

# Specialist Newsletter

Start of Term 1, 2020

**SPECIALIST TEAM PURPOSE:** *Inspire and challenge every student to be active, eco-conscious, musical, multi-lingual and artistic*

## Environmental Studies: Mr. Bryan Hunter



Welcome back to a new year.

Year 5-6 students will be looking into waste and focusing on the real issues around waste. From this they will be completing research which will help them to design prototypes of waste material solutions to decrease the impact of waste on our environment.

Year 3-4 students will also look into our waste problem where they will complete a waste audit of the school to pinpoint what types of waste we are still dealing with and then help to create a Nude Food recipe book to provide our school community with ideas and options for Nude Food lunches.

Foundation, Year 1 and 2 students will discover what waste is, where our waste goes and what problems waste creates for our environment. They will complete a waste audit of the school to better understand what materials are waste and what materials can be recycled



## Physical Education: Mr. Ray Rus

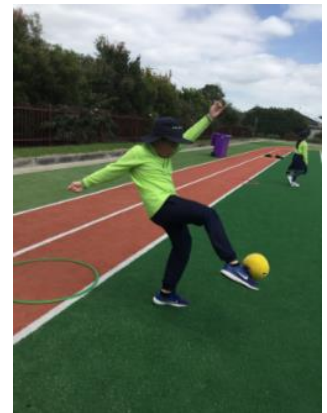


It's great to be back for another exciting year. I was pleased to hear children report that the highlights of their holidays were active things like camping, ice skating and bike riding and fewer stories about hours of playing computer games or sitting watching movies.

Foundation begin their PE journey by learning about their body and how it moves. Students will explore fundamental movement skills such as jumping, catching and running.

Year 1 - 2 will continue to develop the skills that are basic to effective game play and will begin to explore these in games

Year 3 – 6 will focus on the skills and tactics of invasion games with a special focus on soccer and football.



## Mandarin: Ms. Mengdi Yu

Welcome back to Mandarin for 2020! I am the new Mandarin teacher at ARPS, Miss Yu 于老师. I am excited to take our students on a tour of profound Chinese culture and history.

Foundation students will be learning Chinese phonology and Chinese traditions through engaging with various entertaining classroom activities, such as singing Chinese songs and reading picture books.

Year 1-2 will explore the veggie patch and learn new vocabulary related to different vegetables and fruit.



Year 3-4 will be examining Chinese martial arts and its history through analysing the movie plots of *Mulan* and creating movie posters in Chinese.

Year 5-6 will be learning directions in Chinese. Students will explore the school and make a school map in Chinese.

## Visual Arts: Mrs. Vicki Santavas



Welcome back everyone! I hope everyone is refreshed and ready to start an exciting year with dedication, enthusiasm and commitment. This year we are aiming to improve student learning by giving students the opportunity to choose their own creative means.

Art activities help students express their own creativity while developing visual learning skills. Art includes a variety of skills including abstract, decision making, mathematical and scientific intuition, cultural awareness and problem solving.

Year 5 & 6 will develop a variety of creative skills involving digital technology, collage, printing and drawing.

Year 3 & 4 will be focusing on improving their skills by using a wide range of materials and expressing their ideas through drawing and illustration, painting of patterns and movement and collages.

Year 1 & 2 will be learning how to express their creativity by working on art skills that include bubble wrap printing, chalk drawing and creating collages using newspaper.

Foundation will learn to find their creative way by working on activities such as drawing portraits, the techniques of painting and colour mixing.



## Performing Arts: Ms. Nicole Hrissis



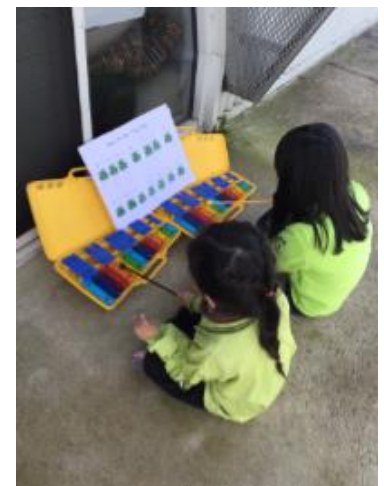
2020 – WOW! Welcome back students, parents and families of ARPS! All students will focus on **music** during their Term 1 Performing Arts sessions.

Foundation will be learning to sing a mixture of songs together. They will focus on matching pitch and singing at the correct time with their peers.

Year 1/2 are participating in a unit called 'Draw the Music'. Students will use their imagination, voices and instruments to depict their artwork and stories.

Year 3/4 are learning about the four instrument families and will use various types of instruments to create sound patterns.

Year 5/6 are studying the elements of music and will document their use of dynamics, tempo and form within their compositions.



**CONGRATULATIONS to Mr Hunter who was awarded the 2020 City of Greater Dandenong Australia Day Sustainability Award for his commitment to building strong sustainable practices, not only at ARPS, but within the local community. You are an ARPS SUPERSTAR, Mr Hunter!**