

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**

12th August 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 the admin building where remote learning is taking place.

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 (up to 3 children only).

PLEASE STAY SAFE!



From the Principal's Desktop

STAGE 4 RESTRICTIONS CONTINUED

THANK YOU to all parents who are working hard to support their children to learn from home as Victoria fights this pandemic with all the fire power available. Unfortunately this pandemic is having a significant impact on schools and student learning. Teachers know and understand the challenges that are being faced by parents as many of them are struggling with their OWN children's learning, while they continue to work each day with YOUR children. All they ask is that parents do the best they can, given their special circumstances. If you need to take a break, take a break – the health and safety of you and your children is our main priority! While it is hoped that students do as much of the planned work as they can, sometimes it is not possible to complete all work each day. Students and parents can complete work at any time during the weekday or weekends if that is their preference – please talk to your child's teacher – they understand that the situation is difficult for all families as each family is UNIQUE!

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

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

**As a service to parents, school photographs have been rescheduled to Term 4 TUESDAY, 20th OCTOBER 2020
If there is a further delay photographs for 2020 will have to be cancelled!**

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!

3 YEAR OLD KINDERGARTEN 2021

The school is currently taking enrolments for 2021 for 3 year old kindergarten which runs for 3 hours each Thursday and Friday morning from 9.00am 12.00pm. Your child needs to have turned 3 in order to access the program. The cost of the 6 hour program is \$300.00 per term. There are no government subsidies available for 3 year old kindergarten at this stage.

BREAKFAST FOOD HAMPERS

Thanks to the Breakfast Club Program, the school has a limited number of food hampers for distribution to school families. If you would like a food hamper, please phone the school on 9547 1224 to register your interest.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

On behalf of School Council, I would like to thank Emily Stewart, mother of Tabitha and Astrid, for her contribution to School Council over the past 4 years. Emily stepped into a School Council role when the school was struggling to fill numbers. Unfortunately because of personal reasons, Emily has had to resign from School Council in 2020. I thank her for your contribution and wish her well as she moves into a new phase in her life.

A school where 'Every minute matters'

MINDFULNESS

What is *mindfulness*, and why do kids need it?

Mindfulness is simply... noticing what is happening right now, it's taking notice of how your body feels and noticing what your mind is doing.

When your child becomes more aware of his/her body and thoughts, experts believe they are able to then focus more deeply.

Improved focus can help a child to achieve at higher levels in academics, sports or music. We always do better when we're able to pay attention to what we're doing!

Mindfulness is also a great tool to help a child deal with tough emotions. It has been proven to have a positive affect to a child's overall happiness and wellbeing.

For simple mindfulness techniques see links:

<https://www.nytimes.com/guides/well/mindfulness-for-children>

<https://www.headspace.com/meditation/kids>

<https://youtu.be/iEEJT9cYsm0>

