

## 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**

3<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY 2021

# NEWSletter

**BULLYING IS NOT ACCEPTABLE AT ARPS!**

## SPECIAL INFORMATION AND CALENDAR EVENTS

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

### 2021 SCHOOL YEAR

**No school for  
Foundation  
students on  
Wednesdays in  
FEBRUARY**

**Term 1: finishes  
1<sup>st</sup> April**

**Term 2:  
19<sup>th</sup> April – 25<sup>th</sup> June**

**Term 3:  
12<sup>th</sup> July – 17<sup>th</sup> Sept**

**Term 4:  
4<sup>th</sup> Oct – 17<sup>th</sup> Dec**

**NO SCHOOL ON**

**CURRICULUM DAY  
Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> March**

**PUBLIC HOLIDAYS  
Labour Day  
8<sup>th</sup> March**

**Queen's Birthday  
14<sup>th</sup> June**

**Melbourne Cup  
2<sup>nd</sup> Nov**



## From the Principal's Desktop

### WELCOME to 2021 at Athol Road Primary School

A very warm welcome to:

- Returning families – I hope you had a great break over Christmas and New Year
- New families – I hope your experiences and those of your child/ren are pleasant ones
- Returning staff – I hope you had a restful break over Christmas and New Year
- Staff returning from leave - Mrs Salt, Mrs Cincotta (Ms Coelho) and Ms Newsome
- New staff – Ms Wallace, Ms Tran, Ms Brewer, Ms McDonagh, Ms Qi, Ms Barber & Ms Ellis

#### 2021 STAFFING LIST

**PRINCIPAL:** Ruby Toombs

**BUSINESS MANAGER:** Emma Pearse

**LEADING TEACHER:** Tawny Harkness

**FOUNDATION:** Bec Karpati (Team Leader), Daphne Chong, Teagan Stuart, Sam Addison, Karina Cincotta, Kate Qemal (Learning Specialist)

**YEAR 1/2:** Rachel Hawley (Team Leader), Lisa Teitzel, Alex Smit-Geason, Olivia Nesbitt, Sarah Davey, Alison Wallace, Jacqui Kidner, Kiara Davis (Learning Specialist)

**YEAR 3/4:** Trina Marsh (Team Leader), Lucy Walton, Hamish Buchanan, Amanda Tran, Michelle Heather, Rebecca Meade, Jenny Giles, Sarah Salt (Learning Specialist)

**YEAR 5/6:** Kat Crow (Team Leader), Shivone Ferdinands, Jessica Yates, Simone Newsome, Sheila McDonagh (Learning Specialist)

**ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION:** Bryan Hunter

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION:** Ray Rus

**MANDARIN:** Malina Qi

**LEARNING SPACE SUPPORT STAFF:** Vietnamese: Mei Luong, Cambodian: Dana Chan,

Foundation: Jackie Andersson, Year 1/2: Kathryn Ewer, Leela Concessio, Julie White: Year 3/4: Marina Ruffolo, Wendy Beveridge, Year 5/6: Kirri Van Haaster

**SPEECH:** Ella Michelen & Emily Ellis

**SOCIAL WORKER:** Natasha Moshinsky

**IT MANAGER:** Alexx Verdichizzi

**LIBRARY:** Deborah Maniatis

**OHS:** Katrina Gray

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL:** Carmel Nigro

**OFFICE MANAGER:** Jess Beggs

**VISUAL ARTS:** Vicki Santavas:

**PERFORMING ARTS:** Trish Brewer

**PSYCHOLOGIST:** Ashleigh Barber

**WELL-BEING WORKER:** Jenny Phillips

**IT SUPPORT:** Lachlan Merry

**OSHC:** Wendy Beveridge

**GROUNDS:** Greg Schuhkraft

**KINDERGARTEN: TEACHERS:** Rhiannon Williams, Anita McDonald, Cora Hong

**KINDERGARTEN EDUCATORS:** Tina Mangoni, Siv Ou, Sophea Lim, Melanie Green

*A school where 'Every minute matters'*

All staff are committed to our school vision of 'creating a vibrant learning community where lives are transformed and individuals inspired to achieve beyond what they every believed possible'. Your child is in good hands in 2021. Teachers are always happy to discuss any issues or concerns you might have at a time which does not interrupt their teaching, which is their highest priority. Please talk with them to make an appointment that suits you both.

## COVID REMINDERS

The school is required to implement strategies to ensure the health and well-being of everyone who attends/visits our school. At Athol Road Primary School these strategies include:

- Restricting all visits to the school to only those which are necessary
  - Paying fees, purchasing uniform, attending scheduled meetings
  - Dropping children at the school gate in the morning
  - Waiting in the designated spots in the afternoons for children to be dismissed
  - Complying with school requests as outlined on Sentral and in the newsletter
- Wearing of masks by adults when on school grounds
- Social distancing of 1.5 metres
- Regular hand sanitisation

**EVERYONE wants the same outcome – a COVID FREE SCHOOL – let's work together to ensure that we achieve this goal.**

## STUDENT ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL ARRANGEMENTS

### **SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR ARRIVAL: YEAR 1 - 6 STUDENTS IN TERM 1**

Students in Year 1 - 6 should continue to be dropped off at the school gate by 8.50am unless there is a need for a parent to come to the office OR speak to a teacher. Students managed this magnificently last year and it greatly helped with settling in and an early start to learning for the day

### **SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR DISMISSAL: YEAR 1 - 6 STUDENTS IN TERM 1**

**Year 3 - 6 students** will be dismissed from their learning spaces - parents are asked to wait outside the school grounds for students who are being picked up. Students will cross the crossing safely with the crossing man.

**Year 1/2 students** will be dismissed from the front oval - parents are asked to wait on the front oval

**FOUNDATION** students will be handed over to teachers and dismissed by teachers at the end of the day on the front basketball court.

**NOTE: Students should NOT arrive at school prior to 8.30am UNLESS they need to attend Breakfast Club**

**THANK YOU** for your cooperation in keeping everyone as safe as possible in Term 1. These arrangements will be reviewed for Term 2.

## HOME/SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

**REGULAR** school attendance is essential for every student to learn! EVERY absence impacts your child's learning. Any student who exceeds 10 days absence in a term, 40 days absence in a year is considered to be at risk in their learning and may have to be considered to repeat that year. Students should be at school by 8.50am each day.

**LATENESS**, not only impacts the learning of your child but the learning of others. Please ensure that your child arrives at school on time every day. Already there has been a large number of students coming late!

### **HOMEWORK:**

Teachers will be working closely with parents in 2021 to ensure that work set to be completed at home (Homework) is closely linked to student learning needs. Teachers will be using online platforms to deliver much of the learning.

### **EXPECTATIONS:**

**EVERY** student should be:

- reading **EVERY** night!
- practising their tables **EVERY NIGHT**, finding numbers in their environment and playing number games
- engaging in **ORAL** conversation about their day, the things that interest them and impact their world – conversation is essential to build language. It does NOT have to be in English, can be in the child's home language
- focusing on a particular aspect of their work for improvement - this work will be set by the teachers and specific to the student's particular point of need.

## Student Leaders for 2021

### SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Esraa Gamal  
Ivan Na

### RED DRAGON

Zion Rebello  
Mandy Huynh

### YELLOW TIGER

Jelena Chhoung  
Jayden Ung

### SCHOOL VICE CAPTAINS

Linh Truong  
Erick Chiv

### BLUE OX

Andy Suy  
Grace Barber

### GREEN SNAKE

Coby Xu  
Angela Lim

## Healthy Schools

Athol Road Primary School has recently been recognised by the Victorian Government's *Healthy Schools Achievement Program* for meeting the benchmarks for health priority area MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING. A great achievement!



## Thank You

A big THANK YOU to Kingsley Heng's parents for their donation of hand sanitiser this week. This thoughtful and generous donation is greatly appreciated.

## Canteen

Hi everyone,



My name is Mary Orfanidis, I am your new Canteen Manager at Athol Road Primary School. I have had several years' experience in running a primary school canteen, soccer club canteens and have also worked in childcare and kindergartens. I look forward to introducing a new canteen menu and meeting all the students and staff. I am happy to discuss any parent concerns regarding their child's allergies or intolerances. I have three grown up boys, along with a big family and I love to cook. Our family has a Jack Russell dog called Milo and I love my goldfish. Looking forward to meeting you all and I am very excited to be part of such a wonderful team. Regards, Mary

***Parents will be advised as soon as the canteen is ready to open for 2021***

## Privacy

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#).

Please take time to remind yourself of the school's collection statement, found on our website [here](#).

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy – information for parents](#). This information is also available in nine community languages, including Mandarin and Vietnamese