

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

5th May 2021

NEWSletter

BULLYING IS NOT ACCEPTABLE AT ARPS!

SPECIAL INFORMATION AND CALENDAR EVENTS

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

2021 SCHOOL YEAR

Term 2:

19th April - 25th June

Term 3:

12th July – 17th Sept

Term 4:

4th Oct – 17th Dec

NO SCHOOL ON

**Queen's Birthday
14th June**

**Melbourne Cup
2nd Nov**

DIARY DATES:

INTERSCHOOL SPORT

7th v Heatherhill PS
14th v Harrisfield PS

TWILIGHT SCHOOL

25th May (proposed)

ASSEMBLY DATES:

Friday, 30th April
Friday, 14th May
Friday, 28th May
Start time: 3.00pm



From the Principal's Desktop

A sincere **THANK YOU** to the Year 4 teachers who gave up their personal time to support our Year 4 students to enjoy a 3 day camping experience: Mr Hunter, Mrs Harkness, Mrs Marsh, Ms Walton and Ms Tran. It is pleasing to hear the glowing reports about student attitudes and behaviour while on camp. This is always a massive learning experience for our students, one they enjoy every year thanks to the generosity of the DOXA Foundation. The next Year 4 DOXA camp has been booked for December 2022



AUSSIE OF THE MONTH: MARCH & APRIL

MARCH - YEAR 6 - ANNELIESE PHENG: Since joining the school at the beginning of 2021, Anneliese has fitted into the ARPS community perfectly, always following the RICH values and working to the best of her ability. She is a quiet student but has made a large group of friends with ease and is often seen making others laugh. She is a kind,

considerate girl who is always looking out for her friends and peers. Anneliese is an amazing artist and loves to share her work – always asking for feedback to improve herself both artistically and academically.

MARCH - FOUNDATION – ALEX LU: Alex is a bubbly joyous member of the Foundation learning space. He is always helping others and showing respect to his teachers. He always tries to be the best that he can be so that he and others are proud of his achievements. Alex encourages others to do the same.

APRIL - YEAR 1 – JONATHAN DIEP: Congratulation to Johnathan who is the worthy winner of the April Aussie of the Month Award. It has been a privilege to watch him grow as a learner. His confidence in all areas of his learning has continued to blossom. He sets a good example for others by consistently demonstrating a positive attitude and trying his best in all that he does. He is supportive of his peers, is respectful to everyone and enjoys his interactions with other students and the staff at school.

APRIL - YEAR 4 – TONU EVILE PENI: Tonu has demonstrated a high level of mateship towards his teachers and peers through his words and actions. He finds joy in encouraging others and is inclusive of all both inside and outside the learning space. His teachers were especially impressed with his attitude at camp where he showed respect and confidence in helping others in need. They are very proud of Tonu and his efforts this year. Keep up the wonderful work, Tonu!

A school where 'Every minute matters'

COVID REMINDERS

The wearing of masks on the school site is now **OPTIONAL** as long as social distancing of 1.5 metres is maintained.

- Students should **NOT** arrive at school before 8.45am unless they are attending Breakfast Club
- Students (except Kindergarten and Foundation) must continue to be dropped off at the school gate in the morning
- Students must wait on the **FRONT** oval for teachers in the morning

Parents/carers are now permitted to enter the school grounds **to pick up their children at the end of the school day** BUT certain conditions apply:

- Parents/carers are **NOT** to enter the learning space or wait close to the doors or windows
- Parents/carers are to organise **a designated spot in the school ground** to meet their child/ren eg. at the goal posts on the front oval, under the shelter on the basketball court at the front of the school, under the shadesail on the junior side of the school – parents/carers are to wait there for their child/ren!

TWILIGHT SCHOOL

Planning is underway for the much-loved Twilight School to return in 2021!

This is proposed to take place on Tuesday 25th May between 12:30pm – 7pm.

More details to follow.



NEW SPORTS EQUIPMENT: STUDENT FEEDBACK

Here are some feedback from students about the new sports equipment they earned through fund-raising:

- Thank you for the Mega Connector game! I will play with that the most because I play it at home a lot and it is a competitive game I can enjoy with friends here at school. – Dean V
- I'm really looking forward to playing with the ring toss game because you can practise throwing! I enjoyed the Colour Fun Run and am excited to play with our prizes. – Jeet
- I like the giant mega connector game because I have never played a 'TEAM' one. I think it will be great fun because you can play with more than one person. It is great we were a part of the Colour Fun Run and won all these prizes! – Steven
- The Colour Fun Run was great because we exercised and received free prizes like the sports equipment. I can't wait to play with the giant Jenga because you can play with lots of your friends. – Tabitha



Foundation News

Welcome back to Term 2! The Foundation students have settled really well into their school routines as they return for another fun term.

We have continued learning about different phonemes each week and meeting new characters like 'Ben the Bear' and 'Harry the Hippopotamus'. We had a fun Beach Day where we brought in our beach towels and beach hats from home. In Maths, the students have also continued strengthening their number sense to 20 through counting and showing different ways to represent numbers.

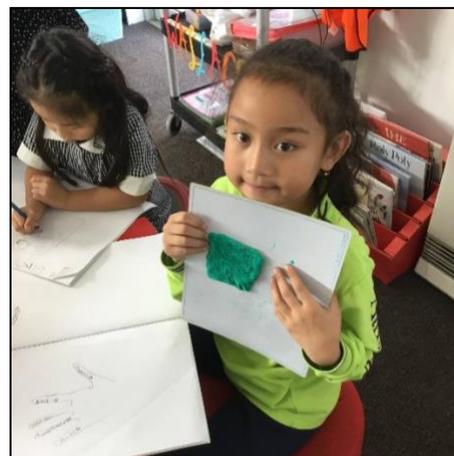
This term the students will be learning about living things, non-living things and farm animals in inquiry. A great way to get started is to have discussions with your child at home about the different food that you eat and where it might come from. If you are lucky enough to live near a farm, you could also visit the farm and talk about the different types of produce that the farm animals might produce. We will certainly be visiting the ARPS school farm and getting a hands-on experience with our farm animals!



Year 1/2 News

In Biological Science, the Year 1/2 students have been learning about dinosaurs and present day animals! The students have enjoyed becoming paleontologists, searching for fossils and learning how to use fossil clues to determine what dinosaurs looked like. They have made comparisons between dinosaurs and present day animals, identifying features, habitats and the diet of various dinosaurs.

We are all extremely excited to go on the upcoming excursion to the Melbourne Museum, as well as the IMAX 3D Theatre. Please remember to sign and return the excursion permission form.



INTERSCHOOL SPORT RESULTS

Friday, 23rd April v Yarraman Oaks – All games played at Athol Road Primary School

NETBALL: Athol Road 13 Yarraman Oaks 2

SOCCER: Athol Road 2 Yarraman Oaks 3

SOFCROSSE: Athol Road 3 Yarraman Oaks 1



Friday, 30th April v Springvale Rise (Heights Campus)

NETBALL: Athol Road 3 Springvale Rise 2

SOCCER: Athol Road 0 Springvale Rise 9

LACROSSE: A: Athol Road 1 Springvale Rise 2 B: Athol Road 0 Springvale Rise 0

KINDERGARTEN CORNER

During 2021, the kindergarten is participating in a Road Safety Inquiry Project, supported by the Early Learning Association Australia. The aim of our participation in the project is to support the kindergarten children to become safer road users, with the focus being upon being a safe pedestrian and crossing Athol Road safely when coming to and from kindergarten. The children will also be learning other road safety concepts such as being a safe passenger when in a car and wearing a helmet when riding a scooter or bicycle. This term, we have introduced helmets to our bicycle area. The children are required to wear a helmet if they want to ride a bicycle at kindergarten. We will be sharing our road safety learning with families as the year continues, so that you can help the children to remember about being safe when near roads when at home or out in the community.



With the easing of COVID-19 restrictions, we are very excited to be able to welcome family members back into the kindergarten rooms for a 'Stay and Play' time with your child. We encourage all families to book a time to spend with your child at kindergarten to play and observe what they are learning. If you have not booked a time yet, please speak to one of the kindergarten teachers.

Miss McDonnell
Kindergarten Teacher

