

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

25th MAY 2022

NEWSletter

BULLYING IS NOT ACCEPTABLE AT ARPS!

SPECIAL INFORMATION AND CALENDAR EVENTS

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

TERM 2

26th April – 24th June

TERM 3

11th July – 16th September

TERM 4

3rd October – 20th
December

STUDENT FREE DAY

Thursday 9th June

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Queen's Birthday: 13th June
Melbourne Cup: 1st November

STAY SAFE!



From the Principal's Desktop

VALIDATION DAY – MONDAY 16th MAY

The first day of the School Review, also known as Validation Day, was held on Monday, 16th May. The purpose of this day is to celebrate the School's achievements over the last four years and reflect on the progress of the goals in the 2018-2021 Strategic Plan.

The members of the Review Panel were very impressed with the Self Evaluation Report, commenting it was one of the most detailed reports which fairly reflected the strengths of the school and clearly identified the areas that require further improvement and refinement.

They were also impressed with the buildings, the gardens, the facilities and the feel of each learning space as they walked around and saw students on task and teachers/ES staff working directly with groups of students.

A key strength that came through was the collaborative learning spaces and how calm and productive each space looked and felt to the panel.

The key areas identified to further explore on Fieldwork Day on **Thursday 2nd June** are:

- *Student Voice and Agency: Do students have agency in their learning? How do students set and track learning goals?*
- *PLC and teacher practice: How has the ongoing work of ARPS as a PLC improved teacher practice and developed consistency across the school?*
- *Assessment: How is assessment used effectively to inform teaching so that all students are challenged at their level (in particular high ability students)?*

If you would like to be part of a Parent Focus Group on Fieldwork Day, please contact the school office.

NAPLAN

WELL DONE to our Year 3 and Year 5 students on their completion of the NAPLAN testing program. ARPS has completed online NAPLAN since it was piloted in 2018. We are so fortunate to have outstanding technical capability support, which enabled students to complete the tests without disruption.

WELCOME MRS GATHERCOLE

Last week the ARPS community welcomed Rachel Gathercole, our new Learning Specialist in Foundation. She brings a wealth of experience to the Foundation Learning Space.

A school where 'Every minute matters'

Thursday 9th June – Student Free Day

Students do not come to school on Thursday 9th June 2022.

Parents need to make arrangements for their children as there will be NO SCHOOL on this day.

Staff and teachers will be attending Professional Learning on this day.

Year 5/6 Camp – Sovereign Hill

Full payment for the Sovereign Hill camp is required by **Friday 17th June**.

Please contact the office if you have any questions about the amount owing for your child.

Camp will be held in Term 3, from Wednesday 24th – Friday 26th August. The subsidised cost of \$300 covers bus travel, meals, accommodation, Sovereign Hill entry, Red Hill mine entry and the sound and light show. It is a fantastic learning opportunity for students and many great memories will be made!



More baby news!

Congratulations to Mrs Marsh and her husband who have welcomed little Luna Bloom Marsh into their family. Mum and bub are doing well and the ARPS community wishes them all the best during this precious time.



SAVE THE DATE – The Fathering Project

ARPS is joining with The Fathering Project to help promote the importance of positive fathering behaviour in our community. This program will launch on:

Thursday 16th June 6:30-8:30pm

This is an opportunity for students to attend with their Dad/Father-figure/Carer for a great evening featuring a sausage sizzle and some fun sport activities. Official invitations will be sent home soon.

The Fathering Project presents:

BEING THERE – DATE DATES

Dad dates provide one-on-one time with each child, so if you have three kids, you have three separate dates. These one-on-one dad dates helps you children feel special, loved and listened to. The date doesn't have to be an extravagant or expensive event, it is about the time together one-on-one to play, talk, listen, laugh and have some fun.

If you start this when your children are young, these dates will provide opportunities for you to really connect with each child, to check in on their health and wellbeing and how they are coping as they grow up. You will also find they will be more likely to discuss any issues or problems with you in these one-on-one times because they are alone with you. This is really important especially when they reach adolescence.



Year 3/4 News

Last Friday we went to the Melbourne Museum to learn more about the Indigenous Australians. They made the canoes by themselves with wood. We saw an eagle called Bunjil who made the world and who also made the grass, land and seas. He had wings that changed colours. They used possum skin to make clothes to keep them warm in the winter. - *Mansur Year 3*

On Friday 13th of May, we went to Melbourne Museum to learn about the First Nations Peoples and about their lifestyle. There was a map of Victoria that had all the Aboriginal languages. There were little iPads that you can use to see how things work and learn more about famous Aboriginal peoples. There were many different videos that we watched to know more about how they lived. Aboriginals weren't allowed to vote for the government and go to school because 'white people' thought they were better than 'black and brown' people. Aboriginal Peoples make weaving baskets. They made weaving baskets from leaves and anything things made by plants. Aboriginal people believed in Bunjil, Bunjil was an eagle who made the seas, trees and everything in the world. In the museum there was a room with Bunjil flying. It told you its story and the punishments that you will face if you break his rule. - *Reeman Year 4*



Bunjil the Eagle



The Languages Map

Year 5/6 News

This term in Maths the Year 5/6 students have focused on BODMAS, which is the order of operations when completing a complete problem. They have also explored the connection between addition and subtraction. In Integrated Maths, they have been developing dinosaur theme parks which involved budgeting, and the calculation of area and perimeter.

In Literacy, the Year 5/6 students have explored biomes and habitats of various animals and developed their information report writing skills. The students are also engaging with a new reading choice board, where they can complete a book review, read for pleasure, work on their book club tasks or develop their reading for meaning.

In Science, students are investigating the scientific method. Their experiment was following the growth of grass seeds in a controlled environment. They worked in triads to create a hypothesis, list of materials and procedure before documenting their observations and results over a few weeks. The students are very excited to see if their seeds will grow.

Well done to all the Year 5s who sat NAPLAN in week 3, they approached the assessment with great enthusiasm and a growth mindset.



Hi! My name is

Yogi



I am a 14-week-old Groodle who absolutely loves people!

I was born on February the 8th in a small town called Cobram.

I went to my new home last Saturday with Miss Walton and I have loved every minute of it.

I love being around other dogs but most of all I LOVE being around people.

Especially those people who give me lots of cuddles and belly rubs!

I have settled in very easily to my new home. I am a very friendly puppy and I am extremely relaxed. I love chewing on leaves and tanbark at home but Mum tells me not to. I am also really enjoying getting out to meet other dogs.

I have started to learn how to walk on the lead and I am doing a great job at it. I find it hard to be alone without my mum but I am slowly getting used to it. I am really excited because I have puppy school on Saturday for the next three weeks. I am hoping to become a master of sit, laydown, stay and leave it.

I am looking forward to starting work at Athol Road Primary School and learning the things I need to enable me to become a wellbeing dog.

I can't wait to meet everyone!

