

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**

16th MARCH 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

TERM 2

26th April – 24th June

TERM 3

11th July – 16th September

TERM 4

3rd October – 20th December

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Labour Day: 14th March

Queen's Birthday: 13th June

Melbourne Cup: 1st November

CURRICULUM DAY

Tuesday, 15th March

STAY SAFE!



From the Principal's Desktop

2022 SCHOOL REVIEW

The first stage of the school Review, a Pre-Review Self-Evaluation (PRSE), is well underway with students, staff and parents providing their insights into how they perceive the school, its operations and programs through surveys and a special family reflection task. The kindergarten children, staff and families are also providing their insights. THANK YOU to everyone who has completed these surveys.

Tuesday 15th March was a Curriculum Day approved by School Council. On this day, staff analysed 4 years worth of data in Reading, Writing, Numeracy as well as student, parent and staff opinion survey data to identify whether or not the school has reached its 4 year targets, what has supported our growth and what has hindered our growth. It was a data packed day for staff! When this is completed then the PRSE will be written up and provided to the reviewer in readiness for the review process to be conducted in Term 2.

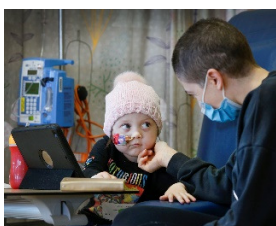
COVID RESTRICTIONS

Parents and carers are asked to PLEASE:

- use the RATs provided to test their child/ren twice each week and notify the school if they test positive for COVID19 or are identified as a close contact
- only come onto the school site or visit the school office for essential business
- wear masks when on the school site
- maintain social distancing of at least 1.5 metres
- not enter learning spaces

Students in Year 3 – 6 are REQUIRED to wear masks (unless an exemption applies) Mask wearing is optional for students in Foundation – Year 2. NOTE: Students must provide their own mask!

2022 ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL APPEAL RAFFLE REMINDER



THANK YOU to all families who have returned their Royal Children's Hospital Appeal raffle tickets. For those who have not yet returned theirs, money and tickets need to be returned to the office in a NAMED sealed envelope/bag by Friday, 18th March. NOTE: All tickets MUST be returned for auditing purposes whether sold or not. Your support is appreciated.

A school where 'Every minute matters'

PRINCIPAL AWARDS

presented to

AYAAN LONKAR: YEAR 2

For showing incredible determination and commitment to his learning since the beginning of this year. The improvement in his accuracy, expression and automaticity has meant that he has moved up two stages in his reading in 4 weeks. His success is attributed to his own self-determination, enthusiasm and new found autonomy over his learning. Ayaan is an excellent role model for the Year 1/2 students.

CONGRATULATIONS, Ayaan!

KRYSTAL TRAN: YEAR 3

After overhearing the Year 6 students practising their songs on the xylophones, Krystal demonstrated great initiative and commitment by teaching herself to play the same songs. What a great achievement!

WELL DONE, Krystal!

ARADHANA RADHAKRISHNAN: YEAR 6

Aradhana demonstrated our school value, 'INNOVATION', when she developed a comprehensive, delicious menu and uniform for a café named 'The Comfy Café' which she hopes to own and run when she finishes her education. An impressive menu with something for everyone!

WELL DONE, Aradhana!

YEAR 5/6 SOVEREIGN HILL CAMP: Wednesday, 24th – Friday, 26th AUGUST 2022

COST: \$350.00 **BUT** parents only pay **\$300.00** as School Council is contributing \$50.00 per student. The cost covers bus travel, meals, accommodation, Sovereign Hill entry, Red Hill mine entry and the sound and light show. **\$50.00** deposit for Sovereign Hill camp is required to be paid by the end of Term 1.

NOTE: The Big4 Caravan Park and Sovereign Hill meet all COVID requirements in line with Department of Education policy.

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

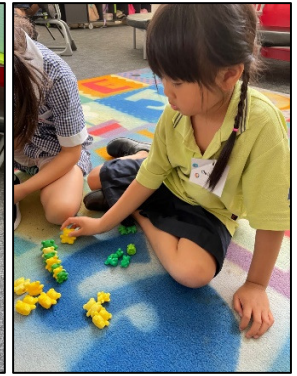
- Where parents/carers can wait outside the school grounds after school, they are asked to please do so.
- Parents/Carers of children in **Year 3 - 6** must wait on the **FRONT OVAL**
- Parents/Carers of children in **Year 1/2** must wait **outside the Year 1/2 building**.
- Parents/Carers of children 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!

Foundation News

The Foundation students have been busy learning the phonemes /f/ /a/ /p/ and /t/ over the last few weeks. They enjoyed participating in a 'Teddy Bear Picnic' language experience as they learnt about /t/. After our picnic they wrote about what they did with their teddy at the picnic using the sentence starter 'My teddy and I', which allowed them to practise their Heart Words 'My' and 'I'.

In Maths, students have been building a strong understanding of the numbers 1-10, participating in lots of counting and ordering activities. They have also been discussing patterns, learning that a pattern is something that repeats. Students showed their understanding by making their own patterns using shapes, colours, numbers, letters, sizes and movement.

Please ensure that you practise your child's Heart Words with them every night. Their Heart Word books are to be kept in their blue bags and brought to school with them everyday. Thank you!

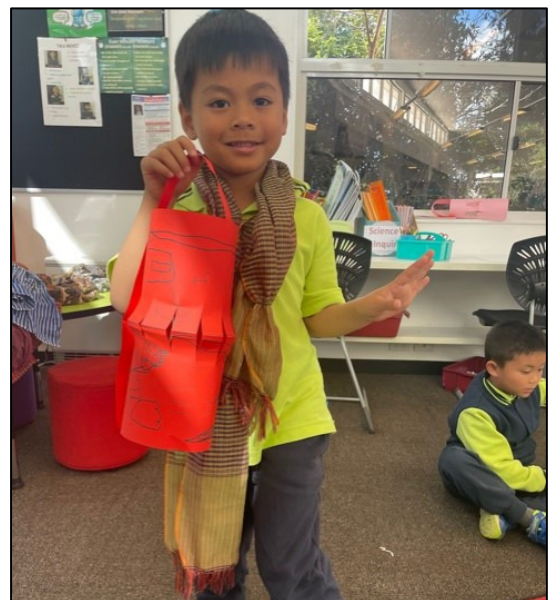


Year 1/2 News

The Year 1/2 students have had a fun filled term of learning in Inquiry. Students have been learning about different cultures and celebrations, with each Inquiry group choosing one celebration on which to focus. The celebrations chosen were from the cultures of Scotland, India, Cambodia, China and New Zealand.

Students have worked hard to learn traditional dances from their culture as well as learning the actions to traditional music and creating food menus for each culture. Students also created different cultural crafts.

After having time to prepare and rehearse, students performed their performance to all the Year 1/2 students and teachers. Students did such a wonderful job and should be so proud of their performances!



GOODBYE & GOOD LUCK, MRS MARSH



A big **THANK YOU** to Mrs Marsh who is leaving ARPS this week to get ready for the birth of her first child. Mrs Marsh has been working in the Foundation space this year, helping the new Foundation students settle into their learning space while getting some great tips that she can use on her own child in years to come!

Everyone at ARPS is looking forward to meeting the the new addition to the Marsh household!

CONGRATULATIONS!



← Ms Kidner is pleased to announce the safe arrival of her gorgeous son, Paderson.

Mrs Harris has welcomed a son, Oak, a much loved little brother to Sadie →



ARPS sends best wishes to both families as they enjoy this precious time!

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS: THANK YOU

THANK YOU to all parents who attended the online Parent Information sessions this week. The teachers very much appreciated that you took the time to hear about what will be happening in your child's learning space in 2022. The presentations will be uploaded to Seesaw, if you missed the evening, and you will be able to refer to them as the year goes along. If you have any questions please feel free to chat with teachers after school as they are all outside when students are dismissed or contact the office to make an appointment and a teacher will get back to you.

THURSDAY, 17th MARCH is ST PATRICK'S DAY



St Patrick is known as the patron saint of Ireland and 17th March is the special day on which people in Ireland and across the world observe the death of St Patrick and celebrate their Irish heritage. The holiday has evolved into a celebration of Irish culture with parades, special foods, music, dancing, drinking and a whole lot of green. Did you know that there are no snakes in Ireland because St Patrick is believed to have chased them all into the sea and they drowned?

STUDENT LUNCH BOXES

Some parents recently asked for suggestions to help create healthy lunch boxes – please see some snack ideas following. A reminder that ARPS has a NUDE FOOD policy which means packaging should be avoided and, if brought to school, the student must take their rubbish home again for disposal.

Lunchbox snack ideas...

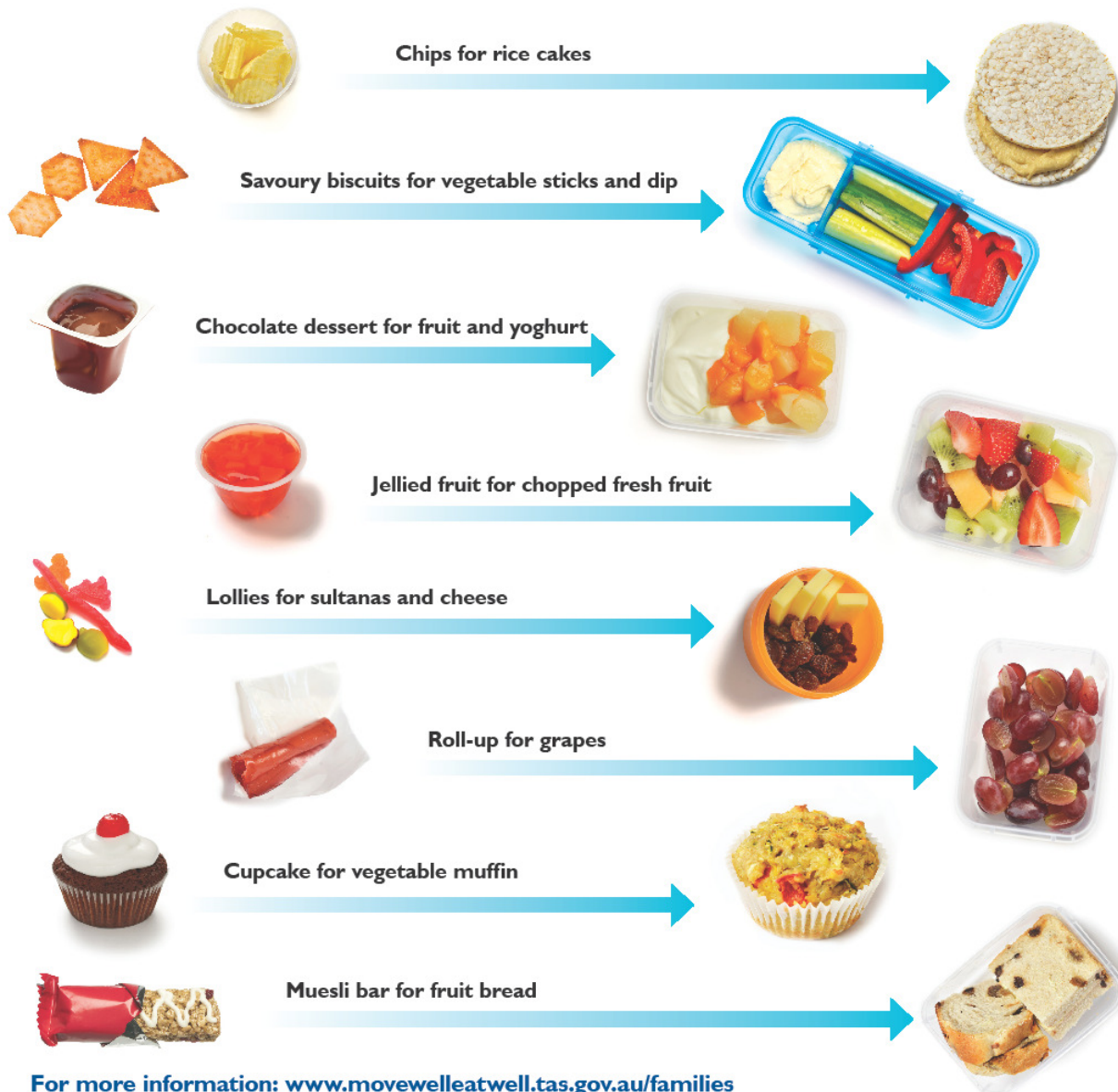
Choose snacks that are made from everyday foods from the five food groups. The five food groups are:

- 1 Vegetables
- 2 Fruit
- 3 Grain (cereal) foods, mostly wholegrain or high fibre
- 4 Lean meats and poultry, fish, eggs, tofu, nuts and seeds,* and legumes/beans
- 5 Milk, yoghurt and cheese.

* check your childcare or school policy

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