



TERM 3 2021

Wed 08 Sep 6.30pm Year 2-6 Concert - The Centre Ivanhoe (POSTPONED new date TBC)
Fri 17 Sept LAST DAY TERM 3 - Early dismissal 2.30pm

TERM 4 2021

Mon 04 Oct Students and Teachers commence Term 4
Sat 16 Oct 7.00pm **APS Trivia Night - PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE**
Mon 01 Nov Student Free Day - No students onsite
Tue 02 Nov Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Fri 17 Dec 1.30pm LAST DAY TERM 4 - Early dismissal 1.30pm

TERM DATES - 2021

Term 3: 12 July – 17 September

Term 4: 4 October – 17 December

Approved 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.

Beautiful weather certainly lifts the spirits and lures us outside. I am trying to take a screen break every hour for at least five minutes, just enough time to go outside and breathe in the fresh air. It is lovely to see many families taking time in the afternoons to walk and exercise making the most of the Spring weather.

NAPLAN has arrived for the Year 3 and 5 students. The individual student report can be collected from the office or will be posted next Wednesday for any not collected. Please note many schools will ask to see this report as part of the Year 7 entry process. To gain a duplicate parents contact the school, the school requests the report from VCAA and it is sent to the school to be given to the parents. This process can take 3-4 months. Please ensure this report is kept in a safe place. APS continues to perform exceptionally well on these assessments, with many students in both year 3 and 5 performing well above what is expected.

Thanks to everyone for participating in the 3 way conferences. While it wasn't the mode we wanted I hear that the students spoke confidently about their learning, the type of learner they are and set some future goals. This process will develop further and be a living example of student agency at APS.

Kind regards
Melissa Mackenzie
Principal

Assistant Principal Newsletter – Term 3 Week 8

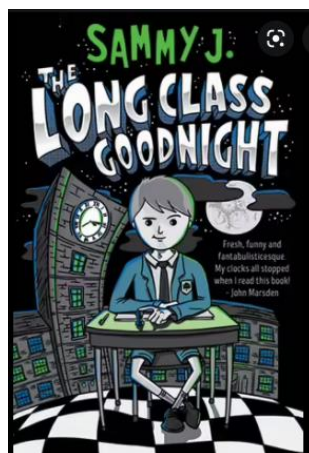
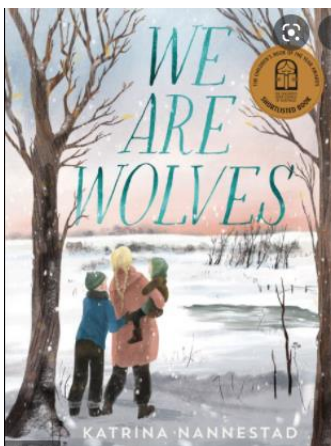
Hello everyone,

While we haven't received the positive news we would have hoped for surrounding the current lockdown and restrictions, we did get a beautiful first day of spring. And with the announcement that playgrounds will reopen it is the small things that help us remain optimistic during these challenging times.

It has been a wonderful week at Alphington. I am continually amazed at our resilience and ability to pivot and adapt to the world of remote learning. This week we have celebrated book week, held 3 way conferences, run our live assembly and continued to deliver the school curriculum via our remote learning platform.

2021 CBCA Book Week: It was awesome to see the efforts made by students and families in dressing up for our Book Week celebrations on Thursday. Acknowledgment also to our wonderful staff who got into the spirit of things and came along as various book characters. We had farmers in foundation, crayons who had quit and a cat in the hat! We also had a number of different literacy activities for students. Lauren and Liliana in the office shared some of their favourite stories and recorded these for students to listen to. Melissa read with Year 3 and Lizzy read to Year 4, and I had the pleasure of reading the CBCA Picture Book of the Year Award winner with the Preps – *The Unwilling Twin*. We were very fortunate to have a number of guest authors join some of our classes to share stories and be guest readers of their books. **Nicki Greenberg** read her beautifully illustrated picture books *I'm Fabulous Crab* and *Miss Kraken*, and also shared her amazing crocheted octopi! **Katrina Nannestad** joined Year 4 to discuss in depth her novel *We Are Wolves*, which the class have read this year as a class novel and had a discussion about the beauty of literacy and writing through an open Q&A. **Sammy J** read the first chapter of his book *The Long Class Goodnight*, after sharing the 25 rejection letters he received from publishers as an 11 year old would be writer.

Our sincere thanks to everyone involved in making our Book Week celebrations amazing!



3 Way Conferences: From all reports, last night's 3 Way Conferences were a success. Congratulation to students and teachers for their preparation and efforts. We hope as families you were able to gain an insight into your child's learning and where it sits in relation to their individual learning goals. One of the benefits of remote learning is the way in which families become key partners in education in ways not previously explored. We appreciate and thank you for your efforts.

Remote and Flexible Learning Feedback: As I wrote last week, we are continuing to fine tune and improve our remote and flexible learning protocols, adapting and modifying so we continue to engage students and meet their needs as learners. We sincerely welcome your feedback. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher if you require support with remote learning.

Whole School Assembly – Friday 3 September 9:15am:

We will continue to hold our whole school assembly live events. While not perfect yet, we are learning and have some further improvements for this week. Thank you so much for attending. We continue to well over 250 attendees which is an amazing attendance rate for a school with only about 250 families!

All the best.
Shane Wilkie
Assistant Principal

ONE STEP AT A TIME PROGRAM: PARENT SUPPORT FOR CHILDHOOD ANXIETY

Swinburne Psychology Clinic

Parents / guardians:

Do you have a primary school aged child experiencing symptoms of anxiety?



Clinicians at Swinburne University have developed a program to help parents of young people ages **6-11 years** old manage childhood anxiety.

Does your child have problems with the following:

- Difficulties sleeping at night due to worries
- Fears and phobias
- Difficulty separating from you or worrying about parental safety
- Difficulties sleeping in bed on their own
- Fearful of the dark
- Scared of lifts, trains, and people
- Scared of dogs and other animals
- Excessive worry and constant reassurance seeking
- Fearful of germs and other health problems

The program is called **One Step At A Time** and involves:

- Comprehensive psychological assessment of your son / daughter's anxiety
- Seven sessions of online counselling through **video conferencing**
- Parent-focused cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT) skills to help you manage and support your child's anxiety
- Two combined parent-child sessions
- Reflective parenting strategies
- Access to a website that contains self-help materials to supplement therapy

Contact us

Referrals and enquires can be made by contacting the Swinburne Psychology Clinic on the details listed below.

Telephone: 03 9214 5528
Email: psychprojects@swin.edu.au

Cost
No fee until November 2021. \$10 per session/assessment after November 2021.



Scholastic Book Club – pick up times

A reminder that book club has arrived and is available to pick up from the office from 12 – 4pm Mon to Friday. Please pop by on your exercise hour and collect. Remember to QR code in before entering the office.

NAPLAN

Year 3 and 5 NAPLAN is available to pick up from the office between 12 – 4pm until next Wednesday 9th September. All uncollected envelopes will then be sent via post. As mentioned above – PLEASE KEEP IN SAFE PLACE AS GETTING A DUPLICATE CAN TAKE SOME TIME AND YOU MAY NEED THESE FOR HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATIONS.

Reminder - 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>

Community News:

Self contained studio unit available now for short or longer term rent - residential or creative space. Situated right next to APS on a family home block but completely separate with private balcony. New kitchenette and large bathroom. Happy to give more info over the phone and can be viewed on rental websites and Gumtree. \$325 per week all bills included with smart TV and fast internet, furnished or unfurnished. Call Helen on 0438 025 979.

Congratulations to all those students who have received a VIP Certificate recently!

Week 6

FCB	Frankie	Frankie always has a sunny smile on her face that lights up our classroom. You have shown our values of kindness and integrity this week, Well done!
	Lucas	You should feel so proud of your writing this week! You have shown great effort and determination in applying feedback. Well done Rock Star Lucas!
FSL	Lachlan	Lachlan, you have shown an amazing growth mindset with your learning. I am very proud of you for always trying your best! Keep up the great work!
2TH	Charlie	Charlie, you have shown great persistence with your online learning, asking questions and applying feedback! Well done on transitioning smoothly to the online learning space. Keep it up!
2TH	Millie	Millie, well done on settling into the online learning space so well! You are a valued member of the class who is always willing to share her knowledge to help her peers! Great work!
3AG	Anika	Your enthusiasm is quite infectious Anika. We love the energy and sense of fun you bring to our class meets:)
4BD	Mahir	Mahir, you continue to manage your learning with independence and maturity, as well as supporting your classmates with their questions and challenges.
4CS	Mariana	Mariana is a self-aware learner who has consistently sought and applied feedback during Remote Learning.

4LD	Max	Max, you've been fantastic this week. You've worked hard to complete tasks, are asking great questions and you're showing a growth mindset. Well done!
5DJ	Violet	You have shown outstanding integrity and curiosity during remote learning Violet. Thank you for always contributing to class discussions, and bringing a positive attitude to every meet.
6GB	Jojo	You always find a way to make your classmates and teachers laugh, no matter the circumstance!
6JN	Ruby	Always present, involved and curious, Ruby has put 100% effort into her learning over the last two weeks. Amazing work!

Week 7

FCB	Harry	Congratulations to you Harry! We love when you share your imagination and ideas. I can see how much effort you put into your learning. Keep it up!
FSL	Rose	Rose, you have been so incredibly brave with your learning. I am so proud of you and I love seeing you shine. You are always so kind to everyone and always show respect. Keep up the amazing work!
1DG	Amelia	Amelia is thoughtful, she helps others and will check-in on people to see if they are O.K. Her smile cheers us up in the remote classroom.
2TH	Max	Max, you are a bubbly and happy personality and we love having you in 2TH! You always help a friend in need when they are feeling down or need support. Please keep up your enthusiasm and curiosity in your learning!
2SE	Kiyan	You are a curious learner who consistently gives everything a go. We appreciate your enthusiasm, motivation and fun approach to everything we do in 2SE. Keep up the big effort!
2MT	Kiaan	Your positivity is infectious and your smile lights up our google meets. Thank you for having such a positive attitude and always trying your best with your learning. Well done.
3KR	Alastair	Alastair, your enthusiasm throughout Remote Learning is outstanding. Keep up the fantastic work.
3AG	Kierstin	Kierstin, I have been impressed with your organisational skills this week. You have come to all our meets with enthusiasm, ready to learn.
4CS	Angus	Angus is a compassionate, inclusive, and supportive member of 4C. Thank you for always looking out for others, especially when working onsite.
4LD	Dean	Dean, you've been an absolute superstar during this period of remote learning. You bring kindness and humour into our classroom everyday, and all of 4L love sharing their learning with you.
5JP	Xen	You have been working so well with your groups during remote learning, always putting in your best and keeping the group on task.
5WN	Eric	Eric you have been a superstar during remote learning. Attending all live sessions, handing in work to a high standard and working collaboratively in small groups.
5DJ	Tilly Kane	You have been an absolute superstar during remote learning Tilly, showing integrity and independence. Congratulations on another fantastic week of remote learning Kane. Your contributions during the mini meets have been outstanding.

6GB	Rory	You continually amaze us all with your unwavering kindness and positivity.
6JN	Mia	You radiate positivity and enthusiasm Mia- you always have a smile on your face and you work hard , asking questions and trying your best.

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

Book Week at APS was a huge success.

We had guest presenters, dress ups and fun activities for all!

A big thanks to our staff for all the book week activities.

A special mention to Lizzy for her work in getting book week up and running remotely this year.

Amendment to details for Book Purchasing

Apologies for this late amendment. Readings have been working on this for us. When filling in the delivery and postage please write:

"Books for donation to Alphington Primary from NAME. Please send to Kids Bookshop"

The wonderful folk that have already paid this extra cost, I am working on getting it refunded or collectively turned into more books that will include all the names who have donated so far.

Any queries or questions, please let me know.

Keep the book orders coming! We are building up our library with some wonderful literature.

A huge thank you to everyone.

Lizzy Ferguson

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.

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.

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:

<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.

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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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SEPTEMBER 10 • 6:00 PM
ALPHINGTON PARK
COMMUNITY EVENT

