



Edition 9 - 2023

Wednesday 29 March 2023

## **TERM 1 2023**

Thu 02 March		District Swimming
Thu 30 March		Regional Swimming
Wed 05 April	2.15pm-3.30pm	Family Mathematics Afternoon - <b>All Welcome!</b>
Thu 06 April	2.30pm	Last Day Term 1 (Please note early dismissal - <b>2.30pm</b> )

## **TERM 2 2023**

Mon 24 April		<b>STUDENT FREE DAY</b>
Tue 25 April		Anzac Day Public Holiday
Wed 26 April		Students Commence Term 2
Thu 04 May		APS Fun Run
Mon 15 May		Education Week - "Active Learners: Move, Make, Motivate"
Wed 17 May		APS OPEN DAY
Fri 19 May		<b>STUDENT FREE DAY</b> - Common Professional Practice Day
Mon 12 June		King's Birthday Public Holiday
Fri 23 June	2.30pm	Last Day Term 2 (Please note early dismissal - <b>2.30pm</b> )

## **TERM 3 2023**

Mon 10 July		<b>STUDENT FREE DAY</b>
Tue 11 July		Students Commence Term 3
Tues 18 July - 21 July		Ski Camp (Tuesday - Friday)
Fri 15 Sept	2.30pm	Last Day Term 3 (Please note early dismissal - <b>2.30pm</b> )

## **TERM 4 2023**

Mon 2 October		Students Commence Term 4
Thu 26 October		Prep - Year 1 Concert TBC
Mon 6 November		<b>STUDENT FREE DAY</b>
Tue 7 November		Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Mon 4 December		Year 6 Camp
Wed 20 December	1.30pm	Last Day Term 4 (Please note early dismissal - <b>1.30pm</b> )

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

### **School Council approved 'Student Free Days' in 2023.**

**Monday 24 April (day before ANZAC day and is the first day of term 2)**

**Friday 19 May (Common Professional Practice Day)**

**Monday 10 July (first day of term 3)**

**Monday 6 November (day before Cup Day).**

**3-Way Conference Day TBC (August)**

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

## **Principal Update – Melissa Mackenzie**

We've had another busy week with many things happening across the school and yet the students continue to do their best learning and are settled and focused in the classrooms. We celebrated Harmony Week last week and hope that all students have a greater appreciation for each other and the values we hold high here at APS. We really encourage students to take an active role in their school and provide them with opportunities to have a voice. We have a group of students working on the ongoing problem of ball games on the centre turf. They have decided to elicit ideas from students about how this area can be safer for all. The 'low and slow' rule is difficult to follow they tell me and so we are working on a solution together.

Next Wednesday is our Family Maths afternoon. At 2:15 parents are invited into the staff centre to hear about how we teach maths and see some students in action. Following this, parents will have the opportunity to visit classrooms and see maths in action. We have planned this to be both informative and fun for all involved and so we are hoping that most families will be able to have someone attend.

Unfortunately, we have had a number of our older students bringing Prime drink to school. My understanding is that there are two versions- a hydrating version available from supermarkets and a caffeinated version marketed as an energy drink that is available online. I would like you to support us in our pursuit of health and wellbeing for all and ensure your children understand the dangers of consuming caffeinated drinks. We are reminding students that the only drink we recommend at school is water.

As we are all feeling tired and winding down to the end of term, please take care and enjoy your week.

*Melissa Mackenzie*  
Principal

## **Assistant Principal Update – Shane Wilkie**

Welcome to week 9. We have a very busy last 7 days left for the term. Tomorrow, we have students off to Watermarc in Greensborough for the Regional Swimming Competition. On Friday, some of our Year 6 students will be competing in the Round Robin Soccer Competition. Next week we have our first House Event for 2023 led by our Student Leaders, Team Tuesday. Next Wednesday is our Family Mathematics afternoon and Friday is our last day of term with an earlier, 2:30pm finish.

**Class Liaisons:** Class liaison parents fulfil an important social and cultural role within our school community. The role is essentially a link between parents in the class, in relation to school social events, and between parents and school committees and sub committees. Communication involves the organisation and management of such events, being cognisant of privacy and confidentiality.

The tasks typically carried out each year include:

- Organising a social evening or occasion for the parents of the class on occasions throughout the year
- Coordinating acknowledgement of teachers work on behalf of teachers. E.g. World Teacher's Day
- Coordinating assistance at other school events, if requested, including events organised by the Community Events & Fundraising Committee
- Encouraging parent participation at social events organised by the school community e.g. collecting names for a class table at a Trivia Night event
- Disseminate information/requests in relation to school events e.g. costumes for school concerts.

We are still seeking class liaisons for the following classes:

- 6J    - 5C    - 4B    - 3S    -3M

### **APS Family Mathematics Afternoon - Wednesday 5 April 2:15-3:30**

You are invited to attend our 2023 Family Mathematics Afternoon.

On Wednesday 5 April we will be holding an open mathematics afternoon so families can learn a bit more about the teaching of mathematics.

The afternoon will commence with an introduction to Maths @ APS on Level 1 of the Main Administration building. During this session we will outline how we teach mathematics with a couple of little tasks thrown in. Following the introduction session, families will be invited to visit classrooms and join in with a mathematics lesson. The purpose of this is for families to get involved with their children solving mathematical problems. We look forward to seeing you.

**Term 1 Spelling PLC:** Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) are an approach to school improvement where groups of teachers work collaboratively at the school level to improve student outcomes.

Professional Learning Community (PLC) schools start from a simple idea: students learn more when their teachers work together.

Building a PLC is a proven way for schools to increase student learning by creating a culture that is:

- focussed on continuous improvement by linking the learning needs of students with the professional learning and practice of teachers.
- committed to professionalism.
- fuelled by collaborative expertise.

Following our professional learning around spelling this term, year level teams focussed on how best to implement the SMART Spelling program to ensure students were efficiently able to develop the metalanguage of spelling (phoneme, grapheme, graph, digraph, trigraph, segmenting, blending) and the explicit teaching sequence when introducing the weekly spelling focus.

Last week during our staff meeting, teams shared their successes with the implementation. Staff reported:

- Students are more engaged during spelling lessons and when completing independent activities.
- Staff have a deeper understanding of linguistics and how to teach spelling.
- Students are taking more risks when spelling and sounding out unknown words, using the metalanguage of spelling to explain their thinking and justify their spelling choices.

*Have a great week everyone!*

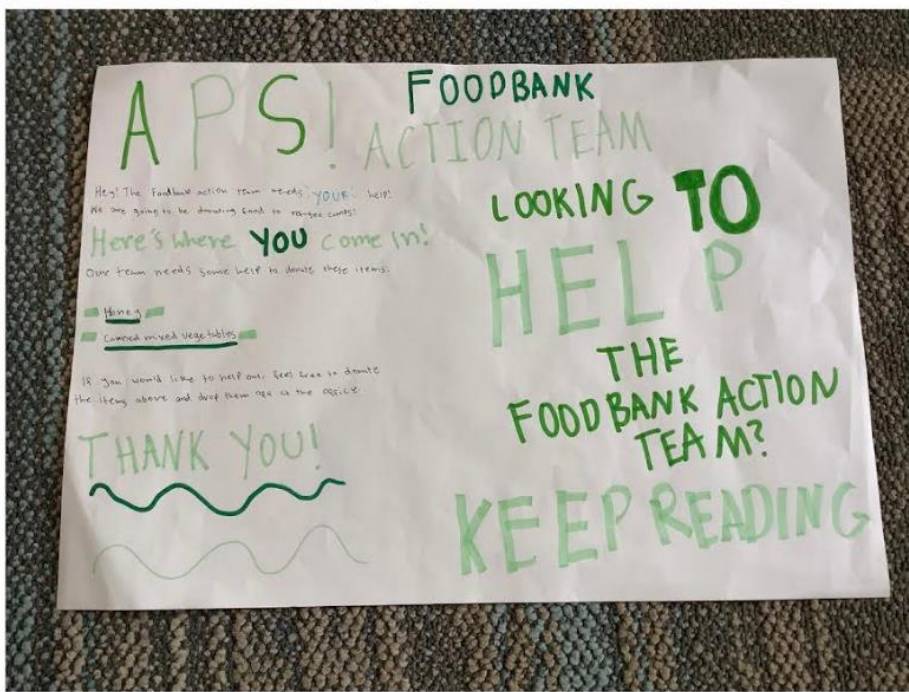
*Shane Wilkie - Assistant Principal*

Hi we are Issy and Jess and we are from 6A, next week a group of year 6s will be coming around to all classes and selling Anzac Day items. The prices will range from 1 to 10 dollars and we will come around multiple times so don't worry if you forget. We have badges, key rings, pens and bracelets.

All money will be donated to the Anzac Appeal so we appreciate any donations.

Thank you

Jess and Issy





## Assembly speech

Issy: Blue cece: Green

Here is a copy of the speech that we made at assembly. We would love it if you could support the Food Bank Action Team by sending in your donation of honey and tinned mixed vegetables

Hi we are Issy and cece

We come from the food bank action team

We are here to let you know that we have decided to support the refugee centre.

Refugees are people who have to leave their home country because it is unsafe and travel somewhere else safe. Hey Issy, why do we need to help the refugees if they are safe?

Well it is quite simple. They have just come to Australia and they have no food.

Why can't they buy some?

Because they speak little or no English, it's hard for them to get a job so they can't buy enough food.

So we need our school to help the refugees by donating food.

The food we need are canned mixed vegetables and honey.

So all YOU need to do is go home and tell your parents and guardians that we need canned mixed vegetables and honey and then them into school.

The area just outside the office has 3 boxes in the corner on the right.

They are clearly labelled what they are 1 for honey and 2 and 3 for canned mixed vegetables

Please bring your donations in over the next few weeks, before the end of term.

Early in term 2 we will be contacting the refugee centre to organise a time for our donation to be collected.

BYE

### **OHMP – MUSIC PROGRAM**

#### **Interested in singing lessons?**

The APS Out of Hours Music Program (OHMP) has received recent enquiries for singing lessons. The Committee would be delighted to expand the program to include voice.

If you are interested in singing lessons for your child, please let us know. It is easier to attract teachers if we have 4-5 students interested.

OHMP Committee

[AlphPS.Music@gmail.com](mailto:AlphPS.Music@gmail.com)



**Canteen tomorrow – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Items prices between 50c and \$1.50**  
**Moosies, Frozen Fruit Cups, Zooper Doopers.**  
**(No chips left)**

**Fairfield Primary School is holding their school fair – come join the fun!**

- **When:** Saturday 1 April, from 12 – 5pm.
- **What's on offer:** delicious food, bar, rides, sports clinics, books, silent disco,
  - face painting, cakes, entertainment and a [raffle](#).
- **Tickets:** Pre-purchase [wristbands & fair tickets](#). These can also be purchased on fair day.
- **FYI:** The fair will be mostly cashless this year with EFTPOS facilities available.





**THORBURY HIGH SCHOOL**

# OPEN NIGHT

**WEDNESDAY 29 MARCH**

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**ACHIEVING CONNECTING ENGAGING**

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THORBURY HIGH SCHOOL



## NETSETGO

*is back in TERM 2*

**STARTS FRIDAY 5 MAY 2023**  
**3.45PM-4.30PM**  
**FAIRFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Net Set Go is a great way for children aged 5-10 to have fun with their friends, keep active and learn the basic skills of netball in a safe and social environment.

Each week your child will take part in skill-based activities, minor games and modified matches that will help them develop fundamental movement skills, as well as important social skills like team work.

The 7 week program will run on Fridays in Term 2 and all participants receive a Participant Pack, which includes a size 4 netball and a t-shirt – all for \$90



**Register Now!**

To register your interest please email the following details to the Parkside Netball Club at [parksidenetballcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:parksidenetballcommittee@gmail.com):

- Child's Name & Date of Birth
- School & Grade
- Parent's Name, Mobile and Email



**CONTACT US** Carly Kluge 0417 592 732 [www.parksidenetballclub.org.au](http://www.parksidenetballclub.org.au)



**FITZROY HIGH SCHOOL**

## OPEN DAY | April 3

**9.15 - 10.45am**  
**TOUR 1**  
 Fitzroy High School  
 7-10 and the Wurun Senior Campus

**12 - 1.30pm**  
**TOUR 2**  
 Fitzroy High School  
 7-10 and the Wurun Senior Campus

**6.30 - 7.30pm**  
 Information evening at  
**Fitzroy High School**  
 7-10 Campus  
 + short twilight tour

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Experience our innovative and dynamic learning environment in action at our year 7-10 **Fitzroy High School** campus and then walk with us through Edinburgh Gardens to the **Wurun Senior campus** for a tour and Q & A.



# Princes Hill Secondary College

invites prospective Year 7, 2024 students and families to the

## Information Evening

Date: **Tuesday 2nd May, 2023**

Session 1: 5:00pm- 6:00pm or  
Session 2: 6:30pm-7:30pm

Venue: 47 Arnold St, Princes Hill.

*All welcome!*



Join us at the  
**Bunnings**  
*Easter Bunny Hop*

**FREE**

**A free family event with entertainment and D.I.Y.**  
Date: Thursday 30th of March 2023  
Time: 6-8pm.

**Activities and fun for the whole family**  
Join us for a FREE family event with lots of entertainment for all, a KIDS Easter themed D.I.Y craft and FREE face painting.  
Native Animals, Easter egg hunt, Free sausage sizzle, popcorn and LOTS more.....

Refer to your local store for details and book your spot using the QR Code above.

For more information contact us on 84812800 or visit [www.bunnings.com.au/fairfield](http://www.bunnings.com.au/fairfield)

**BUNNINGS**  
warehouse

**NORTHCOTE HIGH SCHOOL**

**OPEN MORNING**

**THURSDAY 27th APRIL 2023**  
**9.15am - 11.30am**  
Come and see our school in action!

- Student-led tours
- Principal's presentation; 9.20am and 10.20am
- Information hub 11 am - 11.30am

6.20pm: Online presentation (repeat session from morning)

Bookings only required for Principal's presentation due to seating capacity.  
[Click here to reserve your seat.](#)



NOTICE - ALLERGY - Please ensure all food is nut free



### Monday 10 April

#### PUBLIC HOLIDAY

SERVICE CLOSED



### Monday 17 April

#### CHALLENGE THE EDUCATORS

IN-SERVICE

Today it's your turn to be the educator! Put your educators through their paces with various challenges and activities. Let's get creative!

Do you know our 5 senses? Can you dodge enough balls? Who can draw the best? Come and join the fun today!



### Tuesday 11 April

#### AUTUMN FESTIVAL

IN-SERVICE

Today we're getting in the spirit of Autumn. Join your friends at OSHC for a fun festival to celebrate all things Autumn!

Play carnival games, make crystal Autumn leaves and warm your belly with apple turnovers!



### Tuesday 18 April

#### MONSTER MASH

IN-SERVICE

It's a mash, it's a monster mash! Lets mash it up and create some mashed up monster crafts today.

Release your inner beast with monster stew, balloon squish monsters, and spooky sensory bags with slimy eyes.



### Wednesday 12 April

#### GOTTA CATCH 'EM ALL!

IN-SERVICE

Charmander's are red. Squirtle's are blue. If you were a Pokémon, I'd choose you!

Hello Pokémon trainers! Today we collect Pokémon cards, battle it out, and catch some of our own Pokémon!



### Wednesday 19 April

IN + \$12.00

#### SPLASH FUN

INCURSION - SPLASHTIME FUN

Are you ready to run the water gauntlet, empty the bucket, try your luck at water pistol target and just get wet? If this sounds like you, then be sure to bring a change of clothes for some splash time fun!



Bring a change of clothes today

### Thursday 13 April

IN + \$15.00

#### MASTER BUILDERS

INCURSION - SELF GUIDED: BACK TO SCHOOL BUNDLE

Always be a class act with this super cool Back-To-School DIY colour in pencil case, and lunch box.



### Thursday 20 April

#### SECRET SPY

IN-SERVICE

Gather up your spy glass and follow the clues to find the answer to the mysteries you will get to solve today!

Create your own spy badge, find clues to escape the room and write invisible messages to your co-agents.



### Friday 14 April

EX + \$43.00

#### READY, SET, ROLL

EXCURSION - RIVERSLIDE SKATE PARK AND ALEXANDRA GARDENS

Learn the skill of skateboarding at Riverside Skate Park. Top quality boards and Protection gear supplied. We will follow our lesson with a picnic lunch in Alexander gardens, please remember to pack your lunch today.



Arrive by 8.30am

### Friday 21 April

#### LEST WE FORGET

IN-SERVICE

Let's join together to remember the spirit of ANZAC. Together we will celebrate courage, mateship and sacrifice, while connecting to the past.

Explore the history of ANZACs with poppies, classic ANZAC biscuits, and art work to commemorate the date.





# YEAR 7 ENROLMENTS

LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE FOR 2024

Applications now open for 2025

To submit an application visit [marcellin.vic.edu.au](http://marcellin.vic.edu.au)

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## KAT AND GED'S BIG EASTER EGG HUNT



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Kat Theophanous  
& Ged Kearney for  
a morning of family  
fun, friendly chats  
and chocolate!

Gold coin  
donation  
to the  
Royal Children's  
Hospital  
Good Friday  
Appeal

All Nations  
Park Playground  
Northcote  
2nd April 2023  
11AM start

REGISTER HERE



**Kat**  
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things  
done.

**GED**

Together for better

[www.kattheophanous.com.au/easter-egg-hunt-2023](http://www.kattheophanous.com.au/easter-egg-hunt-2023)



## HIP HOP, CHOIR & BALLET AT APS LUNCHTIMES

1:30 to 2:30pm, Performing Arts Room

Prep to 6 Choir: 1.30pm Mon  
Prep to 2 Ballet: 1.30pm Tues (2 places av.)  
Prep to 2 Hip hop: 1.30pm Fri (5 places av.)

or Join the 3.30pm walking bus for Grade 3 to 6 classes on  
Mon, Wed, Thurs, Sat

Book your free trial  
[www.StageworksAcademy.au](http://www.StageworksAcademy.au)

Or call Katrina Post 0403156920  
BA.Dance (VCA), BA.Teaching, AMUS (AMEB) VIT  
registered



## Parkside Junior Football Club

Thinking of playing footy this season? We are especially looking for U8s boys and U10 girls to fill our teams at Parkside. You can register on

PlayHQ <https://www.playhq.com/afl/org/parkside-junior-football-club/2c5866c5/register>

## Triple P Fear Less Group Program

A free online six-session parenting program for parents of children experiencing anxiety. Open to parents living in the Cities of Darebin, Yarra, Banyule, Nillumbik and Whittlesea.

Fear-Less Triple P supports parents to learn new strategies for managing their child's anxiety. This program is for parents that are concerned about their child's anxiety that would like to learn strategies they can put in place to support the wellbeing of their child and the family.

Content is suited to parents or caregivers of children aged from 6 to 14 years.

### The topics covered in this program include:

- Understanding how anxiety works,
- Becoming the best possible model of anxiety management for their children,
- Becoming effective emotion coaches,
- Understanding and teaching the value of flexible thinking,
- Managing their children's anxiety effectively, and
- Using constructive coping.

This program will be run in a group setting online with other parents. It will include 6 x 1.5 hour weekly sessions

### All families involved will receive:

- Triple P Fear Less Parent Workbook
- Parent Pack – including resources for both children and parents to help implement strategies from program
- A \$50 Booktopia voucher to purchase any additional resources

### How to make an enquiry:

Contact Georgia from the Triple P team by emailing [triplep@berrystreet.org.au](mailto:triplep@berrystreet.org.au) with your name and contact number or call our office on 03 9450 4700 (ask to be put in contact with Georgia) to book a time to complete enrolment. Enrolment enquiries must be sent before 12:00pm on 1/May/23, however group capacity may be reached before this date.

### Dates\*:

Session 1: 9/ May/23  
Session 2: 16/May/23  
Session 3: 23/May/23  
Session 4: 30/May/23  
Session 5: 6/June/23  
Session 6: 13/June/23

**Location:** Online via Zoom

**Time:** 10:00-11:30 am

\* Please note attendance to all sessions is required.

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Children,  
Young People,  
Families &  
Their Future.



