

# ALTONA NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## August

#### Thursday 8th

5/6 Inter School Sport Footy Division Finals

### Friday 9th

Grade 6 Lawn Bowls

#### Wednesday 14th

Grade 6 Lawn Bowls Competition

# <u>Friday 16th</u>

Student Free Day

# Monday 19th

Grade 1—6 Swimming begins

# Tuesday 20th

Prep Tour

# Thursday 29th

Father's Day Stall

# <u>Friday 30th</u>

District Athletics

## September

#### Monday 2nd

Literacy & Numeracy Week

## Tuesday 3rd

5/6 Scienceworks
Excursion

# Wednesday 4th

Literacy & Numeracy Open Night

# Friday 6th

Book Character Day

Dear ANPS Families,

We are currently planning events for our Literacy and Numeracy Week. We are excited to be having our open evening on Monday 4th September. The week will be filled with special events including an opening assembly, followed by open classroom visits. This week is a wonderful week that celebrates all the great things we do here at ANPS in support of our students Literacy and Numeracy development. The family events that are planned are a fantastic opportunity for families to experience and be involved in their child's school life. Children love it when a family members participate in these events, so it would be great if you were able to participate in at least of the sessions planned. More information will be available shortly.

Illness/Sickness: As usual, at this time of the year there are illnesses going around. We are experiencing a LARGE number of students coming to school with runny noses, sneezing and coughing that we have had to send home early. 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. Many staff are picking up illnesses passed on from the children and we have had a large number of staff away unwell over the last two weeks. Unfortunately replacement teachers are extremely difficult to employ at the moment due to the high demand in the area so we are asking for your support with keeping your child home if they are unwell.

**Staff Professional Learning Day (Student Free Day):** Next Friday the 16th of August staff will be participating in professional learning day focusing on Numeracy. This is a student free day, please ensure you have arrangements in place for the care of your children on this day.

**Swimming:** Our Swimming program will commence on Monday the 19th of August at the BayFit leisure centre on Mason St. We still have plenty of positions available in the program so if you would like your child to participate please ensure you hand in the required forms to secure your child's position. Please contact the office if you have any queries regarding the program or payment. Students who do not attend the swimming program will be involved in a school based water safety program during this period of time to ensure all of our students are educated in the importance of being safe around the water ready for summer.

Father's Day Stall: With Father's Day being celebrated on Sunday 1st of September, our Parents and Friends will be holding our annual Father's Day Stall on Thursday 29th of August in the Library. Children are encouraged to bring between \$1–\$15 on the day to purchase items from the stall for their dad or special person.

Prep 2025 Enrolment: We are still accepting Prep enrolments for the 2025 school year. If you or anyone you know wishes to enroll at Altona North Primary School for the 2025 school year, please do so as soon as possible. Enrolment packs are available at our front office. We have our next Prep tour on Tuesday 20th August at 9:30am. If you would like to attend our tour please contact the Office.

**Grade 5/6 Lawn Bowls Competition:** Next Wednesday 6 students will participate in the Victorian Western Region Junior Bowls competition which will take place at the

# September

Monday 9th School Council

<u>Wednesday 11th</u> Graduation Photos

Friday 20th Last day of Term 3

#### October

Monday 7th Term 4 begins

Monday 21st School Council

November

Monday 4th Student Free Day

<u>Tuesday 5th</u> Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

Monday 18th School Council

#### December

Thursday 5th School Concert

Monday 9th School Council

<u>Tuesday 10th</u> Year 7 Orientation Day (Grade 6s) Altona Sports Club. Our students have been attending lawn bowls lessons on Friday mornings and are mastering the skills and techniques to be extremely competitive in the Regional competition. Thank you to Mr James who has been working with the bowling club to arrange the students participation in this wonderful opportunity.

Footy Division Finals: Our grade 5/6 AFL football team participated in the Hobsons Bay 9v9 Gala Day and District Grand Final competition today. The team have been training extremely hard during their recess and lunch breaks and were well prepared for the competition. The team are competing in 5 matches. The latest update is they have won 3 out of 5 matches and are now playing off for third position.

**Reading awards:** It is wonderful seeing our students who have reached the 50 nights and 100 nights of reading milestones. We thank all of our families for supporting and encouraging their child in learning to read. Setting time aside each night for reading time, modelling a positive attitudes towards reading, and reading with your child helps them to develop a lifelong love of reading.



Have a wonderful weekend,

**Lee Blunt** A/Principal

