



TERM 2 2023

Mon 15 May		Education Week - "Active Learners: Move, Make, Motivate"
Tue 16 May	6.30pm	School Council
Wed 17 May	2.30pm - 3.15pm	APS OPEN AFTERNOON - All current and prospective parents are welcome.
Thu 18 May		District Cross Country
Fri 19 May		STUDENT FREE DAY - 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 - 2.30pm)

TERM 3 2023

Mon 10 July		STUDENT FREE DAY
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 - 2.30pm)

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		STUDENT FREE DAY
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 - 1.30pm)

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.

Principal Update – Melissa Mackenzie

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 form: APS Highlights

<https://forms.gle/majJ4Q7EUjqkz4Er5>

The Education Communication subcommittee of School Council met last night. We looked at the Strategic Plan goals and the targets that were set in 2019. The staff have completed an extensive review of the data and are compiling a report that will be presented to the panel who will complete the review process in term 3. The panel is made up of an independent reviewer employed by the Education Department, our Senior Education Improvement Leader, two Challenge partners who are local Principals, myself, Shane and a School Council representative. The panel will spend three days in the school verifying our report and shaping future goals for the school.

One of the data sets used is the number of Year 3 and 5 students who performed in the top 2 NAPLAN bands in 2022. Here is the data.

	Year 3	Year 5
Reading	90%	68%
Writing	69%	44%
Numeracy	67%	51%

90% of our Year 3 students performing in the Top 2 bands is an amazing result. We are compared against similar schools and in every case, we performed better than similar schools. We are very proud of this data and take this as an indication that the programs we implement and the teaching strategies we are using are making a difference to the students at APS. There will be more about the review process in future newsletters. The Strategic Plan is on the website if you would like to read it.

Next week is Education Week - APS OPEN AFTERNOON: we will be celebrating learning on Wednesday afternoon at 2:30-3:15pm when we open the doors for our OPEN AFTERNOON and invite both current and prospective families into classrooms to see learning in action. Please come along if you are able, your children would love to see you or someone in your family. We have advertised in local pre-schools and usually have a lot of families attending. There will be tours run by our Year 6 students for prospective families.

Next Tuesday the staff will acknowledge the work of our Education Support (ES) staff with a morning tea on World Education Support Day. Our ES team- Liliana, Lauren, Lizzy and Andrew all do an amazing job with supporting students and keeping the school ticking along. Our thanks will be shared with them on Tuesday.

Reminder: Next Friday 19 May is our common Professional Practice Day. Students are not required at school. Teachers will be onsite completing analysis of assessments and gathering data for report writing.

Have a nice week.

*Melissa Mackenzie
Principal*

Assistant Principal Update – Shane Wilkie

Welcome to week 3 of Term 3. I trust everyone has had an enjoyable week. This week teachers are beginning to plan the next phase of this term's teaching and learning cycle, considering timelines for assessing student learning. This is an important time in the term as we establish the next learning goals for students and check their understanding against curriculum goals set out in the term unit planning. This data will also influence teacher's reporting.

Semester 1 Reporting: Reports will be sent home via Compass on Friday 16 June. Teachers will be preparing reports between Weeks 3 and 8. Families will receive information about reports in the coming weeks. The semester reports will have two main areas for the class teacher to provide information to families. The first is what the student has achieved. This is where teachers provide details as to what the student has achieved across the curriculum areas of English, Mathematics, Integrated Inquiry, and comments on each student's personal and social development. The second box will provide families with areas for improvement, with details as to how this can be achieved.

District Cross Country: The Ivanhoe District Cross Country will be held on Thursday 18 May at Chelsworth Park. The top 10 fastest times in the boys and girls 9, 10, 11 and 12 age groups have been selected and will have received their permission forms via Compass.

Through discussion with Megan and the class teachers, and weather dependent we have planned to hold training sessions during lunch on Thursday and then a follow up session next week on either Monday or Tuesday. Sessions will be approximately 15-20 minutes in length – with activities focussing on race strategy and simulating the length and intensity of the 2km and 3km distances and students' times.

Upcoming Curriculum Events

Science Works: Year 3 students are today on an excursion to Science Works. They will explore the museum and undertake some laboratory sessions exploring the Sun, Earth, and moon.

Bundoora Park Farm: Next Tuesday 16 May, Year 4 students will be visiting Bundoora Park Farm as part of their Integrated Inquiry learning. They will undertake a ride through the wildlife reserve to learn about emus and kangaroos. Do some Hands-on Garden learning, including composting, worm farms & planting. And finally, scone making, which the children will eat at the end of the program.

The Year 4 Team are still seeking at least two more parent volunteers to attend the excursion. Please see Cassidy (4C) or Jacqui (4B) if you can attend.

STEM Expo: Our annual Science & Technology Expo will be held on Wednesday 7 June. Students in Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 will be working on projects in class as part of their Term 2 Integrated Inquiry Unit. Students in Year 3-6 will also be working on STEM Expo projects in class, however some students in these year levels may have additional tasks to complete as home learning. More information about the STEM Expo will be shared in the coming weeks.

Year 6 Action Teams: Students in Year 6 have continued to develop their Action Teams programs in supporting our local Early Childhood Education providers. Last Friday a group of students visited Yarralea Kindy and lead a range of activities as part of their action plan to give back to our local community. Today we had a group of kindergarten children from Smart Start childcare attend our school and another Action Team lead these children through several games and activities. We are extremely proud of how confident and comfortable students are when working with the younger students, and the time and effort they have put in to supporting and preparing activities.

Have a great week everyone!

Shane Wilkie

Assistant Principal

Sporting School Victoria (SSV) - Team Vic

Hi APS Families,

As some of you may/may not already know, Alphington Primary School is a member of School Sports Victoria (SSV). SSV offers students many opportunities to compete in sports beyond APS. For example, from Year 3 - 6 selected students compete in swimming, cross country and athletics. The level of competition ranges from District, Division, Regionals, all the way up to State.

SSV also has a Team Vic representative program, which provides a development platform for Victorian students to challenge themselves against Australia's best school aged athletes across numerous sports at the annual School Sport Australia (SSA) Championships. SSV coordinates the selection process for Team Vic teams in partnership with relevant state sporting organisations.

At APS we recommend that any students wishing to register to try out for Team Vic play their sport outside of school. Families should first speak to their child's coach about their suitability to trial as they have the best understanding of the child's ability in that sport. Please note that students who are endorsed are generally outstanding players in their sport.

Depending on the sport and team, the selection process involves either:

- Progressive or conference model
- State trial/s
- Results from event/s
- Based on rankings/results or talent identification program

To be eligible for selection, students must:

- be a full-time student that attends school regularly with School Sport Victoria member school;
- have their registration endorsed by their school Principal;
- be available to attend selection trials and training sessions; and
- meet the costs of participation.

If you are interested in learning more about Team Vic please go to the SSV website:

<https://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/team-vic>

or contact Andrew Comley from Team Vic.

Andrew Comley

Location: School Sport Victoria

Telephone: (03) 9084 9001 Option 2

Email: ssv.teamvic@education.vic.gov.au

Address: PO Box 13, Coburg, Victoria, 3058

Kind regards,

Megan Tsilemanis

Sports Coordinator and PE Teacher

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CANTEEN OPEN TOMORROW THURSDAY 11th MAY 2023

Moosies, Zooper Doopers, Juice Cups, Vegie Snaps and Crackers

Prices range between 50c and 1.50c

A.P.S FUN RUN 2023

As you know, last Thursday was the school Fun Run. It was fantastic to see so many house colours and you could feel the excitement in the air. Students cheered loudly from the side lines as each year level participated in their part of the day. Congratulations to everyone who participated, you should be very proud of your efforts.

Thank you to all of the parent helpers who helped make the event a success.

The following students were the fastest 10 for their age group and have qualified to compete in District Cross Country Championships, which will be held on Thursday 18th May @ Chelsworth park from 9:30am - 12:30pm.

Under 10s		Under 11s		Under 12/13s	
Sienna	Rhys	Rani	Gus	Frankie	Sam
Vaiva	Harrison	Amelia	Heath	Mali	Angus
Sophie	Gus	Audrey H	Vincent	Eve	Evan F
Grace Conticello	Jacob	Tallulah	Jem	Stella	George
Aria	James Haslock	Ema	Matthew W	Georgie	Ted
Ella Stray	Will	Alice	Noah S	Ornella	Ned
Clementine O	Sam Eager	Maya	Alastair	Phoebe	Logan
Grace Perry	Liam Taylor	Kaylan	Connor	Clio	Miles
Ella Seeley	Oscar	Evie M	Flynn	Mira	Jude
Jasmina	Gideon	Caroline	Matthew G	Emily	Dean

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)

Book club orders close on Friday 12/5/23



Return to Work

RETURNING TO WORK AFTER PARENTAL LEAVE

ONLINE VIA ZOOM

Presented by Frances Bilbao, Clinical Psychologist and founder of Mums Matter Psychology group

This webinar is designed for women returning to work (RTW) after parental leave, and those looking to enter or re-skill after a period away from paid work.

This session covers

- How the experience of RTW can differ between women
- Dealing with changing emotions as you prepare to re-enter the workforce
- Foster positive experiences for your child through this period of change
- Strategies for work life balance

DATE

Thursday 25 May 7.30pm

TO REGISTER OR LEARN MORE

Visit our parenting page via the link or QR code.
<https://www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/services/family-and-children/parenting-and-support-services>



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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:

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- 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 5-8 students who live or study in the City of Yarra.

When

Wednesdays in 2023 from 10am - 12pm on:

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

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

Where

Bargoonga Nganjin
 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

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.

