



# Altona North Primary School

*Respect. Excellence. Acceptance. Community. Honesty.*

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## Dates to Remember

### TERM 4

#### NOVEMBER:

**Friday 17th:** Concert

Tickets on Sale via

TryBooking

**Monday 20th:** School

Council 7pm

5/6 Unit State

Emergency Services

(SES) Incursion

**Wednesday 22nd:**

**PREP 2018**

**TRANSITION**

**Friday 24th:** 5/6 Beach

Program

**Thursday 23rd:** P-G4

Healthy Kidneys

Incursion

**Tuesday 28th:**

**COSTUMES DUE AT**

**SCHOOL**

**Wednesday 29th: PREP**

**2018 TRANSITION &**

**PARENT INFO**

**SESSION**

#### DECEMBER:

**Friday 1st: Pyjama Day**

Gold Coin Donation in

support of Kmart Wishing

Tree

1/2 Unit Sleepover

**Tuesday 5th:** Concert

Dress Rehearsal

**Thursday 7th: School**

**Concert**

**Tuesday 12th:** Teeth

On Wheels follow up

visits

**Wednesday 13th:**

Grade 6 Big Day Out

**Monday 18th:** Reports

and Portfolios home

**Wednesday 20th:**

Classroom Parties

**Friday 22nd:**

**LAST DAY OF TERM 4**

### 2018 JANUARY

**Tuesday 30th:** Office

and Uniform Shop open

11am - 1pm



"Consider Others"

## CONCERT TICKETS ON SALE TOMORROW !!! WEDNESDAY 22nd NOVEMBER PREP TRANSITION

## From the Principal

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Dear Parents and Families:

I start the newsletter today with a message from the Honourable Wade Noonan who is not only our Member of Parliament but a wonderful supporter of Altona North Primary School, please read his message below.

### A MESSAGE FROM HON. WADE NOONAN, MP:

"It was during a visit to the Breakfast Club Program that I noticed the damaged cladding on the School's main two buildings. Principal Robyn Gregson advised me the school had been waiting some months to learn whether the cladding problem would be repaired. After some gentle pushing through the Education Minister, James Merlino's office, last Friday came the wonderful news that Altona North PS would receive \$198,000 to replace all of the old and damaged cladding.

Investments like these are among the most important ones a government can make. They're not glamorous, they're not ground breaking, and they don't usually attract a lot of external attention. What they are is vital, to teachers, students and the broader school community. We know that when essential school maintenance is neglected, teachers can struggle to do their job. Communities should be proud of their schools, and one of the first steps in that is giving them facilities to be proud of. As Member for Williamstown, I'm really pleased to see Altona North PS benefit from this important investment, and I thank the school community for the wonderful work they do."

Hon. Wade Noonan, MP

**CONGRATULATIONS:** I would like to Congratulate Ms Shiels in successfully picking up the Acting Leading Teacher position here at ANPS and also Mr. Jaggard who will be our Acting Specialist Teacher (a new position at ANPS) for the 2018 year.

I look forward to working with them both in the coming year, ensuring that our students are getting the best teaching and learning possible.

**LAST WEEK'S REMEMBRANCE SERVICE:** A big thankyou to our 5 /6 Team and Captains for delivering a wonderful Remembrance Service last Friday. They delivered it with clarity, passion and empathy. Thankyou to classes that made wreaths and poppy's in recognition of Reembrace Day.

**2018 PREP TRANSITION:** We added another grade into our class model for 2018 and have limited places remaining for Prep 2018 so if you wish to attend ANPS in 2018 please have all enrolment forms in ASAP to avoid disappointment. The next and 4th transition session is **WEDNESDAY 22ND NOVEMBER.**

**CONCERT:** Concert rehearsals are coming along very nicely and all children are enjoying learning their routines in music, class and even the school yard when they hear their class song on the bell. If you are able to help out with costumes or props please see your classroom teachers. Tickets will be available for purchase online through TryBooking from TOMORROW Friday 17th November. Full details are on Page 2 of this newsletter.

**2018 ESSENTIAL EDUCATION SUPPLIES:** A very big THANK YOU to those families who have already made a payment for their students' 2018 Essential Education Supplies. We have had a number of parents take advantage of our \$10 discount offer! Full details regarding this payment was sent home with all students last week. An excerpt of that note is on the page 3 of this newsletter. If you have any questions or require further information, please speak with either Tara or Wendy in the office.

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## From the Principal Continued

**2018 CLASS PREPARATIONS:** A reminder to all families and friends that preparations are well under way for developing class models for 2018. If you have a family member, friend or neighbour that is wanting to enrol at ANPS for 2018 please tell them to get enrolment forms in quickly as all grades are filling up. If you have a very specific request for 2018 regarding your child's grade please contact me in writing by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November. We do everything we can to make transition across the school seamless as well as look at many aspects of our students needs in placing students each year so please be very mindful of this.

*Have a wonderful weekend.*

**Robyn Gregson - Principal**

## SCHOOL CONCERT:

This year's School Concert, "**MOVIE NIGHT**", will be held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December in our School Hall. Our Prep to Grade 6 students will perform in one combined School Concert to be held at 6:00pm. The Grade 6 Graduates will also be presented on the night. Performing students will not require a ticket.

Tickets can be purchased online from **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November**.

Go to or [www.trybooking.com](http://www.trybooking.com). (If you go to our website, [www.altonanorthps.vic.edu.au](http://www.altonanorthps.vic.edu.au) you can simply click on the link). Search Altona North Primary School and follow the prompts through to 'checkout' using credit card. Once you've completed the process, tickets will be emailed through to your email address for printing. Please print your tickets and keep them in a safe place to be presented at the door on the night of the concert. If you cannot print your tickets, you can forward your email to [altona.north.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:altona.north.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au) and we will print your tickets for you. Please ensure you enter your students' names within the email, so your tickets can be passed to your child.

Tickets are \$10.00 each. You will be able to select seats from the allocated seating plan. TryBooking is a simple, streamlined ticketing system trusted by many schools and organisations. Should parents be unable to access the internet, perhaps a friend could assist. If this is not an option, our office staff will be available to order tickets on your behalf. Please call at the office to ask for assistance.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email or phone the school office.

## SOCIAL SERVICE NEWS: Annual K-Mart Wishing Tree:

Each year we support the Kmart Wishing Tree and it is an ongoing fundraiser throughout Term 4. Children are asked to start donating some of their loose change towards the purchase of a gift to be placed under the K-Mart Wishing Tree. The loose change is collected in the classroom. The gifts are purchased and collected by the Salvation Army and distributed to families or individuals who may not receive a gift at Christmas.

This year we are holding a PYJAMA DAY on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December to further support this very worthy fundraiser. This day is like a regular Out of Uniform Fundraiser Days where students are asked to bring a Gold Coin Donation



## Healthy Kidneys Education Project

Next Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November students in grade 1/2 and 3/4 will be participating in a session being run by the Healthy Kidneys Education Project. This project is free of charge to the school, thanks to the generous sponsorship of the Dialysis and Transplant Association of Victoria Inc. (D.A.T.A.).

The aim of the program is to help reduce the incidence of chronic disease later in life and to improve the knowledge of kidney disease and related health issues through educating children earlier in life.

Don't forget to ask your child about what they learned about healthy kidneys. You may even learn something you didn't know about keeping kidneys healthy.

**Mrs Blunt**



## 2018 Essential Education Supplies (EES):

The School Council has determined the cost of the **2018 Essential Education Supplies to be \$200** per child. This covers essential education items and materials for learning and teaching for next year. The school is able to buy these supplies in bulk to receive discount prices. The supplies will be bought in individual packs and distributed as required by each grade teacher. It is recommended that parents purchase through the school as items need to meet the school's specifications and will be cheaper. Payment options are listed below.

**A discount of \$10 will be given for FULL payment on or before Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2018.**

Please contact the office if you have any questions or make an appointment to speak with the Principal or Assistant Principal should you need to make alternate payment arrangements.

The Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) can be claimed by families with a Health Care or Pension Card valid as of 29<sup>th</sup> January 2018 providing \$125 per child. Unfortunately, the CSEF **cannot** be used to cover payment for EES 2018 but will be of great assistance when making payments for excursion/incursions and budgeting for 2018. State Schools' Relief uniform assistance is also available to families in serious financial difficulties.

Follow this link for further information <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/financial/Pages/>

## 2018 OPENING DATES:

Every year ANPS opens the office and uniform shop earlier so you are able to come in and make final EES payments and purchase new uniforms. The office and uniform shop will be open on **Tuesday 30th January from 11am - 1pm.**

Students in **Grades 1 - 6** will start school on **WEDNESDAY 31st JANUARY** and our **2018 Prep** students will start school on **THURSDAY 1st FEBRUARY**. Prep students do not attend school on WEDNESDAYS for the month of February. All students start school at 8:45am.

## Kitchen Garden

We currently have an abundance of strawberry plants from our garden for sale. If you wish to purchase some strawberry plants they are 3 plants for \$10. Please let the office know if you would like to purchase any.



## PARENTS AND FRIENDS:

**Giant Christmas Raffle:** The Parents and Friends will be holding a huge End of Year Christmas Raffle. Tickets are to be distributed at the end of November. \$1 per ticket or \$10 per book. If you **DO NOT** wish to participate in this year's raffle, please complete the tear off slip below and return it to the school by Friday 24th November.

### PARENTS & FRIENDS CHRISTMAS RAFFLE:

**NO TICKETS PLEASE**

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

***I DO NOT wish to receive a booklet of Raffle Tickets to sell on behalf of ANPS***

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# PREP 2018

# TRANSITION DATES

**Session 1. Wednesday 1st November: 9:00am-10:30am**

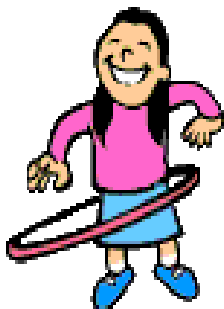
**Session 2. Wednesday 8th November: 9:00am-10:30am**

**Session 3. Wednesday 15th November: 9:00am-10:30am**

**Session 4. Wednesday 22nd November: 9:00am-10:30am**

**Session 5. Wednesday 29th November:  
9:00am-11am**

**(Session 5 includes a Parent Information Session)**



Please see the office if you would like any information  
about these dates