

## 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**

8<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2022

# NEWSletter

**BULLYING IS NOT ACCEPTABLE AT ARPS!**

## SPECIAL INFORMATION AND CALENDAR EVENTS

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

## FREE ONSITE KINDERGARTEN 2023

- 4 year old (15 hours)  
Monday & Tuesday  
8.30am – 4.00pm
- 3 year old (15 hours)  
Wednesday – Friday  
9.00 – 2.00

*Register with Greater  
Dandenong Council for  
2023 enrolments*

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a sick child to school**

**TERM 4  
3<sup>rd</sup> October  
to  
20<sup>th</sup> December**

**STAY SAFE!**



## From the Principal's Desktop

**LAST DAY TERM 4: TUESDAY, 20<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

**School finishes at 1.00pm**

Last day of Term 4 is Reward Day where those students who have followed the school rules throughout the year are treated to some fun experiences. The day consists of:

- Games and a picnic lunch at Burden Park: 9.30am – 11.30am
- Colour Fun Run at school: 11.40am – 12.40am
- Goodbye to Year 6 and students who are leaving: 12.40pm – 1.00pm

Out of School Hours Care (Club) does NOT operate on this day. All students MUST be picked up at 1.00pm as staff are required at a meeting immediately after school.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

**THANK YOU** to School Councillors: Carmel Webster (President), Peter Littlejohn (Vice President), Julie Johnson, Lucy Incarnati, Chanthy Thong, Linh Duong, Tawny Harkness (Treasurer) and Lucy Walton (Secretary) who have worked tirelessly this year, making decisions to benefit the students and parents/carers at ARPS.

Under the Constitution, each year, half of the school council positions become vacant and new councillors are required.

If you are interested in becoming part of School Council in 2023, please talk to a current school councillor or come chat to Mrs Toombs at the office. There are no qualifications required, just an interest in being involved in making ARPS the best school that it can be. Why not give it a go?

*A school where 'Every minute matters'*

## SCHOOL CONCERT 2022

It was GREAT to welcome parents/carers back to the 2022 school concert after several years of separation. Students were excited to show off what they had learned in Performing Arts and they did not disappoint.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the students who put on the performances of their lives when they entertained over 500 parents/carers at a school concert which had something for everyone. Students danced, sang and acted their way through 2 hours of pure entertainment.

### THANK YOU to:

- Ms Brewer for all her organization and hard work to make the 2022 concert a reality and the success that it was - a lot of hard work but well worth the effort.
- Support team of Alexx (sound and lighting), Ms Nigro (stage management) and Ms Yates (curtain management) - what a great team.
- Greg who set out the chairs, millimetre perfect. He thanks you all for leaving them the same way as this made it so much easier for him to pack up the chairs this morning in number order for future events.
- Door guards, Mrs Harkness and Mrs Santavas, who managed the crowd so well.
- Mr Tunncliffe who streamed the concert to Facebook where you can watch your child's performance over and over again.
- Mei, our resident photographer, who took a million photographs.
- Mrs Sturzacker and Mrs Beveridge for managing the tickets.
- Staff who supported the students to be the best that they could be in the days/weeks preceding and on concert night.
- Students for being on their very best behaviour and demonstrating the ARPS values throughout the night. I was extremely impressed how quietly students entered the hall backstage and then waited quietly for their turn.
- Kindergarten team and children for opening the concert with such a lively performance. They were so cute!
- Limhout Ung, father of Millie Ung, who took over from me and cleaned the sick at the back of the hall - a very kind act which was much appreciated.
- Parents/carers and extended family members who demonstrated RESPECT for all students on stage by remaining in their seats and turning their phones on silent or off during the performance.

It was a great night and showcased the talent at Athol Road Primary School. Well done, everyone!  
You are ARPS SUPERSTARS!

If you have any feedback you would like to provide to help the school improve the performance in 2023, you can do this on Sentral or by leaving your feedback at the office.

### A couple of gripes:

- It was disappointing that some people could not manage without their phones for the duration of the concert and more disappointing that they felt it was okay to leave the hall while students were actually performing on stage. This behaviour was distracting for students on stage.
- I also had a complaint about people talking during the performances and spoke to 3 people regarding this, once again distracting to other people who want to listen and dare I say, selfish!.
- By bringing this to the attention of parents/carers, I am hopeful that, moving forward, it can be considered when attending future school events.

RESPECT is a school value and comes in my shapes and forms - please be a good role model for your child/ren, our students.

## TRANSITION 2023

On Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December students will move to their 2023 learning spaces for the day:

- Foundation students will move to the Year 1/2 learning space
- Year 2 students will move to the Year 3/4 learning space
- Year 4 students will move to the Year 5/6 learning space

Students will meet their new teachers and engage in relationship building activities as they make new friends and discuss the learning and behaviour expectations.

Athol Road Primary School welcomes a number of new teachers to ARPS:

- Mr Rickwood to the Foundation learning space
- Ms Di Pietro and Ms Bryce to the Year 1/2 learning space
- Mr Calvett to the Year 3/4 learning space

A number of ARPS teachers are moving to new learning spaces:

- Mrs Heather taking up a Learning Specialist role in Year 3/4
- Ms Yates moving to Team Leader in the Year 3/4 learning space
- Ms Walton moving to Team Leader in Foundation
- Mrs Gathercole moving from Foundation to Year 1/2 and taking on a part-time wellbeing role
- Mrs Karpati moving to Year 3/4
- Ms Nesbitt moving to Year 5/6
- Mr Tunnicliffe moving to Year 5/6
- Mrs Macdonald moving to Foundation
- Mrs Altena is taking up the Tutoring role in Year 1/2

2023 Foundation students will attend school for the morning and enjoy a sausage sizzle with their parents/carers, new friends and staff.

## MANDARIN

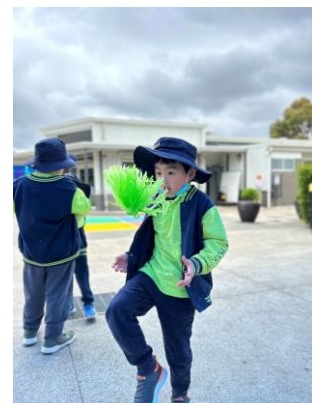
In Term 4, Foundation and Year 1/2 students learnt how to read and write Chinese characters about body parts. They also engaged in various interactive class activities such as singing and dancing, games and handcraft.

Year 3 - 6 students learnt how to talk about food in Mandarin. They engaged in a lot of activities such as role play and interactive games. They also watched videos to learn about the food culture in different regions of China.



Learning Chinese characters

Playing Chinese shuttlecock



## **Victoria-wide single-use plastics ban – Effective 1st February 2023**

Single-use plastics make up a third of the litter in our environment and are difficult and costly to clean up. They pollute the environment, harming wildlife and contaminating our food and water. They are also a poor use of resources – they are often used for only a few minutes and generate significant waste that is not recyclable. They can often easily be replaced with reusable products.

Under new regulations, from 1st February 2023, Victorian businesses and organisations (including schools) will not be able to sell, supply or provide a number of single-use plastic items. The ban applies to the following single-use plastic items made from conventional, degradable or compostable plastics:

- Drinking straws
- Cutlery including knives, forks, spoons, chopsticks, sporks, splades, food picks and sporks
- Plates
- Drink stirrers and sticks
- Cotton bud sticks

The ban also applies to:

- Food service items and drink containers made from expanded polystyrene. This includes expanded polystyrene plates, cups, bowls, clam shells and any cover or lid that is also made from expanded polystyrene.

Athol Road Primary School will be implementing the Victorian government's single-use plastics ban in the items we use as a school community including. The school will not be using any banned single-use plastic items from 1st February 2023.

### **Exceptions to the ban**

People who need single-use plastic drinking straws due to a disability or for a medical need will still be able to purchase and use these items. If your child needs to continue using single-use plastic drinking straws because of a disability or medical need, please let one of the learning space teachers know and they will ensure that there is a supply available for your child's use at future school activities.

### **Student lunches and snacks from home**

Offences relating to the ban do not apply to private or domestic activities at home, eg. individual families' decisions about lunch packaging. The intention of the government's new regulations is to remove these items from the supply chain prior to reaching the customer.

Athol Road Primary School implements sustainable practices and is a 'nude food' school where no packaging or single use plastics is to be brought from home.

If you have any questions, please contact the office on 9547 1224.

## **DUX AWARDS: Foundation - Year 5**

**Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm in the hall**

**Parents/carers invited**