

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**

2nd DECEMBER 2020

NEWSletter

BULLYING IS NOT ACCEPTABLE AT ARPS!

SPECIAL INFORMATION AND CALENDAR EVENTS

2020 TERM 4 DATES:
5th October – 18th December

**PLEASE do NOT
send sick children
to school**

YEAR 6 GRADUATION

School Council has organized, at no cost to parents, to 'live' stream the 2020 Year 6 Graduation so that parents do not miss out on their child's special occasion. Parents will be provided with the special link in the last week of school.

Unfortunately due to number restrictions in the hall only 1 adult can attend this year's Graduation ceremony - this is outside the control of the school.



From the Principal's Desktop

PLEASE help to keep the school COVID free by:

- **Limiting visits to the school to only when necessary**
- **Social distancing – minimum of 1.5 metres apart**
- **Wearing a mask on school premises at all times**

PLEASE

Stay home if you are not feeling well, go and get tested and isolate until you get your results

2021 YEAR 4 DOXA CAMP

The DOXA Foundation has advised the school that they will not be commencing their camping program until Term 2 2021 because of the financial impact of COVID-19 and their reduced sponsorship. Our camp has been rescheduled to the first week in Term 2, **Monday - Wednesday, 19th – 21st April**. This camp is HEAVILY subsidised by the DOXA Foundation and costs only \$100 per student. The rescheduled date means that families will have more time to pay for the camp, with full payment now due by Friday 19th March. **NOTE: CHANGED DATE!!!!**

2021 YEAR 5/6 CAMP COONAWARRA

In 2021 Year 5/6 students will attend Camp Coonawarra from Tuesday – Friday, 9th – 12th March. This camp costs \$461 per student for the 4 days BUT is being HEAVILY subsidised by School Council and will cost parents only \$300 per student. School Council is paying \$161 per student in 2021 in recognition of family financial struggles related to COVID-19.

Mr Hunter has organised both of these camps for the last 12 years or so and they are both fantastic learning experiences which complement what students learn at school. All students are expected to attend. Parents are able to pay this camp in full by the end of this year or by instalments. Costs for these camps may be offset by CSEF credits, where available.

DOXA camp will need to be paid in full by Friday 19th March.

CAMP COONAWARRA will need to be paid in full by Friday, 26th February.

FORTNIGHTLY FUN FRIDAY, 4th DECEMBER: ODD SOCKS AND SHOES

Our penultimate Fortnightly Fun Friday for 2020 is **ODD SOCKS and SHOES** Day to be held on Friday, 4th December! Looking forward to seeing some interesting footwear!

DONATIONS

THANK YOU to all families who have donated money to the school family which was the victim of a recent fire. To date just over \$1 000 has been donated. As the school is not permitted to give cash to families, this money will be used by the school to purchase essential items, nominated by the family, for their next home. The school will continue to accept donations for the next week or so. The ARPS response has been amazing.

A school where 'Every minute matters'

3 Year Old Kindergarten – FREE for 2021

The Victorian Government subsidy has been confirmed for 3 year old kindergarten next year and in fantastic news for families, ARPS is pleased to announce that this program will be **FREE** in 2021.

There are limited places still available – please contact the office as soon as possible on 9547 1224 or athol.road.ps@education.vic.gov.au to reserve a place for your child as spots will fill up quickly!

If your child turns 3 by 30 April 2021 they are eligible to apply for 3 year old kindergarten, but they cannot attend the program until they have turned 3 years old.



They are here!



Hades and Hindsight, the 2 alpacas have arrived at Athol Road Primary School.

They are now 9 months old and have settled well into our mini-farm and are cutting through the grass very well. As grass is their staple diet they are not expensive to feed.

They were shorn a couple of weeks before they arrived so are looking very slim! It will be interesting for students to watch their wool grow over the coming months!

Mr Hunter will be running a competition to rename them, so put on your thinking caps!

Congratulations

Lucy Incarnati, a member of the ARPS School Council, recently welcomed a baby boy. Congratulations to Lucy and her family (including big brother Jordan T in Year 2) on the safe arrival of little Mason. We wish you all the best!



Odd SOCKS and SHOES

The next instalment of Fortnightly Fun Friday is coming up on the 4th December. The challenge this time is wear a crazy combination of mismatched shoes and socks – what will YOU come up with?



FOUNDATION NEWS

Foundation students have enjoyed a wide range of fun activities!

In Maths, students have been learning about sharing. Students have been practising sharing a range of different objects into equal groups. Students have learnt about the importance of making sure it is fair when they are sharing.

In Literacy, students have been engaging in many different activities. For the word of the week 'fork', students created and crafted up their own 'Forky' to create a 'Forkville'. Students then thought about an adventure that Forky would go on. Some students drew and wrote about where Forky would go and other students created a story about Forky's adventure. Students have also enjoyed activities about our most recent word of the week 'thumb'. Some students wrote about what they would do if they were the size of a thumb while other students created a character from their thumb print, using adjectives to describe their character. Students have loved engaging in writing about our SMART word of the week!

Students also enjoyed dressing up as a teacher for Fun Friday! Students were very excited to be dressed as a teacher for the day and loved seeing the teachers dressed up as students.

Alyssa equally sharing 7 insects into 3 groups, and our Forkville



Kevin and Nicholas dressing up as teachers

YEAR 1/2 NEWS

The 1/2 students have been busy focusing on how to write recounts. This has been a great opportunity for a language experience approach, where the students had lots of practice using past tense verbs and time connectives. Each student wrote two recounts, one on 'Grass Heads' and the other about 'Fairy Bread Day'. Read some of the students' great sequencing of events below!

First Miss Davey split us into two groups. One group made party hats and the other group made fairy bread. (Crystal)

Then we buttered the bread and put 100s and 1000s on it. (Tabitha)

Next we went outside for a picnic. (Stacey)

Finally we packed up the whole learning space. (Dean)



YEAR 3/4 NEWS

In Literacy the 3/4 students have been revising key concepts learned throughout the year. They have been focusing on choosing an I-PICK book to complete different activities on characters, inferences, summaries and text genres.

In Maths students have been using different problem solving strategies to solve challenging tasks. Strategies included drawing a picture, writing an equation, creating a list or table, working backwards and acting it out.

The students have also been exploring problem solving strategies for dealing with different types of events and situations that can lead to feeling strong emotions. Students practised techniques for controlling anger and reflected on how these techniques might help them to control their emotions.

The 3/4 students have started working on their passion projects which allows them to choose what topic they would like to learn more about. Students were required to come up with 5 questions they wanted to ask about their topic and then research the answers and present their findings in a creative way. Some students have made a board game, Google Slides presentation or a poster.



Louis working on his passion project



Friday Fun – teachers dressing as students, and students dressing as teachers!



YEAR 5/6 NEWS

The Year 5/6 students have continued to make great progress on their learning goals as they head towards the end of the 2020 school year.

Fun Friday was a huge success, with many students dressing up as teachers as well as teachers dressing up as students.

In Literacy the students started learning about Greek Mythology, including the story of Midas and his golden touch and Athena and Arachne, the story of how the first spider came to be. The students have also enjoyed writing reviews for toys, books, science experiments and food.

In Integrated Maths, the students have been investigating 3D shapes and calculating costs when building model houses. In Inquiry, the students have continued to learn about the different levels of government and how rules and laws are created, participating in a class referendum, to introduce new laws to their islands.

<p>Write your referendum here:</p> <p>Exotic trading is illegal.</p>	<p>Do you approve the above proposal?</p> <p>Write yes or no</p> <input type="text"/>	<p>Island Name here:</p> <p>Peppa Pig's Scout</p>
<p>Information about your referendum:</p> <p>What it is- Exotic trading is basically selling animals, human parts and not things people usually sell, for example pigs blood.</p> <p>2 scientific evidences- people can scam and hack into your personal things and can decrease the population of the people because of the risk of the amount of things that are being sold/bought in the dark web/black market. It would also be irresponsible of the safety of the people on the island. People can sell you objects that has bacteria in it.</p> <p>Who it affects- it can affect people, animals, local produce besides it can also affect the organism that sacrifice their life for these exotic items.</p>		

<p>Write your referendum here:</p> <p>Bike helmets should be compulsory.</p>	<p>Do you approve the above proposal?</p> <p>Write yes or no</p> <input type="text"/>	<p>Island Name here: the ship in the shipwreck in the shipwreck</p>
<p>Information about your referendum:</p> <p>On our island there are alot of bumpy and rock roads kids and adults can easily ride onto the side and there's a chance that little kids could fall.</p> <p>99% of kid fall from there bike and get brain damage</p> <p>Inside the helmet is a comfort padding soft like a fur</p>		
		