

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**

19th OCTOBER 2022

NEWSletter

BULLYING IS NOT ACCEPTABLE AT ARPS!

SPECIAL INFORMATION AND CALENDAR EVENTS

FREE ONSITE KINDERGARTEN

- 4 year old (15 hours)
Monday – Wednesday
9.00 – 2.00
- 3 Year old (5 hours)
Thursday 9.00 – 2.00

*Register with Greater
Dandenong Council for
2023 enrolments*

**PLEASE do NOT send
a sick child to school**

TERM 4
3rd October
to
20th December

PUBLIC HOLIDAY
*Melbourne Cup:
Tuesday, 1st November*

**NO SCHOOL
FOR STUDENTS**

STAY SAFE!



From the Principal's Desktop

LATENESS

Lateness is becoming an epidemic at Athol Road Primary School. The number of students coming to school after the 9.00am bell is extremely concerning.

Week 1, Term 4 - **83** students late for school

Week 2, Term 4 - **70** students late for school

Parents/carers are asked to identify what is causing the lateness and take action:

- Sleeping in – go to bed earlier, set an alarm and get up earlier
- Won't get off devices – do not allow devices in the morning
- Leaving home too late – leave home 5 minutes earlier – Breakfast Club operates from 8.00 - 8.45am every morning

Let's work hard to get these late numbers down to single figures over the next few weeks.

It's not okay to be away ... nor to be late to school

FASHIONS ON THE FIELD IS BACK!

Monday, 31st OCTOBER 2022

On Monday, 31st October (day before public holiday) staff, students and parents/carers are invited to dress up in their best clothes or special costumes for the FASHIONS ON THE FIELD PARADE to be held in the Hall at 9.15am. Do not miss this awesome experience.

Students, staff and parents will judge the various year levels including staff and parent/carers. **EVERYONE** wants to win an ARPS FASHIONS ON THE FIELD MEDAL. Medals will be awarded to 2 students in each year level, kindergarten, staff and parents/carers. Medals will also be awarded to people who impress Ms Nigro, Mrs Harkness and Mrs Toombs in a special way. We will know it when we see it!!!

Parents/Carers are asked to please support their children to dress up for this special occasion and, where possible, come along and enjoy the experience themselves. Your child/ren would love to see you there.

A school where 'Every minute matters'



The Foundation students ended Term 3 on a high, with the great excitement of Twilight School and several visits from important members of the community. The students got to meet police officers, learn about the jobs they do, experience being in a police car and wearing a police uniform. Then, they had a long-awaited visit from a team of local firefighters who taught them about fire safety and let them climb up into their fire truck. The students were so excited and had lots of interesting questions to ask.

Term 4 also brings many interesting things for students to learn and discover. In Week 3 they will be going on an excursion to Ceres Environment Park in Brunswick to learn more about mini-beasts and nature. They will continue to build on their literacy skills through engaging weekly Language Experiences aimed at developing speaking, listening, reading and writing skills. Students and staff are all feeling motivated to make more great achievements in this final term of Foundation.

The 1 / 2 students have had a fantastic start to Term 4. Students have been engaging in weekly language experiences, supporting learning in literacy. Some language experiences include creating their own grass heads, participating in sack races, egg and spoon races and completing a piece of scratch artwork. These experiences supported students' oral language development as they discussed the sequence of events in each of the experiences.

Students then used these language experiences to write recounts. Some students chose a language experience they would prefer to do and then persuaded the teachers to allow them to do it. Students enjoyed participating in writing activities based upon language experiences.



← Left
Students pouring soil into their cups when making their grass heads.

Right →
Florence and Aarna with their scratch artworks.





First Coat of Arms

LEARNING ABOUT AUSTRALIA THE AUSTRALIAN COAT OF ARMS

Australia's first Commonwealth Coat of Arms was granted by King Edward VII in 1908.

Australia's second Commonwealth Coat of Arms was granted by King George V in 1912 in a document called a Royal Warrant and included the symbols of the 6 states.



Second Coat of Arms

Symbols of Australia's 6 states are woven together into the Coat of Arms with a kangaroo and an emu standing on either side of the central shield.

The central shield features the black swan of Western Australia, the lion and stars of New South Wales, Victoria's Southern Cross, the Maltese Cross and Crown of Queensland, the walking lion of Tasmania and the piping shrike of South Australia. The border of the shield symbolises Federation, which was the union of the states into the Commonwealth of Australia in 1901.

The Commonwealth Star appears in gold at the top of the Coat of Arms and also appears in white on the national flag. A wreath of gold and blue appears under the Commonwealth Star. These colours are known as the livery colours of the Coat of Arms.

The supporters of the shield (the native animals chosen by Australians to hold the shield) are 2 of our best known, wildlife symbols, the kangaroo and the emu. Though chosen because they are familiar and uniquely Australian creatures found in almost all states and territories, some say these animals were chosen because of the common belief that neither can move backwards easily, reflecting a nation's intent on moving forward.

Australia's floral emblem, the golden wattle, frames the Coat of Arms, with a scroll reading "Australia".

DAY FOR DANIEL: THURSDAY, 20th OCTOBER 2022

**Tomorrow (Thursday) is our Sausage Sizzle Special Lunch AND Day for Daniel celebration.
BRING A GOLD COIN DONATION**



Day for Daniel is about educating children and adults about keeping kids safe through child safety and protection initiatives. It aims to help empower our children to Recognise, React and Report if they feel something is not right.

On Thursday, 20th October, students, parents and staff are asked to wear Red and Educate which is the theme of Day for Daniel -

schools, kindergartens, businesses and communities across Australia conduct child safety activities in their local communities to help in keeping kids safe.

All money raised goes to the Daniel Morcombe Foundation which provides personal child safety education to children and young people to prevent abuse and promote lifelong health and wellbeing. The Foundation supports educators, parents and carers through the provision of resources and education as well as directly supporting young victims of crime.

ATHOL ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL TARGET: \$400

If every student and every staff member donates just \$1.00 our school will SMASH this target.

HATS

The wearing of HATS is COMPULSORY in Term 4. Athol Road Primary School is a SUNSMART school which requires the school to implement SUNSMART practices of which the wearing of HATS is an important one, Hats protect children from damaging the UV rays. School hats which are part of the school uniform are available from the office at a cost of \$15 each.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday	20 th October: Special Lunch & Day for Daniel – Gold coin donation – Wear RED
Friday	21 st October: Year 6 Graduation photograph scheduled
Friday	21 st October: Assembly at 2.45pm – Parents invited to attend
Friday	21 st October: Year 3 Sleepover from 6.00pm – 9.00am
Tuesday	25 th October: Year 4 DOXA Information evening via Webex at 6.30pm
Monday	31 st October: FASHIONS ON THE FIELD PARADE at 9.30am in the hall <i>Parents/Carers are ENCOURAGED to dress in their best and join in the fun</i>
Tuesday	1 st November: MELBOURNE CUP – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Friday	4 th November : Assembly at 3.00pm – Parents welcome to attend

ASSEMBLY

Assembly this Friday will commence at 2.45pm.

Assembly to be held FIRST and followed by a drama performance by a small group of Year 4-6 students

A Vietnamese folk tale - The beggar in the blanket

FATHERING PROJECT: YEAR 5/6 BOWLS & BBQ at BURDEN PARK BOWLING CLUB

This is a very special event for Year 5/6 students only and their fathers or special other.

PLEASE return your notice to school to indicate whether or not you will be attending this special event as numbers are required for catering.

Term 4 has started very well for students attending OSHC. Each week they select from a variety of activities during the session and were lucky during Week 2 to have Belinda, our Healthy Kids advisor, come to teach them how to make Rice Paper Rolls.

It is very important for the students to learn about healthy eating and how they can access herbs and vegetables from the environmental garden to use in their snack each afternoon.



Belinda showing students how to make Rice Paper Rolls

OSHC
is a LOT of
FUN

Students enjoying a game of UNO.

