

VISION STATEMENT

Create a vibrant learning community where lives are transformed and individuals inspired to achieve beyond what they ever believed possible

ATHOL ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

3rd April 2019

NEWSletter

BULLYING IS NOT ACCEPTABLE AT ARPS!

CALENDAR EVENTS:

Term 2 Assembly dates:

FRIDAY @ 3.00pm

- 26th April
- 10th May
- 24th May
- 7th June
- 21st June

CASUAL DRESS DAY

Friday, 5th April

Gold coin or note donation!
All students choosing not to wear school uniform must bring a donation.

CREATOR KIDS WORKSHOPS

Year 5/6 students

29th April – 2nd May

NAPLAN ONLINE:

YEAR 3 – 5 students

14th – 24th May

SCHOOL FINISHES

at 2.30pm on

Friday, 5th April

SINGING ASSEMBLY

at 1.30pm on

Friday, 5th April



From the Principal's Desktop

THANK YOU to everyone who attended the funeral and/or donated money to the Khem family to support them through this very difficult time. One of the hardest things that any parent has to do is bury a child. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family as they adjust to life without the daughter they loved.

Another successful swimming program for students in Years 1 – 6 is coming to an end tomorrow. THANK YOU to all parents who saw the value in their children attending school swimming lessons as an important learning experience. It is great to learn that many of our students are also involved in swimming lessons outside of school.



The Department of Education supported schools to provide opportunities for students to learn to swim through a grant which allowed School Council to keep the swimming costs at the same price as 2018. If you can afford to enrol your children in private swimming lessons I would certainly encourage you to do so.



A FREE BBQ lunch is being held for staff, students and parents on the last day of Term 1, Friday, 5th April. THANK YOU to everyone who returned the notice and will be joining staff and their children for the BBQ on the last day.

REMINDER

Term 1 finishes at 2.30pm

on Friday, 5th April

ALL students must be picked up on time unless registered and attending Club. Late fees will apply.

SINGING ASSEMBLY: 1.30pm

**Join your
child/ren
for a
celebration
of song!**



Term 2 commences at 8.50am on TUESDAY, 23rd APRIL. Please note that the last weekend of the holidays is Easter weekend and so there is no school on the Monday, EASTER MONDAY!

A school where 'Every minute matters'

Every year Athol Road Primary School supports the Royal children's Hospital Appeal.

THANK YOU to families who have donated \$90.00

Making a total of \$1 437.80 collected in 2018/2019 - still a long way from the 2018 total of \$3 319.45

There are 297 families – if every family donated \$10.00 the school would raise another \$2 970.00 which would be an awesome effort.

If you would like to donate to the Good Friday Appeal (all amounts small or large are welcome), please send your donation to the office by Friday, 5th April with the name of your eldest child – an official Good Friday Appeal receipt will be issued – this is tax deductible!

PLEASE GIVE THAT THEY MAY GROW!

WORKS OVER THE HOLIDAYS

1. Kindergarten playground upgrade
A new climbing structure is being installed in the kindergarten during the holidays. It will support the indoor outdoor learning program being implemented in the kindergarten.
2. Painting in the administration area. If you have been up to school this week you will have noticed how bare the walls are. All the pictures and photographs have been taken down ready for the holiday paint job which includes the ceilings and walls in all offices and the corridor. The ARPS sign and posts at the front entrance are also being painted. This will refresh the entrance to the school. The down side is that it is a lot of working taking down the frames but an even larger job getting them back up again in early Term 2.
3. Replacement of the floor in the girls toilet in the Year 3 – 6 building. The vinyl in the girls toilet is bubbling and is becoming a hazard. Replacing the floor with an epoxy surface will provide a long term solution to this problem.

School Council is also working on plans to refurbish the school hall into a multi-purpose facility with a permanent stage with curtains, sound and lighting. This will significantly add to the usability of this space as both a physical education and performing arts venue. Watch this space for further information as concept drawings are completed and tenders lodged for this major project.

Athol Road is truly a GREAT school, becoming greater! Important people in the region are acknowledging this!

ARPS JOURNEY TO REDUCE OUR WASTE



A waste audit in November 2018 identified that the school needed to significantly reduce waste output. The main contributors to our waste was identified as staff and student food brought in each day using single use packaging and green waste from school grounds going into our rubbish dumpster.

Nude Food was implemented from Day 1 2019 where staff and students were required to bring food in reusable or recyclable packaging. Any single use packaging brought to school was to be taken back home. The only exception to food packaging put in school bins was lunch orders or ice creams/ icy poles from the canteen. School community feedback and positive action has been amazing, with the majority of our school community getting on board. Our school bins provided in our outdoor eating area are now only need to be emptied when required which can be anywhere from 2- 4 weeks instead of every second day.

In regards to green waste, the school weighed up two options:

1. Having a stand-alone green waste dumpster collection on demand OR
2. Purchasing a commercial mulcher chipper to process green waste into compost for school gardens.



It was decided that the mulcher would be the better option despite the bigger upfront purchase cost because it would pay for itself over time. All green waste is now mulched and composted before being added to our school produce garden.

With these two initiatives, the school has been able to reduce our waste dumpster pickups from 2 to 1 each week and it is not usually filled to capacity.

By continuing our current waste reduction course the school will make a projected saving of \$2 500 annually.

Bryan Hunter: Environmental Education Specialist

CAMPS, SWIMMING & EXCURSIONS FUND

Do you hold a current Health Care OR Pension Card?

You are eligible to receive government funding BUT only if you bring your HCC or PCC to the school. Do NOT miss out on this funding which will help cover the cost of camps, swimming or excursions! What is not used in Foundation carries over to Year 1, then Year 2, etc.

Do NOT miss out on this funding!!!!!!!

SAFE HOLIDAYS EVERYONE!

MELBOURNE FLOWER AND GARDEN SHOW



Mr Hunter and four Year 6 students were invited by Biofilta to the Melbourne Flower and Garden Show to help launch Biofilta's new advanced wicking bed, known as the Food Cube. As Athol Road Primary School has purchased and currently use Biofilta wicking beds, the school was invited to attend and plant out the Food Cube, pose for some photos and then explore the Flower and Garden Show.

Melina, Nita, Lauren and Tamalia accompanied Mr Hunter on this special adventure. They were amazed at what they saw and interacted with and came back to school with an increased understanding as to just how important and interesting the natural wonders of plants and flowers actually are.

Athol Road Primary will be installing Biofilta Food Cubes into our school garden in the next few weeks which will help increase our fresh produce varieties and output along with reducing our water consumption due to the advanced wicking technology that the Food Cube offers.



PERSUASIVE WRITING IN YEAR 3/4

RECYCLING IS EASY!

Firstly, everyone should recycle because it's soooooo easy! It's easy because when you need to put rubbish in the bin the bin's waiting for you and it's not like you're playing tiggy with the bin! The bin doesn't have legs so it can't move (not even 1 mm). All you need to do is open the lid and put the rubbish in. It's that easy so everyone should be doing it.

Composed by Henry in Year 3/4

SETTING GOALS

Parents will know that, as part of the learning process, their children set learning goals. Did you know that teachers also set goals for themselves.

One of Miss Davis' goals this year is to share more of her teaching experiences with others. Here are some pictures of today's maths lesson which involved students using maths in a very practical way. Throughout this lesson the students learnt about decimals, weight, fractions, place value and operations all while being immersed in the experience of cooking. They used pumpkin, herbs (rosemary and thyme), onions and a long green chilli from the school garden (students picked them) supplemented with a sweet potato and regular potato from the shops.

The students helped Ms Davis buy the items in the shops across the road. They worked out change and they discussed why batteries were different prices in different shops. Student feedback was extremely positive about the experience and students are looking forward to heaps more maths experiences like this in the future!

