

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

28th JULY 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 3:
12th July – 17th Sept

Term 4:
4th Oct – 17th Dec

DIARY DATES

Interviews: F – 2

Interviews: 3 - 6

NO SCHOOL

Curriculum Day
Wednesday, 25th
August

Melbourne Cup
Tuesday, 2nd Nov



From the Principal's Desktop

COVID REMINDERS

All parents/carers/visitors are **required to wear masks on the school site** and maintain social distancing of 1.5 metres when collecting their children

- Students: NOT arrive at school before 8.45am unless attending Breakfast Club
- Students are to be dropped off at the school gate in the morning
- School finishes at 3.30pm
- Parents/carers are NOT to arrive at school for pick-up before 3.25pm
- School QR Code MUST be used for sign-in where parents/carers are onsite for 10 minutes or more – this is MANDATORY

LOCKDOWN

Unfortunately another Lockdown has disrupted student learning but 'it is what it is' and schools need to find ways to minimise the disruptions so that their impact on student learning is minimal. Hopefully these restrictions will be lifted this week!!!!

I would like to **THANK** all parents/carers for their ongoing support as the school navigates the best way forward. Wearing masks and social distancing will remain important strategies for everyone who comes onto the school site and I **THANK** all those parents/carers who are setting an example by doing the right thing!

I would like to **THANK** staff for their commitment to students and each other during this last lockdown. ARPS families are so fortunate to have such dedicated teachers.

REPORTS: IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Your child's report will only be available to you ONLINE - NO PAPER REPORTS will be sent home with your child in 2021. Your child's report is now available on the Sentral Parent Portal where you can read, print or save to your device. This way the report is always available to you and your child.

It is important that **EVERY PARENT and CARER** has the Sentral Parent Portal downloaded to at least 1 device, check it every day, opening and reading notices posted by the school. This is how the school communicates with YOU and it is frustrating when notices are not read because parents do not know what is happening. This makes extra work for everyone.

Please respect the school by reading these notices so that YOU know what is going on at the school. Please feel free to contact the office if you need any assistance.

A school where 'Every minute matters'

3 and 4 YEAR OLD KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS IN 2022

Athol Road Primary School will be running a 15 hour **FUNDED** kindergarten program for 4 year olds
The program will run from Monday – Wednesday from 9.00am – 2.00pm.

Athol Road Primary School will be running a 5 hour **FUNDED** kindergarten program for 3 year olds
The program will run on Thursday from 9.00am – 2.00pm.

Children must have turned 3 years of age prior to be eligible to start in the program.

Places are limited so do not miss out!

NOTE: Enrolments for both programs are organized by the City of Greater Dandenong Council.

Contact the City of Greater Dandenong Council to enrol your child.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL SUPERVISION PARENT NOTIFICATION

Student safety at Athol Road Primary School is our highest priority and the safe and appropriate supervision of students is an important element of our duty of care to students. Part of this duty is ensuring parents and students are aware of our student supervision arrangements before and after school.

Before school: Students should not arrive at school prior to 8.45am as school grounds are not supervised before this time. Students should go directly to their learning space.

After school: School grounds are supervised from 3.30pm – 3.40pm.

Students on school grounds outside these times will not be supervised unless they are attending Breakfast Club, the after school care program or supervised extracurricular activity. Parents/carers are requested to ensure that students do not attend school outside of these supervised times.

Families are encouraged to contact the school office on 9547 1224 for more information about the Breakfast Club and After School Care service available to our school community or if you would like any further information about our student supervision arrangements.

For a copy of our school's Yard Duty and Supervision Policy contact the school office on 9547 1224. This policy includes Athol Road Primary School's student supervision arrangements across the school day, including outside school hours care.

PERSONAL BELONGINGS

Athol Road Primary School understands that staff and/or students may sometimes like to bring items of personal property to school. The Department of Education and Training **DOES NOT** have insurance for personal property of staff, students and visitors.

Athol Road Primary School does not take responsibility for items of personal property that are lost, stolen or damaged at school or during school activities. Damage to personal property brought to school is the responsibility of the owner of that property.

Athol Road Primary School encourages staff and students not to bring items of value to school or to obtain appropriate insurance for such items.

If students bring items of value to school, they will be confiscated and stored securely within the learning space until the end of the day, when the items may be collected and taken home by the student and/or parent.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO ALL PARENTS

The school provides parents/carers with ongoing reports of their child's learning eg. Semester 1 & 2 reports for 2020 and earlier, NAPLAN results when their child is in Year 3 and Year 5 and ongoing reports specific to the child. **It is IMPORTANT that parents store these results in a safe place so they can be accessed, if needed, in the future.**

Foundation News

Welcome back to Term 3! Our students have been very excited to return to school for another fun term of learning. We would like to welcome a new teacher in our Foundation team, Ms Wong. Ms Wong will be with us until the end of the Term. If you see her around the school, don't forget to give her a big HELLO!

This term, we are introducing a new Inquiry topic called 'Communities'. We have started to explore different community workers and jobs such as firefighters, teachers and chefs. The students have really enjoyed engaging in our 'ARPS Café', which is an intentionally set up play space for students to explore different community roles such as cashiers, customers and cooks.

In Maths, students have been exploring the concept of addition through hands on materials and discovering efficient ways to solve addition problems such as the 'count on' strategy.

In Literacy, students are exploring non-fiction prints through reading and writing about a variety of different texts. Additionally, students will continue to consolidate efficient decoding strategies such as segmenting and blending.

An important reminder: Please make sure you help your child with their readers at home. You can find their readers in their blue bag. Every child must read their readers every day as part of their daily homework.



Year 1/2 News

In Mathematics over the next few weeks, the 1/2 students will be immersing themselves in location language as they learn to give and follow directions. Students enjoyed walking to the park and taking turns to complete an obstacle course that was specifically designed to draw out important location vocabulary. Students listened to their partner as they gave an instruction, before following the instruction to complete the course. The language students will need to learn this term includes over, under, in, out, between, through, in front of, behind, left, right, near and opposite.

Please encourage your child to practice using this language at home. For example, have them give you directions to find an object, set up their own obstacle course or describe the location of an object.

