



ALTONA NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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April

Monday 22nd
Sports X Free
Demo

Thursday 25th
ANZAC Day

Friday 26th
Student Free Day

Monday 29th
Sports X
Basketball begins
&
School Council

Tuesday 30th
Prep Tour

May

Wednesday 1st
Prep Swimming

Wednesday 8th
Prep Swimming

Monday 13th
Teeth On Wheels

Tuesday 14th
Teeth On Wheels

Wednesday 15th
Prep Swimming

Thursday 16th
Prep Tour

Monday 20th
Education Week
begins

Wednesday 22nd
Prep Swimming
&
Education Week
Open Evening

REMINDER: No school next Thursday and Friday

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Dear ANPS Families,

Welcome back to a new term of learning! Eid Mubarak to our families celebrating last week and I hope all our families were able to enjoy time together over holidays.

As usual, we have lots of things planned for the term to enhance the learning at ANPS. Some of the activities we have planned include our Prep Swimming, Education Week and Grade 3–6 Camp. We also have our second Parent/ Teacher Share Time in the last week of term.

This is an 11 week term, so it is a longer term. This often means that children become more tired as the term goes on and it is also moving into the time of year where there is an increased number of colds, flus and viruses. Therefore, it is important that you support your child's health and well being by supporting good sleeping and eating routines. If your child is showing symptoms of an illness, please help us to keep everyone healthy by keeping your child at home when they are unwell.

Murray to Moyne: The Murray to Moyne bike relay is finished for another year and I would like to send a huge thank you out to Mrs Shiels and our amazing team of riders and support crew. We have raised over \$18,000 for our welfare and wellbeing programs, this is outstanding. We appreciate the time and effort from all our team members and their work colleagues, families and friends for supporting our school. Thank you to our incredible sponsors and families for your generous donations. We are blown away by the funds raised for this year's Murray 2 Moyne, thank you and congratulations to all. There is still time to make a last minute donation through our My Cause fundraising page, please follow the link on our Facebook.

ANZAC Day: Just a reminder that ANZAC Day is next **Thursday 25th April**, school will be closed due to the public holiday. We currently have badges and wristbands to purchase from the office to raise funds for the ANZAC Appeal. Our student leadership will be running an ANZAC Day Ceremony on **Wednesday 24th April** in the school hall at 11:40am. If Parents/ Carers wish to attend the ceremony please meet and sign in at the front office at 11:30am.



Student Free Day: Next **Friday 26th April** (the day after ANZAC Day) has been allocated as a Professional Learning Day for staff. Staff will be involved in Professional learning associated with the new Victorian Education Department's new Curriculum that we will be phasing in over the next 2 years. This will be a **STUDENT FREE DAY**, so please make arrangements for the care of your child on this day.

Prep Swimming: Our Preps will be involved in a one day a week swimming program this term, which is being funded through our budget allocation for the Governments' Swimming in School Initiative. Swimming lessons will commence Wednesday 1st of

May
Monday 27th Glasses for Kids
Tuesday 28th Glasses for Kids
Wednesday 19th Prep Swimming
June
Tuesday 4th Prep Tour
Wednesday 5th Prep Swimming & Camp
Friday 7th Campers return
Monday 10th King's Birthday Public Holiday
Wednesday 12th Prep Swimming
Monday 17th School Council
Wednesday 26th Parent/Teacher Share Time
Friday 28th Last day of Term 2
July
Monday 15th Term 3 begins
Monday 22nd School Council
August
Friday 16th Student Free Day
September
Monday 9th School Council
Friday 20th Last Day of Term 3

May will run every Wednesday for 7 weeks. This is a fantastic opportunity for our Preps to gain confidence and foundations skills in and around aquatic environments.

Sports X – Basketball: Sports X will be running a basketball program every Monday from 3:40pm -4:40pm commencing on the Monday 29th April and is available to students from Prep - Grade 6. Next **Monday 22nd April**, Sports X will be running a free demo of the program. This is a privately run program so to register please follow the link on our school website.

Prep 2025: If you know someone who has a child ready for 2025 Prep, please let them know that we will be conducting more tours on Tuesday 30th April, Thursday 16th May and Tuesday 4th June. Please Contact us via email or phone if you wish to join us on one of these tours.

Mothers Day Stall: Thank you to our Parents and Friends for organising our Mothers Day Stall which will be held on the Wednesday 8th May.

Breakfast Club: Breakfast Club runs on Wednesdays and Fridays at 8:00am in our Hall Foyer, which children can access from the 7th Avenue gate which opens at 8:00am on these mornings.

Hobson Bay: Hobson Bay is inviting the community to celebrate World Migratory Bird Day. This is held on the 11th of May at Truganina Explosives Reserve, 274 Queens Street Altona. It's a day filled with activities and connecting with nature. For future information head to the Hobson Bay Website.

Student Drop Off and Pickup: Now the students have all had the full term to settle into school and navigate their way to their 2024 classroom and around the school, they are now confident enough to carry their own bags and walk into the school building from the line-up area with their classmates and teacher. We have many parents coming into the building, and we are finding this is distracting to other students and causes some children to be unsettled longer than usual. Letting your child carry their own bag and walk to the class by themselves, helps to develop independence, confidence and resilience. If your child does arrive after the bell your child can be dropped off at the office and they will be taken to the class by a staff member. If you are waiting in the yard for your child to pick them up at the 3:15 dismissal time, it is important that you wait for your child to come to you in the yard at an agreed meeting point. So please ensure you support us in making sure everyone feels safe by following our requests.

Thank-you for your ongoing support.
Keep warm and keep safe.



Lee Blunt
Acting Principal