

## 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

22<sup>nd</sup> July 2020

# NEWSletter

**BULLYING IS NOT ACCEPTABLE AT ARPS!**

## SPECIAL INFORMATION AND CALENDAR EVENTS

2020 TERM 3 DATES:  
13<sup>th</sup> July – 18<sup>th</sup> September

School starts at 8.50am for students attending onsite learning. Parents must drop children at the front gate where they will be temperature checked before being allowed to their learning spaces.

**Sick children are NOT PERMITTED at school!**

School finishes at 1.00pm for onsite learners.

School finishes at 3.30pm for students whose parents have completed the necessary paperwork required for approval as working parents.

Parents must wait behind the barrier on the grass, not the path please

Where students will be remaining at school with special permission after 3.30pm, parents must sign them out from Club (3 children only)



## From the Principal's Desktop

### WELCOME BACK

to a very different Term 3 than we all expected!

#### CENTRAL PARENTS PORTAL

Staff members worked very hard last week to put in place the remote learning program. It is down to the hard work of Mrs Beggs and Mrs Beveridge in the office, supported by Mei and Dana that almost all of our parents are connected to the Central Parent Portal – only 3 to go! Great work by these ARPS SUPERSTARS!

It is important that every family connects to the CENTRAL PARENT PORTAL so they are able to receive school messages and know what is happening at school. Important messages are posted on Central on a regular basis, sometimes they are translated but it is difficult to translate everything and parents are asked to use a friend, google translate or an alternative to assist, where possible. If you know of a family who struggles with English and you speak their language it would be great if you could check in with them when messages are sent out so that everyone hears the message. The word is **TEAM** – **T**ogether **E**veryone **A**chieves **M**ore!

#### THANK YOU:

- to Alexx, our super dooper technological whizz who set up 190 chromebooks and over 60 iPads in just over 2 days – a mammoth task.
- Mrs White, Mrs Ruffolo and Mei who supported Mrs Beveridge to distribute the chromebooks and iPads to the fantastic families who read the messages and picked them up promptly.

#### ARPS MAGNIFICENT HALL

On the last day of Term 2, students watched a movie on the big screen in our new hall. ARPS is very lucky to have such a fantastic facility and staff look forward to sharing it with parents later in the year with the easing of restrictions. See some photos on this link:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/A3vFakxAuQbq1CZa7>

Unfortunately the introduction of animals onto our mini-farm has had to be postponed until later due to the COVID-19 restrictions.

#### A HUGE THANK YOU to:

- School Council which saw the benefit to student learning and approved this ambitious project
- Mr Hunter & Greg who brought the project to life and who will be managing the project moving forward.

#### HELP WANTED

Mr Hunter is seeking anyone who has skills or an interest which can support the project.

When the farm becomes operational, money will be needed to sustain it into the future: animals need to be cared for and vet bills can be exorbitant, hay and food needs to be purchased and there are many daily tasks which need to be performed to ensure that everything runs smoothly. Mr Hunter is looking for sponsorship to cover some of these bills so, if you know of any businesses which may be able to help please contact Mr Hunter at school on 9547 1224.

Happy online learning in Term 3!

*A school where 'Every minute matters'*

## Baby News

### IT'S A BOY

Mr Gaitan has welcomed a baby boy into his family.

Antonio Joseph Gaitan was born on 17<sup>th</sup> June – congratulations!



### ON THE WAY

Mrs West is expecting her first child in early Term 4!

Mrs West will be working at the school until the end of Term 3 when she will take maternity leave.

## Welcome back



Athol Road Primary School welcomes Mrs Altena back to the school after 18 months leave where she worked in England in a variety of teaching positions.

Mrs Altena will be supporting the teachers and students in Year 3/4 during Term 3 and replacing Mrs West in Term 4 when she commences maternity leave.

## Photos

Unfortunately school photos have been **cancelled** as the school is back in remote learning.



## Parents Building Solutions

A program for mums, dads, step-parents, grandparents and carers.

Do you want to know how to get your kids to listen without having to yell? Are you feeling isolated at home parenting kids? Do you want tips on how to recognise and respond to your child's feelings? This program will help you manage your child's challenging behaviours and help you to build your child's resilience and confidence.

The program is being run online via zoom (you can use your mobile phone or other device – computer/ ipad) so you can participate in the comfort of your own home. Interpreters will be provided.

It will be held on a Friday on the following dates:

Dates: July 31<sup>st</sup> August 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> September 4<sup>th</sup>

Time: 10:00am – 11:30am

The program facilitator will contact each person directly prior to the program starting to set them up for the zoom online program and teach them how to use it.

Registrations: Please call the office phone: 9547 1224 or email Natasha Moshinsky on [Moshinsky.natasha.a@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:Moshinsky.natasha.a@edumail.vic.gov.au)