

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

16th DECEMBER 2020

NEWSletter

BULLYING IS NOT ACCEPTABLE AT ARPS!

SPECIAL INFORMATION AND CALENDAR EVENTS

SCHOOL FINISHES ON FRIDAY,
18th December

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

2021 SCHOOL YEAR
Term 1: Year 1 – 6
29th Jan – 1st April

Term 1: Foundation
1st Feb – 1st April

Term 2: **EVERYONE**
19th April – 5th June

Term 3: **EVERYONE**
12th July – 17th Sept

Term 4: **EVERYONE**
4th Oct – 17th Dec

**NO SCHOOL FOR
STUDENTS ON
CURRICULUM DAY**
Friday, 5th March

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS
Labour Day
8th March

Queen's Birthday
14th June

Melbourne Cup
2nd Nov



From the Principal's Desktop

PLEASE continue 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

The 2020 school year is almost at an end and what a year it has been. There have been many challenges for everyone: students, staff and parents, but everyone has worked through them as best they could. I would personally like to thank:

- Students who gave their best to their learning both remote and onsite. It is pleasing to see that many students have achieved some great results despite the situation. Those who have struggled will be supported in 2021 through specialist groupings and increased frequency and duration sessions, both one on one and small group.
- Staff for their hard work and dedication to the students through remote and onsite learning. Every staff member, regardless of their role, gave over and above what was expected of them to ensure that every student possible maintained their continuity of learning. Everyone did an amazing job but special mentions to Office Manager, Jess, who juggled the office, making sure that everyone had access to whatever they needed, Alexx, our IT Manager, who ensured that chromebooks and iPads functioned effectively week after week and Mei and Dana who worked tirelessly to keep families and the school connected.
- Parents/Carers who supported their children and the school to deliver engaging, remote learning programs and the ongoing support they provided to their children over an extended period of time. **Great job, EVERYONE!**

GOOD LUCK: Ms Costabile, Ms Yu, Ms Hrissis, Mrs Altena, Mr Gaitan and Mr Holden

WELCOME BACK: Mrs Salt, Mrs Cincotta (Miss Coelho) and Ms Newsome

WELCOME to ARPS: Ms Mc Donagh, Ms Wallace, Ms Tran and Ms Brewer

Merry Christmas!

& HAPPY NEW YEAR

A school where 'Every minute matters'

Last day of school – early dismissal

On the last day of school, Friday 18th December, students will be dismissed early:

1:00pm Foundation & siblings

1:15pm Year 1/2 & siblings

1:30pm Year 3-6

PLEASE be on time to pick up children!

OSHC is NOT operating on this day.

Year 6 Leavers

Congratulations to the Year 6 students who are going to secondary school in 2021! We hope you have enjoyed your time at ARPS – it is amazing to see how much you have all grown in many different ways during your primary school years.

The ARPS community wishes you all the best as you celebrate the end of primary school with graduation and other special activities, before moving into a exciting new phase in your education.

As part of the Year 6 leavers program, students have been working on decorating the resident cow. The theme for 2021 is 'Patterns of Diversity', featuring shapes, pattern, line work and colour. It represents a new start for our future students after a very challenging year.

House Fire Appeal – THANK YOU

The family who recently lost everything in a house fire would like to thank the ARPS community for supporting them as they move forward from this tragic event. They have just moved into a new house and thanks to the donated items provided by staff and parents they have been able to fill it with a large number of household basics.

The cash donations provided by ARPS families totalled \$1095, which has been used to purchase a lounge suite for the family.

Thank you to all those who so generously gave to this cause, it has been very much appreciated.

It is wonderful to be part of such a caring community!

