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Term 4

REMINDER: House Sports Day, Friday 29th November.

November

22/11/2024

Dear ANPS Families,

Wednesday 27th
Prep Transition
&
Prep 2025 Parent
Information Session
&
1/2 Melbourne Zoo
Excursion

We are very quickly heading towards the end of another great school year at ANPS. Although the end of the year is not that far away, we still have plenty of valuable learning opportunities and administrative task to complete. Please stay informed by keeping up to date with our newsletter and website, and regularly checking your child's bag for important notes and information regarding the end-of-year and 2025 schooling.

Friday 29th
House Sports Day

School Review: An important component of Departmental accountability processes, involves a school review. All schools must participate in a school review every 4 years and this requires a comprehensive review and assessment of the achievements of the current strategic plan, and the outcomes are then used to inform the development of the new 4 year strategic plan. As the ANPS strategic plan is in its last year, we are now already preparing for our school review that will take place next year. There are 2 aspects to a school review which includes assessment of the school's compliance with the Curriculum and Student Learning Minimum Standard and compliance with other Minimum Standards for registered schools. We are presently working through the Minimum Standards for registered schools, which involves policies and Child Safe practices. In Term 1 2025, we will be working through the compliance with the Curriculum and Student Learning Minimum Standards which will lead into our School Reviews days in Term 2 2025 with our assigned School Reviewer, allocated by the department.

December

House Sports Day – next Friday: Friday 29th November we will be holding our annual House Sports Day. It's a day of fun activities and laughter for students and staff. Students are encouraged to wear their house colours on the day that are suitable for sport activities. Families are welcome to come along from 11:30am to cheer the children on and to join us for a whole school family picnic. Families are encouraged to bring along a picnic rug and a plate of food to share with their families. We will also be holding a **sausage sizzle** at 1pm as a fundraiser for the new playground equipment. Sausages are \$3 and EFTPOS is available. If you are available on this day, hold a valid WWCC and would like to volunteer to help out with our BBQ, please contact the office. **This is always a fabulous school community event and we would love to see you here.**

Wednesday 4th
Whole School
Concert Dress
Rehearsal

Prep Transition: Next Wednesday is the last session of our 2025 Prep Transition Program. The Parent Information Session will be included during this last transition session. This is an opportunity that will allow you to learn about your child's start to schooling and ask any questions you may have regarding our school community and how you can best support your child as they transition into their first year of Primary School life here at ANPS. The Parent Information Session is 9:00am–10:30am. During the information session, the 2025 preppies will be experiencing our Art and Physical Education program with our specialist teachers Mrs Mamo and Mr Godfrey.

Thursday 5th
School Concert

Tuesday 10th
Whole School Step
Up Day & Grade 6
Transition

Thursday 12th
3/4 Sea Life
Excursion

Friday 13th
Grade 6 Big Day Out

Tuesday 17th
Grade 6 Graduation

Wednesday 18th
Raffle Drawn

Friday 20th
Last Day of Term 4
(2:30pm finish)



Policies: As part of our commitment to creating a safe supportive environment for all students, we are reviewing our Child Safe and Wellbeing policies in line with Departmental guidelines and timeframes. We invite our school community, parents, guardians to provide their valuable feedback and share any comments or suggestions. These policies will be available on our school website for your review. We encourage you to read through them and submit your feedback by email.

School Saving Bonus: Parents/carers of every child enrolled in a Victorian government school in 2025 will receive the one-off School Saving Bonus \$400 support. Families will receive a second email from 27th – 29th November, where you will be able to access the online portal. Parents/carers have the choice to allocate the \$400 School Saving Bonus funds to uniform and/or camps and excursions. If you do not receive an email from School Saving Bonus, please contact the office. *Please note that the School Saving Bonus does not cover the Parent Payment voluntary contributions for 2025.*

Parent Payment 2025: The 2025 Parent Payment letters went home with students on Monday 18th November. These letters can also be viewed on our school website with the Parent Payment policy. This letter outlines our voluntary financial contributions for 2025. While Parent Payments are voluntary, they are essential in supporting our school by providing funding for vital student supplies, educational applications, equipment, and technology. These contributions directly enhance the quality of education and ensure students have the tools and materials they need to thrive. If you have any questions in regards to the Parent Payment, please contact the office.

1/2 Zoo Excursion: As part of the 1/2 Inquiry topic 'Living on Earth', next Wednesday 27th of November students will be attending an excursion to Melbourne Zoo. Students will participate in a 50-minute interactive session where they will engage their senses, and exercise their inquiry minds. They will learn about what makes animals special, and discuss animals' features, habitats, life cycles and what they need to survive. Thank you to the parents that have volunteered to support this excursion, we appreciate it.

End of Year Christmas Raffle: We have some very special prizes to be drawn on Wednesday 18th December for our End of Year Christmas Raffle. If you would like extra raffle tickets, please contact the office.

Kinder Visit: Yesterday we had an exciting visit from the Year 4 Altona Gate Kinder kids. Our Grade 5 students had an amazing time showing them our playground and having a quiet reading session. Next week all the grade 5's are looking forward to making a new buddy with the Year 3 kinder kids.



Weather: During hot weather, ANPS implements a hot-day-timetable to ensure the wellbeing and comfort of students. We also would like to remind our families that children must wear their ANPS SunSmart hats during recess, lunch and outdoor activities in line with our SunSmart policy. Please make sure children are wearing suitable uniform for the warm weather, to stay cool.

Have a great weekend,



Lee Blunt
Acting Principal