

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

30th 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

SCHOOL CONCERT: FRIDAY, 2nd DECEMBER

Students need to be in learning spaces by 5.45pm

Parents/carers need to be seated by 6.25pm

In respect for students, staff and other parents/carers, DOORS will be closed promptly at 6.30pm and NO-ONE will be allowed to enter until the act on stage is finished

LATENESS: URGENT APPEAL TO ALL PARENTS/CARERS

Parents/carers, only YOU can change this!

Why IS your child late for school?

Is it YOU?

Is it THEM?

WHOEVER, it's time to make the change!

The number of students coming to school after the 9.00am bell is extremely concerning.

Week 1 - **83** students
Week 4 - **68** students
Week 6 - **52** students
Week 8 - **45** students

Week 2 - **70** students Week 3 - **29** students
Week 5 - **48** students (4 day week)
Week 7 - **70** students (**EQUAL HIGHEST**)

Let's work hard to get these late numbers down to single figures over the last weeks of Term 4 in readiness for 2023.

The school is happy to support you – please talk with your child/ren's teacher/s.

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

YEAR 5/6



The mini-government in our learning space



Maths

During Maths sessions, Year 5 students have been exploring chance and data. They have been identifying events and the probabilities that certain events are likely to occur. They have also been learning about enlargements and transformations of shapes and images using a scale factor. Year 6 students have been investigating which attributes of a shape remain the same or change under the effects of transformations such as size, shape or orientation. All students have been revising concepts that have been covered this semester including decimals numbers, rounding and conversion of fractions, decimals and percentages.

Literacy

Students have been studying Greek Mythology. They have been exploring a variety of myths and identifying unfamiliar words used in myths. During these sessions students have been researching origins of words and identifying Greek Gods and Goddesses. In writing sessions, students have been finalizing their writing projects which will be published and presented at the end of the year. Year 5 students have been learning all about particular topics of interest and completing various genres of writing based on their topic. Year 6 students have continued to reminisce about their time at Athol Road Primary School by writing about all the wonderful things they have experienced throughout their primary school years.

Inquiry

As part of our Inquiry unit on Democracy, students took part in a Democracy Incursion. During this incursion students explored the fundamentals of democracy and government in Australia. They examined the difference between rules and laws and how they are made to benefit the community. They participated in a mock-election whilst learning about preferential voting and absolute majorities. They role-played a local government council with costumes and props to illustrate how local rules and laws are made for the community and also shared their opinions to experience debate and learn about the democratic process.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| Friday | 25 th November: 2023 Foundation students FINAL TRANSITION – Session 4 – 9.30 – 10.30 |
| Friday | 2 nd December: Assembly at 3.00pm – Parents welcome to attend |
| Friday | 2 nd December: SCHOOL CONCERT: 5.45pm – students NEED to be in learning spaces |
| Friday | 2 nd December: SCHOOL CONCERT: 6.30pm – DO NOT BE LATE! |
| Thursday | 15 th December: Year 6 Graduation at 6.30pm |
| Friday | 16 th December: Assembly at 3.00pm – Parents/carers welcome |
| Friday | 20 th December: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR 2022 |



YEAR 4 GIRLS

Wednesday, 7th – Friday, 9th December

YEAR 4 BOYS

Monday, 12th – Wednesday, 14th December

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**

Tuesday, 20th December School finishes at 1.00pm

NO CLUB – ALL STUDENTS NEED TO BE PICKED UP!

VICTORIAN SCHOOL GARDEN AWARDS

On Thursday of last week, Mr Hunter, Mrs Toombs, 16 students and Mrs Mangoni travelled into the Botanical Gardens for the 2023 Victorian School Garden Awards. The kindergarten and the school won awards for being Recycling Champions. The school won an award for being the Best Engaging Garden for Play. **CONGRATULATIONS, Mr Hunter!**



2023 FOUNDATION TRANSITION

It has been a very busy time in the Foundation learning space, welcoming the 2023 Foundation children.

After some nervous smiles and lots of hugs and kisses from family members, the kinder children eagerly entered the learning space, ready to experience what Foundation learning is all about.

The children showcased their creative skills when decorating the first letter of their names, demonstrated their mathematical understanding when matching numbers on a caterpillar, sharpened their hunting eyes when searching for the green sheep around the school and lastly had an amazing time experiencing our specialist programs: Environmental Education, Performing Arts and Physical Education.

Some highlights included meeting the blue tongue lizard babies, playing on the musical instruments, learning a new game and, of course, meeting new friends!

Teachers and students cannot wait to host our 2023 Foundation children and their families on 13th December for Orientation Day.

Everyone is looking forward to new beginnings when the children commence in Foundation in 2023.



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

YEAR 3 - 6: TERM 1

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| 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

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