

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

24th AUGUST 2022

NEWSletter

BULLYING IS NOT ACCEPTABLE AT ARPS!

SPECIAL INFORMATION AND CALENDAR EVENTS

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

TERM 3
11th July
to
16th September

TERM 4
3rd October
to
20th December

**PROFESSIONAL
PRACTICE DAY**
Wednesday, 31st August
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Melbourne Cup:
1st November
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

STAY SAFE!



From the Principal's Desktop

WELCOME



Athol Road Primary School welcomes Mrs Rontogiannis to the Foundation learning space. Mrs Rontogiannis has worked at ARPS in the past so is familiar with the school. She will be working on Monday and Tuesday each week, in Foundation, to provide the students with a strong learning foundation for the future.

YEAR 5/6 CAMP AT SOVEREIGN HILL

Year 5/6 students departed this morning for Sovereign Hill, accompanied by 10 staff members: Ms Nigro, Mr Hunter, Ms Yates, Mrs Santavas, Ms Ferdinands, Mrs Ruffolo, Ms Frankel, Mrs Van Haaster, Mrs Bishop and Mr Keleher. These staff members have given up 2 nights with their families to ensure that our students are able to participate in this camp, giving them an opportunity to see firsthand how life was for those who lived and worked in the 1850s in the Gold Fields of Australia. This is another example of the commitment of staff at ARPS to our students.

LAST DAY TERM 3: FRIDAY, 16th SEPTEMBER
School finishes at 2.30pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, 26th August: Assembly at 3.00pm in the hall – parents/carers welcome

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

Thursday, 8th September: Year 5 excursion to Keysborough College

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

Thursday, 15th 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.

Friday, 16th September: School finishes at 2.30pm

A school where 'Every minute matters'

COVID19

THANK YOU to all the parents/carers who are supporting the school to ensure that everyone stays as safe as possible. The numbers of students and staff, presenting with COVID, are very low thanks to the efforts of everyone in the school community.

The school has some boxes of children's masks and RATs available should any family run out – 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.

CELEBRATING 100 DAYS OF LEARNING IN FOUNDATION



What an exciting day the Foundation students had celebrating their 100th day of learning! The theme for the day was dress as if you were 100 years old or dress 100 days brighter.

The students thoroughly enjoyed the day. They made headbands which they proudly wore for the day, made bucket lists of things that they would like to do before they turned 100 years old and took photos of themselves as really old people!

At the end of the day all Foundation students were presented with a medal to celebrate their 100 days of learning. They all wore their medals with great pride. The Foundation students are looking forward to all of our days of learning ahead.

AUGUST AUSSIE OF THE MONTH: JOHNSON NGE – YEAR 3

Johnson Nge is the worthy recipient of the August Aussie of the Month award. He applies himself in everything he does, from solving a problem in Maths to volunteering to read aloud in Book Club. He is generous and compassionate towards others and is always the first to lend a helping hand to someone in need. Johnson is inclusive of all students and has welcomed new students to the school, supporting them with timetable changes and helping them make new friends. Johnson demonstrates respect in every aspect.

AUGUST AUSSIE OF THE MONTH: ANASTASIA SAR KHUTH - FOUNDATION

Anastasia Sar Khuth is the worthy recipient of the August Aussie of the Month award. 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 great asset to the Foundation learning space.

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE DAY

WEDNESDAY, 31st AUGUST – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Please make arrangements for the care of your child/ren on this day

NOTE: Kindergarten will be operating as normal on this day

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/CARERS



NEWS FROM YEAR 1/2

The 1 / 2 students have had a fun-filled few weeks of learning.

In Literacy, they have been writing information reports about chosen sea animals. They researched their chosen animal, wrote facts about their animal and drew diagrams. To support their learning, on the students and staff went to Sea Life Aquarium Monday, 8th August. They had a fantastic day looking at all the animals and seeing the chosen animal they had researched! Students particularly loved seeing all the different types of fish, seahorses, penguins and the sharks!

To celebrate Science week's theme of 'Glass: More than what meets the eye', students learned about the process of how glass is made! We watched a video of sand being transformed and made into glass. Students drew diagrams of this process. To follow the theme of 'Glass', students made glass cookies. Students put crushed lollies inside a donut-shaped cookie. When placed in the oven, the lollies melted and turned into stained glass. They LOVED eating their delicious glass cookie!

RAMP WORKS

LIMITED ACCESS TO THE SCHOOL GROUNDS DURING BUILDING WORKS

The Department of Education has employed contractors to rebuild all the ramps at Athol Road Primary School so that they comply with building regulations. During building works:

The only access will be through the front gate.

This is in line with safety guidelines and is essential to protect students, staff and parents/carers as builders will be using that part of the school for vans, trucks and deliveries.

Over two days last week, the old ramp outside the office and staffroom was demolished. Unfortunately, there was a lot of noise which was not conducive to productivity, especially in the office, or relaxation for staff during recess and lunch times. Work will commence in the next day or two to rebuild the ramp so that it is compliant. The ramp in the Foundation breezeway and inside the kindergarten is due to be completed during the next school holidays to minimise disruption to students, staff and parents.

The outside kindergarten ramp will cause some disruption as it will limit access in and out of the kindergarten building. The end wall needs to be demolished and moved back a metre and rebuilt to meet the regulations. The school will work with the contractor to limit the disruption.

THANK YOU to all parents/carers for their understanding of the need to close the side gate while construction is happening on the office/staffroom ramp. Hopefully this will be completed within the next couple of weeks.

PLEASE take great care to ensure the safety of your child/ren and those of other parents/carers.

BOOK WEEK DRESS UP PHOTOGRAPHS



CELEBRATING STAFF PARTICIPATION
AT ATHOL ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL DURING BOOK WEEK

CONGRATULATIONS ANGELINA KHAM: Year 5/6

Students in Year 5/6 entered the 2022 Parliament Prize competition where there were over 670 entries, representing more than 140 schools across Victoria. Students prepared a speech which they recorded.

Excerpt from the judges:

'Our judges were really impressed with the enthusiasm and passion you displayed in your member statement speech. The Highly Commended certificate was only awarded to students who placed in the top 10 percent.'

Hi I am Angelina and I am from Athol Road primary school and I want to address the problem of homeless people.

In Victoria, 24,817 people are listed as homeless each year. The rates are increasing by 14-39 percent each year. Isn't that disturbing and unbelievable? The alarming rates at which homelessness is increasing each year in Victoria is a serious problem that needs to be addressed.



As a local resident of Springvale, Victoria, I have witnessed homelessness with my own eyes. For example, when my friends and I went across the road to get food, a homeless man begged us for money and kept yelling at us. Yes, of course we felt sorry for his situation but at the same time his actions made us feel scared and unsafe.

Homeless people sleep rough in cars, the streets, the parks and buildings. This is an issue for not only the homeless people, but for the safety of the local community. A way in which we can solve this problem is to use tax money to invest in building more homeless shelters in Victoria.

Homelessness is a serious issue within my local community and also all of Victoria. As the Parliament, you have the power to make a change. Invest tax money, build homeless shelters and make a positive change!

Thank you for your time.

SCHOOL REVIVAL IN-SCHOOL VISIT

Last week, Eric Agyeman, a youth motivational speaker visited our school to speak to the Year 3 – 6 students about the power of words – negative and positive. His message was a very powerful one about the long lasting impact that negative words can have on a person. Students then engaged in a workshop with Eric where they identified actions for themselves moving forward. If your child has not talked to you about this experience, please ask them about it. Quote from Eric's website:

"It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men."

Frederick Douglass



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100 DAYS OF SCHOOL IN FOUNDATION

