Dear Parents and Families:

REPORT WRITING DAY: Sincere thanks to all families for their support of the non school day on Monday 3rd Nov. Staff have made valuable report writing progress in readiness to finalise your children’s reports. Staff must evaluate numerous pieces of student work and then make comparisons to the Australian Curriculum standards and expectations. This is a rather complex process and does require strong supporting evidence to substantiate each student’s assessed learning outcomes. It is from these assessments that the reports are then compiled. Once again, thank you for your support.

IMAX EXCURSION: The Grade 1 / 2 team of students, staff and parent helpers all headed off for an incredibly fact and fun filled educational day in the City today. The IMAX theatre and the Museum will provide the team with a rich learning environment that will extend our students thinking and knowledge for their current curriculum Inquiry Unit on: “Living on Earth and Biological Science”.

REMEMBRANCE DAY: Our student leaders from the 5 / 6 team will lead a Remembrance Day service in the hall on the 11th of the 11th at 11.00 am. Please arrive at 10.45am. All families are welcome and are encouraged to bring along a wreath to lay below the Australian flag or to wear a poppy. Staff and students will be discussing the significance of Remembrance day in their class programs over the next week.

SWIMMING & BEACH PROGRAMS: Don’t forget to enrol your children into these extremely important and beneficial safety around water programs. The Prep to Grade 4 students will be participating in a 10 day Intensive Swim Program whilst the Grade 5/6 students will be involved in a 10 day Beach Program. We have extended the deadline for deposits until TOMORROW.

I cannot stress strongly enough the importance of children learning how to swim and be safe near and in water. Parents need to enrol their children into the program BY TOMORROW.

2015 CLASS PREPARATIONS: A reminder to all families and friends that preparations are well underway for developing class models for 2015.

If you have a family member, friend or neighbour that is wanting to enrol at ANPS for 2015 please tell them to get enrolments in quickly as grades are filling up.

CONCERT PREPARATIONS: A final “Prop Making Workshop” will take place in the next two weeks and parents are encouraged to attend and help out. We will let everyone know the date and time once decided.

Class teachers all need parents to make sure all of the concert class costumes are prepared as per the notes which have already gone home. All costumes are due at school as soon as possible. If you would like to help or know more, please speak with your child’s classroom teacher.

ROAD BEHAVIOUR: This is a friendly reminder to all families to please drive slowly and safely around our school in order to look after our precious students, your children. Please also observe all parking restrictions and make sure your children are dropped off at the curb and enter/exit your car from the curb side.

HOUSE SPORTS DAY: Please keep Friday the 14th of November free (only one week away now) for our House Sports Day and family picnic. Students will all gather in their respective Houses and compete in a range of FUN healthy sport activities. This is always a great day, as long as the weather is on our side. Families can then share a picnic lunch together to conclude the day’s activities.

It will be lovely to catch up with families in this relaxed atmosphere.

Another QUOTE WORTH LIVING BY: "To know how to suggest is the great art of teaching" Henri—Frederic Amiel.

It is often difficult to NOT TELL or to NOT INSTRUCT. This we all understand. The challenge is to facilitate or guide—‘To suggest’ instead.

Have a great week.

Brendan O’Brien, Principal.
If children are unwell the best place for them to be is at home!

If your child is showing signs of being unwell, please keep them at home until they are well enough to return to school.

If you are advised by a doctor that your child has an illness such as chickenpox, the slapped cheek virus, whooping cough or another of the numerous childhood illnesses, please contact the office so we can inform other members of our community of the symptoms to be aware of.

If your child is going to be absent for an extended period of time, please contact their class teacher via the office to discuss the situation.

ANPS 50 YEARS CELEBRATIONS:

During the course of term 4 students will contribute their ideas to our 50th celebration. Parents are most welcome to pass on their ideas as well and this can be achieved through the P&F, by dropping by the office, sending the school an email or by stopping by to discuss your concept. All contributions are welcome. We would like help with research into the school's history and the fine tuning of the many photograph albums we have so they can be in good condition for people to browse over when they visit. No specific skills or talents required, just a little enthusiasm please.

SWIMMING and BEACH PROGRAMS:

We have extended the due date to participate in the Swimming and Beach Program. The final date is now strictly TOMORROW, Friday 7th November. Total payments are to be settled by this date. Therefore if there are still students wanting to participate this is the final reminder for them to return their permission notes and monies. Yarraville Swim Centre has also informed us that they are now able to accommodate an additional 20 students in their swimming program; therefore there are still some vacancies available. - Lynette Soto - PE teacher

2015 YEAR 7:

Parents of students in Grade 6 this year, are asked to please make a note on your calendars that the Year 7 2015 Orientation Day for all Victorian Government Secondary Schools will be held on TUESDAY 9th DECEMBER. Grade 6 students are not required to attend Altona North Primary School at all on this day.

CONCERT PROPS & COSTUMES:

If you are available to assist in anyway with either making Props or Costumes, please speak with your child’s classroom teacher.

MOVEMBER

HAPPY MOVEMBER.

During November, it becomes time to recognise the importance of men’s health. ‘Movember’ is a charity fundraiser that funds research to combat cancer that affects men, as well as supporting those with mental health issues.

I invite all male family members to join the AL-MO’s which is A.N.P.S Movember Team. All you need to do is go to www.movember.com and register, then follow the following link - http://moteam.co/al-mo-s and join our team. Each class will have a collection box which we invite you to bring any loose coins that you may have to donate to this very good cause.

Thank You
Lewis Bainbridge
Class Teacher

UNWELL CHILDREN:

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# Help Wanted!

LIBRARY: LOOKING GREAT!

We have 12 new beloved classic Dr. Seuss books that are now available in the library. They include “The Cat in the Hat” and “The Cat in the Hat Comes Back”, “Green Eggs and Ham”, “Horton Hears a Who!” and many more. Come in and enjoy these new books.
**LAST CHANCE:** This is the last chance for you to purchase an Entertainment Book for $65. It is a great Christmas present or buy it for yourself and gain huge money saving vouchers for the upcoming school holidays. Lots of price saving vouchers to thousands of local and Melbourne wide family food and entertainment outlets. Use this as an excellent resource to plan family outings!

**MATTEL TOY CLUB:** ENTRY TICKETS to the Mattel Toy Club in Derrimut. Tickets are $5 per person with 100% of ticket sales coming straight to ANPS towards our fundraising goals. There is no limit to how many tickets you can buy, but there are limited spaces for each available shopping date. (16 years old and over only. Mattel do not allow children under 16 years old into the shop.

Dates available to the ANPS Community are:
Thurs 11 Dec 2014 10am-3pm, Fri 12 Dec 2014 4pm-8pm, Sat 13 Dec 2014 11am-3pm
Order forms, along with payment, must be returned by Monday 8th December. Tickets will be distributed on Tuesday 9th December. If you did not receive an order form and would like one, please either visit the school office or download a copy from the school’s website www.altonanorthps.vic.edu.au

**GIANT CHRISTMAS RAFFLE:** We are fortunate to have the continued support of local businesses who are donating some great prizes for our Christmas raffle. Parents and Friends would like to include “family friendly practical hampers”.

We are seeking donations from our school community of non-perishable foods, household items, sports equipment, gardening gear, cooking equipment, picnic supplies, etc... No item is too small or too big. Please drop them off at the office or leave your name and contact number and a member of P&F will be in touch.

Raffle Tickets will be sent home with the eldest child during the first week of December. These tickets will be in books of 10 and each ticket will sell for $1.00. You will be given the option to either receive or not receive raffle tickets to sell closer to the time.

If you DO NOT want to sell a book of raffle tickets, please complete the tear-off slip below and return it to school by WEDNESDAY 12th NOVEMBER.

**UPCOMING EVENT: SAUSAGE SIZZLE LUNCH - Monday 17th November:** Back by popular demand, we will be holding a sausage sizzle lunch on Monday 17th November as the school canteen will be closed on this day.
Once again we will be offering a Beef Halal Sausage in bread for $2 each and a bottle of water for $1.50 each. All students wishing to take part in the sausage sizzle will need to PRE-ORDER their lunch. Order forms will be sent home with students shortly.

**Annual K-Mart Wishing Tree:**
This is an ongoing fundraiser throughout the term.

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 gifts will be collected by the Salvation Army and distributed to families or individuals who may not receive a gift at Christmas.

**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.**

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**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: ___________________________
COMMUNITY NEWS:

RECYCLE YOUR ELECTRONIC WASTE

Following the success of the two electronic waste (ewaste) recycling trials in 2012, Hobsons Bay residents can again recycle their ewaste for free on Saturday 15th November from 8am to 3pm at Hobsons Bay Council Depot, Sugar Gum Drive, Altona. Ewaste refers to any electronic appliance that is of no use to its current owner. This includes everything that is powered by batteries or plugs into a socket outlet but excludes white goods. The service is free for Hobsons Bay residents and bookings are not required. A maximum of two televisions and two computers per vehicle will be accepted. For a full list of acceptable items, and more information, visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/ewaste or contact the council on 9932 1000.

BAYSIDE TENNIS SCHOOL

Bayside Tennis School promotes tennis skill development together with academic and personal growth. Enrolment are now open for 2015.

Open Day will be held on

**Saturday 8th November 1-3pm**

Bayside P-12 College, 29 – 69 Kororoit Creek Road, Williamstown.

For further information visit www.bayside.vic.edu.au or call 9397 1377

MOUNT ST. JOSEPHS 2015

Limited places are available for 2015 at some year levels. Applications for Year 7, 2015 have closed but a waiting list is available. Enrolment application forms can be obtained from the website www.msj.vic.edu.au or by contacting the College Registrar at registrar@msj.vic.edu.au.

**MSJ Open Morning - 9.30am – 10.30am (Thursday)**

The final Open Morning for 2014 will be held on 13th November 2014. All are welcome.

THE IMPACT OF VIDEO GAMES ON CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

This Parent Information Session is designed for parents of Primary and Secondary school aged children. Presenter, Steven Dupon (founder of www.videogames.org.au) will present on the positive and negative effects of video games on young people.

**Wednesday 3rd December 6.45 to 8.30 pm**

Laverton Community Hub. 95-105 Railway Street Laverton

RSVP essential. Call 9932 4000 or email Ipetroff@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au

GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN IN THE WEST

Parent Information Evening …… An invitation is extended to those interested in the education and support of highly able children in schools across the West of Melbourne.

**Wednesday 19th November 7.30-9pm**

St. Mary’s Primary School Hall

118 Cecil Street. Williamstown

RSVP your interest in attending to Simon at williparentnight@yahoo.com