



Edition 25 - 2021

Wednesday 18 August 2021

TERM 3 2021

Wed 18 Aug	6.30pm-8.00pm	APS Wellbeing Information Evening (POSTPONED)
Thu 19 Aug	3.45pm – 5.15pm	Whole School Working Bee (POSTPONED)
Sat 21st Aug		Book Week Commences
Tue 24 Aug		School Council - via webex
Tue 31 Aug	12.00pm - 8pm	3 Way Conferences (parent, teacher, student) NO LIVE TEACHING
Wed 08 Sep	6.30pm	Year 2-6 Concert - The Centre Ivanhoe (POSTPONED)
Sat 11 Sep	7.00pm	APS Trivia Night!!! (Full details later in newsletter)
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 extension to the lockdown has hit everyone hard - from students not wanting to be online to parents juggling work and their children at home and the teachers who are unable to teach the way they know, missing the ongoing assessing and monitoring they usually do to be able to adjust their teaching. We are all doing the best we can, and I have to say that I feel very proud of everyone for their efforts. We strive to provide the best programs for students and families and are introducing an additional element to the remote learning. A teacher from each year level will be available for your children from 2pm. Some classes have already been utilising this by having 'catch ups', Inquiry and similar activities in the afternoons so this has been extended to be available for every level. Your child's Google classroom will provide more information about this change.

3 Way Conferences: We will go ahead with these on Tuesday 31 August between 12:00 – 8:00pm using the WebEx platform. These will take a different form in the remote environment and without the opportunity for students to gather evidence and prepare as they would at school. Our purpose is to provide the time for each student to discuss their learning with their

family and teacher present. Teachers will be working with students over the next two weeks to support them in preparing for this.

The booking for your time is through Compass and will open on Friday. As teachers are working into the evening there will be no live teaching on this day. Students will be encouraged to complete tasks that have been set, catch up on learning and/or complete optional tasks that are available. Onsite supervision will still be available for those families who have been utilising this service.

Concerts: With the current uncertainty we have decided to postpone the 2-6 concert. The new date is in week 4 next term, and we are hopeful that we will be able to offer this event then. The title is “Our world, Ourselves” and is a look forward in time when we celebrate the great efforts of people to care for our environment. All classes will be singing and dancing with a celebration of the Performing Arts as a focus. If we are unable to utilise the Centre Ivanhoe then we will make sure the students perform in some way. The F/1 concert is also well underway with planning and the theme is “Friendships”. This will be performed at Kew High School in week 3 of next term. Our fingers are crossed that we will be able to run these events.

Book Week: Next week APS celebrates Book Week. In a usual year our grandparents and special people would come to the school for the afternoon and celebrate our love of books and reading. They had an opportunity to purchase a book, donating it to the school with a dedication to their grandchild. This year classes will be invited to dress up as book characters and teachers will be completing special book activities online. There are book readings happening, with guest readers. Grandparents are still able to purchase books and donate them to the school with a dedication inside. More information is in this newsletter and watch your child’s Google classroom for more information.

The latest advice I have received is around the importance of keeping routine, predictability and security in our student’s lives. Please make contact if we can support you in any way.

Kind regards
Melissa Mackenzie
Principal

Assistant Principal Newsletter – Term 3 Week 6

Hello everyone,

I hope your families are finding ways to remain positive and optimistic following the recent extension announcements to our current lockdown. Our family are focussing on trying to get the right balance between work, school and making time for exercise... and trying to avoid the kids spending extra time on iPads playing Roblox!



2021 CBCA Book Week: As Melissa mentioned, an exciting event is coming! Book week is an annual event run by the Children’s Book Council of Australia (CBCA). This year the theme is Old worlds, new worlds and other worlds. Books can transport to any world imaginable. Shaun Tan has designed the poster for this year.

Book character day will be on Thursday the 26th August. Students are encouraged to continue with the Book Week dress up next Thursday as planned. Classes will develop ideas and activities to celebrate book week on Thursday 26 August as part of their daily remote learning live lessons.

In addition to the character dress up and class activities, there will be a series of live reading events that students will be invited to attend throughout the day. These will involve staff members reading and sharing some of their favourite stories. Links for these sessions will be posted in the Google Classroom streams on the day of our Book Week celebrations.

Remote and Flexible Learning Update: Throughout each of the lockdowns we have continued to listen to feedback from families, staff and students to ensure our remote and flexible learning programs are refined to best support our students wellbeing, learning and engagement. While there needs to be some differences in the model across year levels due to the

different needs of students across Prep to 6, we have endeavoured to maintain a certain level of consistency in order to support families. Commencing this week, all students will have live access to a teacher from their year level for the afternoon session. For some year levels this may be a live lesson lead by the teacher, it might be a teacher introducing an activity to be completed for the afternoon, or it could be the availability of a teacher to support with an independent task. If students have specialist lessons in the afternoon these will continue to be held as live lessons. Please check the daily update and stream for details of the afternoon sessions.

APS Maths Family Night: Last Wednesday night's Maths Information Evening was a great success. There were over 70 families in attendance and the feedback we received has been excellent. So thank you so much supporting this event. Brody, James and the Maths AIP team went through how the teaching of mathematics has evolved and the ways in which we implement the mathematics curriculum at Alphington. Families then had the opportunity to start the activities required to complete their mathematics passport. When you have completed the activities as a family don't forget to submit your passport so we can celebrate the great collaborative learning being undertaken. A big thank you to all of the Maths team for their efforts in preparing for the evening.

Whole School Assembly – Friday 20 August 9:15am: As a school we really value opportunities for the whole school to assemble and celebrate the great work that happens each and every day across the school. The remote and flexible learning environment does make this more challenging. In 2020 we would record a weekly whole school assembly for families to view via a Compass link. This week we are going to trial doing a whole school live stream WebEx Event. The link for this event will be posted on the Google Classroom stream. The normal 9:00am check in will precede the whole school assembly at 9:15am. As a Webex Event participants will be unable to turn on cameras or microphones. We are excited to see if we are able to successfully do a virtual whole school assembly and share our weekly messages, VIPs and updates from our Student Leaders.

*All the best,
Shane Wilkie
Assistant Principal*

Year 6 Action Teams

This week (from the 16th - 20th of August) the Refugee Action Team were meant to be holding Refugee week at APS. This week would of included a food drive for the ASRC and students would have learnt appropriate information about Refugees and Asylum Seekers.

As you would already know, we aren't able to hold Refugee week this week or do a Food Drive but we will let you know once we find a new date for this week to take place.

Thank you,
The Refugee Action team
Zara, Jules, Seth and Jerry



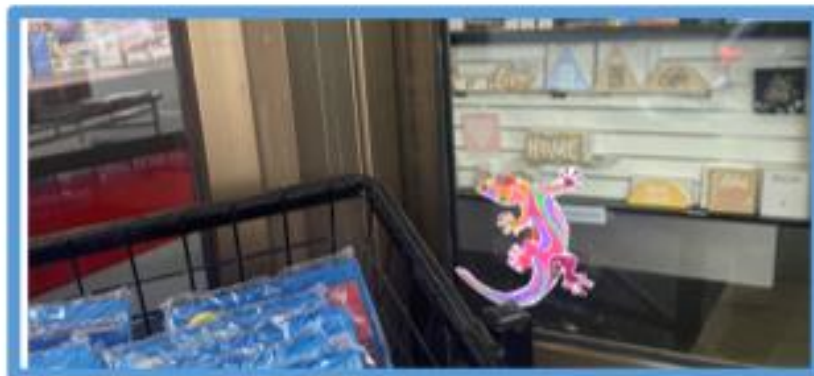
General Reminder - APS Trivia Night 2021 - Tickets Now On Sale!

Get excited, tickets for the 2021 APS Trivia Night are now on sale! Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased at <https://www.trybooking.com/BSYFQ>

This is the first fundraising event since 2019 so get in quick as tables are limited and the event is sure to sell out. Further details, including the dress up theme and COVID contingencies, can be found in the attached flyer, via the trybooking link and on Compass.



| The APS Lizard
Out and About in the local community



I wonder what your lizard will get up to?

Email your lizard photos to alan.gallagher@education.vic.gov.au

BOOK WEEK

Dear Parents and Carers,

The CBCA Book Week is next week. The theme is 'Old Worlds, New Worlds and Other Worlds'. Our character book parade is on Thursday 26th August. Children are encouraged to find and use items from around the home to dress up as a character from a book. They can share their character and favourite book in their classroom morning meet online.

Each year we love the community to get involved and add to our glorious Library. We aren't able to have Grandparents and special people purchase a book onsite but we have collaborated with Readings to create a fun way for your special people to donate a book to our school library. This book will have a personalised dedication in the front of the book with your child/children's name and who the book is from.

This is a lovely tradition that APS continues to do each year.

Below are links provided to order a book. When the book is ordered, it can be sent to Alphington Primary School. The books are set out in categories to make it easier to find.

1. **Order and pay for your book.**
2. **Email APS with the following information:**
 - Attn Librarian:** elizabeth.ferguson2@education.vic.gov.au
 - Book title:**
 - Name of child/children:**
 - Person donating the book:**

Grandparents and special people can also choose to donate a book that is a favourite of theirs from another bookshop or place of their choosing.

Happy reading everyone.

Lizzy Ferguson

<https://www.readings.com.au/collection/new-picture-books>

[New picture books - Readings.com.au](https://www.readings.com.au/collection/new-picture-books)

Billie wants the blue bike and she asks her Mum to buy it for her - but her Mum has no money to spend on a bike. She asks Uncle Jack and he won't give her the money either, but he will help her save up to buy the bike herself.

www.readings.com.au

<https://www.readings.com.au/collection/new-junior-and-middle-fiction>

New junior & middle fiction · Readings.com.au

Return to the world of the Costa Award-winning Skylarks' War in Hilary McKay's heartbreaking follow up - a WWII story that spans generations and crosses the divides of war.

www.readings.com.au

<https://www.readings.com.au/kids/category/5261-9-12-years-middle-fiction>

9-12 Years: Middle Fiction · Readings.com.au

Readings — independent Australian retailers and online merchants of fine books, music and film.

www.readings.com.au

<https://www.readings.com.au/collection/graphic-novels-and-comics-for-kids>

Graphic novels & comics for kids · Readings.com.au

Dog Man meets the Lord of the Rings in this laugh-out-loud graphic novel debut about two aspiring adventurers who face off against startling ghosts, rampaging monsters and bumbling wizards.

www.readings.com.au

<https://www.readings.com.au/collection/new-non-fiction-for-kids-and-teens>

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Readings — independent Australian retailers and online merchants of fine books, music and film.

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ALPHINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

TRIVIA NIGHT 2021

11 SEPTEMBER / 7PM

TRIVIA / 7.45PM SHARP

FURLAN CLUB / 1 MATISI ST, THORNBURY

TABLES OF 10

FOOD / TRIVIA / PRIZES / MUSIC

DRINKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

DRESS AS SOMETHING OR SOMEONE

STARTING WITH 'A', 'P' OR 'S'

TICKETS \$50

@ WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/BSYFQ



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FIREWORKS

ALPHINGTON

SEPTEMBER 10 • 6:00 PM
ALPHINGTON PARK
COMMUNITY EVENT



YEAR 7 2023

ENROL ONLINE

APPLICATIONS FOR ENROLMENT CLOSE **FRIDAY 20 AUGUST 2021**

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

WEDNESDAY 18 AUGUST 2021

Bookings Essential | trybooking.com/BSLJL



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