Dear Parents and Families:

PREP PICNIC: May I extend our thanks to all families who attended the Prep Picnic last night. It was a delightful occasion and so nice to have the chance to meet and chat with families and students. In many ways the weather created improved opportunities to have good conversations. A huge thank you also to Mrs Paterson, Mr Davies and staff for their organisation and attendance at last night’s Prep Picnic.

SWIM CARNIVAL: The weather was perfect! Our students served us very proudly with their ship and enthusiasm. (Ana and Michael’s mum) for helping out so enthusiastically.

Our House Captains for 2014 are:

Blue / Millers:
- Ali El Kardi & Yasmin El Beden

Red / Blackshaws:
- Edmond Ibrocevic & Helena El Beden

Yellow / Mason:
- Yasser El Makki & Sarah El Beden

Our House Captains for 2014 are:

Green / Cresser:
- Ibraheem Ali & Rokia Taleb

Yellow / Mason:
- Ali El Kardi & Yasmin El-Hassan

Red / Blackshaws:
- Edmond Ibrocevic & Helena El Beden

Blue / Millers:
- Hizqilla Haniman & Maui Montalban

GOOFBYE MRS KAM / HELLO MR PAGE: Next Tuesday, 25th, we bid farewell to Mrs Kam as she and her husband Richard prepare for the arrival of their first child. Thank You Mrs Kam for your dedication and commitment to the students and their families. Best wishes from everyone within the ANPS community for this most exciting stage in your life.

We welcome Mr Aaron Page to ANPS. Mr Page will be the new teacher for 1/2K for the remainder of the 2014 school year.

CANTEEN: Apologies for any inconvenience caused this week with the canteen being closed a couple of days. THE CANTEEN WILL BE OPEN ALL NEXT WEEK (24-28th Feb). We will notify families of any changes to operating days/hours in the coming weeks.

Please remember to check your child’s school bag daily so as not to miss out on important information being sent home.

Have a great week.

Brendan O’Brien - Principal.
Well the ride is getting closer and our organisations are well on the way. Our riders are out on the road training and getting ready for their Murray to Moyne experience.

I would like to welcome and thank Mr. O’Brien, Ms. Shiels, Wendy Curran and James Gramatakos, (Alex’s dad), for putting their hands up and offering to join Team 101 in raising money for our school.

Also a big thank you to Parents and Friends for their constant support and fresh ideas.

In this week’s newsletter you will find a sponsorship form for any parents who are able to assist in sponsorship for the bike ride - no matter how big or small, every bit helps.

As I mentioned last week, we do need to keep our riders fed during the ride and we are asking if people can help by donating of any of the following which will enable us to keep costs down and put more money into the school:

- Tetra Fruit Boxes
- Long Life Big M
- Jube Lollies
- Nuts
- Dried Fruit
- Snack packs of chips/ biscuits etc.
- Mayonnaise
- Peanut Butter
- Vegemite
- Margarine
- Chocolate bars
- Cans of drink
- Gatorade / sports drinks

Some people may find this way of supporting the bike ride easier and ANY assistance is appreciated.

Please encourage your family and friends to get behind ANPS for this wonderful fundraiser.

Keep on riding - Robyn Gregson

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Commonwealth Bank School Banking:

TUESDAY is Student Banking Day at Altona North Primary School. Information packs were distributed to students during the first week of term. Would you like your child to be part of this exciting program? The program teaches students how to have a savings goal, manage their money and the difference between “wants” and “needs”.

If you would like assistance opening a student account, please come along to our ACCOUNT OPENING SESSION: MONDAY 3rd MARCH @ 8.45-9.45am.

ALL YOU NEED IS YOUR DRIVERS LICENCE!!

Any questions – feel free to speak with Bev at the office or contact our School Banking Specialist from The Commonwealth Bank; Susan Brailsford on 0422 116 040 or E: susan.brailsford@cba.com.au

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EMA CLAIMS NOW BEING PROCESSED:

LAST CHANCE TO CLAIM EMA:

If you hold a Health Card or Pension Card, valid as of the 28th January 2014, you may be eligible to claim Education Maintenance Allowance during the 2014 school year. Forms are available at the school office. All completed claims must be received by the office before Thursday 27th February 2014.

If you require more information about EMA please speak to one of our friendly office staff.
On Saturday 5th April 2014 at 11:10am, a group of 8 bicycle riders, supported by 5 crew, will attempt to ride from Echuca to Port Fairy (520kms) in 24 hours as a fundraising activity for our school. You have the opportunity to support this fundraising activity by either sponsoring per kilometre or by a donation.

**SPONSOR SHEET: (per kilometre or donation)**

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Yours sincerely,
ROBYN GREGSON – Bike Ride Co-Ordinator
REMEMBER TO CHECK YOUR CHILD’S SCHOOL BAG REGULARLY IN ORDER TO NOT MISS OUT ON ANY IMPORTANT INFORMATION OR UP-COMING EVENTS!!

Visit our webpage regularly at www.altonanorthps.vic.edu.au to stay in tune with what’s going on, in and around ANPS. Our webpage is a great way to keep up-to-date and download forms which may have been misplaced.