

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

27th July 2020

NEWSletter

BULLYING IS NOT ACCEPTABLE AT ARPS!

SPECIAL INFORMATION AND CALENDAR EVENTS

2020 TERM 3 DATES:

13th July – 18th 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 walk to their learning spaces.

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)

PLEASE STAY SAFE!



From the Principal's Desktop

Remote learning is now well underway and I am happy to report that the streamlining of our online learning platform has been very successful. Teachers are reporting that MOST students are engaging with their learning and achieving some excellent results. The teachers are impressed with the levels of independence that some students are achieving by working from home. This is excellent preparation for our Year 5 & 6 students who will be attending secondary schools in 2021 and 2022.

In line with Departmental guidelines, the school continues to implement strict restrictions on access to the school site and is maintaining high levels of safety including temperature checking for all onsite students, touch cleaning every day during the day, the availability of cleaning products in all learning spaces and hand sanitization for all staff and students. **THANK YOU** to parents who are supporting the 'no access' arrangements. Parents are asked to phone the school on 9547 1224 or email on athol.road.ps@education.vic.gov.au with any questions they may have.

NOTE: Sick staff or students are NOT PERMITTED to attend school!

ENROLMENTS FOR 2021

The school is currently taking enrolments for 2021 for children who will turn 5 on or before 30th April 2021. It is important that children are enrolled in primary school as soon as possible as the school organises staffing based on enrolment numbers. If you have not enrolled your child yet PLEASE DO SO ASAP!

URGENT: PARENT OCCUPATION

Part of the school's annual funding is based on the number of working parents as reported in the August school census. If your job has been impacted by COVID-19 or your work situation has recently changed, please advise the school office THIS WEEK.

LEARNING FROM HOME

While numbers of COVID-19 cases in Victoria remain at very high levels, your child is SAFER learning in their own home! Online learning has been simplified significantly from the last remote learning to ensure that children can much more easily engage with their learning. While the school implements DET safety measures to keep everyone safe, this virus has a mind of its own and can infect anyone, anywhere at any time.

The strong message from the school is that students who can, should learn from home for their own safety! Teachers are online supporting students to complete their work, giving feedback and talking to parents where appropriate.

The school will be making the very important decision around which students they deem NEED to be at school and those students who can learn from home (with teacher online support) and where there is an adult at home to supervise. Some funded students are capable of learning from home, with support. This is an important step for them to build their levels of independence.

A school where 'Every minute matters'