



Edition 21 - 2021

Wednesday 21 July 2021

TERM 3 2021

Tue 27 Jul		School Council (Remote via webex)
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	APS Trivia Night!!! (SAVE THE DATE - more details to come)
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 1st 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.

The move into remote learning caught everyone by surprise last week and to hear of the extension was disappointing. Despite this our teachers and students transitioned seamlessly and remain positive and upbeat. There seems to be more stress and anxiety in the community and amongst our students this time so please let us know if we can support in any more ways. I'd like to acknowledge the parents who on the whole have been understanding of the need for us to offer a different program for the first three days while we sorted devices and a range of programs so that all families could access the activities that suited them. We are now in full swing with live teaching, recorded lessons and teachers being available throughout the school day. If you find that you need a device please let your class teacher know and we'll have it ready at the office for collection.

This lockdown has brought extra disappointment for the group of year 5 and 6 students who were meant to be at Mt Buller this week. We are trying hard to see if we can go later in the term. The year 6 gala day has also had to be postponed.

Our planned **3 way conferences** coming up will be pushed back to later in the term, date to be confirmed. We had planned to start preparing students and their work this week and believe that to make the most of the opportunity we need students to be relaxed, confident and prepared so we will wait until we have them back to confirm the date. We will also need to

postpone 5GD conferences which were planned for next Tuesday before Gabi starts Maternity leave. The date for these will now be with the rest of the school.

The upcoming **Family Maths night** will also be postponed for a few weeks until we are back at school and things settle.

The Community Events and Fundraising sub-committee of School Council are forging ahead with **Trivia Night** plans. The 11 September is the date to keep for this event, our first fundraising event since 2019. While we are hoping to raise some funds we are also focussing on bringing the community together and keeping costs modest. See attached flyer for more information.

Foundation 2022: despite not being able to conduct our normal tours we have continued taking enrolments for 2022. We are sending out the place offers next week and will conduct special tours during the transition which happen in term 4.

All being well we are back next Wednesday and really looking forward to having the students back onsite.

Kind regards

Melissa Mackenzie

Principal

Assistant Principal Newsletter – Term 3 Week 2

At this stage the lockdown and remote learning program will continue until midnight next Tuesday 27th July. We are expecting school to resume on Wednesday 28th July.

Firstly, thank-you to all of you for the support you've been providing over recent days. We realise how challenging the lockdown can be and trying to manage lots of things in your homes. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. Please maintain a positive approach with your children to support their emotional, physical and mental wellbeing needs (and yours).

What will remote and flexible learning will look like?

The Department has provided the same learning program guidance as during previous remote learning programs.

For students in Prep to Grade 2, schools should provide daily learning programs that include the following as a minimum:

- literacy activities that take a total of about 45-60 minutes
- numeracy activities of about 30-45 minutes
- additional learning areas, play-based learning and physical activity of about 30-45 minutes.

For students in Grades 3 to 6, schools should provide daily learning programs that include the following as a minimum:

- literacy: 45-60 minutes
- numeracy: 30-45 minutes
- physical activities: 30 minutes
- additional curriculum areas: 90 minutes.

What does this look like at Alphington?

- Each year level will provide the daily timetable on the Google Classroom with a pre-recorded video by 5pm the day before. The video is a brief 3-5 minute overview of the day and is provided to support families balance organisational tasks for the day ahead.
- We will start each day with our 9:00am daily wellbeing check-ins — Teams will use either Google Meets or Webex for the daily check in and live lessons. This is an opportunity for students to connect and review the day's learning and wellbeing tasks.

- From 9:15am all classes will provide live lessons daily for reading, writing, mathematics and/or 1 live or recorded lesson for inquiry and/or wellbeing. Resources, including slideshows, for lessons are available in the Google Classroom. We acknowledge that learning from home may look different depending on your family needs and we encourage you to utilise the learning opportunities in ways that best suit.
- Specialist lessons will be for individual classes in Years 3-6 and whole year levels for years F-2 based upon the usual specialist timetable. These lessons will be clearly outlined in the daily schedule, the daily video and during the 9am morning check in.
- Dependent on year level and individual team approach, some year levels may have supporting paper packs available for collection.

Tutor Learning Initiative Update

We will continue to deliver the Tutor Learning Initiative (TLI) during remote learning. We will provide information how this will look from tomorrow. In our previous lockdown Chloe was able to establish a successful format using Google Classroom to support TLI students. Our new Tutor Julia is speedily being inducted into how remote learning works at APS and will commence sessions on Monday. We will extend the first cycle of the Term 3 TLI to ensure students receive their full allocation of lessons across a 5 week timeframe.

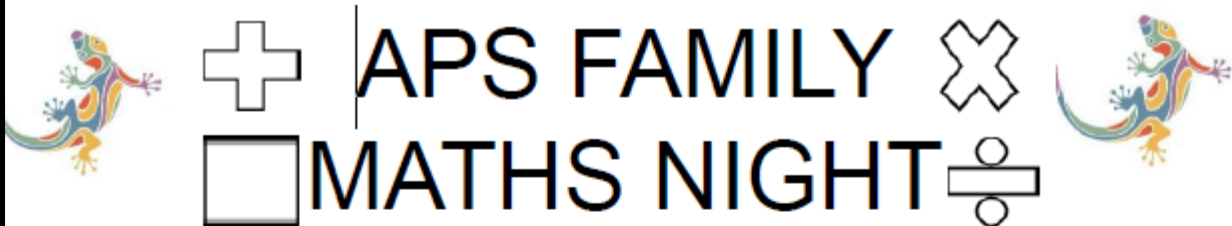
Finally, find the best home learning experience for you and your family. This will be different in every home. Some people will need a lot more flexibility than others around how much learning content they can do from home.

- Our curriculum program, live teaching and activities are to support you, not to burden you. Engage with them in a way that works best for you and your family's situation
- Focus on the wellbeing areas first. Diet, sleep, exercise and positive mental health activities.
- Find the opportunities and moments of joy and gratitude. Try to find time to enjoy little experiences: cook, garden, sing, dance, play, laugh, create, paint, draw, read, listen – find what works for you!
- Reach outward – write card, email, make a call, FaceTime, zoom – keep connections or re-ignite some old ones. The recipient will be so happy for that effort. But even better is the feeling of connection.

Be kind to yourself! You're doing a great job – Students, parents and our amazing staff!

All the best
Shane Wilkie
Assistant Principal

POSTPONED – NEW MATHS NIGHT DATE TBC



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 21st 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.




Scholastic Book Club is back for Term 3

Term 3 Scholastic orders are now open. All orders are online and no cash orders can be accepted at the front office.

Please follow the below link to see the catalogue and make your online order. Be sure to list APS as your school.

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.

<https://www.scholastic.com.au/book-club/book-club-parents/>



ALPHINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

TRIVIA NIGHT 2021

11 SEPTEMBER / 7PM

SAVE THE DATE AND
START ORGANISING
YOUR TABLE OF 10!

FURTHER DETAILS COMING SOON...

ALPHINGTON FARMGATE THURSDAYS

Your midweek
market top-up

2pm-5pm, every Thursday
Alphington Community Farmgate
2 Wingrove Street, Alphington

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