

Welcome to 1/2!

Inspire students to be positive, resilient learners who become creative problem solvers.

Meet your learning space team!

Mrs Harkness! I am really looking forward to working with you all this year! I have a 13 year old daughter and five chickens. I love Maths and my favourite colour is pink.

Miss Kathryn! I'm an integration aide in the Year 1/2 learning space. I enjoy baking and baseball but most of all I love working with our diverse group of children.

Miss Meade! I am so excited to be joining the Year 1/2 team, three days a week. Last year I was on maternity leave after having a little boy named Ruben who has been keeping me very busy at home! He loves to chase my German Shepherd and Bearded Dragons around the house.

Miss Hawley! This will be my third year at Athol Road Primary school in the Year 1/2 space. When I am not teaching, I enjoy spending time with my friends and family. I have a love for animals and have three dogs, Zeus, Kyro and Paris. I am looking forward to the exciting year ahead!

Miss Julie! I am married and have 2 beautiful grown up children, a boy and a girl. I have 3 horses and I love A.F.L football and barrack for Richmond. I also barrack for Melbourne Victory in Soccer. I love going out for dinner and spending time with my family. I love going shopping!!!!

Miss Qemal! Hi 1/2 Superstars! My name is Miss Q (Qemal) and I am the Team Leader in the Year 1/2 learning space. When I'm not at school I love cooking up a storm in the kitchen and spending time with my friends and family. 2020 will be a special year for me as I am getting married in October!

Welcome back Year 1/2 students and families. The team and I hope you all had an amazing break and got up to some exciting adventures. You may notice some new faces around the space as we have welcomed Miss Teitzel, Miss Davey and Mr Buchanan to Athol Road Primary School. The 1/2 team is excited for the year ahead and can't wait to support the students to achieve beyond what they believed possible! – Kate Qemal, Team Leader



Miss Kidner! I feel very lucky to be a part of the 1/2 team again this year. I love reading books and hope to instil this passion in our students. I enjoy playing netball, swimming and cooking (even if I'm not great at it). I am super excited for 2020 and I can't wait to see the amazing achievements of all the Year 1 and 2 students.

Miss Davey! I'm excited to be joining the 1/2 team this year! I love reading, swimming and watching movies with my puppy Spyro!

Miss Teitzel! I am eager to get to know all the 1/2 students and bring my love for hands-on learning experiences to the students! I have recently moved to Victoria, after being a Kindergarten teacher in Queensland. When I'm not working I love playing tennis and spending time with my dog, Monty!

Mr Buchanan! I trained and worked as an actor before taking up teaching. I have worked at two different schools on the Mornington Peninsula. I am very pleased to be joining the 1/2 team at Athol Road.

Miss Jackie! I am happy to be back with you all this year after spending the second half of 2019 with the Year 1/2 team at ARPS. I enjoyed the Christmas holidays spending time with my family Brett, Jack (15), Lily (13) and Tom (11). In my spare time I enjoy movies, reading, catching up with friends, camping and watching my children play sport.

Welcome to the new 2020 school year! We are sure to have an excellent term in the 1/2 learning space, with many fun learning experiences to be had! Please feel free to come and speak to any of the 1/2 staff about matters important to you and your child.

Literacy

Students will establish and reinforce reading and writing practices, such as how to be a good reader and participate in reading and writing workshops effectively.

They will also learn about the structure of a recount and persuasive texts and develop their neat handwriting and reading stamina.

Maths

Students will participate in activities using a range of hands on materials. They will be learning to recognise numbers as both symbols and words. They will continue to develop their number sense by comparing and ordering numbers in a variety of ways. Students will investigate patterns and explore features of number patterns created by skip counting. Students will use calendars to locate the date and determine the numbers of days in a month. They will also explore the duration of familiar events using hours, days, weeks and months.

Science

In the Year 1 unit 'Spot the Difference', students will learn about how heating or cooling of food can change its properties and whether the change can be reversed or not.

In the Year 2 unit 'All Mixed Up', students will learn about materials that don't mix well, and others that are difficult to separate.

Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)

Students will be learning to express, compare and describe emotions in appropriate ways, by practising effective communication skills, verbal and non-verbal. Students will also learn to better understand relationships, including the ways to make and keep friends.



No Hat, No Play

A reminder that in Term 1 and 4 students MUST wear their ARPS hat when outside. If your child has lost their hat you can purchase a new one at the office for \$15

Important Dates in Term 1



- Wednesday, 26th February: Parent Teacher Chats
- Monday, 9th March: Labour Day Holiday – no school
- Friday 13th March: Family BBQ
- Friday 27th March: Last day of term



Weekly swimming lessons begin on Monday, 10th February and will run for the length of the term.

Each child needs bathers (come to school with them already on), towel and swimming cap. Goggles are optional

Please label all items.



Nude Food

S is a nude food school. All rubbish brought to school will be sent home in students' lunchboxes. Reduce the amount of packaging in lunchboxes by using containers.