



TERM 3 2021

Tue 31 Aug 12.00pm - 8pm
Wed 08 Sep 6.30pm
Fri 17 Sept

3 Way Conferences (parent, teacher, student) NO LIVE TEACHING
Year 2-6 Concert - The Centre Ivanhoe (POSTPONED)
LAST DAY TERM 3 - Early dismissal 2.30pm

TERM 4 2021

Mon 04 Oct
Sat 16 Oct 7.00pm
Mon 01 Nov
Fri 17 Dec 1.30pm

Students and Teachers commence Term 4
APS Trivia Night - PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE
Student Free Day - No students onsite
LAST DAY TERM 4 - Early dismissal 1.30pm

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.

Another week of remote learning and I want to recognise the efforts of everyone. We are all doing the best that we can in very challenging and unpredictable times. As a family you'll decide what works for your child and if tasks are not complete or a day goes pear-shaped then please don't worry. A quick email to the class teacher to let them know you are taking a break or opting out for the day or whatever is suiting you is absolutely fine. Remember that everyone's wellbeing is paramount.

We are celebrating Book Week this week with a special event on Thursday. Each year level has a guest reader sharing a favourite book. I would like to thank Nicki and Sam, two of our parents, for offering their time to read to students. This will be a lovely celebration of our love of literature.

Kind regards

Melissa Mackenzie

Principal

Assistant Principal Newsletter – Term 3 Week 7

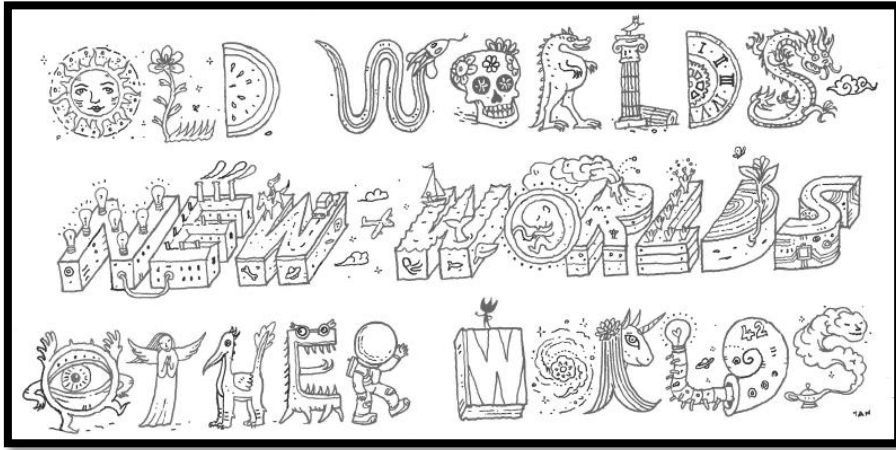
Hello everyone,

I'd like to start today's newsletter by offering my sincere gratitude to all those who have reached out, acknowledging the efforts of the team at APS. Over the last weeks we have received messages of support, goodies in the staffroom, chance encounters at the office or in the streets, and an overwhelming level of support from our school council members last night. We all recognise how challenging lockdowns are, and how the impacts are different for each and every family, but we are truly grateful for your support.

To our teachers, support staff and Lauren and Liliana in the office... I am in awe of the collective efforts of everyone to show up every day with a smile on their faces to ensure that our students are engaged and successful.

Remote and Flexible Learning Update: Yesterday at our School Improvement Team meeting we discussed and updated our remote and flexible learning protocols to reflect the recent changes and ensure consistency across the school.

- Daily overview provided in Google Stream the day before - a video will no longer be posted as attendance at the morning check-ins now exceeds 90% for all classes
- Google Meet/WebEx Daily Check-in commence for all classes from 9:00am reviewing the day ahead
- 9:15am; 10:15am; 11:30am Live lessons for reading, writing and mathematics commence
- Live lessons may include – whole class, small groups, book club sessions, or break out rooms. Students can access their teacher to support with their learning during these times.
- 2:00pm Teachers are available to support students with afternoon learning activities. These sessions are flexible and responsive to class and students' needs. Such as:
 - Live wellbeing lesson (4Rs or other wellbeing focus lesson)
 - Live Inquiry lesson
 - Independent wellbeing/inquiry lesson with a teacher available to support
 - Any other independent or matrix learning activities with a teacher available to support
 - Whole class wellbeing catch ups (Kahoots, GoNoodle, Dance Party, Yoga)
 - Small group wellbeing catch ups (Interest chat groups, Friendship groups)
- Specialist lessons for Years 3, 4 and 5 are individual class groups as per the normal specialist timetable
- For Prep -2 and Year 6 specialist lessons are delivered to the whole cohort
- LOTE lessons for Italian and Mandarin are single classes as per the onsite timetable
- Tutor Learning Initiative (TLI) - Julia will post in the Google Stream each day the time and link for the sessions. All sessions follow the withdrawal model, with students working on the learning goals identified by the class teacher.



2021 CBCA Book Week: It's Book Week! This year the theme is Old worlds, new worlds and other worlds. Shaun Tan has designed the colouring in poster competition which Lizzy has distributed to all classes. Book character day will be tomorrow. Students are encouraged to continue with the Book Week dress on 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. We also have a series of live reading events

involving members of our staff and community. The links for these sessions will be available in the daily stream and classwork sections of the Google Classroom.

3 Way Conferences: Our planned 3 Way Conferences will proceed on Tuesday 31 August remotely using the WebEx platform. Families will have received information about how they can access the WebEx platform and can now book a timeslot via Compass. Teachers are working with students to support them in preparing for the 3 Way Conferences. While it will be slightly different from onsite conferences, the focus will still be on students discussing themselves as learners and articulating learning goals.

Whole School Assembly – Friday 27 August 9:15am: Following a relatively successful first attempt at our whole school live event we will again host our assembly via WebEx this week. We have worked out how to disable the chat function so hopefully this will make viewing a little easier this week. The link will be posted in the Google Stream on Friday morning.

*All the best,
Shane Wilkie
Assistant Principal*

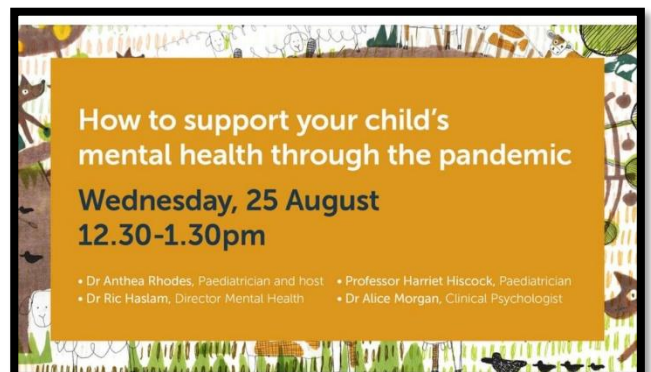
2 – 6 Concert News

This year's whole school concert is titled Our World, Ourselves. We look back on the journey of two past APS students, who have grown to become environmentalists and have just won an award in the year 2050. These two characters, Poppy and Sage, are being interviewed on a TV news station, in celebration of World Environment Day. As they are interviewed, we see flashbacks of their younger selves, and see their efforts towards creating a sustainable future and their positive impact on the environment. We see how they have evolved and tackled the environmental challenges of our time. Their achievements are celebrated at the end, where they are announced as the Environmentalists of the Decade award. The concert is a celebration of our efforts to look after the environment on a world scale, and also a local level, and seeing our beautiful APS students celebrate by singing, dancing and shining on stage.

Children's Mental Health – Royal Children's Hospital Presentation

We thought you might be interested in some information on children's mental health.

We believe the following presentation has been recorded for you to go back and listen to:



School Council Meeting – Tuesday 24 August 5:00-6:30pm WebEx

Principal Report

Melissa acknowledged the contributions of the staff to ensure that students are receiving a high-quality remote learning program with multiple live teaching lessons, wellbeing programs and the ability to adapt to work in online environment in which they were not trained to.

Melissa shared some images regarding the building upgrade to provide updates to those who may not have been onsite recently. Melissa reported that there are some delays due to the fact that PlanGroup can only have 25% of their workforce onsite.

Education Communication Subcommittee

Ashley provided a briefing on the presentation provided by Shane in response to the School Council Self-assessment tool. The presentation provided council with an overview of the Framework for Improving Student Outcomes (FISO) and how this is used by the school to develop our strategic and annual implementation plans.

Ashley reported that a decision was made by the subcommittee to hold off on issuing the parent survey developed in draft by the committee as it was identified that there was cross over with the annual parent survey issued on behalf of DET.

Environment Subcommittee

It was reported that the committee had postponed the working bee due to the current restrictions. Updates regarding the playground and bike/scooter parking were shared in relation to the overall building upgrade.

Community Events and Fundraising Subcommittee

Due to the current lockdown and restrictions the committee proposed, and it was approved, to postpone the Trivia Night to the contingency date of 16 October 2021.

Trivia Night Update:

There has been very strong interest in the Trivia Night with over 80% of tickets sold! However, given the current coronavirus restrictions, the decision has been made to move the Trivia Night from 11 September 2021 to the alternative date of 16 October 2021. If you have already purchased a ticket for the Trivia Night there will be an upcoming Compass post with details as to how to carry over your ticket to the 16 October 2021 date or get a refund of the ticket price. If you haven't got your ticket yet, tickets for the Trivia Night on 16 October 2021 are available at

<https://www.trybooking.com/BSYFQ>

News for Year 4

Dear Alphington community,

My name is Olivia and I am from 4BD.

I feel strongly about helping others in need, and I find that donating blood is a great way to do so.

Because we are in lockdown you cannot donate just yet, but when we come out of lockdown you can book your appointment and donate your blood today.

Below is a little website that I put together containing all of the information you need about blood donations.

Sincerely, Olivia 4B

<https://sites.google.com/schools.vic.edu.au/red-cross-blood-donations/>

There is more to blood than
you think, blood saves lives


Australian Red Cross
Lifeblood[®]



APS community: If you would like to donate
blood visit [donateblood.com.au](https://www.donateblood.com.au)

ALPHINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

TRIVIA NIGHT 2021

16 OCTOBER / 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



The APS Lizard

Out and About in the local community ~ Take 2



I wonder what your lizard will get up to?

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

REMINDER - BOOK WEEK – THIS WEEK

Dear Parents and Carers,

The CBCA Book Week is this 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

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<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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You're invited



NORTHCOTE UNITED CRICKET CLUB



FAMILY OPEN DAY

Friday 24th September 2021

10am at Alphington Park

Woolworths Master Blast | Junior Cricket Clinic | Jumping Castle
Special Guests | Music | Free BBQ for kids | Prizes & More
Presidents XI v Club XI Exhibition Match at 1pm

Contact Billy 0474 297 032 | Therese 0413 877 473

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FIREWORKS

ALPHINGTON

SEPTEMBER 10 • 6:00 PM
ALPHINGTON PARK
COMMUNITY EVENT

