



## **TERM 2 2023**

Thu 04 May	11.30am - 1.30pm	APS Fun Run @ Alphington Park
Mon 15 May		Education Week - "Active Learners: Move, Make, Motivate"
Tue 16 May	6.30pm	School Council
Wed 17 May	2.30pm - 3.15pm	<b>APS OPEN AFTERNOON - For Current and Prospective Parents</b>
Thu 18 May		District Cross Country
Fri 19 May		<b>STUDENT FREE DAY</b> - Common Professional Practice Day
Fri 26 May		National Sorry Day
Mon 29 May		Reconciliation Week
Wed 31 May		Divisional Cross Country
Wed 07 June	3.45pm - 5.45pm	STEM EXPO
Mon 12 June		King's Birthday Public Holiday
Wed 14 June		Regional Cross Country
Fri 16 June		Student Reports available on Compass
Tue 20 June	6.30pm	School Council
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)
Tue 25 July	6.30pm	School Council
Wed 02 August		APS Senior Athletics
Mon 21 August		District Athletics
Tue 22 August	6.30pm	School Council
Wed 06 September		Division Athletics
Mon 11 September		Year 4 Camp - Return Wednesday 13th September
Fri 15 September	2.30pm	Last Day Term 3 (Please note early dismissal - <b>2.30pm</b> )

## **TERM 4 2023**

Mon 2 October		Students Commence Term 4
Wed 11 October		Regional Athletics
Mon 23 October		Year 3 Camp - Arrabri - Return Tuesday 24th October
Thu 26 October		Prep - Year 1 Concert TBC
Mon 6 November		<b>STUDENT FREE DAY</b>
Tue 7 November		Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Thu 16 November		Year 2 Sleepover TBC
Sun 19 November		Alphington Park Wetlands Festival
Mon 20 November		Year 1 and Year 2 Swimming Program begins (Mondays and Wednesdays)
Tue 28 November		Year 5 Camp - Portsea - Return Friday 1st December
Mon 4 December		Year 6 Camp - Return Thursday 7th December
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.**

**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

Every week at APS is full of fun learning and curricular activities that keep us all engaged. Tomorrow we will all go across to the park for our Annual **Fun Run**. While this is designed to select those older students who want to take part in cross-country, it is also about getting together in our Houses, building support and encouragement for each other, and participating in a run around the park. We encourage students to come dressed in their House colours and invite parents to come and support if they are able. The weather has turned in the last few days so please ensure your child has appropriate labelled clothing. The House Captains will be leading the warm up and House chants to keep everyone engaged through the session.

I have written before about the **School Review** that is happening across this term and next. Part of the review involves gathering feedback and ideas from all stakeholders and reflecting on what has been achieved over the last four years. I have attached a link to a Google form where you can make comment from your perspective. Please consider contributing to this form as we value your input. The form is only three short answer questions: what has been a highlight over the past four years? What has enabled the highlight to happen? And could this highlight be enhanced? The Education Subcommittee will collate the responses, and this will inform the self-evaluation that we are in the process of completing. This link will remain open until the 17 May. Please take the time to complete this.

### **Link for Google for: APS Highlights**

<https://forms.gle/wADTcWiYiWPpKMek7>

Now is a good time to remind parents that we have a number of students who are **anaphylactic** and/or have **allergies**. We have several strategies in place including educating the students on not sharing food, reminders to wash hands, and instructions on what to do if they notice someone having a reaction. Please continue to support us by reminding your child not to share food, alert the teacher if your child has nuts in their food and check with your class teacher for the process if you are providing birthday treats. The full policy is available on the school website.

On Wednesday 17 May at 2.30pm we will celebrate **Education Week** by having our Annual **OPEN AFTERNOON** with an opening of all classrooms for current **AND** prospective parents to visit. We hope that many of you will come and watch learning in action from 2:30-3:15pm.

We passed on our congratulations on behalf of the APS community to Brody who welcomed daughter Daisy into his family recently and Emma who welcomed her daughter, Billie into her family. All are reportedly doing well.

Have a lovely week.

*Melissa Mackenzie*  
*Principal*

## Assistant Principal Update – Shane Wilkie

I hope everyone has settled back into the routine of school following the Easter Break. On Friday we held our Anzac Day commemoration as part of our weekly assembly. It was a wonderful commemorative service led by our Year 6 Student Leaders. A special acknowledgement to all students, who demonstrated wonderful respect and listening for the duration of the assembly.

**Wellbeing Student Data:** As part of our continued work to support students' well-being and achievement of the personal and social capability curriculum, staff have been analysing student data gathered through our end of Term 1 Wellbeing Check-in. The termly survey provides insight into how students are feeling about school from both a personal and interconnected sense.

Our School Leadership and Improvement Teams have identified two main priorities for Term 2:

- *Continuing to strategically develop whole school consistent approaches to respect for others and bullying – see information below about the Bully Stoppers program.*
- *Explicitly teaching what respect looks like in the classroom, in the playground and in specialist lessons. And ensuring we act with integrity towards all staff.*



**Bully Stoppers Program:** Bully Stoppers supports all members of the school community to understand, prevent and respond to bullying.

The 3 main features of bullying are:

- the misuse of power in a relationship
- it is ongoing and repeated
- it involves behaviours that can cause harm.

Bullying can happen at home, at school or online. It is never okay, and it is not a normal part of growing up. The Bully Stoppers online toolkit supports teachers, principals, parents and carers, and students to work together to help prevent and respond to bullying.

**APS FUN RUN:** Tomorrow we will hold our APS Fun Run. For students in Years 3-6, the event is also an opportunity to trial for the District Cross Country Team. All times for these students are recorded, and the 10 fastest students for each age group will be selected to compete at the District Cross Country event.

Students will run in house groups again this year, with lots of fun, support, and friendly competition.

A big thank you and acknowledgement those parents who have volunteered to support on the day.

Our PE teacher, Megan, has done a fabulous job in organising the event. District trials will be held on Thursday 18 May.

*Have a great week everyone.*

*Shane Wilkie*

*Assistant Principal*

## **OPEN DAY – Wednesday 17th MAY – From 2.30pm**

On Wednesday 17th May at **2.30pm** we will celebrate **Education Week** by having our Annual **OPEN AFTERNOON** with an opening of all classrooms for current **AND** prospective parents to visit. We hope that many of you will come and watch learning in action from 2:30-3:15pm. The Year 6's will lead School Tours for prospective families only and current families are welcome to visit their children's classroom to share what they are doing in class.

## Scholastic Book Club

Issue 3 is now open for ordering. Please follow the link below to order your books.

[LOGIN \(scholastic.com.au\)](https://www.scholastic.com.au)

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## Library News

Afternoon folks,

The 2023 **Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge** is now open. The Challenge is an opportunity for all students to let their imaginations run wild and continue being the voracious readers that I thoroughly love. Alphington students borrow, read and devour all the books on offer here in the library, so why not log them and have fun doing it.

All Alphington students have been activated in the Premiers' Reading Challenge. Your child will receive their username and password to login and start adding their books. You can access your child's dashboard through this link:

<https://www.vic.gov.au/register-and-log-in-premiers-reading-challenge>

When you come to Student login, click on the VPRC login and then enter username and password.

For students from Prep to Year 2, the challenge is to read or experience 30 books. For students from Year 3 to Year 6, the challenge is to read 15 books. There is a comprehensive list of all of the books in the challenge. You can also read books not on the list and your helpful librarian will add them for you. Read a book you wouldn't normally read and, you never know, it might be your new favourite. Below is the link for the books:

<https://www.vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge-book-lists>

If you have any questions, feel free to email me and hopefully I can be a solver of the problems.

[elizabeth.ferguson2@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:elizabeth.ferguson2@education.vic.gov.au)

Make overdue books a thing of the past and return those books. Happy reading folks!

P.S Everyone will be pleased to know that Bumaggedon is on the list. Phew!

Lizzy Ferguson

# A.P.S FUN RUN 2023



When: Thursday 4th May

Where: Alphington Park Oval

Time: 11:40am - 1:30pm

Dress: House Colours

## Purpose:

While the emphasis of this event is participation, fun and whole school engagement, the Fun Run is also an opportunity for students in Year 3-6 to trial for our District Cross Country Team. On the day students will participate in house groups.

## Distances:

- 1-2 laps of the oval - Foundation - Year 2
- 2km - Year 3/4
- 3km - Year 5/6

## Parent Helpers:

Support is required to set up and label the course as well as to track student laps and with timing. If you are available to support with this event please complete the form attached to the permission slip, which will be sent home with your child, or contact Megan directly. All volunteers must have a current Working With Children's Check and sign a copy of the Child Safe Standards Code of Conduct.

Kind regards,

Megan Tsilemanis

Sports Coordinator & PE Teacher

[megan.tsilemanis@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:megan.tsilemanis@education.vic.gov.au)





## HIP HOP, CHOIR & BALLET AT APS LUNCHTIMES

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

Prep to 6 Choir: 1.30pm Mon (6 places av.)

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





# 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)

## Tuning in to Teens™ Workshop series

Would you like to be better equipped to support your child as they navigate adolescence and build their independence?

**Join our workshop series and learn to:**

- better understand and help your child navigate this important developmental phase
- strengthen your relationship with your child
- coach your child to manage strong emotions like worry, anger and sadness
- build your child's problem solving, conflict resolution, and resilience skills
- help your child develop healthy friendships.

Tuning in to Teens™ teaches parents how to help their children develop emotional intelligence.

This key skill can help them to cope better with emotions, better engage in learning, improve their mental health, and have more stable and satisfying relationships.

**Facilitators**

- Naomi Gilbert, Relationships Australia Victoria
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**Ideal for**

Parents and carers of year 5-6 students who live or study in the City of Yarra.

This program is delivered by Relationships Australia Victoria as part of Yarra Communities that Care.

**When**

Wednesdays in 2023 from 10am - 12pm on:

- 10 May
- 31 May
- 17 May
- 7 June
- 24 May
- 14 June.

It is important to attend all 6 sessions. Your co-parent cannot attend in your place.

**Where**

Bargoonga Ngarjin  
North Fitzroy Library  
182 St Georges Road  
North Fitzroy

**Cost**

\$110 each, or \$170 for a caregiver pair.  
Free for Health Care Card holders.

**Register now**

Bookings are essential as places are limited. To register, visit [tint-fitzroy.eventbrite.com.au](http://tint-fitzroy.eventbrite.com.au)

A brief telephone assessment will be held before the program starts, to confirm that it is suitable for your circumstances.

To find out more, contact Naomi Gilbert, Community Liaison Officer at Relationships Australia Victoria, on 0488 688 908.

We acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the Traditional Owners of the lands and waterways of Australia.

We support Aboriginal people's right to self-determination and culturally safe services.

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