Dear Parents and Families:

Well here we are at the end of first term already. It seems like only yesterday we were welcoming everyone back for the 2016 school year and saying hello to our new Preps, who have settled into school life with ease.

EASTER HAT PARADE: This morning we had a EGGCELLENT AND EGGCITING Easter Hat Parade. Thank you to all the students and staff for their wonderful hats and to the 5/6 students for making my spectacular hat. Also a BIG thank you to the Easter Bunny who arrived and gave everyone a yummy Easter egg. (Thank you Parents and Friends!!)

Our out of uniform day raised $442.50 for the Royal Children’s Hospital. Many families are touched in one way or another by the Royal Children’s Hospital so it is wonderful that we can give to such a worthy cause. Mrs Morgan will organise this money to be sent off.

Whilst on Easter, what a great effort Parents and Friends - they raised $283 on the Easter raffle and $133 on the Hot Cross Bun Drive. Thank you also to our community for supporting these events.

HARMONY DAY: Thank you to all families who helped us celebrate Harmony Day last week. It was so nice to walk around the classroom and see all the activities, the mixed age groups and sibling groups all working together on their projects. The windmills looked sensational!!!!

Thank you to all the staff especially Mrs. Morgan and Mrs Blunt for all their behind-the-scenes work. RESPECT is a value we work on at school every day and Harmony Day is one way we can think about how we respect others, their beliefs and be accepting of all people.

MURRAY TO MOYNE FUNDRAISER AND SAUSAGE SIZZLE: Thank you to all those Parents, students and staff who braved last week’s cold snap and came along to enjoy our sausage sizzle and games. The 10 Pin Bowling was a great success so thankyou to Tara for sourcing that for us. Thankyou also to our wonderful team of parents for organising and preparing our sausages - they were very yummy. We raised $213 on the night. Good job everyone.

MURRAY 2 MOYNE BIKE RIDE: Only a week to go and we will be off on the Murray to Moyne Bike Ride. Please keep sending in donations as the money raised goes to our school to help out with Wellbeing and Health related programs. We have a terrific team of people riding and crewing for this year: Ms Shiels (Teacher), Wendy Curran (Business Manager), Mrs Gregson (Principal), Glen Smith (Has been in the team for 20 years), Marthese Kavanagh (Fire Ed Consultant, 20 years in the team), Craig Eldrige (oil rigger), Graeme Geary (Mr Cycling himself), Gus Garnsworthy (an ex-Principal), Bruce Bolton (new to the team) and Peter Lang (new to the team). I would like to thank these people for their time and commitment to our school. This ride covers 520 km in 24 hours so it is a long way and very tiring. Also thankyou to Ms Shiels and Wendy for giving up four days of their holidays to support our school.

PREP 2017: We are now accepting Prep enrolments for the 2017 school year. We have a number of enquires and interest regarding places for next year all ready. 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 an Information Evening on 27th April. We look forward to seeing you there.

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 holiday. Rest up and be safe and I will see you all back here in Term 2 Have Fun - 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.

CAMP, SPORTS & EXCURSION FUND

WORKING BEE:

Altona North Primary School will be holding a Working Bee and Sausage Sizzle on Sunday 17th April. We would love as many volunteers as possible to help us out on this day. If you have any skills working in gardens or just enjoy weeding and planting plants, you are welcome to come along on the day. Please contact the office for more details and to let us know if you're interested.

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Many Thanks!

The running times for the Bookfair will be:
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Camperdown Primary School will be holding a Working Bee and Sausage Sizzle on Sunday 17th April. We would love as many volunteers as possible to help us out on this day. If you have any skills working in gardens or just enjoy weeding and planting plants, you are welcome to come along on the day. Please contact the office for more details and to let us know if you're interested.

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HARMONY DAY

We all Belong
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INFORMATION EVENING
WEDNESDAY 27TH APRIL
6:00pm - 7:00pm
*Child care available on the night*

For more information: 9391 4233 or altona.north.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au