

## 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

2<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER 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  
3<sup>rd</sup> October  
to  
20<sup>th</sup> December**

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

**NO SCHOOL  
FOR STUDENTS**

**STAY SAFE!**



## From the Principal's Desktop

### LATENESS

Lateness is STILL an epidemic at Athol Road Primary School

Parents, only you can change this!

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

Week 3: Term 4 - **29** students late for school

Week 4: Term 4 - **68** students late for school

It was great to see only 29 late in Week 3 but disappointing to see that skyrocket to 68 in Week 4. Please work on getting your children to school on time.

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 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**

### YEAR 4 DOXA CAMP – FREE IN 2022 – THANKS TO THE DOXA FOUNDATION



**THANK YOU** to Mr Hunter who, once again, has given up his own time to run the DOXA Information Evening session for Year 4 families.

**THANK YOU** to the families who attended the Webex last Tuesday night to hear about the Year 4 camp which is FREE to every Year 4 student in 2022. Information packs will be going out next week, on Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November and MUST be completed and returned by Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> November. PLEASE meet this deadline and reduce teacher workload of having to chase up Information packs which takes away from teaching and learning.

*A school where 'Every minute matters'*

## YEAR 3/4

In Reading we are learning how to be a connector, a summariser and a vocabulary enricher to help us understand the text more. We are learning how to have good discussions in small groups about our book club book or our IPick book. In Writing we have been working our way through the writer's cycle. In the writer's cycle we do seed planting, planning, drafting, revising, editing, publishing and reflecting. When we get to the publishing stage, we get to publish however we like! – *Sahara Year 3*

In Literacy we have been learning about poetry. I enjoyed learning about figurative language because it makes your writing more fun to read and makes the reader hooked into the book or writing piece. I loved writing haiku poems because it was about seasons and my favourite season is summer. Diamante poems are fun because you can create a synonym poem or an antonym poem. I enjoyed analysing poems because it helped me understand what the poem is about and what it means. Poetry is a lot of fun and some poems make me laugh. – *Alex Year 4*

In Maths we are learning about fractions of a collection, a fraction of a collection is when you have a group of something and you divide it into equal groups. My favourite part about learning this topic was the fun games I did in my maths group about fractions. We are learning lots about halves, thirds, quarters, eighths and twelfths. We are also learning about simple equivalent fractions. – *Vy Year 3*

In Integrated Maths we are learning about 2D shapes and 3D objects. We have been learning different kinds of shapes, their names and features. For example, we have been counting how many corners, edges and faces 3D objects have. We have also been learning about nets. Nets are used to describe what a 3D shape would look like if it was opened out and laid flat. We have been learning how to find the area of regular and irregular 2D shapes. I love learning about shapes. My favourite shape is a cube because I enjoy drawing it! – *Natalie Year 4*



In Inquiry we are learning how to create a stop motion animation. We need to plan our setting, props and characters using our project booklets. We are about to bring in toys that have movable limbs, such as barbie dolls, Lego, Duplo or anything that moves its arms and legs. Then we will take lots of photos and put it together to make it look like our characters are moving. My favourite thing about this activity is that we get to learn new things and at the same time have fun and we get to communicate more with our friends. *Derek Year 4*



### FOUNDATION NEWS

On Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> October, the Foundation students and staff embarked on an adventure to CERES in Brunswick East. The bus ride was very exciting and once we arrived, we were greeted by the CERES staff. We were fortunate to have perfect weather to explore our surrounds. APRS students are so lucky to have prior knowledge about this due to exposure through Mr. Hunter's environmental program. At CERES, students discovered what an 'urban farm' means and how it can benefit the community.

They had the opportunity to get up close and feed chickens which caused great excitement as the chickens were very hungry, even pecking at our legs! We learnt about plant lifecycles and how to grow and care for a seed when we planted marigold or silver beet seeds. Another highlight was learning about worms and their role in creating healthy soil. Did you know that a worm has 5 hearts! The bus ride was a lot quieter on the way home with many students looking at the back of their eyelids, enjoying a nap. All around, it was a wonderful experience for our APRS students.





## YOGI UPDATE

*Yogi was ecstatic to be back at school to see all the students, teachers and staff. Over the school holidays, he enjoyed lots of walks through parks, dog parks and ovals where he can be off the lead. He has come back to school taller, heavier and with less fur as he had a fancy new haircut.*

*This term, Miss Walton is training Yogi to wear a halti which is a collar that goes over his snout and around the back of his head. A halti stops dogs from pulling on the lead which will help when students want to walk Yogi. You might see Yogi around the school with this harness on. He doesn't like the harness as he is still getting used to it. It doesn't hurt him, he just doesn't find it comfortable.*

*The teachers have been trying new timetables that suit both Yogi and the school. Yogi is currently spending a full day in each learning space. On Mondays he is with the 5/6s, Tuesday he is with the 1/2s, Thursdays he is in Foundation and Fridays he is in the 3/4 learning space. On Wednesday he has a day off, as he is still a puppy and needs a day to rest and recover.*

*There are a group of 9 staff members who are a part of the Dogs Connect program who are learning more about how to incorporate a wellbeing dog into a school community. The core team of teachers have regular meetings where they discuss how things are going and what could be changed to make this program run better.*

*On Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> October, Yogi attended the Year 3 sleepover. He joined in group games and activities and was spoilt with lots of cuddles from students while they were watching their chosen movie. He was well behaved at night and helped make the Year 3 students comfortable for their night away from home.*



## 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 ASSEMBLY & 2023 FOUNDATION DATES

The Transition Program for 2023 Foundation students commences shortly – please see the dates below – it is important that as many children as possible attend to become familiar with the staff and the learning space.

It would be GREAT to see more parents at assembly. This is a great opportunity to spend time at the school and see your child in the school environment.

Friday	4 <sup>th</sup> November: 2023 Foundation students TRANSITION – Session 1 – 9.30 – 10.30
Friday	4 <sup>th</sup> November: Assembly at 3.00pm – Parents welcome to attend
Friday	11 <sup>th</sup> November: 2023 Foundation students TRANSITION – Session 2 – 9.30 – 10.30
Wednesday	16 <sup>th</sup> November: Foundation 2023 Parent Information Session – 5.30 – 6.30
Friday	18 <sup>th</sup> November: 2023 Foundation students TRANSITION – Session 3 – 9.30 – 10.30
Friday	18 <sup>th</sup> November: Assembly at 3.00pm – Parents welcome to attend
	<i>Posi Socks Presentation</i>
Friday	25 <sup>th</sup> November: 2023 Foundation students TRANSITION – Session 4 – 9.30 – 10.30



## ATHOL ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL'S LITTLE LIBRARY

In Year 3/4, students read a text about Little Libraries which are small libraries where students can take a book home to read, if they add a book to the collection first. Little Libraries never run out of books because students will constantly be adding and swapping new books. A Little Library gives students a chance to read a large range of different texts that they might not have read before. The 3/4 students decided to create an Athol Road Primary School Little Library to encourage other students to read and develop a love of reading. The Little Library will be located outside the Year 3-6 learning space. The students are asking for donations of books, that you no longer read or use, for the little library. PLEASE if you have any books that you no longer need, send them to school to add to our library. Please give them to your child who can then pass them onto their teachers. An opening date will be announced, in the coming weeks, once there are enough books to start our library.

**THANK YOU, ATHOL ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY!**



## Athol Road's Little Library

Have a look and take a book!!

### Rules:

1. You must add a book before you take a book.
2. Do NOT take more than 1 book at a time.
3. Respect each book and take care of them.
4. You can only take a book before or after school.
5. These books must be from home and NOT from school. You must check with your parents before you donate a book to our little library.



## GREAT NEWS FOR ARPS FAMILIES

### SWIMMING

**Every student at ARPS will be provided with 6 FREE swimming lessons in 2023.**

***Year 3 – 6 in Term 1 and Foundation – 2 in Term 4***

### SCHOOL COUNCIL MONIES: 2023 PAYMENTS

**There has been NO INCREASE in fees for 2023 in recognition**

### START DATES FOR 2023

**Students in Year 1 to 6 will commence school on TUESDAY, 31<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2023**

**Students in Foundation will commence school on THURSDAY, 2<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY 2023**

**No school for Foundation students on WEDNESDAY during FEBRUARY 2023**



## YEAR 5/6



*A visit from a police officer demonstrating the process of finger printing as part of law enforcement within the community.*

### Maths

During Maths sessions, the Year 5 students have been investigating lines of symmetry in 2D shapes and how rotations and reflections can affect a shape's symmetry. They have also been learning about the Cartesian plane and identifying the features of this type of coordinate system. Students have used specific coordinates to create patterns and words on the plane. Year 6 students have been investigating various types of angles and how degrees of angles can be measured using a protractor. They have been learning about the properties of 3D shapes, identifying angles and features within these shapes. Students have also continued to build their knowledge of fractions, decimals and percentages and develop their multiplication facts recall.

### Literacy

Students have been studying a variety of authors and their texts - comparing and contrasting writing styles and themes, analysing texts and illustrations and making connections between the author's life and work. Students have also been working on a project where they have been creating and publishing a variety of pieces of writing including diary entries, character profiles and narratives, based on a particular topic. The Year 5 students are completing their projects on a topic of their choice while the Year 6 students are completing their project on their memories of their time at Athol Road Primary School.

### Civics and Citizenship

Students have been learning about the values of Australia's democracy and the roles within the government. They have studied the process of elections and how democratic values are reflected in the electoral system. Students have explored the role of Parliament and the specific people who are responsible for enforcing the laws within Australia. As part of studies in law enforcement, the Year 5/6 students had a visit from a police officer who specialised in finger printing. The police officer explained the process of finger printing and completed demonstrations on some of the students.

### Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)

During SEL, students have been exploring how to maintain a growth mindset both in and out of school. They have learned that having a growth mindset allows them to learn from their mistakes, have a positive attitude, persevere with challenges and give things a go. They have also discussed and identified their strengths, and how they could use these strengths both now and in the future.

## LEARN ABOUT AUSTRALIA'S FLORAL EMBLEM



Keysborough College has named one of its campuses after the wattle – ACACIA.

The GOLDEN WATTLE is Australia's floral emblem. Did you know that there are more than 1 000 different species of wattle in Australia. The official name of the wattle is acacia.

The golden wattle is an evergreen shrub or small tree that grows naturally throughout Australia. It is resilient to cope with Australia's droughts, winds and bushfires. Most species of wattle have tough, leaf-like flattened stems instead of leaves. These help the plant to withstand water loss through sun and rain.

Even if the parent plants are destroyed in bushfires, their seeds have a special survival mechanism to ensure new wattle plants grow back after sufficient rain. The wattle's secret for survival is that its seeds have tough coats that open after the heat of fires. Just like Australian people the golden wattle has a great capacity to flourish in the face of adversity.



## YEAR 3 SLEEPOVER

Last Friday night we had the Year 3 Sleepover. We had to get to school at 6:30pm. It felt strange when I arrived at school because I was wearing my pyjamas. I went to set up my bed in the boy's room. I was in a good spot because I was near the door and next to my friends. We went outside and played some group games like everybody is it, tunnel ball and octopus, but the teachers were it. All the students had to run away from the teachers. It was so much fun! My favourite part of the sleepover was having hot chocolate with a marshmallow and cookie before bed.

*Ethan - Year 3*

Once we played the group games we had to go back inside because it was raining. Yogi was also at the sleepover so we got to give him lots of cuddles. Then we chose two movies to watch and we got to eat fairy bread. The two movies were Minions and The Bad Guys. Some people were watching the movie and others were playing outside the rooms. When we were about to sleep the teachers read us a book and some of us fell asleep very early while others stayed up late because they couldn't sleep. In the morning we watched Mr. Bean while we waited for it to be 7am as we got up too early. After that we got to eat breakfast. We got to choose if we wanted to eat cereal or toast. I had toast with honey and juice. My favourite part of the sleepover was watching the Minions movies because I got to watch it with my friends.

*Cindy - Year 3*



CONGRATULATIONS to the Girls Basketball team which finished Runners-Up at the Springvale District finals: 19-22

## BABY FOR MRS SALT

**CONGRATULTIONS** to Mrs Salt and her family on the birth of her second child and first daughter, Ellyana Judith Salt, who was born on 31<sup>st</sup> October at 1.51pm, weighing 3.26kg. She is the splitting image of her brother, Laim.





# ARPS FASHIONS ON THE FIELD 2022





