

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**

16th NOVEMBER 2022

NEWSletter

BULLYING IS NOT ACCEPTABLE AT ARPS!

SPECIAL INFORMATION AND CALENDAR EVENTS

FREE ONSITE KINDERGARTEN 2023

- 4 year old (15 hours)
Monday & Tuesday
8.30pm – 4.00pm
- 3 year old (15 hours)
Wednesday – Friday
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**

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 - **83** students

Week 2 - **70** students

Week 3 - **29** students

Week 4 - **68** students

Week 5 - **48** students (4 day week)

Week 6 - **52** students

These LATE numbers are very high and do not support good learning for anyone!

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

- Sleeping in – child/ren go to bed earlier, set an alarm and get up earlier
- Won't get off devices – remove all 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 last weeks of Term 4 in readiness for 2023.

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

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



REVISED DATES

YEAR 4 GIRLS: Wednesday, 7th – Friday, 9th December

YEAR 4 BOYS: Monday, 12th – Wednesday, 14th December

EVERYTHING ELSE REMAINS THE SAME!

A school where 'Every minute matters'

DANNY THE SHEARER VISITED ATHOL ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL



On Monday 7th November, Danny the Shearer came to our school farm to demonstrate how sheep and alpacas have their fleeces removed.

All the students managed to squeeze into the front paddock to watch the amazing demonstration of all 3 of our woolly, hairy friends get their first haircut. Danny really explained each part of the process and was happy to answer any questions along the way.

Our sheep were shorn first and their transformation was outstanding. They are now both very pretty girls with their new hair do's. It was strange to see the sheep just lay on their backs, with very little struggling, as Danny moved his clippers across their bodies.

Cruz, the alpaca, was saved for the finale where he needed to be strapped to a table before any shearing could be done.

Danny and his assistants took great care with Cruz and kept him calm throughout the very first shear in his life. He also received his vitamin injections, dental check and had his nails clipped.

Cruz is now looking like a fancy poodle with a bit of fluff up top and bare down below. All three of our animals will now be able to enjoy the warmer weather, going into summer without wearing their winter coats.



YEAR 1/2 LIGHT & SOUND

The Year 1 / 2 students are investigating light and sound in science. Students are exploring the difference between sound and light and where they see light and hear sounds within their lives. Students had to listen and hear sounds, record sounds they heard and imitate sounds.

Students went on a listening walk around the school to hear the different sounds with a checklist to mark when they heard each sound. Sounds they heard included a ball bouncing, coughing, talking, cars and many more. Students then explored the difference between high and low sounds, such as a drum kit versus a flute. Students have loved learning about sound and light and are excited to learn more about light in the upcoming science lessons!

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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.

Wednesday 16th November: Foundation 2023 Parent Information Session – 5.30 – 6.30

Friday 18th November: 2023 Foundation students TRANSITION – Session 3 – 9.30 – 10.30

Friday 18th November: Assembly at 3.00pm – Parents welcome to attend
Special Posi Socks Presentation

Friday 25th November: 2023 Foundation students FINAL TRANSITION – Session 4 – 9.30 – 10.30

Friday 2nd December: Assembly at 3.00pm – Parents welcome to attend

Friday 2nd December: SCHOOL CONCERT: 6.30pm – DO NOT BE LATE!

Tuesday 20th December: School finishes at 1.00pm – NO CLUB – ALL STUDENTS PICKED UP!

POSI SOCKS ASSEMBLY: FRIDAY, 18th NOVEMBER at 2.45pm

Parents/carers are invited to the school assembly this Friday, 18th November at 2.45pm.

In Term 4, students at Athol Road Primary School are engaging in the Posischools initiative which focuses on the power of a positive mindset. Establishing positive thinking habits is critical for, not a child's present, but also for their future.

Every student will receive a pair of PosiSchools' posisocks as part of the program AND

- a pair of posisocks will be donated to someone in the homeless community AND
- \$1 will be donated to support Indigenous schools and communities.



School Council is funding this program in recognition of the importance of every student having a positive mindset to support their mental health and wellbeing.

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.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MONIES: 2023 PAYMENTS

There has been NO INCREASE in fees for 2023

THANK YOU to all families who have already paid their child/ren's 2023 school fees. This greatly assists the school with ordering 2023 supplies and less administration at the commencement of the school year which is always very busy.

Athol Road Primary School has the LOWEST fees in the area, given that excursions and in-school visits are included. Parents/carers at ARPS are asked for very little extra money throughout the year in comparison to most other schools.

START DATES FOR 2023 – please put in your diary or calendar

- Students in Year 1 to 6 will commence school on TUESDAY, 31st JANUARY 2023
- Students in Foundation will commence school on THURSDAY, 2nd FEBRUARY 2023
- No school for Foundation students on WEDNESDAY during FEBRUARY 2023

2023 SWIMMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY TIME FOR A SWIM, 1-3 ISAAC ROAD, KEYSBOROUGH

YEAR 3 - 6: TERM 1

Monday	27 th February & 6 th March
Tuesday	NO SWIMMING
Wednesday	1 st March & 8 th March
Thursday	2 nd March & 9 th March
Friday	NO SWIMMING



FOUNDATION - YEAR 2: TERM 4

Monday	4 th & 11 th December
Tuesday	NO SWIMMING
Wednesday	6 th & 13 th December
Thursday	7 th & 14 th December
Friday	NO SWIMMING

VISUAL ARTS

What a fabulous term this has been, where students have spent more time creating items of choice and materials. I have enjoyed engaging students in art lessons that are rigorous, inspiring and fun. Their comments on Seesaw show the wonderful work they have achieved and how they felt.

Well done everyone for being **ARPS super STARS**

Foundation students created art pieces based on the book, 'Pete the cat' where they followed the instructions and completed an art work with paints. What a wonderful job they accomplished all by themselves. They also included colour, the outline of leaves and here, near and far trees showing the distance between these trees.

Year 1/2 students were so happy with their scratch art piece, shape collages and paper craft involving paper, scissors and glue sticks. Great skills and imagination Year 1/2 students.

Year 3/4 students had a choice of drawing any type of iguana using water coloured paints. Their art work looked absolutely superb. Students studied the artist, Gustav Klimt, and created a Tree of Life, using thick, thin, skinny pens of gold, silver and white using swirling lines and curves. Beautiful work everyone.

Year 5/6 students studied Vincent Van Gogh and created a painting of their choice about him - 'Wow! Wow! Wow!' Their fabulous, magnificent work is displayed along the office corridor. Students also drew 'Wanted posters' which were superb, using charcoal. Have a look in your child's folder on Seesaw and you will see their wonderful work.

Mrs Santavas



LEARN ABOUT AUSTRALIA'S NATIONAL GEMSTONE

THE OPAL

The opal was proclaimed Australia's national gemstone on 23rd July 1993 by His Excellency the Honorable Bill Hayden AC.

Australia's precious opals include:

- Black opal with colors of red, green, blue, violet, magenta or yellow against dark backgrounds of black, dark blue or dark grey. Most of the world's supply of black opals come from Lightning Ridge in NSW.
- White opals which are the most common type of precious opal have vibrant colors with a white or milky background. These gems are found at White Cliffs in NSW and Coober Pedy in SA.
- Crystal opals are transparent and form the bulk of the precious opal supplied to the world from Australia.
- Boulder opals are a kind of white opal found in the veins and cavities in mudstone and sandstone and are found in Queensland.

