

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

24th 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

Tuesday, 30th April

Gold coin donation required from all students choosing NOT to wear school uniform
Money to 2020 RCH Appeal

CREATOR KIDS WORKSHOPS

Year 5/6 students
29th April – 2nd May

CREATOR KIDS PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Wednesday, 1st May
at 7.00pm

NAPLAN ONLINE

YEAR 3 and Year 5 students
14th – 24th May

**PLEASE
DO NOT DRIVE
INTO THE
SCHOOL
GROUNDS TO
DROP OFF OR
PICK UP YOUR
CHILDREN BEFORE
OR AFTER SCHOOL**



From the Principal's Desktop

WELCOME BACK to Term 2 – another busy term at ARPS for students and teachers.

CONGRATULATIONS to all students and teachers on the special Singing Assembly performances on the last day of Term 2. These special assemblies are a celebration of music which brings joy into the lives of so many. The amount of work that went into practising for the performance is a credit to both staff and students. THANK YOU to all the parents who attended, it was GREAT to see so many of you being able to come and celebrate with the staff and students. I left school on the last Friday with a smile on my face, I hope you did too as I recalled a number of the songs that I so much enjoyed!



Thank you to all of the parents who attended. It was great to see so many of you come to watch your children perform. Hope to see you all back at the end of Term 2!

LATENESS

School Council is considering strategies to reduce the number of students who are presenting late to school on a regular basis.

One of these strategies is that parents will be contacted when their child presents late for school **more than twice in the term.**

SCHOOL STARTS AT 8.50am!

PARENTS/GUARDIANS are asked to ensure that there are strategies in place for their child/ren to get to school by 8.45am.

BREAKFAST CLUB, sponsored by FoodBank, operates every morning from 8.00am where breakfast is provided FREE to any child who attends.

PARENTS are reminded that:

- students should NOT be at school or left at school before 8.00am as there is no one to supervise them and it is unsafe.
- Students arriving prior to 8.30am MUST go to Breakfast Club
- There are no teachers on duty in the yard before school until 8.50am

**CREATOR KIDS
PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT
WEDNESDAY, 1st MAY
at 7.00pm**

A school where 'Every minute matters'

THANK YOU to the ARPS school community which raised \$2 422.20 for the 2019 Royal Children's Hospital Appeal.

WORKS OVER THE HOLIDAYS

1. Kindergarten playground upgrade has been completed and the kindergarten students are now happily climbing to their hearts content!!!! I am told that the staff have also tried out the new climbing equipment.
2. Painting in the administration area has been completed. Now the massive job of putting the area back together begins. I have no doubt that this will take weeks. It is amazing how much is collected in a short space of time.
3. Handrails have been added to the front and back steps to support those who may need a little help in getting up the steps.
4. Playground markings have been refreshed and a figure 8 added to the front basketball court to support Bike Ed lessons.

FUTURE PROJECTS

1. Unfortunately the replacement of the floor in the girls toilet in the Year 3 – 6 building was not able to be completed – this has now been scheduled for later.
2. Playground games will be painted on the junior playground next holidays.
3. The hall refurbishment project will commence this term with the appointment of an architect to oversee the project which involves building a permanent stage with stairs and curtains and a sound and lighting booth. This will help the school take the performing arts program to the next level. There is an extensive Department process required to complete the project but Ms Nigro and I are confident that this will be completed by the end of Term 2. The second stage is the development of a concept design followed by tenders being requested for the job. This is a very exciting project for our school.

FINANCIAL AUDIT

Over a 3 year period, the Department of Education conduct a financial audit of every school. Athol Road Primary School is being audited during the month of May. The auditors will examine all aspects of the school's financial management practices and processes to ensure that the school is adhering to the Department's financial guidelines and regulations. Following the audit a report will be presented to School Council with recommendations to further strengthen/improve school practices.

LAST CHANCE

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!!!!!!!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

***For safety reasons
Driving into the school ground
to drop off or pick up students
before or after school
is NOT PERMITTED
AT ANY TIME!***

Students should be dropped off at the crossing and walk into school with the other students!

SWIMMING

While the 2018 swimming program has now been delivered, preparations start for 2019 swimming. Feedback is requested from parents to support School Council in making the best decision for 2019. Please let the teachers, the office or a School Councillor know your thoughts!

GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK



It is with great sadness that the ARPS school community says goodbye to Mrs Delia Gray, integration aide in the Year 1/2 learning space. While Mrs Gray has only been at ARPS for such a short time she has been an invaluable asset to the school and she will be greatly missed.

However the school understands that her desire to be more involved in her young son's school life is an important priority and the school community wishes her all the very best.