Dear Parents and Families:

We are now well into term 4 and the children are continuing to have a strong focus on their learning every day. It is always a wonderful thing to see the determination and the intensity of students thinking about their learning and challenging themselves and each other in growing understandings and knowledge.

**WALK-A-THON:** Hey!!!!!! Calling all SUPERHEROS don’t forget the Walkathon tomorrow. Our Parents and Friends have done a wonderful job in organising the day for us and to also raise funds for our school. We are starting the day with the Walkathon and then a Dance Party just to finish off. WOW what a morning. ALL sponsorship forms were due in today. Congratulations to Lana (1/2T) for raising the most - you and your class will enjoy the fantastic prize. Thank you to our Parents and Friends committee for all of the hard work you have put in. Also a big thank you to ALL of our students helping us fundraise for our new shade sails.

**PREP TRANSITIONS:** Wow! Our 2017 preps have already had their second transition day. All of our preps have settled in really well and have already started making friendship groups. We have three transition sessions left with the last being a Parent Information session as well. A big thank you to our Prep teachers who have organised a range of activities for our new Preps to participate in. Covering everything dealing with life at school, even how to use the drinking taps! Thankyou to our great Prep teachers for their encouragement and engagement of our young 2017 Preps. And as always, don’t their Prep Polo Shirts look great!

**SCHOOL CROSSING IN CRESSER STREET:** A huge thankyou to all of our Parents and Carers for being so tolerant of the road blocks out the front of the school this week. It has been a disruption but the crossing is almost finished, some painting still needs to be done but I am sure you will agree our children are the most valuable asset that we have and it is all about them being safe at all times. This crossing will improve the ability to keep your children safe when crossing the road before and after school.

**REMEMBRANCE DAY:** Last Friday our Student Leaders conducted an extremely respectful and thoughtful service in honour of all who have fought and fallen for their countries. Thankyou to Ms Shiels and our Student Leaders for putting this ceremony together it was extremely touching. At the time of the Assembly we had four visiting Principals here who were all very impressed with our students and the service given.

**GRADE 5/6 BEACH PROGRAM:** WOW!!!! What a program Life Saving Victoria ran for our 5/6 students. I have heard wonderful feedback on the program from our students. All students participated in and demonstrated swimming skills and life saving activities. All students tried every task they were given with enthusiasm and excitement.

**CONCERT TICKET ORDERS, DVD ORDERS & COSTUME REQUIREMENTS:** Remember to keep Thursday 8th December free as this is our concert night. Thankyou to those parents who have offered their assistance in helping with props and costumes already. More help is always needed so don’t be shy to put your hand up to help out with sewing or creating.

**LAST DAY OF TERM 4:** The end of the school year is fast approaching with only 24 days remaining. All students will be dismissed from school at 1pm on Tuesday 20th December. We will be holding our last assembly for the year on this day at 12:30pm and all students will be dismissed from the school hall. All parents are welcome to come along at this time and join us for a final celebration of the year and to say farewell to our departing Grade 6 students. Please put this important date in your diaries and make arrangements to have your child/ren picked up at this time.

Have a great weekend

Regards,
Robyn Gregson - Principal
Be a Superhero
Walk-a-thon 2016

TOMORROW - FRIDAY 18th November
9.15am on the School Oval

CONGRATULATIONS to Lana.R and 1/2T on raising the
most money as a class!!!
You will all be treated to A Superhero Buffet Lunch (Halal &
Allergy Friendly) & a Professional Magic Show as kindly
donated by Jake Wilkinson Magic!
This year’s School Concert, “BATTLE OF THE BANDS”, will be held on Thursday 8th December in our School Hall. Our Prep to Grade 6 students will perform in one combined School Concert to be held at 6:00pm. The Grade 6 Graduates will also be presented on the night. Performing students will not require a ticket.

Unlike previous years, tickets can be purchased online from tomorrow **Friday 18th November**.

Go to [https://www.trybooking.com/243355](https://www.trybooking.com/243355) or [www.trybooking.com](http://www.trybooking.com). (If you go to our website, www.altonanorthps.vic.edu.au you can simply click on the link).

Search Altona North Primary School and follow the prompts through to ‘checkout’ using credit card. Once you’ve completed the process, tickets will be emailed through to your email address for printing. Please print your tickets and keep them in a safe place to be presented at the door on the night of the concert. If you cannot print your tickets, you can forward your email to altona.north.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au and we will print your tickets for you. Please ensure you enter your students’ names within the email, so your tickets can be passed to your child.

Tickets are $9.70 each with a .30cent booking fee. You will be able to select seats from the allocated seating plan. TryBooking is a simple, streamlined ticketing system trusted by many schools and organisations. Should parents be unable to access the internet, perhaps a friend could assist. Online ticketing is a new process for ANPS and we are confident that it will simplify the process for all concerned. If you have any questions or concerns, please email or phone the school office.

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**ANPS 2016 CONCERT- BATTLE OF THE BANDS:**

This is an ongoing fundraiser throughout Term 4. Children are asked to start donating some of their loose change towards the purchase of a gift to be placed under the K-Mart Wishing Tree. The loose change is collected in the classroom. The gifts are purchased and collected by the Salvation Army and distributed to families or individuals who may not receive a gift at Christmas.

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**SOCIAL SERVICE:**

**Annual K-Mart Wishing Tree:**

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**STUDENT BANKING:**

Student Banking Day is Tuesday. The last banking day for 2016 will be Tuesday 13th December. Tokens will carry over into 2017 and there will be new rewards on offer. Students who are eligible and would like to redeem their 10 tokens in 2016, must place their order by Tuesday 29th November. At this late stage of the year, many of the reward items are “out of stock”. The items pictured below are the only rewards on offer at present. Please put a note in your deposit book if you would like to redeem in the coming two weeks.
KIDS THRIVE
THE BEST ME I CAN BE

Altona North Primary School, students and staff from the 1/2 unit along with Kids Thrive would like to invite ALL Parents and Community Members to join us on MONDAY 28TH NOVEMBER for a special assembly performance celebrating the release of the Kids Thrive CD.

The CD contains all of the original songs from the concert performance.

The CD will be available for purchase on the morning for $5 - what a great Christmas present idea.

DON’T MISS OUT ON YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO OWN THIS ONE OF A KIND COLLECTORS ITEM!!!