

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

11th AUGUST 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

CANCELLED

Curriculum Day
Wednesday, 25th
August

PUBLIC HOLIDAY
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 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 come onsite

LOCKDOWN AGAIN

THANK YOU to everyone for the ease with which the school moves in and out of lockdown which has become a normal part of our education system these days. The school is fortunate that the Year 3 – 6 students have their own devices at school and are able to transition easily from school to home learning. Setting up and preparing iPads which have to be removed from learning spaces is a time consuming exercise. It would be hugely beneficial if students in Foundation – Year 2 had their own home iPad which could be used when lockdowns come into force. Perhaps parents could look at this, where possible, moving forward.

It is vitally important that parents ensure that their children are completing the set work. Failure to do this will mean that students will fall behind in their learning. This is a home/school partnership which has never been more important than during lockdown. I need to stress that parents do not have to know how to do the work, it is not meant for parents! If students are having difficulty completing the work, they need to contact their teachers by email.

SENTRAL

Parents need to open the Sentral app on their phones/iPads, etc. **EVERY DAY** so that they know what is happening on a day by day basis. It is very **FRUSTRATING** when special announcements are made on Sentral and parents did not see them because they are not opening the app every day. **PLEASE** look at the messages every day!

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.

GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK, MRS MOSHINSKY

CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs Moshinsky (Natasha to most of you). She has been successful in gaining a position in a large secondary school. She will be leaving ARPS on 19th August.

On behalf of the school community, I would like to:

- **THANK** Natasha for all the work she has done at ARPS. She has been instrumental in implementing many wellbeing programs and strategies, supporting staff, students and families over the years. Natasha will be greatly missed by the staff, students and families with whom she has forged strong bonds through her caring approach in even the most difficult situations.
- **WISH** Natasha all the very best as she embarks on the next stage of her career. I know that she will be a huge success and have the opportunity to realise many of her ambitions over the next few years.

GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK, MISS HAWLEY

GOODBYE and GOOD LUCK to Mrs Hawley who is leaving on Friday, 13th August to await the birth of her first child in a couple of months time. This is the first child for Mrs Hawley and her partner, John. The ARPS community wishes them all the very best for the safe delivery of their first child – another ARPS baby.

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents/caregivers/guardians think of our school. The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted by parents/caregivers/guardians. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, student engagement and experiences of remote and flexible learning. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

All parents have been invited to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year, the Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey will close on Friday 3rd September.

The survey will be conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the survey period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. These include: Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Chin (Hakha), Hindi, Japanese, Somali, Turkish, Punjabi and Greek. There are also translation guides available in various languages, including [Khmer](#).

Details of how to access the survey have been sent out on the Sentral app. If you have any questions you can contact the school office.

Year 3/4 News

What a start to Term 3!

The Year 3/4 teachers are incredibly proud of how all students have adapted to Remote Learning and kept up their hard work ethic back in the learning space.

In Maths, students have been revising and developing their division strategies. Students in Miss Walton's learning group especially enjoyed role-playing the story of 'The Doorbell Rang' by Pat Hutchins. They learnt the importance of sharing cookies equally and how to problem solve if there are any cookies left.

Students participated in an interactive online incursion with Australian author, Maxine Beneba Clarke. Maxine is a writer of Afro-Caribbean heritage whose stories embrace individuality and celebrate differences and diversity by using the natural wonders of the world. She encouraged students to be proud of their culture and share their love through storytelling.



Year 5/6 News

Congratulations 5/6 students for once again showing resilience and adaptability as schooling returns online. It is incredible to see all students engaging online with SeeSaw. While students are online, it is important that they are taking regular breaks from the computer.

In Literacy and History, students have delved into Australian History. They have researched the different Australian colonies and what life was like in the lead up to Federation. Students have continued to practise their reading skills, with a focus on accuracy, rate, expression, paraphrasing and punctuation through participation in fluency reading pairs. It has been fantastic to see students improve their fluency and coaching skills through this process.

In Maths, students have begun investigating fractions with a focus on using precise, accurate language. As students continue to investigate fractions it is important that they have a strong understanding and a quick recall of their multiplication facts. Students have continued to use Daily Reviews as learning consolidation for previously learnt skills, including time, multiplication and division.

MONDAY - SEL - YOGA CLUB

Being in lockdown can be very stressful.
So today your SEL task is to complete the cosmic yoga with someone at home.

Who are you doing yoga with today? I'm doing yoga with my Mum and myself.

How are you feeling now? I'm feeling relaxed and ready to start our yoga lesson.

How are they feeling now? Mum is feeling the same way as me and calm.

Daily Review

Maths Facts Practice

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| five fours | 20 | 4 x 6 | 24 |
| 6 x 6 | 36 | 7 nines | 63 |
| 7 x 3 | 21 | 8 x 6 | 48 |