Dear Parents and Families:

WELCOME:
I would like to welcome our new staff to the school: Ms. Woodman in 5/6, Ms. Roussos in 5/6, Ms. Anastasiou in 3/4, Nicola Roberts our Speech Therapist, Amelia Ingram our Youth Worker and Maggie Joseski in the canteen. Please give these staff members a very warm Altona North welcome when you see them around the school.

I would like to also welcome all of our new students and families to our school, I am certain that you will enjoy being a part of our friendly and supportive community.

PREPS:
Our new Preps began their school journey last Thursday and what a treat it was to see them all arriving and settling into their day at school. As usual, parents were far more anxious than the children. They have now all settled in like they have been here for weeks and already we are seeing our future leaders emerging and blooming with confidence.

EXCELLENCE IN LEARNING:
Yesterday we were very lucky to have two of our Educational Leaders from the Region come and visit our school and spend time looking at our data. The Department of Education has many data sets they collect from schools which drives our vision in learning. They were extremely impressed by the growth shown in our data, student learning focus, the strength of our supportive community and the friendliness of our students and staff. We were told we were an “up and coming school” doing great teaching and learning, most definitely on the upward path of learning.

POP UP PLAYGROUP:
Great news for all you mums with pre school aged children! The Hobson’s Bay Council are starting a Pop Up Playgroup here at ANPS. Come along tomorrow from 9am until 11am for a chat and to meet other parents while your children play. I’d Love to see you all there, bring along friends with you.

You do not have to have children attending ANPS to attend, it is open for families in the Hobson’s Bay area.

SCHOOL COUNCIL and ELECTIONS:
Nominations are now open for 4 parent vacancies on our school council. If you are an enthusiastic parent interested in getting more involved and having a say in what our school is doing, or know someone who is, we would love to hear from you. We are looking for people who are committed to improving the educational outcomes for all our students.

Effective councils have a broad range of experience, skills and expertise. Face-to-face and online training is also available to help councillors develop the skills and knowledge for the job. Parents find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

Nominations close on Wednesday 15th February and forms are available from school reception. speak to myself or any of our school councillors if you would like some further information.

SUNSMART: Every student MUST wear a hat when in the yard or they WILL be sitting under cover and unable to go into the playground. A friendly reminder to all in our community that we live in an environment that has great potential to do damage to our skin. Our school Sunsmart policy requires children to wear polo shirts, collared clothing and Sunsmart hats during school hours. We encourage the use of sunscreen but DO NOT allow students to share this at school as it may cause rashes to other students.

We also encourage students to be Sunsmart out of school hours and are pleased to see our students wearing their school hats before and after school.

From the Principal

All adults wishing to assist Altona North Primary School in 2017 by either attending school excursions, coming in for class sessions or assisting in the canteen are required to have a valid Working with Children Check.

Applications can be made online at http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/ there is no charge for Volunteers. These checks are valid for 5 years and replace the old system of police checks.

PARENTS & FRIENDS:

Would you like to be part of the Parents and Friends Team? VOLUNTEERS WANTED!!!!!

Parents and Friends are a group of ANPS community members who meet once a week on Friday mornings at school. We would love for you to join the team and help with the following:
Fruit delivery to classrooms, Reading, Canteen, Garden work, Fundraising, Other....?? (we'd love to hear what you might like to do)

Fruit sorting and delivery needs volunteers for the following dates:

14/2 ☐ YES, I am interested in Fruit Delivery.
21/2 ☐ Name:___________________________ Contact no.:____________________
28/2 ☐ Name of eldest child:___________________________ Grade:_______________
7/3 ☐ Name:___________________________ Contact no.:____________________
14/3 ☐ Name of eldest child:___________________________ Grade:_______________

Please tick the box/es for the dates you can help.

Please fill in the tear off slip below and send back to school as soon as possible or drop by on a Friday morning to find out more.

_________________________________________________________________________________________________

YES, I am interested in learning more / joining Parents and Friends.
Name:___________________________ Contact no.:____________________
Name of eldest child:___________________________ Grade:_______________

From the Principal Continued...

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Altona North Primary School would like to be connected with you and we have many ways for you to do this.

Web:
Sign up for our weekly newsletter and stay up-to-date with what’s taking place.

Our app:
Via the App Store and Google Play store search “UPDAT-ED” and select Altona North Primary School.

Facebook:
https://www.facebook.com/AltonaNorthPrimarySchoolOfficial/

If your child has participated in something outstanding outside of school hours we would love to feature their achievement in the school newsletter - send us an email along with a brief description to altona.north.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
Altona North
Fun with Friends
Playgroup

Each Friday during the school term
9.00am -11.00am
Altona North Primary School
51 Cresser Street, Altona North.

Fun with friends is a free playgroup giving you and your child the opportunity to meet local families with preschool children.
For information ring or text Jacinta – 0417 394 137