

## 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

10<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2022

# NEWSletter

**BULLYING IS NOT ACCEPTABLE AT ARPS!**

## SPECIAL INFORMATION AND CALENDAR EVENTS

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

**TERM 3**  
11<sup>th</sup> July  
to  
16<sup>th</sup> September

**TERM 4**  
3<sup>rd</sup> October  
to  
20<sup>th</sup> December

**PUBLIC HOLIDAY**  
Melbourne Cup:  
1<sup>st</sup> November

**STAY SAFE!**



## From the Principal's Desktop

### GOODBYE and GOOD LUCK

*Mrs Beggs (Jess) in the office leaves us today to take up a promotion as Business Manager at Hampton Park Primary School. Jess has not been at ARPS very long but has left an indelible mark on students, staff and parents with her warm, caring manner in the office. She will be greatly missed but the ARPS community wishes her all the very best in her new position which I know she will make her own in a very short time.*

*THANK YOU, Jess, for all that you have done at ARPS.*

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> August: Year 1/2 excursion to Sea Life Aquarium in Melbourne

Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> August: Assembly at 3.00pm in the hall – parents/carers welcome

Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> August: School Revival in school visit - Year 3 – 6 students

Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> August: Special Kebab Lunch: Orders close: Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> August

Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> to Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> August: Year 5/6 camp at Sovereign Hill in Ballarat

Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> September: Assembly at 3.00pm in the hall – parents/carers welcome

Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> August: **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS** – Staff Professional Practice Day

Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> September: Year 5 excursion to Keysborough College

Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> September: Assembly at 3.00pm in the hall – parents/carers welcome

Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> September: Twilight School – starts 12.30pm and finishes 7.00pm. Please make arrangements for your child/ren in the morning. Students are NOT arrive at school before 12.15pm and must have lunch before they come to school.

### SENTRAL PARENTS PORTAL

It is essential that parents have the Sentral app on a device AND that they access it every day to find out what is happening at the school. This is particularly important with Pupil Free Days and early school finishes.

*A school where 'Every minute matters'*

## RATS and MASKS

The school will distribute RATs to all students as they are supplied by the Department of Education. Testing is only required when your child or someone in your family or a close contact develops symptoms. Testing then is essential in order to ensure that your child does not bring the virus to school.

The school has a number of RATs available should any family run out, as well as a supply of disposable children's masks – contact the office on 9547 1224.

The government strongly recommends that staff and students over the age of 8 wear masks at school. While this is not mandated, it is a very strong recommendation as this is one of the ways to reduce the spread of the virus.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

In very exciting news, Miss Crow and her partner Sam are celebrating the arrival of healthy twin girls. Little Matilda and Harriet are doing well, and ARPS wishes the family all the best as they get to know one another. As they say – double the trouble and twice the fun!



## AUSSIE OF THE MONTH - JULY

### Anastasia Sar Khuth (Foundation)

Anastasia is a kind, friendly student who is inclusive and accepting towards all of her peers. She goes out of her way to assist others, not for recognition but because she sees the need. She applies herself to the best of her ability in all areas of her learning. Anastasia is a very worthy recipient of the August Aussie of the Month Award.



### Crystal Tran (Year 4)

Crystal demonstrates the key values required of a recipient of the Aussie of the Month award. She is an excellent role model for her peers. She applies herself in everything she does, often assisting and supporting those around her. Crystal demonstrates flexibility and adapts well to different situations. She always communicates respectfully with others. Congratulations, Crystal, this award recognises your commitment to the Athol Road Primary School values.

## STUDENT ART COMPETITION

Mrs Santavas would like to congratulate those students who participated and exhibited their artwork in the Zart Student Art Competition – 2022. Thank you everyone for your great achievements and sharing this to the community. Well done ARPS students.

The following students received the Young Artist Certificate, which will be handed out at assembly:

Naomi Khoung, Minh Ho, Kevin Ha, Mia Rattanasinh, Kevin Ha, William Nam, Jessica Chea, Leanna Hoang, Nicole Lengkeang, Elly Men, Angelina Kham, Jessica Heng, Bettika Chea, Hannah Nguyen, Alonzo Nyugen, Annie Luong, Mia Rattanasinh, Jammy Leong-Ouch, Bethel Johnson, Alice Sia



## Year 3/4 News

In Literacy, Year 3/4 students are learning to understand that readers have personal preferences for specific genres. They are working on finding their IPICK book to help them engage in their reading. They are also learning to express and explain their personal preference for the books they like to read. Students get voice and choice for what they would like to write about. They can decide if they would like to write an Information report, persuasive or narrative text on their choice of topic. Students are learning to work their way through the writer's cycle beginning with generating their ideas. Once they choose their favourite idea they will begin to continue to follow through the writer's cycle. Their teachers are looking forward to seeing some fantastic published texts.

In Integrated Maths, students are learning to ask a question with variables then collect, record and display the data in a variety of ways and make mathematical statements about the data. Students are displaying their data by creating lists, tables, picture graphs and column graphs. Year 3 students will be using equal sharing, repeated subtraction and their knowledge of their multiplication facts to help them solve related division problems. In Year 4 Maths, students are revising how to solve multiplication problems using the box strategy and vertical algorithm. They will be learning efficient mental and written strategies for solving division problems with no remainder. It is important that Year 3 students learn  $\times 2$ ,  $\times 5$ ,  $\times 10$  and  $\times 3$  multiplication facts and Year 4 students learn all the multiplication facts.

In Year 3 Science, students have been learning about forces and motion. They are learning the effects that different-sized forces have on objects. Students played different games and explored the different push and pull that occurred and created an annotated drawing to describe these forces. Year 4 students will be learning about magnets, how they exert a force on certain objects and how that force affects the object. Through hands on activities and a design project, students will gain an understanding of gravity, friction and magnetic forces at work in their everyday lives.



## Year 5/6 News

In Maths, the Year 5/6 students have been focusing on solving mathematical problems using division strategies and have begun to compare and order fractions, decimals and percentages. During Integrated Maths, the Year 5 students have been focusing on 2D and 3D shapes and exploring the properties of each type of shape (angles, curves, vertices, sides and faces). The Year 6 students have been focusing on measuring, comparing and calculating elapsed time (seconds, minutes and days). They will also be focusing on chance and probability using fractions, decimals and percentages.

This term in Literacy, students have been developing their inferencing strategies to gain a further understanding of texts and images. During writing sessions, the students have been exploring different types of information texts, including newspaper articles and letters to the editor and identifying their varying features. They have also been focusing on extending their writing abilities by using complex sentences to make their writing more interesting.

During Science, students have been exploring the properties of liquids, solids and gasses and investigating how they can be altered under different situations. In History, students are learning about early colonial life in Australian history and how Australia has changed over time.

In other news, St John's Ambulance trainers visited our Year 5/6 students to teach them First Aid and CPR. It provided a practical CPR component, guiding students through how to perform CPR and when it is required in a First Aid situation. Students also participated in group problem-solving scenarios based on a variety of first aid situations, allowing them to apply their knowledge.



*Reading with Yogi & Run Club*



# Yogi Update

Yogi has done such a fantastic job settling back into the school routine. He is finally in the learning spaces with students. All students are doing such a good job remembering the 3 expectations:

1. We say hello to the person, not the dog!
2. We give lots of space when we pass the dog!
3. We keep moving (we don't stand around and stare). This has helped Yogi to relax because we have learnt that a happy dog is a relaxed dog.

Yogi has started working with the Year 1/2, 3/4 and 5/6 students. He will be working with the Foundation students within the next two weeks. Some students are learning how to correctly handle and care for a dog. This includes making sure he has access to food and water, taking him out on toilet breaks, playing fetch and giving him lots of cuddles. Students will be taught how to control Yogi correctly when on the lead and help to reinforce tricks he has learnt like stay, sit and down.

Yogi is still learning that things will be okay without his mum (Miss Walton) as he misses her when she isn't around.



Athol Road Primary School thanks Ms Walton for her commitment to the Therapy Dog program. The students are benefitting in so many ways by access to Yogi throughout the day.

Yogi is still a puppy, on his L plates, with much still to learn. Everyone at ARPS is excited to watch him grow and develop as a therapy dog.

# Yogi and ARPS Say Thank you!

## Thank you, Bunnings Warehouse - Keysborough

Athol Road Primary School is sincerely grateful for your recent donation of 6 dog beds which have been placed throughout the school and are now Yogi's safe place and spot to rest. He is extremely happy to lie all over them during the day. Students now know that when he is on his bed he is tired and needs some space. These beds have not only been good for Yogi but they have also been a great teaching tool to educate the students about personal space.



## Thank you, Woolworths - Springvale!

Athol Road Primary School is sincerely grateful for your recent donation to support our well-being dog. The food, treats, toys, bags, brush, bowls and the clothing accessories are extremely helpful in making Yogi's transition into school so much easier! He has loved playing with his new toys, especially the 2 balls that he enjoys chasing on the school oval. Today Miss Walton gave Yogi a treat while another student brushed him with his new brush. That experience made that student's day! The toys will be well loved and played with for many years to come.

## The Fathering Project presents: Family Connections – Family Time



Family time is a ritual of getting the family together on a regular basis to spend valuable time connecting and having fun. Whether it be weekend breakfast, game night, picnics, music night or an exercise routine, the aim is to bring everyone closer together, to share, communicate and bond.

Mrs Phillips and the Fathering Project team are busy organizing events for the different year levels each term.

Term 3 is the turn of the Year 3/4 learning space on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> September.

# Learn Baseball

Summer 2021-22

Be part of  
the Mulgrave  
Rebels Baseball  
Club this Summer!

Boys + Girls 6-16  
& Adults welcome



## Sign up!



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**SOCCER**

# AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS

**CRICKET**

**Mondays & Wednesdays**

**5:30-6:30**

**5-7 YO | 8 - 11 YO**

**FREE  
TRIAL**

**\$10 sessions**



**Kids Parties**

- Space jump
- Nerf wars
- Sports & jump
- Bubble soccer
- Dodgem cars
- Laser tag



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