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### March

# **REMINDER:** Parent/Guardian Sharetime next Wednesday

29/02/2024 No.05

# Wednesday 6th

Parent Teacher Share Time

# Friday 8th

Harmony Day & Jump Rope for Heart

# Monday 11th

Labour Day Public Holiday (No School)

# Monday 18th School Council

Friday 22nd School Photos

# Thursday 28th Last day of

Last day of Term 1

# April

# **Friday 5th** Murray to Moyne

Monday 15th Term 2 begins

# Monday 22nd School Council

Thursday 25th ANZAC Day Dear ANPS Families,

Thank-you so much for all our special visitors last Monday. We had 57 Grandparents/Special Friends visiting us at Assembly and in the classroom. Having someone special in your life come and visit you in the classroom is always a time to cherish. It was so lovely to see so many children with smiles on their faces as they shared their learning with their Special visitor. From all the smiles on our visitors faces it was obvious they were enjoying the time too. There was such a happy vibe right across the school. Thank -you again to everyone who were able to make on the day.







Harmony Day: On Friday 8th 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. This will NOT be an out of uniform day but a **SPLASH of orange** day. This be an orange hat, ribbon, scarf, socks, coloured hair spray, wristband, etc. The day also includes our annual **Jump Rope for Heart** event. Jump Rope for Heart is a primary skipping challenge that raise money to donate to the Heart Foundation to support them in their fight against heart disease. We request children bring a gold coin donation to school add to the money we collect with our charity event.

**Students Sign In/Out:** Please note when a child arrives late/early dismissal, a parent/guardian are to come and their child in and out using our newly set-up digital PassTab system. This is located on an iPad at the desk in the reception area.

<u>Preps 2024:</u> This is a friendly reminder that our Prep will begin attending Preps school everyday. Prep parents will need to be aware that some Preppies may take a little time to get used to being at school 5 days a week and may become extra tired. You can help 7 our by setting positive morning and bedtime routines , providing them with healthy food choices for breakfast, snack, lunch and dinner and giving them some down time after school where they can relax and rest.

NAPLAN: Our Grade 3 and 5 students will be involved in NAPLAN testing over the next Weeks. This is a formalised test that gives a snapshot on a child's learning. It is one of the variety of ways we use to assess every child's leaning. It is important that families minimise students emotions about sitting a test like NAPLAN so they are more relaxed and comfortable on the day and can therefore be at their best. You can also support them by ensuring they have happy start to the day, have water to drink and have healthy food choices, especially on the day. Foods such as fruit, vegetables, yoghurt, cheese and cereal foods are some of the food groups that provide children' bodies and brains with energy and clarity of mind they need to assist their ability to learn.

<u>Privacy of Reminder:</u> Please take some time read through our Privacy Policy which is located on our school website. It outlines how we deal with privacy in different aspects of school life.

# April

Monday 22nd School Council

Thursday 25th ANZAC Day

## May

**Monday 13th** Teeth On Wheels

**Tuesday 14th** Teeth On Wheels

**Thursday 27th** Glasses for Kids

**Friday 28th** Glasses for Kids

June

Monday 10th King's Birthday Public Holiday

Monday 17th School Council

Friday 28th Last day of Term 2 Parent/Guardian and Teacher Share Time: Next Wednesday 6th March will be our first Parent/Guardian Teacher Share Time. The time for your meeting with your child's teacher will sent home tomorrow. Please check your child's bag at the end of the day to make sure you know your time for Wednesday. Please note, it would help us greatly if you let the office know if you are unable to make the meeting at the time set, as teachers will be waiting for you if they have not been informed.

Prep Bags: Every year the education department provides each Prep child and family with a very special bag with great goodies inside which includes books to read with your child and by your child, a puzzle and information brochures for parents. The 5 books in the bag, together with the books they will receive through our 'Books in Homes' program which is sponsored by Mainfreight, will certainly be a valuable addition to your child's bookshelf at home. And as we know, the more your child reads the more they will learn. The bag will also be very useful as a swimming bag for when they attend the Prep swimming program in Term2.

<u>Congratulations Carly:</u> Congratulations to Carly and her fiancé, who announced their engagement. HAPPY DAYS to you both and congratulations from the ANPS school community.

**Breakfast Club:** Breakfast Club is a healthy start to the day for our students at ANPS. All students from Prep to Grade 6 are welcome. Our ANPS Breakfast Club provides a warm and welcoming space for students when they arrive to school. **Breakfast Club runs on Wednesdays and Fridays at 8:00am in our Hall Foyer,** which children can access from the 7th Avenue gate on these mornings. Thank-you to our staff who are volunteering their time so the Breakfast Club can run.

<u>School Council and Elections:</u> Nominations for our School Council close tomorrow. If you are an enthusiastic parent interested in getting more involved and having a say in what our school is doing, or know someone who is, we would love to hear from you.

Murray to Moyne: Thank-you to those families who have begun donating to our annual major fundraising event, 'The Murray to Moyne Bike Ride'. Our Community Volunteer bike riders plus our volunteer support team which includes Ms Shiels and Jeff (parent of Lucas 1/2 S). Our team helps to raise valuable funds that are used to support our ANPS welfare program. This year the event will take place during the middle week-end of the holidays. Ms Shiels can provide you with more information if needed.

Thank-you to all of you for your wonderful support you give to your child and our school.

Thanks, **Lee Blunt** Acting Principal



