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Dates to Remember

TERM 4:

DECEMBER:

Monday 17th: Reports sent home
Raffle Tickets due back
Tuesday 18th: Grade 6 Big Day Out
Class Parties
Raffle Draw
Wednesday 19th: Sausage Sizzle Lunch Day

Friday 21st:

Out of Uniform Day
Gold Coin Donation in Support of Murray 2 Moyne Cycle Relay

End of Term 4. 1pm finish.



2019

TERM 1:

JANUARY:

Tuesday 29th: ANPS Office and Uniform Shop OPEN 1PM - 3PM
EES Early Bird payments close
Thursday 31st: ALL STUDENTS START SCHOOL @8:45am

REMINDERS:

Raffle Tickets due back Monday 17th December
Raffle Drawn Tuesday 18th December
Class parties 1pm Tuesday 18th December
Sausage Sizzle Lunch Day Wednesday 19th December

From the Principal

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Dear Parents and Families: Well the weather has us tricked at the moment with 36 degrees one day and pouring rain the next, makes for interesting discussions. With only one week to go students are getting very excited about the up coming holidays. School uniforms are still required to be worn and normal school lessons are occurring.

STUDENT REPORTS: Reports will be sent home on Monday 17th December. This is a great opportunity for parents to sit down with their children and *discuss their children's successes* and to work out ways of how you might be able to support them with setting goals to address areas of need.

Student portfolios will be sent home with reports. It would certainly be beneficial for parents and their children to spend time going over the portfolio.

Thankyou to our wonderful teachers for the work they put into reports for your children they do a sensational job.

STAFFING FOR 2019: Can you believe we are thinking of 2019 already. We have a few changes next year:

Mr. John is on leave for 12 months

Fay is on leave for 12 months

Libby B is leaving to pursue her further education

Kayla is leaving also to pursue her passion

Tayla is leaving to follow her training as a Psychologist

We wish all of these people all the best for next year and into the future. Thankyou for being a part of the ANPS community.

SCHOOL CONCERT: It's hard to believe this time last week we were sweltering in the heat with our school concert on the headlines for the night. We tried all day to keep the hall cool for the evening but unfortunately this was not very successful but I congratulate all the students and parents for their tolerance and the concert went off without a hitch. As always, our students performed to their very best and I think it would be hard to pick a highlight as they were all show-stopping performances. A huge thankyou to our students and staff for all their hard work and a great big thankyou to Mr John for his hard work bringing it all together. This will be Mr John's last concert for a little while as he has taken 12 months leave in 2019 so wish him all the best.

KID'S THRIVE: You have heard me speak about Kids Thrive and Kid's as Catalysts and I would like to thank the Kid's Thrive people for their support of our school and the work that they have done with our students.

Yesterday was the finale for our grade 5/6 students in presenting the past 2 terms of work. It was an amazing experience and extremely touching. Our students have worked with 4 community groups that they chose through their own passions.

I would like to congratulate our 5/6 students on the fantastic work they have done and the community spirit that they developed.



"Consider Others"

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Principal's Report Continued

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: Don't forget to get your raffle tickets back to school, you have to be in it to win it and there some fabulous prizes to be won. *It is a legal requirement that we have all tickets returned, sold or unsold.*

WISHING TREE: Grades have been collecting money throughout the year and will be presenting their class gifts at assembly on Monday. Thankyou tp Mrs. Morgan for your organisation and support of the Wishing Tree to help those in need.

BIG DAY OUT: Our Grade 6 students will be attending Big Day Out on Tuesday next week, this is their final hurray for all their years at primary school. I hope Mr. Raghdo and Mr James can keep up!!!!!!!!! The rest of the school will be having their class parties on this day.

CANTEEN: Sadly our canteen ladies are finishing up and today will be their last day with us. Please make sure you send your children to school with lunch and snack each day next week and for the start of the 2019 School Year.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE LUNCH DAY: We have decided to hold a **sausage sizzle lunch day** next **Wednesday 19th December**. An order form is on the last page of this newsletter - Please make sure the order form is sent to the office with payment by Tuesday 18th December.

LAST DAY OF TERM 4: The end of the school year is fast approaching. All students will be dismissed from school at **1pm on Friday 21st December** We will be holding our last assembly for the year on this day at 12:30pm and students will be dismissed from the school hall. Please put this important date in your diaries and make arrangements to have your child/ren picked up at this time.

With all this rain about make sure you stay safe on the roads and have a great weekend.

Robyn Gregson- Principal

Concert DVD Announcement:

AIDEMMEDIA, this year's concert videographer, has advised us that the quality of the DVD has been affected due to the difficult recording conditions that the videographers experienced on concert night. This was due to audience members continuously walking across the centre camera or standing in front of the camera despite being asked to move multiple times. Additionally, the camera was knocked during the recording process. Again, this was due to audience members not respecting the space provided for the videographers.

We ask that parents and families that have purchased DVD's understand the difficult conditions of which the videographers experienced on concert night and act in a manner that reflects this understanding. Additionally, concert nights after this year will have measures put into place as a means of educating audience members in regards to the videographers and therefore ensure a higher quality recording.

Our professional staff have perceived this as a pressing issue, shown collaboration as a means of developing a solution and aim to create an environment where parents, families, students and staff can positively experience the joys of concert night.

HOUSE POINTS UPDATE

Students gain points for their house by displaying ANPS values and receiving achievement awards.

With now only 2 weeks to go, the battle for House of the Year is certainly very close. Congratulations to **MASON** who won last week.

Last week's scores were ...

BLACKSHAWS 14 MILLERS 20 CRESSER 17 MASON 25

So remember to keep doing your best and maybe try to do something special in the last week that could get your house extra points.

The final scores for the year will be revealed at our final assembly and may the best house win.

GO MILLERS GO CRESSER GO BLACKSHAWS GO MASON

IMPORTANT END OF YEAR INFORMATION

2019 Essential Education Supplies (EES):

The School Council has determined the cost of the **2019 Essential Education Supplies to be \$200** per child. This covers essential education items and materials for learning and teaching for next year. The school is able to buy these supplies in bulk to receive discount prices. The supplies will be bought in individual packs and distributed as required by each grade teacher. It is recommended that parents purchase through the school as items need to meet the school's specifications and will be cheaper. Payment options are listed below.

A discount of \$10 will be given for FULL payment received on or before Tuesday 29th January 2019.

Please contact the office if you have any questions or to make an appointment to speak with the Principal or Assistant Principal should you need to make alternate payment arrangements.

The Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) can be claimed by families with a Health Care or Pension Card valid as of 29th January 2019 providing \$125 per child. Unfortunately, the CSEF **cannot** be used to cover payment for EES 2019 but will be of great assistance when making payments for excursion/incursions and budgeting for 2019. State Schools' Relief uniform assistance is also available to families in serious financial difficulties. Follow this link for further information <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/services-for-parents/Pages/financial-help-school-items.aspx>

2019 OPENING DATES

Every year ANPS opens the office and uniform shop earlier so you are able to come in and make final EES payments and purchase new uniforms. The office and uniform shop will be open on **Tuesday 29th January from 1pm - 3pm.**

ALL STUDENTS will start school on **THURSDAY 31st JANUARY.**

Prep students do not attend school on WEDNESDAYS for the month of February. All students start school at 8:45am.

MONEY COLLECTION:

The office will NOT be receipting any money received after Wednesday 20th December. If you send payment to school after this date, it will be kept securely and a receipt will be issued at the start of the 2019 school year.

It would be greatly appreciated if all money payable to the school could be handed into the office over the next few weeks.

LIBRARY:

It's that time of year again where you need to return all books borrowed from the library in preparation for the New Year. If you are having trouble finding overdue books a good place to look is under your bed or maybe on a bookcase with other books.

ALL LIBRARY BOOKS ARE NOW DUE BACK AT SCHOOL!

FRIDAY MORNING PLAYGROUP 9:30am - 11:30am

Friday 14th November will be the final Playgroup Session for 2018.

Please bring a plate of food to share as we celebrate the end of our year.

Playgroup will commence on Friday 1st February 2019.

No registration required - come along and join in the fun of Playgroup every Friday morning during 2019 school terms.

WEDNESDAY 19TH DECEMBER 2018

SAUSAGE SIZZLE LUNCH DAY

Please complete this order form and return it to the office with payment
by Tuesday 18th December.

STUDENT NAME: _____

GRADE: _____

Beef sausage in bread \$2.00 each

number of sausages ordered _____

Total cost \$ _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME:.....

Signed: Date:

All funds raised will be in support of our Murray To Moyne Cycle Relay Event in April 2019.
Funds raised through the Murray to Moyne bike ride supports the Welfare Department at ANPS by
enabling the purchase of resources, and support of the welfare of all children at ANPS.