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From the Principal

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Important Dates

Term 2

June

Thursday 9th
Prep Swimming

Friday 10th
3/4 Immigration
Museum Excursion

Monday 13th
Queen's Birthday
Public Holiday
(No school)

Thursday 16th
5/6 Immigration
Museum Excursion
&
Prep Swimming

Friday 17th
1/2 Newport Lakes
Excursion

Wednesday 22nd
Parents/Guardian
and Teacher Share
Time

Thursday 23rd
Last Day of
Term 2

Term 3 July

Monday 11th
Term 3 Begins!

Tuesday 19th July
The Ranch Camp

Friday 22nd July
The Ranch campers
return

Reminder: Queen's Birthday Public Holiday on Monday 13th June - No school!

Dear ANPS Families,

What another cold week it has been here in Melbourne! I do hope you have been able to keep warm over the past two weeks, I think we all have been struggling to get out of bed in the morning. It is important for our students to be wearing warm, Winter clothes to school this time of year.

Illness/Sickness: The weather has certainly changed and we are all feeling the cold. As usual, at this time of the year there are other illnesses going around beside COVID-19. We have had a number of students coming to school with runny noses, sneezing and coughing that we have had to send home early. Children find it difficult to learn and often feel miserable when they are unwell. Therefore it is important to keep your child at home when they are showing any signs of being unwell, this is for their health's sake and to help keep the other students and staff safe, healthy and well.

Prep Neighbourhood Walk: Yesterday our Preps went out on a little adventure around the local neighbourhood as part of their Inquiry Unit 'Our Family, Our School, Our Community.' The Preps will be discussing, writing and reading about what they saw, learnt and recognised.

3/4 Extension Scaffolding Maths with Mr Jaggard: This morning the 3/4 Extension Scaffolding Maths stars were working on mental strategies for multiplication. It is fantastic to see the children excelling in mathematics with the guidance and support of our Learning Specialist Mr Jaggard.



'The Ranch' Grade 3-6 School Camp: The 'Expression of Interest Form' and a non-refundable deposit of \$100 deposit was due back on Monday. We do have a few spots left, if you would like your child to attend this year's camp please return the form and deposit as soon as possible. Camps are a valuable and wonderful educational and social experience for children. It supports their social, emotional and physical development through a variety of activities such as rock wall climbing, archery and environmental walks. They get to experience open skies, fresh air and develop connections and friendships with other children. It helps to develop independence and confidence. The camp accommodation provides warm and cosy cabins, healthy food, engaging and fun outdoor and indoor activities, with the children being supervised 24 hours a day. The buzz in the air as the children board the bus to leave for camp can still be felt when they return to school a few days later. If you haven't returned a form for your child to attend, please consider this great experience for your child. If you would like to find out more information, you can ring the school and make a time to talk to Mr James the camp coordinator. We'd love to see your child there!

Late Arrivals: Unfortunately we have far too many children coming into school after the bell at 8:45am.

Happy
Birthday
ANPS Stars

Audrey 3/4C
Hussayn Prep 6

From the Principal continued...

Twenty-eight children were late for Monday morning assembly this week and it can be a similar amount on other school days. This is more than a class size of children late for school. Being 5, 10, 15 minutes late or more to school may seem a just a small amount of time. However, if it's a regular lateness the time does add up and it does impact on a child's learning. If they are 10 minutes late each day that equals 50 minutes a week, which is nearly 1.5 weeks per year and over 13 years of schooling that's nearly half a year of lost learning. We understand there are times when lateness is unavoidable, however it is important to help your child by getting them to school for an 8:45am start each day.

Prep 2023: We are beginning the process for planning our staffing next year. This includes looking at the number of our Preps that we have enrolled. If you have a child who will be starting Prep next year, we would really appreciate your support by handing in your enrolment forms, if you would like us to send an enrolment pack home with your eldest child please let the office know. If anyone knows of any other families not already attending our school, and who have a child ready to begin Prep next year, we would also appreciate your support in encouraging them to think about enrolling their child at our wonderful school.

Parent/Guardian and Teacher Share Time: Allocated times for Parent/Guardian and Teacher Share Time were sent home today, please remember to check your child's bags. If you have not yet requested a time please do so as soon as possible.

Term 3 Soccer: Starting in Term 3, Soccer X will be running an 8 week soccer program for children at Altona North Primary School every Monday from 3:30pm - 4:30pm beginning Monday 18th July. The program is aimed at children from Prep to Grade 6 and all sessions are run by qualified coaches. More information on this fun program can be located on their website at www.soccer-x.com! We have a number of talented soccer stars at our school, this could be a great opportunity for children to further develop their soccer skills.

Last Day of Term 2: Last day of Term 2 is Thursday 23rd June due to Friday 24th being a Student Free Day, children will finish at 3:15pm on Thursday. We have been informed by the Department to have a student free day in Term 2 to cover what is called a Professional Practice Day where teachers by agreement are given a day to further their Professional Practice.

Have a fantastic long weekend, see you all back Tuesday!



Lee Blunt

Assistant Principal

Altona North Primary School

From the Office

Student Medical and Action Plans: Asthma, anaphylaxis and other medical details are essential for student safety and well being. Please ensure that we have all the important information and/or medication at school regarding your children's medical needs. If you require an asthma or anaphylaxis action plan, please notify our office via phone or email.

RAT Tests: Rapid Antigen Tests are available at the Office for students, parents/guardians must pick them up from the Office.

Staying COVID Safe: Please continue to follow our protocols to keep the students, staff, families and community safe.

- At this stage we are not allowing parents/guardians to enter the school building, unless parent/guardian is making a payment or has an appointment. We will keep you updated when this changes.
- Parents/guardians and visitors must show their vaccination certificate when entering the school building
- It is strongly advised that the Rapid Antigen Tests are carried out twice a week, if your child receives a positive result you must report this immediately to DHHS and the school. *If you have not yet picked up your Rapid Antigen Tests, please collect them from the office ASAP.*
- If your child has any symptoms of a cold, sore throat, fever, headache - please keep them at home. If students are at school with these symptoms, we will be calling families to pick them up.



SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club is a healthy start to the day for our students at ANPS. All students from Prep to Grade 6 are welcome. Our ANPS Breakfast Club provides a warm and welcoming space for students when they arrive to school. A big thank you to our staff who volunteer their time to make this available for our students.

Breakfast Club runs on Wednesdays and Fridays at 8:00am in our Hall Foyer, children must arrive on time.

Wednesdays, children with last names starting with A-K and Fridays, children with last names starting with L-Z

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ALTONA NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

SOCCER X SCHOOL PROGRAM / FUN - EDUCATIONAL - ACTIVE

Starting in Term 3, Soccer X will be running an 8 week Soccer program at Altona North Primary School every **Monday** from **3.30 - 4.30pm** beginning **July 18th 2022**.

The program is available to students from **Prep-Year 6**.
On arrival children will be split into groups according to age.
All sessions will be run by **qualified coaches** who hold WWCC.
The sessions will be **fully inclusive & fun-based**, catering for all abilities.

Cost: \$130 / 8-weeks.

For more information and online registrations please visit

www.soccer-x.com

