

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

2nd FEBRUARY 2022

NEWSletter

BULLYING IS NOT ACCEPTABLE AT ARPS!

SPECIAL INFORMATION AND CALENDAR EVENTS

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

TERM 1

28th January – 8th April

Public Holiday:

Labour Day

Monday 14th March

TERM 2

26th April – 24th June

TERM 3

11th July – 16th September

TERM 4

3rd October – 20th
December

STAY SAFE!



From the Principal's Desktop



2022: YEAR OF THE TIGER

The Tiger is the third of the 12-year cycle of animals which appear in the Chinese zodiac related to the Chinese calendar. The Year of the Tiger starts from 1st February 2022 and ends on 21st January 2023. 2022 is a Water Tiger year. Years of the Tiger include 2022, 2010, 1998, 1986, 1974, 1962, 1950, 1938... The Tiger is known as the king of all beasts in China. The zodiac sign, Tiger, is a symbol of **strength, exorcising evils and braveness.**

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL ARPS FAMILIES

I would like to WELCOME everyone to the 2022 school year, especially our new students and their families. It looks like 2022 is going to be another challenging one but, like 2020 and 2021, school staff will rise to whatever challenges it presents. The government and Department of Education have put in place special arrangements for the first four weeks to ensure the safety and wellbeing of students, staff and parents. Please read the Sentral notices carefully and speak to the school should you have any concerns about your child's wellbeing.

WELCOME

Athol Road Primary School welcomes returning and new staff members:

- FOUNDATION: Mrs Altena returning from leave and Mr Baxter, new to ARPS
- YEAR 1/2: Ms Dounis returning from leave and Ms Croft, new to ARPS
- YEAR 3/4: Mr Tunnicliffe and Ms Haliwell, both new to ARPS
- YEAR 5/6: Mrs Rowell and Mrs MacPhie, both new to ARPS
- PSYCHOLOGIST: Ms Trainer, new to ARPS

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE/BREAKFAST CLUB BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Out of School Hours Care and Breakfast Club commence on Wednesday, 2nd February **for students of working parents only!**

Parents must book their children into these services by contacting Jess at the office on 9547 1224

A school where 'Every minute matters'

2022 STAFFING

Principal: Ruby Toombs	Assistant Principal: Carmel Nigro
Business Manager: Emma Pearse	Office Manager: Jess Beggs
KINDERGARTEN: Rhiannon Williams, Anita McDonnell, Cora Hong, Tina Mangoni, Siv Ou, Melanie Green, Sophea Lim	
FOUNDATION: Kate Qemal, Sylvie Altena, Sam Addison, Daphne Chong, Michael Baxter, Ashlee Harris, Trina Marsh, Jackie Andersson	
YEAR 1/2: Kiara Davis, Bec Karpati, Lisa Teitzel, Olivia Nesbitt, Teagan Stuart, Emma Dounis, Catherine Croft, Alison Wallace, Kathryn Ewer, Leela Concessio	
YEAR 3/4: Sarah Salt, Simone Newsome, Lucy Walton, Amanda Tran, Michelle Heather, Rebecca Meade, Scott Tunnicliffe, Jordyn Halliwell, Jenny Giles, Kayla Frankel, Wendy Beveridge	
YEAR 5/6: Haidee Rowell, Kat Crow, Jessica Yates, Shivone Ferdinands, Kirri Van Haaster	
SPECIALISTS: Bryan Hunter (Environmental Education), Vicki Santavas (Visual Arts) , Malina Yi (Mandarin), Chris Keleher (Physical Education), Trish Brewer (Performing Arts)	
MULTICULTURAL AIDES: Mei Luong (Vietnamese), Dana Chan (Cambodian)	
SPEECH PATHOLOGY: Ella Mechelen	
SPEECH SUPPORT: Julie White, Marina Ruffolo	
PSYCHOLOGISTS: Ashleigh Barber, Louisa Trainer	
STUDENT WELLBEING: Jenny Phillips	
OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE: Wendy Beveridge, Kayla Frankel, Marina Ruffolo	
LIBRARY SUPPORT: Deborah Maniatis	OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY: Katrina Gray
IT MANAGER: Alexx Verdichizzi	CANTEEN: Mary Orfanidis
GROUNDS MAINTENANCE: Greg Schuhkraft	CLEANER: Tatini

REMINDER: DROP OFF AND PICK UP ARRANGEMENTS

DROP OFF:

Parents are required to leave students in Year 1 – 6 at the front gate in the mornings.

Parents of students commencing in Foundation are required to bring their child/ren to the undercover basketball area at the front of the school where teachers will collect them.

PICK UP:

- Where parents/carers can wait outside the school grounds after school they are asked to please do so.

DESIGNATED WAITING PLACES IF YOU NEED TO ENTER THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

- Parents/Carers of children in **Year 3 - 6** must wait on the **FRONT OVAL**
- Parents/Carers of children in **Year 1/2** must wait **outside the Year 1/2 building**.
- Parents/Carers of children in **Foundation** must wait on the **basketball court at the front of the school**.
- NOTE: Parents/carers with children in multiple grades must wait in the area designated for the **YOUNGEST** child!

COVID-19 INFORMATION

Each child has been provided with a pack of 5 rapid antigen COVID-19 tests for use during the first two weeks of Term 1 2022. Parents are required administer a test to each primary school student **twice** during each school week.

Tests are to be used for students of Athol Road Primary School ONLY and will not be replaced.

If your child receives a positive test result at any time, it must be reported immediately to **both**:

1. Athol Road Primary School

athol.road.ps@education.vic.gov.au

9547 1224

2. Department of Health

<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/rapid-antigen-tests#report-a-positive-result-on-a-rapid-antigen-test>

1800 675 398

You must also advise the school immediately if somebody living at the same house as your child returns a positive COVID-19 test.

- If your child is required to isolate, they will be provided with support to learn from home
- Students in Years 3-6 are required to wear masks at school unless they have a medical exemption
- Mask wearing is optional, but recommended, for students in Foundation – Year 2
- All parents/carers/visitors must maintain social distancing of 1.5 metres and wear masks

PARENT PAYMENTS

Thank you to the families who have already made school payments for 2022 – this is much appreciated and helps Athol Road Primary School to delivery an excellent, well-resourced learning program for all students.

Please speak to Jess at the office if you would like to confirm payment amounts.

If you are in financial difficulty then Emma, the Business Manager, is available to discuss payment options.

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 our school's collection notice, found on our [website](#). For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy – information for parents](#).