



Edition 19 - 2023

Wednesday 12 July 2023

TERM 3 2023

Wed 12 July		SMILE SQUAD - Dental Program - STARTS (Opt-In)
Thu 13 July		State Cross Country
Tue 18 July - 21 July		Ski Camp (Tuesday - Friday)
Tue 25 July	6.30pm	School Council
Wed 26 July		Multicultural Day - students can wear colours from their cultural backgrounds.
Tue 01 August		3 WAY CONFERENCES - Students only attend school for their conference.
Wed 02 August		APS Senior Athletics Day @ Harriers Track - All welcome to support!
Fri 04 August		Principal's Day
Wed 09 August		APS Junior Athletics Day @ Alphington Park - All welcome to support!
Fri 18 August		Bullying NO WAY! Day
Tue 22 August	9.00am	Book Week Celebration/Parade - Grandparents/Special Persons invited.
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	7.00pm	Year 2 - 6 Concert (Rehearsal During the Day)
Thu 14 September		R U OK? 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

Welcome back to Term 3! We have planned another engaging 10 weeks of learning and celebration. Please keep checking the calendars for dates and times of upcoming events.

In summary:

Ski Camp is next week.

Wednesday 26 July - **Multi-Cultural Day** where students can come dressed up.

Tuesday 1 August- **3 Way Conferences** where students only attend school for their conference time.

Wednesday 2 August- **Senior (Year 3-6) Athletics @ Harriers Track.**

Wednesday 9 August- **Junior (Prep-Year 2) athletics @ Alphington Park.**

From 14 August to end of term- **Year 2-6 STOMP** dance program.

Tuesday 22 August from 9am- **Book Week Celebration**- students can dress up and Grandparents, friends, families welcome;

Monday 11- 13 September **Year 4 camp**; and finally

Thursday 14 September- **Year 2-6 performance @ IGGS PAC 7pm.**

It is with a heavy heart that I share the sad news of a past APS student tragically passing away over the holidays. The student was in year 6 in 2018 and had spent all their primary years with us. Some of us attended the funeral yesterday and paid our respects to the family on behalf of the APS community.

Life is so precious.

Upcoming changes to NAPLAN reporting: Ahead of NAPLAN results for students being released from Monday 17 July 2023, I'm writing to inform you of some changes to this year's reporting. These are changes being introduced nationally by the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA). NAPLAN will continue to measure student achievement in numeracy, reading, writing, spelling, and grammar and punctuation but the results will now be presented in 4 proficiency levels:

These are:

- Exceeding
- Strong
- Developing
- Needs additional support.

This change will give schools, parents and carers clearer information that details student achievement against new proficiency levels.

Students' NAPLAN reports will continue to show how they are tracking against their peers and provide an indication of their skill levels against national averages and where we would expect them to be in order to get the most out of schooling. This provides valuable information to teachers about how we can continue to support your child.

Each set of NAPLAN results is an important milestone but it's also important that students know that one result does not define them – these results are about making sure every student gets the support they need so they can continue to get the best from their learning.

Please help us to keep the gym floor in good condition: I am appealing to parents to check footwear on PE days. To keep the gym floor in good condition it is a requirement that soft-soled shoes be worn to avoid scuff marks on the floor. If students are wearing hard soled shoes, they will be asked to complete the lesson in socks or bare feet, which is obviously not ideal.

Have a great week!

Melissa Mackenzie
Principal

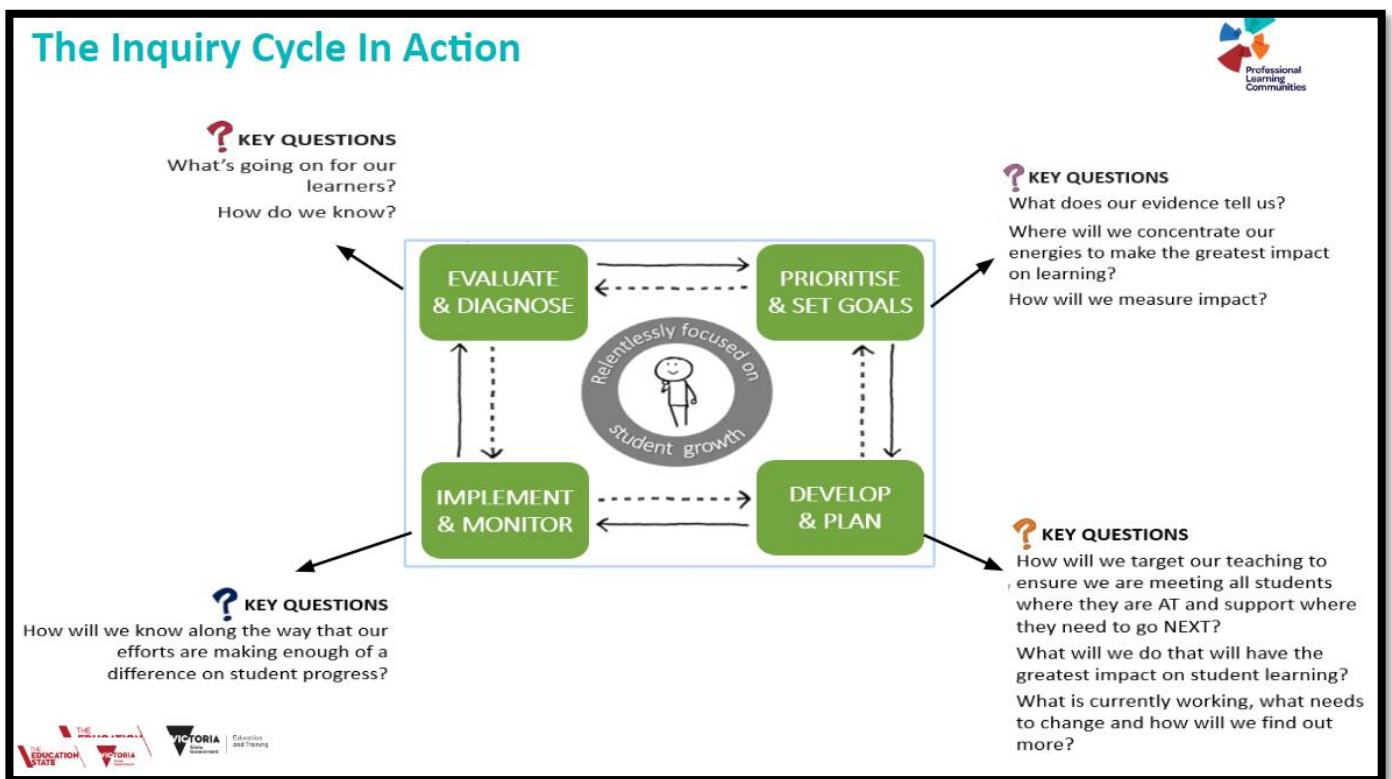
Assistant Principal Update – Shane Wilkie

Welcome back! I trust Alphington students and their families had an enjoyable break. Term 3 promises to be another busy one.

Mathematics Professional Learning Community (PLC): On Monday staff worked with Callum Shaw from the Department’s PLC Team for the Northeast Metropolitan Area. Callum’s role is to support schools in using the PLC model to further support teacher development and student growth. For Term 3 we are focussing on mathematics and numeracy, however we have prioritised the inclusion of wellbeing, student voice and student agency within this work. Utilising some of our Wellbeing data sets we are looking to explore ways to engage students in new and deeper ways, and how we can shift mindsets when working mathematical and solving numeracy problems.

On Monday Callum covered the following with staff:

- a very brief refresher on the “process” and actions of PLCs
- activities designed to get staff thinking about the work of PLCs in different ways using some recent research.
- ways in which we might consider wellbeing and engagement alongside teaching and learning within PLCs (with a specific focus on Numeracy)
- Time to unpack the High Impact Wellbeing Strategies (HIWS) and consider how these might influence the work of our upcoming PLC
- Time for teams to consider what non-academic data they might use alongside academic data within their PLCs



Semester 2 Tutor Learning Initiative (TLI): Our next round of tutoring as part of the 2023 TLI program will commence in week 3 with the learning focus to continue to be English – reading and writing. Our tutor for semester two, Emily Baldwin, is currently supporting teachers in classrooms, however teachers are working in their teams to identify groups of students who will be selected to participate in tutoring. It is likely that several of the groups may remain like semester one. Families of those selected students will receive further information prior to the commencement of the initiative.

All students selected will receive three 45-minute sessions per week; a combination of in-class and withdrawal sessions. Teachers will work with myself and Emily to document each students learning goals as part of their Individual Education Plan (IEP). The IEP goals will be shared with parents via email and a phone call from the class teacher. If you have any questions or queries about the TLI please do not hesitate to contact me.

3 Way Conferences: Teachers will invite parents and students to our 3 Way Conferences which will be held on Tuesday 1 August from 11:45-7:45pm. These conferences are an opportunity for students to share achievements in learning with parents. Students will be guided by teachers in class to select pieces of work which they are proud of to share with their families at the 3 Way Conferences. With support from teachers, students will also share learning goals they have identified as their next steps for learning.

Ski Camp: Next week Jessie Neil, Jessie Lewis, Chelsea Bernstein, and I will be attending ski camp with a group of 54 students and 16 parent volunteers from Year 5/6. The final preparations are being completed and we are all very excited. The remaining year 5/6 students will be working with Chiara and Alan. They have developed a curriculum plan for the week which will provide some engaging learning opportunities, as well as some inquiry passion project learning. Thank you to those parents who are helping and organising catering behind the scenes.

Have a great week everyone!

Shane Wilkie

Assistant Principal



Canteen is back NEXT WEEK – Thursday 20th July.

Canteen will then run every second week.

(Weeks 2,4,6,8,10).

Everything is priced between 50c and \$2.

There will be limited stock as we will be running down the existing stock before re-ordering.

Thank You

Gymnasium footwear

To help keep our gymnasium floor in good condition, we are asking that all students please wear the correct soft soled runners on their designated Sport Days/Gym Days.



Students wearing the wrong shoes (e.g., doc martins, hard soled shoes) will be asked to take them off before joining in with gymnasium activities. Thank you for your support in keeping the gym floors scuff/mark free.

Hi Parents and Carers,

Last term on the 20th of June the school participated in the Mini Olympics House Event. The day was a big success and everyone had lots of fun. The Preps and Year 6s played an exciting game of Capture the flag. The Year 1s had an awesome time playing charades, the Year 2s played a thrilling game of dodgeball, the Year 3s learnt some soccer skills with Jessie, and the Year 4s played a relay race competing over multiple rounds to get to the last round. And finally, Year 5 played an intense game of basketball, however they still enjoyed it. Throughout these activities the leaders went around awarding house points to students who showed Kindness, Integrity and Resilience. Overall each house did a wonderful job and the Houses ended up with **Birrarung: 253, Djerrang: 184, Walert: 167, Yanggai: 195**. We hope everyone had a good day and are looking forward to the next house event in Term 3.



Angus & Lana - Year 6 Leadership Team

Year 6 Marketing Team

Hi, we are the Year 6 Marketing Action Team. Our team consists of Mariana, Maddison, Jess, Ruby, Jude and George. This semester we were working with the Yarralea and Smart Start kindergartens to build their connections with our school. Our whole group would come together and plan out the activities for the kindergartens. Every second Friday we went to Yarralea and Smart Start would come to us each fortnight on Wednesday.

All throughout the semester we have been creating/making and doing all sorts of activities such as working our way through obstacle courses, colouring, outdoor activities and making play dough, which was very popular! On our last day we were lucky enough to receive thank you letters from Smart Start. We presented each kindergarten with a certificate, which will be displayed at each kinder.

All the activities were so much fun, and we had a blast!



Three Way Conferences @ APS ~ Overview

What is a Three Way Conference?

A Three Way Conference involves the student, teacher and parents/carers. It enables students to develop their capacity to reflect on their learning, to celebrate success and to set future learning goals. The structure of the Three Way Conferences also helps to strengthen the home/school partnership by giving parents/carers greater insight into their child's learning.

What is the purpose of Three Way Conferences?

Assessment is the ongoing process of gathering, analysing and reflecting on evidence to make informed and consistent judgments to improve future student learning. There is a range of assessment approaches that inform us of student progress. The Three Way Conference focuses on 'Assessment As Learning' where students reflect and monitor their own progress to help them identify and achieve future learning goals with the support of teachers and parents.

The Three Way Conference, along with the written semester 1 report and your child's portfolio (Seesaw), forms a significant component of our assessment practices at Alphington Primary School.

What will a Three Way Conference look like?

The length of each conference is 15 minutes. The conference is convened in the student's classroom, where the student shares selected work samples, outlining successes and future learning goals. During this process the teacher and parents/carers support the student by clarifying, questioning and prompting.

Please note that there will be an opportunity for parents to meet with the teacher without the student, in the last 5 minutes of the conference, if required.

How can you help to make the conference successful for your child?

1. Adhere to the time frame
 - Please arrive 5 minutes prior to the conference so your child has time to collect their thoughts
 - Leave promptly at the end of the conference to allow the next child to commence on time
2. Give your child your complete attention for the duration of the conference
 - Make eye contact with your child as they share their work
 - Respond in a positive way, making affirming comments about their learning and asking questions to find out more
3. Talk about the conference again at a later date

The conference provides an excellent starting point for further family discussion. During the conference you will hear your child talk about their learning. These conversations will, no doubt, continue at home.

How might you respond to your child?

- I really liked it when...
- You've really improved in...
- I noticed...
- It was a good idea to...

The type of questions you could ask your child. Foundation –

Year 2

- Can you tell me what you have learnt?
- Is there anything you would do differently next time?
- What did you like about this activity?
- What did you find interesting about this activity? Year 3 - Year 6
- Where did you get the idea for this piece of work?
- Why have you chosen this piece of work to share with us?
- Can you tell me what you have learnt?
- If you did this task again what might you do differently or change?
- What did you find interesting about this activity?

We trust that your involvement in the Three Way conference will be an enjoyable experience for you and your child. We look forward to celebrating your child's learning alongside you.

THE SMILE SQUAD DENTAL PROGRAM STARTS TODAY



Please follow the link below to fill in the consent form for your child to be included in this free service.

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



Book Week is coming up!

Book Week runs from 21st August. At APS, we will celebrate book week on Tuesday 22nd August from 9.00am. Students are welcome to dress up as their favourite book character.

Grandparents, Special Persons, and families are invited to see the Parade from 9.00am.

Yarralea Children's Centre

Yarralea Children's Centre is celebrating 10 years of Bush Kinder this year!

As part of our celebration, we'd love to collate your and your children's memories of Bush Kinder. Photos or written memories are both very welcome and would be gratefully received if you could please send these to social@yarralea.com.au.

DISCOVER WHY WE ARE
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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

Secure your place today marcellin.vic.edu.au

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LEARN AT SCHOOL!!

HIP HOP, CHOIR & BALLE 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

Prep to 2 Hip hop: 1.30pm Fri

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

Book your free trial
www.StageworksAcademy.au

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



COMPETITION

running throughout July!

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HOW TO ENTER

ONE:

Head to Fairfield Village and take a photo of anything you purchase with a reusable container, cup or bag and post it on your socials.

TWO:

Tag the Fairfield Village Facebook Page or Fairfield Village Instagram along with the hashtag #plasticfreefairfield



@fairfieldvillage



@fairfieldvictoria

First Prize: \$200 Fairfield Village voucher

Second Prize: \$100 Fairfield Village voucher

Third Prize: \$50 Fairfield Village voucher

You can enter as many times as you like with different reusable containers, cups and bags during the month of July (from July 1st to July 31st)

The winners will be drawn out of a virtual hat on Tuesday August 1st
The winners will be contacted via Facebook or Instagram.

THIS JULY

THE FIFA WOMEN'S WORLD CUP HITS NARRANDJERI STADIUM

20/07/23

27/07/23



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WATCH

OUR MATILDA'S ON THE BIG SCREEN

6 pm

JOIN FUTURE FUTSAL FOR SOME FUN GAMES & ACTIVITIES

7 pm

WATCH SOME OF THE STATE'S BEST WOMEN'S FUTSAL PLAYERS PLAY

8 pm

WATCH THE MATILDA'S TAKE ON THE WORLD ON THE SHOW-COURT BIG SCREEN

BOOK NOW



Yarra's Food Waste Challenge!

Join the challenge

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



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



Fear Less Seminar

A free online single-session supported parenting seminar 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.

DATE: 8th August 2023
Location: Online Via Zoom
Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm

All families involved will receive:

- Triple P Fear Less Tip Sheet
- A \$50 Booktopia voucher

How to make an enquiry:

Contact Georgia from the Triple P team by emailing triplep@berrystreet.org.au with your name and contact number or call our Northern Office on 9450 4700 and ask to speak to Georgia to complete enrolment. Enquiries must be made by 5pm on 1st August 2023.

Please note that capacity for the session may be reached prior to this date.





Fairfield Village Plastic Free July Community Day



Saturday July 22nd 10.30am to 3.30pm
Fairfield Community Room
121 Station Street, near the library



Learn to sew a
Boomerang Bag
or decorate a
pre-made calico
bag



Come and learn about
plastic free presents
from a local upcycler &
learn about creative
wrapping from
preloved materials



REGROUND



Recycle your
soft plastic with
Reground



Plastic-free craft
for the kids

CATA CREATIVE
ART
THERAPY
AUSTRALIA

Learn about the work
of CATA and their
eco-friendly art
therapy materials

Bridge Darabin
PAPERLOOP

Watch Paperloop
make packaging from
repurposed
cardboard



Learn about
Transition Darebin,
DHRH and
Packshare



Recycle your
broken shoes
toothbrushes
broken plastic
toys
old pens & textas



Bring your
mismatched
containers and
lids to
Project Pair Up

Door Prize \$100 voucher