



# ALTONA NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Respect Excellence Acceptance Community Honesty



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## December

Friday 19th  
Meet Your  
Teacher  
&  
Last day of  
Term 4  
(2pm finish)

**REMINDER: Happy Holidays! First day of 2026 school year is Thursday 29th January**

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Dear ANPS Families,

As we come to the end of another school year here at ANPS, it's the perfect time to reflect on all the wonderful memories we've made together. From exciting excursions and inspiring incursions to the exciting moment Preps had their first day of primary school. It's been a year full of growth and achievement. Highlights like Grade 3–6 camp, Grade 6 Graduation, 60th Anniversary, Grandparent's Day, Harmony Day, Education Week, NAIDOC Week, Young Leader's Day, House Sports Days and various other school events, have brought us together as a community, showcasing the incredible spirit and talent of our students, staff and families.

## January

Thursday 29th  
First day of  
Term 1!

To our incredible Grade 6 students, we are so proud of the amazing young role models you've become and we know you're ready to take on the exciting challenges of high school. Best of luck for all that the future holds—you've got bright and inspiring journeys ahead of you!

We would like to welcome our new staff for 2026, Ms Caulfield, (performing arts), Ms Nguyen (gr 1/2 N) & Ms Totikidis (gr 3/4 T). We're excited to have them joining our teaching staff and look forward to the contributions they'll make to our school community.

## February

Wednesday 4th  
Prep Testing  
(No Preps)

Friday 6th  
School Photos

Friday 13th  
5/6 Big Camp  
Day In

Monday 23rd  
Grandparent/  
Special Person  
Morning

Tuesday 24th  
Prep Picnic

Friday 27th  
Interschool  
Sports R1  
(Spotswood)

Sadly we say good-bye to Ms Stork as she was successful in gaining the Learning Specialist role in a school very close to her home. Ms Stork has been a wonderful addition to the ANPS community and the school leadership team. We will miss her very much. The good news is that Mr Paterson will now take over the Learning Specialist role for 2026. Mr Paterson is an experienced teacher and he has previously been in the role of a Learning Specialist at his previous school. We look forward to working with Mr Paterson next year.

I want to thank all the amazing staff here at ANPS for your hard work and dedication throughout 2026. There are so many things that go on behind the scenes of a school so that we can provide the best learning opportunities for our students. This year the staff been involved in the successful completion of our School Review, planned and attended the school camp, big camp day in, prep picnic and swimming etc. They have also continued to be involved in a myriad of professional learning such as the revised Curriculum 2.0, the new Victorian Teaching & Learning Model and a lot more. A special thank you to Mr Raghdo, Ms Shiels and Ms Stork for providing invaluable support, your leadership and teamwork has meant so much.

I'd like to express my gratitude to our amazing students and families, your support and enthusiasm is deeply appreciated by everyone here at ANPS and makes a meaningful impact on our school community. And your child.

**Grade 6 Graduation:** On Wednesday, we had the Grade 6 Graduation, a truly special occasion that marked an important milestone for our students as they prepare for the next chapter of their journey. It was wonderful to see our students being recognised for their achievements and growth throughout their primary school years. Families, friends, students, and staff came together to celebrate this milestone. It was a memorable afternoon for all involved, and we are so proud of our graduating students. We wish them every success as move to the next stage of their school life.

**2026 School Captains:** Congratulations to our new 2026 School Captains Jude and Selena and our Vice School Captains Jareth and Porshia. These students have continually displayed positive behaviour and a caring attitude throughout their school years at Altona North Primary School. We are sure they will be positive role models for our students and will represent our school community with pride. We also say thank you to the outgoing school captains Ali and Elinor. We are sure there wonderful leadership skills will continue to grow during the secondary years.

**End of Year Christmas Raffle:** On Tuesday we announced the winners of this years End of Year Christmas Raffle, and we would like to congratulate all the lucky winners! A special thank you to all the families and community members who generously donated prizes. Thank you to all our wonderful families that participated in the raffle, we raised a whopping **\$1,271** which will go towards upgrading our school playground. Thank you again for everyone's involvement and generosity.

**Aussie of the Month:** Big congratulations to Archie for receiving Aussie of the Month. Archie is a kind-natured and hard-working student who consistently demonstrates our school values, Respect, Excellence, Acceptance, Community and Honesty. He shows mateship and is always ready to help out his teachers and peers. Archie displays a sense of integrity with everything he does and approaches his work with a growth mindset. Congratulations on being Aussie of the Month, Archie!



**2026 Class Allocations:** Today, your child found out who their classroom teacher and classmates will be for next year. They spent time in their new classroom, meeting their new teacher and new classmates. This was a great opportunity for students to get to know their teacher and classmates, helping them feel prepared and excited for the new school year ahead. A lot of thought and discussions have gone into creating these lists, which includes at least one friend from your child's friendship wish list. Your child has also been given a letter to bring home, outlining this information for parents and carers.

For those celebrating Christmas, I wish you a very Merry Christmas filled with joy and plenty of Christmas cheer. To all our families, I wish you a happy New Year and a safe, and happy holiday season.

Lee Blunt  
A/Principal



