



## **TERM 3 2021**

Tue 20 Jul		Ski Camp (Tuesday to Friday)
Tue 27 Jul		School Council
Tue 03 Aug	11.30am - 8.00pm	3 Way Conferences - Students only onsite for conference - OSHClub avail for the day
Thu 05 Aug		Yr 3-6 Athletics Day
Tue 24 Aug		School Council
Wed 08 Sep	6.30pm	Year 2-6 Concert - The Centre Ivanhoe
Sat 11 Sep	7.00pm	<b>APS Trivia Night!!! (SAVE THE DATE - more details to come)</b>
Fri 17 Sept		LAST DAY TERM 3 - Early dismissal 2.30pm

## **TERM DATES - 2021**

**Term 3: 12 July – 17 September**

**Term 4: 4 October – 17 December**

Approved curriculum days (pupil free days):

**MONDAY 1<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER**

NB: Please check Compass for other dates/times including excursions and incursions. All dates are subject to change

### Commitment to Child Safety.

Alphington Primary School is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people.

This will be the primary focus of our care and decision-making.

Alphington Primary School has zero tolerance for child abuse.

Alphington Primary School is committed to providing a child safe environment where children and young people are safe and feel safe and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives.

Particular attention will be paid to the cultural safety of Aboriginal children and children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, as well as the safety of children with a disability.

If there are any concerns or questions regarding Child Safety procedures, please see Melissa Mackenzie.

Our Child Safe Policy and our commitment and code of conduct is available on the website.

Welcome back to term 3 and what promises to be another busy term. The weather was kind and gave us a hint of spring. The builders took the opportunity to complete many of the tasks within the school grounds during the break. The learning centre now has a roof and some plastering is happening on the inside. The gymnasium structure has been completed now that the power pole has been removed. All in all the project is on track and we will see some classes moving into the new building at the end of this term. I would like to welcome Julia Sheehan into the tutor role as Chloe moves into the Foundation class for the remainder of the year.

Covid update - Key health messages:

### **Face masks**

- School staff (primary and secondary) and secondary school students aged 12 or older are not required to wear a face mask while at school (or when attending an Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) program), when interacting exclusively with staff and students from their school must carry a face mask at all times, unless a lawful exception applies should wear a face mask indoors at school when interacting with external visitors, including parents/carers and staff/students from other schools.

\* Children under 12 years of age and students at primary school are not required to wear face masks when at school, or when attending an OSHC program.

\* Face masks are mandatory for all school staff and school students aged 12 or older on public transport and when in taxis or ride share vehicles. This includes travelling to and from school on public transport or in a vehicle with others not from your household.

\* School staff and students must also abide by face mask requirements when attending public venues.

**Parents, carers, and visitors must observe indoor face mask requirements. Face masks continue to be recommended outdoors when 1.5m physical distancing cannot be maintained.**

#### **Unwell children:**

The advice continues that if your child is unwell you keep them home. If showing symptoms then get them tested and keep them away from school until a negative test result is obtained. If your child has a persistent cough, runny nose etc. caused from another condition then please provide a letter from your doctor letting us know this. Thanks for your continued support with this.

Unfortunately with the current outbreak of Covid in other states and recently in Victoria we have had to cancel the Hope Vale tour planned for mid August. This is very disappointing but the students have handled this disappointment with maturity and understanding.

In a few weeks we will be running our 3 way conferences. We believe the ability to discuss learning and set goals should be done as a partnership between the students, teachers and parents. Each child will have time with their teacher and parents to showcase their learning and discuss next goals. This will happen on Tuesday 3 August between 12-8pm. Parents will be able to book their time through Compass. More information will be coming soon. Please note that 5GD will have their conferences the week before on Tuesday 27 July.

Have a lovely week

Melissa Mackenzie

Principal

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## **Assistant Principal Newsletter – Term 3 Week 1**

Welcome back! I trust Alphington students and their families had an enjoyable break. The weather for the holiday period was stunning. We were fortunate enough to have family visit from Queensland for the first time in eighteen months before the lockdowns around various parts of Australia set in. We got out and about in Melbourne taking in quite a few day trips and activities.

**Term 3 Tutor Learning Initiative (TLI):** Our next round of tutoring as part of the 2021 TLI program commenced this week for 47 students across Foundation to Year 6 with a learning focus on English – reading and writing. Our tutor for semester one, Chloe Bindloss, was successful in securing the Foundation teaching position that became available following Angela Mcniven’s departure at the end of semester one. We have employed Julia Sheehan in the position of Tutor for the remainder of the year. Julia has already undertaken a handover session with Chloe and begun planning learning goals with each of the Year level teams.

There will be a 30 minute information session held this Thursday 15 July from 4:00-4:30pm. The session will be recorded and available via Compass for those unable to attend or any other parents within the APS community who may like to hear more about the program.

If you have any questions or queries about the TLI please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Reading Professional Learning Community (PLC):** The Professional learning community (PLC) focus for the first half of the term is reading. PLCs are an approach to school improvement where groups of teachers work collaboratively at the school level to improve student outcomes. PLC schools start from a simple idea: students learn more when their teachers work together. At Alphington we:

- make PLC implementation a school improvement priority

- establish effective professional learning team structures across the school
- allocate time for teachers to collaborate and work in professional learning teams
- appoint PLC instructional leaders to lead professional learning teams
- release PLC instructional leaders to build their capacity to lead teams effectively, including using a consistent and structured cycle of evidence-based curriculum planning.

During the 5-week cycle teams will analyse various data sources to identify reading goals for different groups of students. They will work collaboratively to develop lessons and resources to support students to achieve individual, group and whole class reading goals. The work of our PLCs aligns to both our TLI and our professional learning.

**Learning Walks:** Aligning with our Reading PLC and the English focus of our Tutor Learning Initiative, Year Level Teams will be undertaking Learning Walks across the school during week 3.

The Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL) defines the process of Learning Walks as *“a group of teachers visiting multiple classrooms at their own school with the aim of fostering conversation about teaching and learning in order to develop a shared vision of high-quality teaching that impacts on student learning.”*

Each Year Level team has identified a teaching strategy focus and a group of classes that they will visit to support our whole school learning around the teaching of reading. We will then dedicate a staff meeting to share, reflect and evaluate the findings to further improve how we teach reading at Alphington primary school.

**3 Way Conferences:** Teachers will invite parents and students to our 3 Way Conferences which will be held on Tuesday 3 August from 12-8pm. These conferences are an opportunity for students to share achievements in learning with parents. Students will be guided by teachers in class to select pieces of work which they are proud of to share with their families at the 3 Way Conferences. With support from teachers, students will also share learning goals they have identified as their next steps for learning.

*Have a great week everyone!*  
 Shane Wilkie  
 Assistant Principal

Julia Sheehan – Tutor Learning Initiative TLI Teacher

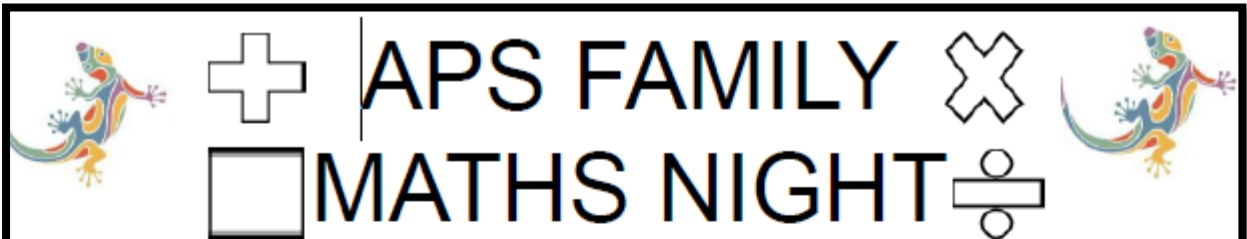
After graduating university, I spent a few years travelling and working as a CRT In multiple schools across Melbourne. Most of my time abroad was spent in South and Central America which I explored with my perfect Spanglish. My highlights were the beaches of Panama and the buffets of Brasil.

I have now settled in Carlton (for the pizza!) and am thrilled to have a position tutoring students at Alphington Primary School!

In my spare time you will find me at a nice cafe, hanging out with my niece and nephew, exploring Victoria (new found hobby) and spending time with my friends.

I look forward to seeing you all around the school 😊





**APS FAMILY**  
**MATHS NIGHT**

Wednesday the 28th of July

This year APS will be holding a Family Maths Night, promoting family involvement in mathematics through a fun and shared experience. The teaching of Maths has changed a lot over the years to meet the expectations placed on 21<sup>st</sup> century learners. We invite all families to join in and see how we do it at APS through a fun, informative and collaborative evening.

The Maths Night will run on **Wednesday 28th July**. At **6.30pm** there will be an information evening held via webex, which will cover how maths is taught at APS. The link to this will be provided closer to the date.

A range of mathematics activities will be provided via Google Classroom, for families to collaboratively explore throughout the evening. Each student will have a virtual passport, where they can mark off activities as they complete them.

We are looking forward to sharing our mathematics learning with you all.

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### **Scholastic Book Club is back for Term 3**

Please look out for a Compass post for Term 3 Scholastic orders. All orders are online and no cash orders can be accepted at the front office.

Many thanks to Louisa B for coordinating our book club for the last few years and a big thank you to Sam P who has volunteered to coordinate moving forward.

## OSHClub News

### Before School / After School Care Program

#### Program Update

Welcome to Term 3 families!

We hope everyone enjoyed their holidays! We had a busy and fun filled Vacation Care Program at Oshclub, attending excursions such as Latitude and Skaterz, as well as incursions such as Virtual Reality and cartooning. Fun was had by all! We still have quite a bit of unnamed lost property if anyone is missing any items.

This week at Oshclub, as always, we are focussing on developing social and emotional skills whilst having heaps of fun. Activities include our clubs- Stemtastic (soap experiments) Mini Chef (Spanakopita) and our new Club, Groovy Wednesdays (beginners gymnastics session to music) We will also be doing many sensory activities, art and craft, jewellery making and sustainable activities. As always, we will continue to do Moovosity to maintain our active program.

The full program is available to view online and is displayed in the OSHClub room. As we must strictly adhere to government ratio requirements, please book in as soon as possible for our sessions. Also, a reminder for all parents who have received messages for new medical plans/medication to please bring in the required before the child begins their next session.

This week our Kindness Award goes to Luella, she is always inclusive, friendly to all age groups and quick to help others. Well done, Lulu!

The team would like to wish Maddison and Harper a very happy birthday for this week. 🎂

What did the left eye say to the right eye?

Between us, something smells.

We hope you all have a wonderful week!

From Hannah, Clare and Laura 🎂

#### Parent Information


**OSHClub program phone: 0422 292 533**

**Coordinator: Hannah**

**Assistant: Laura and Clare**

**OSHClub Head Office: 03 8564 9000**

*All families' must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free!! Please create an account online at [www.oshclub.com.au](http://www.oshclub.com.au). All bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online*




ALPHINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

# TRIVIA NIGHT 2021

**11 SEPTEMBER / 7PM**

SAVE THE DATE AND  
START ORGANISING  
YOUR TABLE OF 10!



FURTHER DETAILS COMING SOON...