



TERM 2 2023

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
Wed 12 July		SMILE SQUAD STARTS (More details coming in compass post and below)
Tue 18 July - 21 July		Ski Camp (Tuesday - Friday)
Tue 25 July	6.30pm	School Council
Wed 26 July		Multicultural Day
Tue 01 August		3 WAY CONFERENCES - Students only attend school for their conference.
Wed 02 August		APS Senior Athletics Day
Wed 09 August		APS Junior Athletics Day
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
Thu 14 September		Year 2 - 6 Concert (Rehearsal During the Day)
Fri 15 September	2.30pm	Last Day Term 3 (Please note early dismissal - 2.30pm)

TERM 4 2023

Mon 2 October		Students and Teachers Commence Term 4
Wed 4 October		Year 6 Graduation Photo
Wed 11 October		Regional Athletics
Mon 23 October		Year 3 Camp - Arrabri - Return Tuesday 24th October
Tue 24 October	6.30pm	School Council
Thu 02 November		Prep - 1 Concert (PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE)
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
Tue 28 November	6.30pm	School Council
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.**

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

This is the last newsletter for the term and as I reflect on the fast pace of this term, I realise how much we have fit into the 9 weeks and how much learning our amazing students have done. Here is a summary of all that has happened since 26 April: the annual APS Fun Run which led to some year 3-6 students competing in District, Divisional and then Regional cross-country events. The year 6 students competed in the Interschool Sporting Program throughout the term with the Netball teams making the grand final. We experienced many incursions and excursions: a VR Solar System for year 3; Science works for the year 3's; 'Push and Pull forces for the year 2's; Bundoora Farm for the year 4's; Prep and Year 1 visit to Werribee zoo; Author Trent Roberts presenting to the year 4,5 and 6; and Mad About Science for years 5 and 6. Our preps also had community visitors from the police, the fire brigade, paramedics and Responsible Pet Ownership.

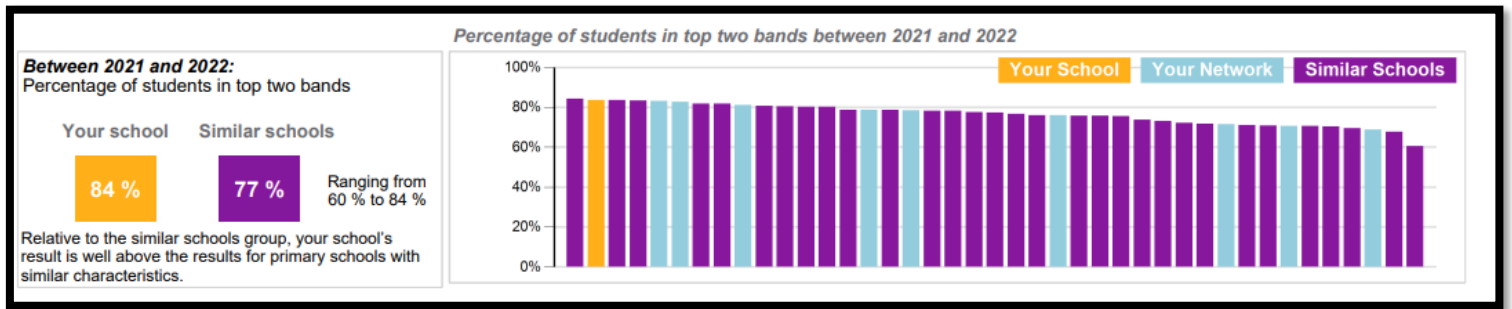
We acknowledged Reconciliation Week and Sorry Day and we celebrated everything STEM with an open afternoon. We also opened our classroom doors for Education Week and the leaders organized a House Event for the end of term. We launched the Bully Stoppers program with all classes recognizing what bullying is. I have attached a photo of one of the displays to support you with conversations at home.



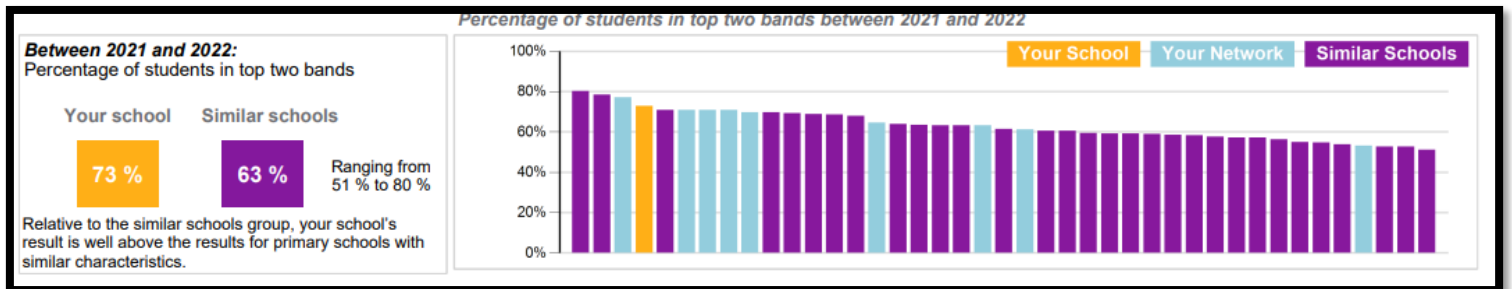
The staff continued their work on the Pre-Review Self Evaluation; completed Anaphylaxis training; completed two inquiry cycles into the teaching of reading and writing; continued the implementation of SMART spelling and wrote the semester reports which involved moderation meetings in reading, writing and math.

All in all, the opportunities we create and the learning that is generated from all that we offer makes APS a great place to be. Our data supports this with the release of the 2022 Supplementary School level report which compares 'similar' schools to APS with teacher judgements, NAPLAN and student absences. In every measure we perform better than 'similar' schools.

This is our Year 3 Reading results in NAPLAN:



Our year 5 NAPLAN reading data:



The snapshots reflect the exciting work we all do to ensure our students achieve success and are the best versions of themselves.

I wish you all a restful break.

Melissa Mackenzie
Principal

Assistant Principal Update – Shane Wilkie

As we come to the end of term two for 2023 it is great to reflect on another wonderful term of school achievements at APS. The STEM Expo was a particular highlight, with great community attendance again. The growth and maturity of our Prep students this term has been phenomenal as they really engage in school life. The success at the various levels of cross country was outstanding, with APS taking first and second in the boys and girls district event. While several students were selected to attend Division, the Regional and we have 5 students heading off to State trials next term.



Interschool Sport Grand Finals – I would like to acknowledge the amazing efforts of the Girls Netball teams. Both advanced to play in the Grand Finals of Interschool Sports competition, held last Friday at Narrandjeri Sports Complex. I was so proud to have been involved as coach for both teams this season. We knew that they were going to be extremely tough games.

The A team took on the very strong St Anthony's team in the final; the only team to defeat us during the regular season. The girls played extremely well holding the score close all the way up until three quarter time. In the final quarter they were just too strong and pulled ahead to victory. Congratulations to the girls for their efforts. We had a goal of making it through to the top 4 at the start of the season and they achieved and exceeded this.



The B team versed the Mixed Mary Immaculate team, and while they persevered for the entire match, MIPS were just too strong, particularly their shooters whose basketball background came to the fore.

The entire group of B team girls had never played an official competitive game of netball prior to the start of the season, so to make it all the way to the grand final is something they should be super proud of.

Safety in the playground – We are continually reviewing and monitoring the play of students in the yard at school. With the completion of the building upgrades and the additional play space at the southern end of the school, and the continued utilisation of Alphington Park, we are adequately able to space students throughout the yard. In saying this, the main turf is still an area where multiple ball games require all students and staff to be alert. Students have been involved in establishing safe protocols for using the turf area and have spoken on assembly about these. We monitor this area regularly and remind students to follow these protocols.

From 8:30am until 9:00am there should be no active ball games being held on the turf. The area is a high traffic area with younger children accompanying their families on the walk to school. Staff on duty will stop students playing games during this time.

Finally, the teacher on duty from 3:30pm will ask that students do not play active ball games on the turf while people are transiting through this area. From 3:45pm students are unsupervised by staff if your child is participating in activities on school grounds, please ensure your children are being safe.

Traffic Safety – In recent weeks we have had several reports of traffic incidents involving our students and families on the roads around the school, including on some of the main intersections at Chandler Highway, Heidelberg Road, and the Alphington Station crossing. If your child is travelling either as a cyclist or pedestrian at these major intersections, please speak to them and remind them of road safe habits.

While some of these incidents have happened further from the school grounds, there have been a number directly outside of the school. Can I please ask families to utilise the crossing on Yarralea Street rather than crossing directly from the laneway from Alphington Park. It is an almost daily occurrence to see students stepping out between parked cars to cross the road as opposed to walking down to the open space of the pedestrian crossing.

Report Cards: REMINDER Semester One Reports were published via Compass on Friday 16 June. An electronic copy of your child's report is available for you to view online now and download as required from Compass. If you wish to receive a hard copy of the report, please contact your child's class teacher. So far less than half of the reports have been accessed.

We recommend families sharing the report with their child, celebrating their achievements, and positively discussing the next learning steps. If you have any questions regarding your child's report, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

Have a great holiday!

Shane Wilkie

Assistant Principal

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING – Tuesday 20 June

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Melissa acknowledged all the activities provided to students to make learning and school engaging for all.

The success of the financial audit outcome and the work of Liliana in achieving the result.

Melissa discussed attending the Principal Network meetings and conferences, and her work in supporting other school's reviews. Melissa reported back to council about her key take aways being linked to learning and more about the Inclusion funding which we will receive from next year.

FINANCE

A reminder that the library and building fund contributions are tax deductible if any families would like to take advantage of this prior to the End of Financial Year.

Occupation Health and Safety: Offsite evacuation drill- June 8

Shane provided an update on the evacuation drill and the processes and protocols that were reviewed prior and modifications post. Key areas were the senior students ensuring they follow the protocols appropriately. The other item was the way to prevent the blocking on the alleyway by stationing staff at intervals and using the whole road.

Education Communication

The subcommittee met online to review and develop the document regarding the APS survey data and how this was distributed to the community.

Environment

Shane provided update on the key projects and actions of the environment subcommittee.
Tree planting around the school - led by the year 3 students with the integrated project.
Art project creating lizard ceramics to be placed around the school.
Murals and banners to soften concrete areas - Year 6 leaders to support.
Long term project for resurfacing the basketball court.

Community Events and Fundraising

Setting the date for the rides so that the date for 2024 fair can be agreed. Discussion about getting some direction from the school council regarding the sponsorship for the 2024 Fair.
Review of the fundraising breakdown of the 2023 fair.
Comedy event planning on track for Term 3
End of year picnic event at Alphington Park - preliminary planning.

Year 6 Cyberbullying Presentation

On Friday the 9th of June the Year Sixes presented their learning from the Bully Stoppers program. The presentation was a skit where one of the main characters, Mahir, was confused about how cyberbullying works. His friend, David, helps him to understand by showing him the definition of cyberbullying presented by Lucinda and Mali – *'Using digital devices, sites and Apps to intimidate, harm and upset someone else.'* Mahir then starts to understand. David shows Mahir an example of the work that the year sixes have done presented by Miles, Bass, Ted, Stella and Annabel. This was in the form of a short play where the main character, Sandra, was a victim of cyber bullying by her friends Jack & Maya, who were angry when they were not invited to Sandra's party. This helped Mahir understand further.

Thanks,
The Year Sixes

THE SMILE SQUAD DENTAL VAN IS VISITING APS!!!


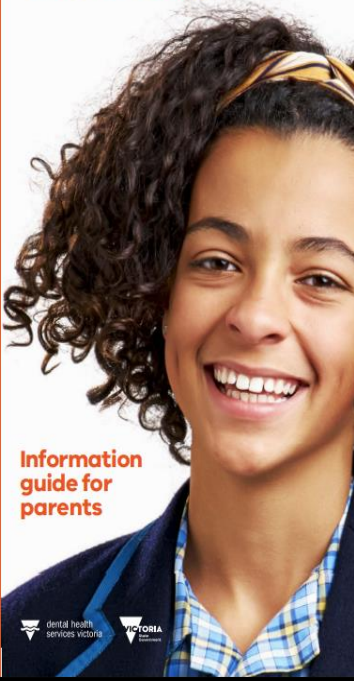
Check-ups start on the 12th July.


Please follow the link below to fill in the consent form for your child to be included in this free service. Check-ups will start from the 12th July and Smile Squad will be in contact if treatment is needed.


This is the link:

<https://dentalhealthservicesvictoria.snapforms.com.au/form/sdp-consent-form>








Find out more


What is Smile Squad?

Smile Squad is a Victorian Government funded program which will provide all Victorian public primary and secondary school students with free dental care.


It's a \$321.9 million program, with a school dental van coming to your area soon. The friendly dental team will provide your child with a free annual oral health examination and follow up care if needed.

Smile Squad means that every child can have a healthy smile. Find out more at smilesquad.vic.gov.au





Information guide for parents



Authorized and published by the Victorian Government, 1 Treasury Place, Melbourne, Victoria, July 2019.

Four simple steps to receiving free high-quality dental care at school.

Who is eligible?

All students attending government primary, secondary or special schools in Victoria.

How can my child register for the program?

Information about the program, along with initial consent forms covering oral health examinations and active preventive care, will be distributed through the school.

When and how will my child be seen?

The Smile Squad team will first visit your school to undertake oral health examinations and active preventive care. Your child will be collected from class when they are due to be seen. After the initial check-up, an individualised treatment plan will be developed and sent home along with a secondary consent form for treatment if needed.

Do I need to attend with my child?

You do not need to attend with your child. However, if you wish to, we can make an appointment time for you to attend together.

What does it cost?

Smile Squad is a free program for all students. It includes an annual oral health check, active preventive care and follow up treatment if needed.

Note: this program does not include orthodontic or cosmetic treatment.

Who can I contact for more information?

Visit smilesquad.vic.gov.au

What if my child has urgent needs/ dental pain?

If your child has dental pain, please contact your nearest dentist or community dental clinic for help.

To locate your nearest clinic, visit <https://www.dhsv.org.au/clinic-locations/community-dental-clinics>.



Step One
Give your consent



Step Two
Your school schedules a check-up



Step Three
You give your consent for treatment if needed



Step Four
Your school schedules treatment







RHUniforms will be stocktaking over the first week of the school holidays.

Our retail stores will trade on Monday 26th June 9-5pm and CLOSE from Tuesday 27th to Friday 30th June.

The stores will be back trading on Monday 3rd July.

Could you kindly communicate this information to your school families.

RHUniforms will also add this info to our website and social media pages.

We hope you all have a lovely break and apologies for the inconvenience.



Hello Families,

It is hard to believe term 2 is almost over. We have had so much fun together at OSHClub this term and will be continuing the fun through the school holidays! We have some great activities lined up like our sports carnival, NAIDOC celebrations and our excursion to the movies to see Elemental!

If you have any questions about bookings or our activities, please reach out to us on 0422 292 533 or email us alphington@oshclub.com.au

We cannot wait!

Hannah and Laura

NOTICE - ALLERGY - Please ensure all food is nut free

EXCURSION INCURSION

Monday 26 June

ANIMATION DOMINATION

IN-SERVICE

What is animation? Come dressed as your favourite, colourful cartoon character and get set to spring into action as we learn how to become animated.

How well do you know your cartoons? Draw Pikachu, find Spiderman and make your own animation!



Tuesday 27 June

IN + \$22.00

NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS

INCURSION - MEET THE RAINBOW SERPENT

During the "Meet the Rainbow Serpent" Program we will meet creatures from many different aboriginal language groups from around Australia. All the animals have a different story, name and importance depending on where they are found.



Wednesday 28 June

HOLLYWOOD HEROES

IN-SERVICE

Follow in the footsteps of your favourite movie stars with the glitz the glamour and explore what it's like to be a superstar for a day!

Create your own Walk of Fame handprint, bake clapper board cookies, and engage in a STEM popcorn challenge!



Thursday 29 June

POLAR PARADISE

IN-SERVICE

Brrr it's cold in here! Get your winter jackets on and enter our polar paradise. Everything will be super icy and magical.

Make your very own snow, create a polar bear, and try to save the frozen penguins!



Friday 30 June

THE SMITH FAMILY DREAM RUN

IN-SERVICE

Join us for our Smith Family Dream Run! A variety of active games and activities, all for a great cause! Please pack a spare change of clothes!



Monday 03 July

EX + \$43.00

MOVIE MANIA

EXCURSION - HOYTS VICTORIA GARDENS

Today we're off to the movies to see the latest children's release, popcorn and drink included. (Movie time to be confirmed, please see coordinator)



Arrive by 8.30am

Tuesday 04 July

MASTER DETECTIVE

IN-SERVICE

Pssst! We need your help! Your secret mission, if you dare to accept, is to find clues and solve the OSHClub mystery.

Solve the case of the missing OSH diamond, read hidden messages and uncover fingerprints!



Wednesday 08 July

IN + \$17.00

IT'S A SPORTS CARNIVAL

INCURSION - SELF GUIDED GET SPORTY CRAFT BUNDLE

Today we have some summertime sporting fun, including DIY sweatbands, drink bottle and Basketball hoop for you to decorate and keep.



Thursday 06 July

ROCK AROUND THE CLOCK

IN-SERVICE

One, two, three o'clock, four o'clock, rock. Turn back time and pull out the disco gear as we rock around the clock.

Dance through the decades at OSH with a chalk art disco ball, a photo booth and disco slime!



Friday 07 July

WHOLESOME WARRIORS

IN-SERVICE

Jump on board our Zen train at OSHClub today and learn how to look after your health and mind whilst having fun.

Become a zen master by making stressballs, creating gratitude trains, and stretching during some garden yoga!





Learn dance here at school

The Prep to Grade 3 Hip hop group runs on Friday lunchtimes in the Performing Arts room with Stageworks Academy. The group have been learning dances to Green Green Grass, Dance Monkey and Thunder. The classes entail a warm up, stretching, strengthening, centre work, travelling steps, leaps& jumps, dance making and routines. Classes offer a fun way of developing coordination, fitness, self confidence, strength, flexibility and musicality, all to the latest child appropriate pop music.

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YEAR 7 2025 PARENT INFORMATION EVENING



Wednesday, 2 August 2023 at 7pm
Marcellin College Functions Room
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Year 7 2025 Enrolments
APPLICATIONS CLOSE 18 AUGUST 2023
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SKI GEAR FOR SALE – Ex Parent Message

With Ski Camp just around the corner I have some new and nearly new ski gear left over from last year's APS Ski Camp for sale.

Please contact me if you are interested. All in great condition (most not worn) and very reasonably priced.

Please call Angie on 0431399440 for more information



Is your teen looking for weekend/holiday work???



"Oasis Fairfield cafe/grocer looking for workers after school and weekends. Expand Your Skills and Make Lasting Connections. Please note you need to be 15 years and over to apply. peter@oasionline.com.au"

reLIVE pop-up preLOVED

Rehoming usable preloved items to reduce landfill

**10 am to 4 pm
Wed to Sat
June & July**

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A great place to bring the kids

for art and craft feebies at the rePurpose station, and other free and low-priced shopping, showing that preloved can be good as new

Brought to you by **Darebin Hard Rubbish Heroes**

With grants from:
Darebin City Council's Community Grants Program
Preston Connected Community
Lions Club of Northcote

As always, proceeds support running costs, future events & local charities.

Dads Tuning in to Kids Group program

Are you a dad with a child between 4 and 10 years old?

We are running a free parenting group for men!

YOU WILL LEARN TO:

- help your child manage when things get tough
- connect with your child
- support your child to learn social and emotional skills.

Program Details:
Number of sessions: 7 sessions
Dates: 20/7, 27/7, 3/8, 10/8, 17/8, 24/8, 31/8
Times: 6:30 - 8:30pm

Contact: Joao Goncalves – 0419 890 213
joao.goncalves@yarracity.vic.gov.au

Yarra FAMILY, YOUTH & CHILDREN'S SERVICES

MOVEMBER FUNDED PROJECT

Dads Tuning in to Kids



WINTER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

27, 28, 29 June & 4, 5, 6 July

10am to 2.45pm

Ages 6 to 12 Years

Fun With Creative Arts, Storytelling, Music, Drama, Dance and Movement



Book Online



135 Station Street, Fairfield



Our school holiday workshops have been run with great success and are led by an experienced team. The sessions include a range of creative, fun and imaginative activities that your child will love.



Yarra's Food Waste Challenge!

Join the challenge

Scan the QR code to sign up to Yarra's 12 week email food waste challenge.



