



ALTONA NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Term 1 March

Friday 31st
Murray 2 Moyne
Cycle Relay
begins

5/6 Unit - Meet a
Lifeguard

April

Monday 3rd
Murray 2 Moyne
Cycle Relay
finish

Wednesday 5th
Books In Homes
Assembly

Last day of
Term 1
(3:15pm finish)

Thursday 6th
Student Free Day

Friday 7th
Good Friday

Sunday 9th
Easter

Saturday 15th
5' x 7' Art Prize at
Joel's Art Gallery

Friday 21st
Eid

Monday 24th
Term 2 begins

Tuesday 25th
ANZAC Day
Public Holiday
(No School)

May

Friday 5th
House Sports Day
& Sausage Sizzle

REMINDER: Tomorrow we farewell the Murray 2 Moyne Team!

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No.09

Dear Families,

Well the weather has challenged us this week, sunny one minute and wet the next, who can tell what's going to happen tomorrow?!

Parents I need to start this newsletter with a disappointing beginning. It has come to my attention that parents have been going to classrooms in the mornings before class time and after school, when students are leaving for the day to talk to teachers. Some of these conversations have been bossy and bordering on bullying. This is a workplace for our staff and the expectation is that all staff are respected at all times, please think about your own workplaces.

We are always happy to talk to parents, especially if they have a concern, but we ask you to make an appointment with your child's teacher. This can be organised through the front office so meetings can be arranged in a professional manner. If the matter is urgent, please contact one of the following: Mrs. Gregson (Principal), Mrs. Blunt (Assistant Principal) or Ms Shiels (Inclusion and Wellbeing Officer) so we can discuss and look into any concern.

I would absolutely hate to stop parents coming into buildings due to this, as we love our open school and this only represents a very small number of parents. Please think of how you would like to be spoken to and remember our school motto is "Consider Others".

On a similar note **NO PARKING** in the staff carpark. I have spoken to a number of parents lately regarding coming into the carpark. We have cars going in and out during the day, especially at the start and finish of the day. For safety we do not want people in the car park especially children. If you are looking for a parking spot, our crossing lady on Fifth Avenue tells me that not many parents park there and it is very quiet, so feel free to use the Fifth Avenue gate.

New Families: We have a number of new families that have started with us over the past couple of weeks and I would like to welcome you all to ANPS. Please don't hesitate to contact our office if you have any queries.

Murray 2 Moyne - Go Team 101: The Murray 2 Moyne Relay is finally here! Tomorrow the amazing team depart for the relay, families are more than welcome to come along and join us as we say farewell to the team at 9:15am. Thank you to all those families who have supported us in fundraising through sponsorship and donation, we have exceeded our goal of \$15,000 thanks to you all. I would also like to thank our riders and crew for their incredible efforts. There is still time to make a last minute donation through our MyCause fundraising page, please follow the link on our Facebook (closes 10th June). **Go Team 101!!!!!!**

Books In Homes: We have been sponsored by Mainfreight with books for our students. Thank you to Mrs Blunt for her organisation, and to Krystal, Lucas (Jacob and Bella) and Jenny (Jax) for sorting out the books for each student, this was a big job. Mrs Blunt has sent home a letter to explain the Books In Homes program, if you have any questions please contact our office. There will also be a special assembly on Wednesday 5th May at 9:00am where Mainfreight will present the book packs to students.

Last Day of Term 1: Last day of Term 1 will be next Wednesday 5th April due to the Thursday being a Student Free Day. Staff will be participating in a Professional Practice Day where teachers are given a day to further their practice and capabilities. Students will finish at 3:15pm next Wednesday 5th April.

Book Fair: This year's Book Fair was a huge success, thank you to all of our students and families who came along and purchased items from the fair, we sold \$2,646.30 worth of books and Scholastic products. Money raised from Book Fair will go towards our Library. Well done everyone!

House Sports Day & Sausage Sizzle: We are thrilled to announce that we will be having our House Sports

Monday 8th
School Council

Thursday 11th
Mother's Day
Stall

Friday 12th
Winter Inter
School Sports R1

Sunday 14th
Mother's Day

Friday 19th
Winter Inter
School Sports R2

WELLBEING DAY

Wednesday 24th
Teeth On Wheels

Thursday 25th
Teeth On Wheels

Friday 26th
Teeth On Wheels

1/2 Unit - History
Box Incursion

June

Monday 5th
School Council

Monday 12th
King's Birthday
(Public Holiday)

Wednesday 21st
Parent/Guardian
and Teacher
Share Time

Friday 23rd
Last day of
Term 2

July

Monday 10th
Term 3 begins

Day during the second week of Term 2 on Friday 5th May. Students can wear the colour of their house on this day. For all new students that are not sure what house colour you are in, check with your teachers. Parents are more than welcome to come along and cheer for your child's/children's house. This will be followed by a Sausage Sizzle fundraiser. If students would like to have a sausage on the day, we request families fill out the order form that went home today. Families are more than welcome to come along and purchase a sausage on the day.

Teeth On Wheels: Forms are due back tomorrow if you would like your child to participate in the Teeth On Wheels program. More information regarding Teeth On Wheels is available on their website (www.teethonwheels.com.au).

5' x 7' Art Prize: This year Altona North Primary School has entered the 9th annual 5'x7' Art Prize competition. Twenty-Three of our students from Grade 3 - 6 will be submitting artworks which will be displayed at the Altona Joel's Art Gallery from the 15th - 27th April. I'm looking forward to heading to the gallery over the holidays to see our talented students' art on display.

School Council Annual General Meeting: On Monday evening we had our Annual General Meeting and the first meeting for our 2023 School Council. It was wonderful to have back our School Council for 2023, President Jes Law (Henry 3/4C), Natalie Gibbons (Thomas 1/2M), Trevor Hutchings (Austin 3/4L and Edith 1/2M), Mr Wardrop (3/4 W), Mr James (1/2 J) and Mrs Blunt (AP). This year we say goodbye to John Meadows (Jazmin 3/4L) who has been on School Council for the past few years, thank you John for your support over that time. We now say hello and welcome to our new School Councillors, Val Mohith (Lucas B Prep T), Keiran Bartlett (Noah B Prep T) and Rianne El Hassan (Selena 3/4L and Liyana Prep T), we look forward to having new parents on council. At the meeting the School Council was presented with the 2022 Annual Report which will be sent home once approve by the department.

Parents and Friends: Thankyou to Nat, Jes and Krystal for organising our parents 'Meet and Greet' yesterday. Thank you to those who came along for a coffee and a chat, we hope to see more faces next time. Please fill out the questionnaire attached to this week's newsletter and return to the office.

ANZAC DAY: Just a reminder that ANZAC Day is on Tuesday 25th April of Term 2. We currently have badges and pens to purchase from the office to raise funds for the ANZAC Appeal.



Have a fantastic weekend,

Robyn Gregson
Principal

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

GHALIA 1/2Z

JAMEL 3/4C

JUDE 3/4C

ELENOA 5/6W

Parents & Friends Questionnaire

We are inviting all parents and friends of ANPS to answer the below questions, give us ideas, and help us cultivate a thriving community environment for all, as well as create different ways to fundraise for the school.

1: Would you prefer more fundraising or community engagement-type events? Please mark those that apply.

Community engagement

Fundraising

None of the above

Other: please specify

2: What is your availability to volunteer at school events?

eg: regular planning and events, every now and then, once-twice a year, never.

3: Do you have any ideas to help to fundraise for the school?

4: Do you know how you or can you contribute to things such as our sausage sizzles?

5. Are there other ways you can contribute to things?

eg: Materials, prizes, services instead of/in addition to time.

6. What are some ideas for how parents and friends could contribute towards the school?

7. Do you have any other suggestions for the Parents & Friends community?