorian Curriculum. These teachers will be replaced so no student will miss out on their learning for the day. The curriculum at ANPS is second to none. With the leadership of our Curriculum Leaders we can continue to have excellence in student learning, teaching and engagement. Thankyou to all of our teaching staff for the excellent planning and delivery across the school.

**SOCCER CLINIC:** We had a small number of students turn up for the soccer clinic last night but they were enjoying every minute out there with the coach. Emma made me laugh with her determination to kick a goal. Well done Emma, a definite sports person in the making!!!!!!!!

**STUDENT SAFETY:** A reminder!!!!! For all of our students’ safety: **All parents and visitors to our school must be signed in at the office and receive a visitors badge.** We must know at all times who is on the premises, where and why.

Another reminder: **NO PARENT IS TO CONFRONT ANOTHER CHILD WHILST ON SCHOOL PROPERTY OR WITHIN THE SURROUNDING AREA.** If there is any issue please see the teacher on duty, (Mrs. Blunt and Myself are on duty each afternoon), or contact the school. We look into issues and address them straight away without parents stepping in and making students and parents feel uncomfortable.

I hope you all enjoy your long weekend with family and friends. Those families going to Moomba have a wonderful time and enjoy all the activities available.

Robyn Gregson - Principal.
CSEF has arrived. Families who made a successful CSEF claim this year can now access these funds to pay for camps, sports, excursion and incursions.

The tear off slip attached to the school activity note will include an option to pay using CSEF funds. If you nominate to use CSEF and you have insufficient funds, the office will contact you to make alternate arrangements.

If you have outstanding charges for camps, sports, excursions or incursions, your CSEF funds will be automatically allocated, unless you otherwise notify the office. Please call the office if you have any queries.

This week the Preps and Grade 1/2 students participated in the Responsible Pet Ownership Education Program. They learned the safe way to approach a dog and what to do if they are approached by an angry dog. They had a great time learning through singing and movement and particularly enjoyed putting their new dog approaching skills into action by patting Max, the (very patient!) Jack Russell.

All accounts for Essential Education Supplies should now be fully paid and all students should have their class supplies. However there are some families who have only made part payment and have an overdue balance. Reminder statements will be sent home with the eldest child in the family before the end of term. Please settle these overdue accounts before the 23rd March.

All visitors to ANPS must sign in at the office and receive a Visitor Pass. Please do not enter the corridors when dropping off your child in the morning or collecting them in the afternoon. Remember also, the car park is for staff only. These rules are in place to ensure the safety of all students and visitors at all times.
Our staff and students are enjoying the warm weather on the City Kids Camp. We look forward to their return so we can hear all about their experience.
Visit our webpage regularly at www.altonanorthps.vic.edu.au to stay in tune with what’s going on, in and around ANPS. Our webpage is a great way to keep
PREP PICNIC:
It’s exciting!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
On the 1st of April 2016 a team of riders and crew will be riding for Altona North Primary School in the Murray to Moyne Cycle Relay to raise money for student Welfare and Health and Wellbeing. We endorse that all children have the right to learn and to be their best throughout life and Altona North PS is “Where the Journey Begins”. We have a diverse community culture and extensive welfare system across the school which we wish to embrace for all students and their families.
Last year we were able to subsidise buses for excursions, camps and assist with a number of incursions. This is done behind the scenes adding to the special events and times we have here at ANPS.
On the 2nd and 3rd April our riders will ride from the Murray River in Echuca to the Moyne River in Port Fairy (520 km) over a 24 hour period to raise much needed money to support our children. Our riders and crew are a dedicated group of people from various backgrounds who are ready to take on the challenge of riding day and night to assist in providing valuable resources to the welfare of children at Altona North Primary School.
The Murray to Moyne Cycle Relay is a well-established fundraising event for health related organisations. This ride has been going each year for the past 26 years. In 2016 there will be 1700 riders participate in the ride leaving from three destinations: Echuca, Swan Hill and Mildura. The ride covers 520 km within 24 hours through the country towns of Victoria and raises money through sponsorship to assist schools and organisations to care for a range of health related issues. All funds raised are for ANPS.
We are asking for support from our families to get behind Team 101 in getting sponsorship, helping to provide us with the food/ drinks needed during the ride or any other assistance you can give.
To keep our riders feed during the ride and we are asking if people can help with donations of any of the following which will enable us to keep costs down and put more money into the school:
- tetra fruit boxes
- long life Big M
- Chocolate
- jube lollies
- nuts
- dried fruit
- snack packs of chips/ biscuits etc.
- margarine
- chocolate bars
- cans of drink
- Gatorade / sports drinks
Some people may find this way of supporting the bike ride easier and ANY assistance is appreciated.
If you prefer there is the opportunity to go on line and sponsor our team through a donation. ANPS gets this money paid to us when the ride is completed. The website to visit is www.murraytomoyne.com.au All donations made via the website are fully tax deductible.
If you would like to know more about the M2M ride please don’t hesitate to ask.
Regards
Robyn Gregson