

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

7th OCTOBER 2020

NEWSletter

BULLYING IS NOT ACCEPTABLE AT ARPS!

SPECIAL INFORMATION AND CALENDAR EVENTS

2020 TERM 4 DATES:

5th October – 18th December

WEEK 2:

MORNING ARRANGEMENTS

- School starts at 8.50am
- Parents drop children at the front/side gate at 8.45am
- Students will be temperature checked before being allowed to walk to their learning spaces
- Do NOT send sick children to school

AFTERNOON ARRANGEMENTS

THE SCHOOL IS REQUIRED TO ENSURE SOCIAL DISTANCING IN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

- *Carefully read the pick up arrangements for Term 4.*

SOCIAL DISTANCING MUST BE CLEARLY VISIBLE & MASKS MUST BE WORN

- *Foundation students and their siblings finish school at 3.00pm*
- *Year 1/2 finish school at 3.15pm*

Where students will be attending OSHC, parents must wait outside OSHC for the coordinator to bring them out.

STAY SAFE!



From the Principal's Desktop

WELCOME BACK to Term 4 which will be very different to previous terms because of the restrictions relevant to COVID-19. It is important that ARPS plays its part in ensuring the elimination of this dreadful virus.

The school IS REQUIRED to implement SOCIAL DISTANCING measures

FOUNDATION – YEAR 2 students will commence onsite on **Monday, 12th October**

YEAR 3/4 students will commence onsite on **Wednesday, 14th October**

YEAR 5/6 will commence onsite on **Thursday, 15th October**

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE START OF THE SCHOOL DAY

- Students can enter school each morning either by the FRONT or SIDE gates.
- Parents should not enter the school in the morning.
- School will commence at 8.50am each morning for ALL students.
- Students MUST NOT arrive at school before 8.45am (unless special arrangements have been made with the office)
- Staff will complete temperature checks at the barrier from 8.45am when students will be permitted to go to their learning spaces.

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PICK UP OF STUDENTS

- Parents must advise the office if they will be picking children up from the side entrance!
- *Only parents who LIVE on the school side of Athol Road and WALK to school to collect their children from school should enter the school ground. They must wait for their child/ren at the bottom of the oval, maintaining social distancing.*
- Parents who LIVE on the shopping centre side of Athol Road and WALK to school to collect their child/ren should wait on that side of the road, a distance from the crossing and maintaining social distancing.
- *Parents who DRIVE to pick up their children after school, at the front gate should wait at their car, children will cross the road safely with the crossing man.*
- *ALL children will be dismissed through the front gate UNLESS parents advise the school by telephone (9547 1224) that they wish their children to be brought to the side gate to be dismissed.*

FOUNDATION students and their siblings will be dismissed at **3.00pm**

YEAR 1/2 students and their siblings will be dismissed at **3.15pm**

YEAR 3 – 6 students and their siblings will be dismissed at **3.30pm**

A school where 'Every minute matters'

SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Remote learning continues in Week 1 with all arrangements the same as in Term 3.

From Monday, 12th October, **BREAKFAST CLUB** will operate from 8.00am – 8.45am for children of working parents – please contact the office to put your child on the list:

Telephone: 9547 1224

Email: athol.road.ps@education.vic.gov.au

From Monday, 12th October, **OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE** will operate from 3.30pm – 6.00pm for children of working parents - please contact the office to put your child on the list.

Telephone: 9547 1224

Email: athol.road.ps@education.vic.gov.au

The school IS REQUIRED to implement SOCIAL DISTANCING measures

This means limiting the number of parents/carers who are entering the school grounds after school. PLEASE read carefully the arrangements for picking up your children after school.

- If you drive to drop off or pick up your child/ren, wait at your car for your child
- If you walk on the shopping centre side of Athol Road, wait on that side of the road
- If you walk on the school side of Athol Road, wait in the school ground, behind the barrier making sure that you social distance

It is also recommended that, where possible, children walk part of the way home from home with parents/carers meeting them at a designated spot along the road home. This would significantly reduce the number of parents/carers on the school grounds and is a great exercise in developing independence. One of the positives of COVID-19 is that staff are seeing increased levels of independence in children from walking themselves to the learning spaces to their ability to complete work with no/minimal assistance. These are very important things for our children to be doing.

Parents/carers are required to wear masks when dropping off or picking up their children from school.

BULLYING

As the time approaches for children to return to school, it is important to reinforce the need for practising our social skills. From time to time children disagree with each other (this is a normal part of growing up) and this sometimes results in them doing/saying things to one another that they should not do/say. This is unacceptable behavior. If this is a one off thing it is NOT classified as bullying.

However, if this behavior is repeated by the one child or group of children to the same child or group of children it is then classified as BULLYING. It is important that children report ALL incidents where they have been made to feel unsafe at school to a staff member.

Athol Road Primary School does not tolerate bullying BUT we cannot address the incidents of bad behavior or bullying if your child does not tell a staff member. Please talk to your child/ren about the importance of telling a staff member as soon as an incident happens. This way staff can deal with it quickly and much more effectively.