

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

5th February 2020

NEWSletter

BULLYING IS NOT ACCEPTABLE AT ARPS!

SPECIAL INFORMATION AND CALENDAR EVENTS

2020 Term Dates (students)

Term 1: 31/01 – 27/03

Term 2: 14/04 – 26/06

Term 3: 13/07 – 18/09

Term 4: 05/10 – 18/12

Foundation students do NOT attend school on Wednesdays in FEBRUARY!

Term 1 PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Monday, 9th March

No school for students!

CASUAL DRESS DAYS

Last Friday of each month

Students choosing to participate in casual dress days are required to bring a gold coin donation – proceeds to the Royal Children's Hospital Appeal

2020 Swimming Program

will run one day a week until the end of term.

Monday for Years 1 – 4

Commences Feb 10th

Wednesday for Years 5-6

Commences Feb 12th

Students need to wear a swim cap to swimming lessons!

ARPS swim caps: \$5.00



From the Principal's Desktop

ARPS WELCOMES 2020

On behalf of the staff and School Council I welcome our families, new and returning, to another exciting year at ARPS in 2020!

A special welcome to the 2020 Foundation students, Nicholas Lopes Ramirez in Year 1, Kevin Nguyen and Dean Van Ree in Year 2, Aniston and Arriann Taing and Amelia Yim in Year 4. I trust everyone will enjoy their experiences at ARPS in the coming year.

I trust everyone had a great holiday break, enjoying good times with families and friends.

You will notice that there are now 3 flagpoles located outside the staffroom, thanks to a Department of Education special grant. The Australian, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island flags will soon fly proudly at ARPS. It will be the responsibility of Year 6 students to put the flags up and take them down at the beginning and end of each week while school is in operation.

The hall refurbishment commenced on 13th January and continues until the end of Term 2. This will cause some disruption, especially to parking, with some staff having to park outside the school grounds for the duration of the works. Movement in and around the top carpark will prove difficult during this period but hopefully, in Term 3, ARPS will boast a great facility for both physical education and performing arts.

WELCOME BACK

In 2020 ARPS welcomes 2 teachers back from maternity leave:

- Mrs Heather: Year 3/4 learning space
- Mrs Meade: Year 1/2 learning space

Both will be working on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and sharing their teaching roles with Mr Holden and Mrs Harkness respectively.

ARPS SAYS HELLO

ARPS welcomes new staff members:

- Miss Chong and Miss Stuart who join the Foundation team – both have early childhood experience which will be an added strength in the team.
- Mr Buchanan, Miss Teitzel and Miss Davey who join the Year 1/2 team, bringing fresh, new ideas.
- Mrs West who joins the Year 3/4 team. She has 10 years of teaching experience and is excited to pursue the next stage of her teaching career at ARPS.
- Miss Nesbitt, Miss Yates, Miss Ferdinands and Mrs Van Haaster who join the Year 5/6 team along with Miss Crow.
- Miss Yu is the new Mandarin teacher.
- Mrs Phillips is the new Student Wellbeing officer

The Athol Road Primary School community welcomes our new staff members.

WELCOME TO ARPS!

A school where 'Every minute matters'



Mr Hunter



on being awarded the City of Greater Dandenong Australia Day SUSTAINABILITY award for all his hard work in Environmental Education. You are an ARPS SUPERSTAR, Mr Hunter!

Sustainability Award (Excerpt from the City of Greater Dandenong website)

Bryan Hunter is an environmental education specialist at Athol Road Primary School and has established a full scale urban farm providing fresh fruit and vegetables for school cooking programs and to sell to the school community.

NOVEL CORONAVIRUS

The Department of Health and the Department of Education are monitoring this virus very closely and schools are being kept up to date with the latest information which is being forwarded to parents through Flexibuzz. The Department of Education has stated that it is safe for children to attend school as long as they are well and urging anyone who visited Wuhan Province to remain isolated for up to 14 days.

ATTENDANCE

388 students are enrolled at Athol Road Primary School in 2020 – 68 of them in Foundation. There are also 66 four year olds and 26 three year olds starting this year. It was great to see all the smiling faces on Friday morning as I walked around the learning spaces. The year has started very well and all our new staff and students are adapting well to their new learning environments. I was particularly impressed with our youngest students – Foundation – who settled very well into routine despite the very hot start to the school year!

However, it was disappointing to see the number of students who were late on the first day! PLEASE parents, work harder this year to ensure that your child arrives at school by 8.50am each morning. LATENESS not only affects your child, it affects the learning of all other students in their learning group! Emergencies do happen BUT not every week! It has been observed that in some cases, the parents are at fault as they hold tight to their child's hand and do not let them hurry to their learning spaces when arriving after 8.50am.

SUN SMART - 'NO HAT NO PLAY'

ARPS is a Sun Smart School and enforces a strict 'No Hat No Play' at recess and lunch breaks from mid-August to the end of April. Sun safety is a shared responsibility between staff, parents and students. Student hats must be navy blue and have a broad brim around the whole hat in line with Sun Smart guidelines and school uniform policy. If your child does not have a hat they are available for purchase from the school office for \$15.00.

ANNUAL PRIVACY REMINDER

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school function or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy

(<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/schoolprivacypolicy.aspx>)

Please take time to remind yourself of the school's collection statement, found on our website: atholroadps.vic.edu.au

For more information about privacy see: Schools' Privacy Policy – information for parents

(<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/Schools-Privacy-Policy-information-for-parents.aspx>). This information is also available in nine community languages.

SWIMMING

Swimming commences on Monday, 10th February. I need to get numbers to the swim school and buses by Wednesday so I need all payments to be completed by Tuesday. Every student requires a signed permission form to swim.



ARPS welcomes our cow back to its usual position at the front of the school. Each year a group of Year 6 students work with Mrs Santavas during Term 4 to redecorate the cow as their legacy for the following year.

This year students used an art technique called Abstract Expressionism which involves applying paint to a canvas or object to show feelings and emotions. Paint can be applied using large brushes, dripping paint or even throwing it.

While the design is very different to themes of previous years. Its brightness

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

ARPS FAMILY BBQ: Friday, 13th March 2020

Teachers will be talking to students about possible themes for this year's BBQ. Parents are asked to talk about this with their children so they can have maximum input. What would you like to see happen at the 2020 school BBQ?

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