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Term 1 March

Friday 3rd

R2 Inter School
Sports at
St Mary's Altona
&
Grandparents
Day
&
School Council
applications close

Monday 6th

Bookfair starts!

Friday 10th

R3 Inter School
Sports
&
Last day of Book
Fair

Monday 13th

Labour Day
Public Holiday
(No School)

Wednesday 15th

School Photos

Friday 17th

R4 Inter School
Sports at ANPS
&
Harmony Day
&
Jump Rope for
Heart

Tuesday 21st

ANPS Choir
Performance at
Woolworths

Wednesday 22nd

MIRVAC
Community
Garden Day

Friday 24th

R5 Inter School
Sports

REMINDER: School Photos on Wednesday 15th March

03/03/2023

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Dear ANPS Families,

Oh my goodness wasn't it great to see all the grandparents and special visitors come along and spend some time in the classrooms today. The children were able to share stories about what it was like when their grandparents went to school. I hope I'm not the same as the Principals that they spoke about back in the day!!! Next week we will have some photos to share with you in the newsletter. All I can say is **WOW** what a fantastic way to end the week.

Next week from Wednesday 8th–Friday 10th, Mrs Blunt and myself will be attending the Hobsons Bay Principal's Conference. This conference focuses on Maths, developing maths teaching and learning. We will be listening to highly experienced consultants who are working with our network of schools. I am excited to hear how we can continue to develop our Maths here at ANPS.

Staffing: Welcome to Anj (Educational Support) who will be working in the Prep area supporting our Prep students in their learning. I am sure you will get to know Anj as you meet up across the school. Thankyou Anj for joining our team! Ms Tamber has unfortunately been absent, there are so many illnesses going around at the moment. We have had two of our highly experienced teachers, Mr Raghdoo and Ms Shiels, in the classroom to ensure the students get consistency in their learning, the Preps know these teachers very well. A big thank you to these two teachers for moving their own programs around in support of our Preps. In fact, I think they are having the time of their lives in the Prep class. We have Tara from the Office currently on leave, so please direct your enquiries to Libby who will be happy to assist.

Parent/Guardian and Teacher Share Time: Our first Parent/Guardian and Teacher Sharing Session is done and dusted. Thank you to the parents/guardians that attended on Wednesday. We appreciate you making time to see our staff and discuss the learning your children are undertaking at school as well as the best ways we can work together, both at school and at home, to achieve the desired outcomes for your child's learning. These sessions are valuable to support the growth and development of the children here at ANPS. If you did not make it to your session, please contact your child's class teacher to arrange another time to meet.

School Photos - Wednesday 15th March: Order envelopes for the upcoming school photos went home with children this week. Please follow the order form instructions if you would like to order school photos and return the form to your child's classroom teacher.

Harmony Day & Jump Rope for Heart: On Friday 17th March we will be celebrating Harmony Day. Every year we celebrate Harmony Day and it is always a special day for staff and students at ANPS. Harmony Day is about celebrating differences, embracing cultures and making everybody feel included. We are so proud to have a wide range of diverse cultures amongst our families and staff here at ANPS. So much learning and appreciation for diversity is done in the classroom each day, it is fantastic to have a day dedicated to celebrate and remind us that 'everyone belongs'. This will NOT be an out of uniform day but a **SPLASH** of orange day. This could mean an orange hat, ribbon, scarf, socks, coloured hair spray, wristband, etc. On the day we will also be participating in Jump Rope for Heart. Jump Rope for Heart is a primary skipping challenge that raises funds to help fight heart disease. Following the Harmony Day celebrations, students will participate in the fundraising program. We request children bring a gold coin donation to school to raise money for Jump Rope for Heart.

Monday 27th
Young Leaders
Day Conference
(Student Leaders)

Thursday 30th
Murray 2 Moyne
Cycle Relay

April

Monday 3rd
Murray 2 Moyne
Cycle Relay finish

Thursday 6th
Last day of
Term 1

Friday 21st
Eid

Monday 24th
Term 2 begins

Tuesday 25th
ANZAC Day
Public Holiday
(No School)

May

Thursday 11th
Mother's Day
Stall

Sunday 14th
Mother's Day

June

Friday 23rd
Last day of
Term 2

July

Monday 10th
Term 3 begins

ANPS Privacy Policy: Please take some time read through our Privacy Policy which is attached to this newsletter.

School Council and Elections: Nominations for our School Council closed today. Thank you to the parents/guardians that applied for the 6 parent positions. We will be in touch shortly.

Book Fair: Book Fair kicks off on Monday afternoon in Room 5! The Book Fair is like having a bookstore come to our school. Children have the opportunity to explore and purchase the books on offer before school at 8:30am and after school from 3:15pm. Proceeds from Book Fair go towards learning and literacy resources for our school. Thank you to the parents/guardians that have volunteered their time to help with Book Fair. If you are available to help at 8:30am or 3:15pm through the week, please let our Office know. Below are some pictures from last year's Book Fair.



Have a wonderful weekend,
Robyn Gregson
Principal

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

ROMEO 1/2Z

HAVEN 3/4W

MOHAMAD 5/6D

FAY 1/2Z



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Privacy Collection Notice

Information for students, parents and carers.

The Department of Education and Training (the Department) values your privacy and is committed to protecting the personal and health information that schools collect.

All school staff must comply with Victorian privacy law and the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#). This notice explains how the Department, including Victorian government schools (schools), handles personal and health information. On occasion, specific consent will be sought for the collection and use of information, for example, for a student to receive a health service. Our schools are also required by legislation, such as the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006*, to collect some of this information.

Throughout this notice, 'staff' includes principals, teachers, student support service officers, youth workers, social workers, nurses and any other allied health practitioners, and all other employees, contractors, volunteers and service providers of the school and the Department.

On enrolment, and during the ordinary course of a student's attendance at a school, schools will collect information about students and their families for the following purposes:

- educating students
- supporting students' social and emotional wellbeing, and health
- fulfilling legal obligations, including duty of care, anti-discrimination law and occupational health and safety law
- communicating and engaging with parents
- student administration
- school management
- supporting policy in relation to student education and wellbeing.

If this information is not collected, schools may be unable to provide optimal education or support to students or fulfil legal obligations.

For example, our schools rely on parents to provide **health information** about any medical condition or disability that their child has, medication their child may take while at school, any known allergies and contact details of their child's doctor. If parents do not provide all relevant health information, this may put their child's health at risk.

Our schools also require current, relevant information about all **parents and carers** so that schools can take account of safety concerns that affect their children. Parents should provide schools with copies of all current parenting plans and court orders about or that affect their children and provide updated copies when they change.

When parents enrol their child in primary school, they will be asked to provide personal and health information in several ways, including via the Enrolment Form, the [School Entrance Health Questionnaire](#) (SEHQ) and the [Early Childhood Intervention Service](#) (ECIS) Transition Form.

The **Enrolment Form** is used to collect information that is essential for the purposes listed above, and requests information such as:

- **Emergency contacts** – Individuals parents nominate for a school to contact during an emergency. Parents should ensure that their nominated emergency contact agrees to their contact details being provided to the school and that they understand their details may be disclosed by the Department if lawful, e.g. in the case of emergency communications relating to bush fires or floods.
- **Student background information** – Information about country of birth, Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin, language spoken at home and parent occupation. This information enables the Department to allocate

appropriate resources to schools. The Department also uses this information to plan for future educational needs in Victoria and shares some information with the Commonwealth government to monitor, plan and allocate resources.

- **Immunisation status** – This assists schools to manage health risks and legal obligations. The Department may also provide this information to the Department of Health and Department of Families, Fairness and Housing to assess immunisation rates in Victoria, but not in a way which identifies students.
- **Visa status** – This is required to process a student's enrolment.

All schools may use departmental systems and online tools such as apps and other software to effectively collect and manage information about students and families for the purposes listed above.

When schools use these online tools, they take steps to ensure that student information is secure. If parents or carers have any concerns about the use of these online tools, please contact the school.

School staff will only share student and family information with other school staff who need to know to enable them to educate or support the student as described above. Information will only be shared outside the school (and outside the Department) as required or authorised by law, including where sharing is required to meet duty of care, anti-discrimination, occupational health and safety, and child wellbeing and safety obligations. The information collected will not be disclosed beyond the school and Department without parent consent unless such disclosure is lawful.

When a student transfers to another school (including Catholic, independent and interstate), personal and/or health information about that student may be transferred to the next school. Transferring this information is in the best interests of the student and assists the next school to provide the best possible education and support to the student. For further detail about how and what level of information is provided to the next school, refer to the: [Enrolment: Student transfers between schools](#)

Schools only provide school reports and ordinary school communications to students, parents, carers or others who have a legal right to that information. Requests for access to other student information or by others must be made by lodging a [Freedom of Information](#) (FOI) application.

To update student or family information, parents should contact their school.

For more information about how schools and the Department collect and manage personal and health information, or how to access personal and health information held by a school about you or your child, refer to the: [Schools' Privacy Policy](#).