Dear Parents and Families:

I do hope you all had a lovely long weekend. The weather was perfect for family outings or just lazing in the backyard.

**WESTERN BULLDOGS VISIT:** Today we had a visit from the Western Bulldogs. The 3 / 4 Unit had a great time during their football clinic with the players. Every experience our students have whether it is sport, the arts, challenges, camps, reading, writing or maths helps make them more knowledgeable, experienced and keen learners. This is why we accept clinics and opportunities to give our students the leading edge in having a go and being confident in what they do. Thankyou to the Western Bulldogs for their support.

**HARMONY DAY:** Tomorrow - Friday 18th March is Harmony Day. All parents and family members are welcome to join with us in a whole school Circle of Friendship at 1pm followed by a picnic lunch at 1:15pm. We would love to see as many of you as possible to help us celebrate our diversity.

**MURRAY TO MOYNE FUNDRAISER AND SAUSAGE SIZZLE:** Don’t forget to come along and enjoy the M2M Sausage Sizzle after school tomorrow. P&F have organised another of their famous sausage sizzles. We will have a ten pin bowling lane at 3 turns for $1, there will also be keyrings for sale and a chance to do some of the Bike Education circuits so bring your bike and have a go.

**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. Please continue to help out with donations, food and drinks for the riders as this will cut down on our costs over the course of the ride.

**PREP 2017:** We are now accepting Prep enrolments for the 2017 school year. We have a number of enquiries and interest regarding places for next year which is very exciting. 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.

**TERM 1 FINISH:** A reminder to all families that there is an early finish on the last day of term, Thursday 24th March. There is NO afternoon assembly as we will be having the Easter Parade and special visitor in the hall starting at 9am. All parents and family members are welcome to join us. Students will be dismissed from their rooms at 2:00pm. Please make sure you have alternative arrangements in place for this day.

**CURRICULUM PLANNING:** Our Curriculum Leaders were hard at work on Tuesday developing the Victorian Curriculum to lead our school and our student learning into the future. Thankyou to Mrs. Blunt for her leadership. I am looking forward in seeing it rolled out across the school as we head into the Education State. This is a term you will be hearing as our journey.

**SMOKING:** Please be aware that smoking is banned within the grounds of, and within four metres of entrances to childcare centres, kindergartens, preschools and schools. The purpose of this Smoke Free Legislation is to protect children and young people from the harms of second-hand smoke and to reduce role modelling of smoking behaviours to children and young people. It has come to our attention that there are parents smoking within 4 meters of the school This is not acceptable as it is against the law. If you wish to smoke please do so away from the school.

Have a great weekend!

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.

Enrolments are now open and filling up extremely fast for Prep 2017. If you have any children ready for school next year or know of any family or friends that have Prep aged children please collect and hand in enrolment forms as soon as possible.

The 2017 Prep Information Night will be held on Wednesday 27th April.

M2M FAMILY BBQ & BIKE ED:
Friday 18th March, 3:15pm
Don't forget to pre order your sausage sizzle to help with catering.
Bring your bike & helmet to join in the bike ed program and meet our BIOYA bike rally team. Lots of merchandise available on the day too.

EASTER RAFFLE:
1st prize is a family pass to Irukandji Shark & Ray Encounters. There are lots of Easter hampers to be won!

HOT CROSS BUNS:
Routley's Hot Cross Buns $6 per 6 pack.
Due back Friday 18th March.
2 types available:
Traditional Fruit buns (6pack)
Choc Chip buns (6pack).
This year we will be raising funds to put up shade sails in the 1/2 line up area and create even more play areas for our children to have fun and engage with friends and classmates.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IS COMING!
TERM 2: Monday 18th to Friday 24th April
Everyone is invited to our Monster Book Fair.
Look out for our friendly monsters popping up around the school and start thinking about the books you would love to buy.
If you would like to volunteer your time to help Angela at the Book Fair, please contact Angela at the library.
Many Thanks!
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 fed 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
Once again ANPS are participating in the Murray to Moyne Cycle Relay to raise money for Student Welfare and Health and Wellbeing at our school.

Last year the funds raised from this event were used to subsidise buses for excursions, camps and assist with a number of incursions.

Our riders leave from the Murray River in Echuca on the morning of Saturday 2\textsuperscript{nd} April and arrive at the Moyne River in Port Fairy on Sunday 3\textsuperscript{rd} April – 520km in total.

In order for this major fundraiser to be a success, we need your help!

To kick start the event ANPS Parents & Friends are hosting a family afternoon on the school grounds from 3:30pm onwards.

We will have a BBQ, Bike Education Sessions and an outdoor Bowling Alley (gold coin donation for bowling).

Come along, bring your bikes, bring your family and join in the fun!

**FRIDAY 18\textsuperscript{th} MARCH 3:30pm**

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*In memory of ‘Woody’*