

## 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

16<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2022

# NEWSletter

**BULLYING IS NOT ACCEPTABLE AT ARPS!**

## SPECIAL INFORMATION AND CALENDAR EVENTS

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

### TERM 1

28<sup>th</sup> January – 8<sup>th</sup> April

### TERM 2

26<sup>th</sup> April – 24<sup>th</sup> June

### TERM 3

11<sup>th</sup> July – 16<sup>th</sup> September

### TERM 4

3<sup>rd</sup> October – 20<sup>th</sup> December

## PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Labour Day: 14<sup>th</sup> March

Queen's Birthday: 13<sup>th</sup> June

Melbourne Cup: 1<sup>st</sup> November

**STAY SAFE!**



## From the Principal's Desktop

### SMOOTH START TO THE YEAR

2022 has started very smoothly with Foundation students settling into school routines very quickly. THANK YOU to parents who are dropping off and picking up their Foundation children on the undercover basketball court by 8.50am. This means that learning can start on time.

Already after only 2 weeks, there are a large number of students turning up **LATE FOR SCHOOL** – around 15 students every day with some of those being the same students over multiple days! This is a lot of disruption to their own learning and the learning of others. School starts at 8.50am – students should be walking into their learning spaces at 8.50am. Parents are asked to put in place strategies to ensure that their children arrive at school on time ready to learn every day! Things do go wrong and there may be a legitimate reason why a student is late but this should be rarely. If it is happening frequently, it is a major problem which needs to be addressed.

Kindergarten children are also settling in very well with numbers increasing each day. There are 66 places in 4 year old kindergarten which is now full. There are 48 places in 3 year old kindergarten and there are still 1 or 2 vacancies.

### 2022 ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL APPEAL

Every year, Athol Road Primary School families support the Royal Children's Hospital Appeal in a very practical way, through their financial donations. In 2022 the school is running a Royal Children's Hospital Appeal Raffle and will be sending home a book of 10 tickets to each family next Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> February, asking that they sell the tickets at \$2.00 each to support this worthy appeal to raise money for the hospital to ensure that our children have the best medical treatment available as we never know when it might be needed. While supporting the hospital, families have a chance of winning a prize including:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Coles Myer Vouchers: \$200

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Lenovo Tablet: M7

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Scented Activity Pack

PLEASE return your tickets and money in a NAMED sealed envelope/bag to your home group teacher as soon as possible but, prior to Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> March. NOTE: All tickets MUST be returned for auditing purposes whether sold or not so PLEASE look after the tickets carefully. Your support is greatly appreciated.

*A school where 'Every minute matters'*

### COVID REMINDERS

- Parents/carers **MUST** wear masks and maintain social distancing of 1.5 metres when on the school grounds
- Mask wearing is optional for students in Foundation – Year 2 but **REQUIRED** for students in Year 3 – 6
- **Parents are not permitted to enter learning spaces**
- **Parents/carers are asked to only visit the school office for essential business**
- ALL persons who come to the school office **MUST** use the School QR Code to sign-in.

**THANK YOU** for helping the school to support the safety, health and wellbeing of students and staff.

### OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE/BREAKFAST CLUB

Out of School Hours Care and Breakfast Club open ***for students of working parents only!***

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL** by contacting Jess at the office on 9547 1224

### REMINDER: DROP OFF AND PICK UP ARRANGEMENTS

#### **Students should not arrive at school before 8.45am**

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

Foundation students meet their teacher/s on the undercover basketball area at the front of the school

#### **Parents are not to enter the school grounds before 3.25pm in the afternoon**

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

### 2021 PARENT OPINION SURVEY RESULTS

*The full report is available on request!*

**THANK YOU** to the parents who completed the Parent Opinion Survey late last year.

Below is a summary of the first section. There will be a summary of remote learning experiences in the next newsletter. These results will help inform future directions.

	% Positive	% Neutral	% Negative
Parent Community Engagement: Parent Participation and Involvement	88%	9%	3%
Parent Community Engagement: School Support	92%	3%	3%
Parent Community Engagement: Teacher Communication	87%	8%	4%
School Ethos and Environment: General Satisfaction	92%	3%	0%
School Ethos and Environment: Physical Environment	92%	5%	3%
School Ethos and Environment: School Improvement	92%	5%	0%
School Ethos and Environment: School Pride and Confidence	95%	5%	0%
Student Cognitive Engagement: High Expectations for Success	96%	1%	1%
Student Cognitive Engagement: Student Motivation and Support	91%	5%	4%
Student Cognitive Engagement: Stimulating Learning Environment	91%	7%	2%
Student Cognitive Engagement: Effective Teaching	90%	8%	2%
Student Development: Student Agency and Voice	91%	9%	0%
Student Development: Confidence and Resiliency Skills	95%	5%	0%
Safety: Managing Bullying	87%	9%	3%
Safety: No-experience of Bullying	64%	21%	15%
Safety: Promoting Positive Behaviour	92%	4%	1%
Safety: Respect for Diversity	92%	5%	2%
Connection and Progression: School Connectedness	93%	8%	1%
Connection and Progression: Positive Transitions	91%	5%	2%

# Foundation News

Welcome to our first term in Foundation! The students in Foundation have settled in well and it is great to see their happy faces as they arrive each morning. The Foundation teachers would like give a big welcome to our family members and new students. In Literacy, students have started learning phonemes and graphemes through the Little Learners Love Literacy Program. The students enjoyed a fun 'Summer' experience as they learnt about the phoneme /s/. In Maths, the students explored different ways to make numbers. Each morning, they count the days that they have been at school. The students are very proud of themselves for being at school for so many days!

- **There is no school on Wednesday** for the month of February. Wednesdays are reserved for 1:1 appointments with teachers. If you have not booked an appointment, please speak to a Foundation teacher.
- Please ensure that you bring your child's blue bag every day to school. Your child will receive any notices which will be placed in their blue bag. It is important that you check your child's blue bag every day.



# Year 1/2 News

The Year 1/2 students have had a fantastic first couple of weeks settling back into the school routine. Students have enjoyed getting to know all their teachers and new peers within the learning space!

This term in the 1/2 space there is lots of exciting learning taking place! In Maths, students are focusing on building their number sense through a range of hands on, engaging activities. Students will learn and continue to build their knowledge of place value and different counting patterns such as skip counting.

In Literacy, students will be focusing on persuasive units of writing through identifying their likes on particular topics and explaining their reasoning as to why. Students will practise and consolidate their understanding to write a good, simple sentence. In Reading, students will be focusing on comprehension and understanding a text. Students will also learn and revise phonemes and Chatter Chants to apply within their reading and writing.

This term for Inquiry students are focusing on the topic, Cultures. Students will learn about different celebrations within a range of cultures and explore what they celebrate within their own culture.

There is lots of exciting learning ahead this term and the Year 1/2 teachers are looking forwards to a great year!

**WELCOME** to the Year 1/2 learning space!



# NOTICE OF ELECTION AND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

## APRIL 2022 – MARCH 2024

An election is to be conducted for members of the school council of

### ***ATHOL ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL***

**Nomination forms may be obtained from the office and must be lodged by 4.00 pm on FRIDAY, 4<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2022**

If an election is required the ballot will close at 4.00 pm on 25<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2022

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

<b>Membership category</b>	<b>Term of office</b>	<b>Number of positions</b>
Parent member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2022 and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2024: 2 years	3
DET employee member (Staff member)	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2022 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2024	1
Community member (School Kindergarten)	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2022 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2023: 1 year	1

*If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted on Sentral and in a prominent position at the school.*

## CONGRATULATIONS

Athol Road Primary School offers congratulations to past student Andrew Keo who received an ATAR of 96.55

**What an amazing achievement!**



## SENTRAL

Parents need to be informed!  
All parents **MUST** have the Sentral app on their phone so that they know what is going on at school.  
All school notices are sent home via this app.