**Reminders:**

**Working Bee - Sunday 17th April**

**School Photos - Thursday 28th April**

### From the Principal

**EXCELLENCE** - To be the best we can
- Aim to reach above your standards, no matter how difficult something may be.
- Try our best in everything we do
- Be persistent

This is one aspect of our Vision and Values and these words were chosen by our students and parents. The students learn the values in their classrooms and we ask that you talk at home about them and what they mean so the whole community has a common understanding.

**Dear Parents and Families:**

Welcome back to Term 2. Last term was a short term and we now face a much longer one. It will help our students if they are able to be organised and prepared for their days at school. This can be done by having their uniforms out the night before ready to put on in the mornings, make snacks and lunches the night before and put them in the fridge ready, set the alarm clock so you don’t have to rush to get to school on time and aim to be at school 10 minutes before the bell so students have time to settle and socialise before going into class.

**MR. O’BRIEN:** I would like to take this opportunity to officially congratulate Mr. O’Brien on his successful application as Director of Carranballac College. Mr. O’Brien was Principal at Altona North Primary School for the past 25 years and saw many students go through ANPS. On behalf of the Altona North PS students, staff and community we wish him all the best in his new position. As an update I will continue as Principal and Mrs. Blunt as Assistant Principal for Term 2.

**Murray 2 Moyne Bike Ride:** A huge thank you to the Murray to Moyne Team. As you would know we had a team entered in the Murray to Moyne Bike Ride to raise funds for our school, these funds assist with camps, excursions, excursions and many other welfare related items across the school. This occurred on the middle weekend of the holidays and once again our team was sensational with head winds all the way. Ending up 2 riders short and one crew member down there was no time to rest for anyone. Currently we have raised $2,500 with more coming in so it isn’t too late to get sponsorship in. I would like to thank everyone at school who contributed to helping the bike ride get on the road especially to Wendy Curran (office), Ms Shiels (teacher), Marthesse Kavanagh, (MFB), Glen Smith (Powercorp and who celebrated his 60th birthday with us on the ride), Graeme Geary (Salter Cycles), Gus Gansworth (Altona Rotary), Bruce Boulton (Boulton Gardening), Peter Laing (Altona Rotary). These people were sensational and very passionate about supporting our school. On behalf of the school community a certificate of appreciation will be sent to the team members. A big “Thank You” to Chemmart Chemist (Altona Rotary), Bruce Boulton (Boulton Gardening), Peter Laing (Altona Rotary). These people were sensational and very passionate about supporting our school. On behalf of the Altona North PS staff and community we wish him all the best in his new position. As an update I will continue as Assistant Principal for Term 2.

**Planning Week:** This week teachers have been busy planning your child/children’s curriculum for the term. Whilst walking around and hearing some of the planning I’m very excited about the passion and dedication that is being shown by our staff. Altona North is a highly respected and sort after school by Universities and pre service teachers wanting to learn from our teachers, Our Curriculum leaders across the school, under the guidance of Mrs. Blunt, have high expectations of our students and school. They are extremely thorough and passionate that all student learning is at the highest individual potential. Congratulations to all staff for providing such excellent learning opportunities for our students.

**Working Bee and Sausage Sizzle:** Remember this Sunday morning we have a Working Bee for our school community. There are lots of jobs to do around the school and many hands will make light work and let us finish much sooner. If you have some time on Sunday morning even if only for an hour please come along and enjoy working with other parents and join us for a sausage sizzle lunch.

**Information Evening:** Wednesday 27th April is our Information night, if you know any families interested in coming to Altona North Primary School, or of any children ready to begin Prep please give them this information so they too can come along and see the great things happening at ANPS.

**Staffing:** Due to unforeseen circumstances both Suzi our speech therapist and Josh our Community Development Worker must change their days of attendance. Please note:
- Suzi will be at school on Mondays and Fridays
- Josh will be at school on Wednesday and Fridays (this means Breakfast Club will move to Wednesdays and Fridays NOT Thursday)

Have a great weekend.

Robyn Gregson - Principal.
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.

PREP 2017:

Enrolments are now open and filling up extremely fast for Prep 2017. If you have a 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 Information Night will be held on Wednesday 27th April from 6pm.

VISITORS:

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.

BOOKFAIR NEWS:

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IS COMING!

NEXT WEEK: Monday 18th to Friday 22nd 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!

The running times for the Bookfair will be:
- Monday: closed in the morning 3.15pm - 3.30pm
- Tuesday: 8.30am - 8.45am & 3.15pm - 3.30pm
- Wednesday: 8.30am - 8.45am closed in the afternoon
- Thursday: 8.30am - 8.45am & 3.15pm - 3.30pm
- Friday: 8.30am - 8.45am closed in the afternoon.

BREAKFAST CLUB

As of next week BREAKFAST CLUB will be held on WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY morning.

Breakfast club will no longer be on a Thursday. If you have any question about this please contact the office. Thank you for your understanding.

GREAT NEWS!!!!!

State Schools’ Relief (SSR) is offering uniform support to all 2016 Government School Prep recipients of the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF). If you have a child in Prep 2016 and have made a successful CSEF application, you will soon receive a uniform order form to complete and return to the school.

Many families claimed CSEF at the beginning of 2016 and need take no further action. However if you only recently became eligible for a Health Care Card or Pension Card and your card is valid as of the 11th April 2016, CSEF applications can be processed until June 3rd, 2016.

Families eligible for uniform support can select either a windcheater and tracksuit pants, or a bomber jacket; just in time for winter. Once the application is approved by SSR, a voucher is dispatched electronically to the school. The school then provides the voucher to the parent/student to present at the school shop within 45 days.

For more information please see the fact sheet attached to this newsletter. If you have any queries, please contact our friendly office staff. As this is a new initiative, we may not have all the answers, but we will do our best.

ALTONA NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL - 2017 Enrolments now being accepted.
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
COMMUNITY NEWS:

Hobson’s Bay City Council has advised us that there is currently a scam person approaching households in the area claiming to be from Telstra. They are offering services and then charging people. Please always check for credentials before allowing anyone into your home.
Thank you to Maggie (Ana, Michael and Christopher's mum) for donating some wonderful puzzles to the Prep Unit. The Preps love playing with the new puzzles.

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MONDAY 18th APRIL
3.15 pm – 3.30 pm
TUESDAY 19th APRIL
8.30 am – 8.45 am & 3.15 pm – 3.30 pm
WEDNESDAY 20th APRIL
8.30 am – 8.45 am
THURSDAY 21st APRIL
8.30 am – 8.45 am & 3.15 pm – 3.30 pm
FRIDAY 22nd APRIL
8.30 am – 8.45 am

Everyone is invited to our Monster Book Fair. Look through your Book Fair Invite Catalogue and start thinking about the books you would love to buy. All purchases benefit our school.