



Edition 23 - 2022

Thursday 10 August

TERM 3 2022

Thu 11 Aug		Year 3 - Year 6 Athletics Carnival
Thu 18 Aug		IDSSA Basketball Round Robin Day
Mon 22 Aug		IDSSA District Athletics
Tue 23 Aug	10.00am	YEAR 6 GRADUATION PHOTOS
Tue 23 Aug	2.15pm - 3.00pm	<u>NEW DATE</u> - Book Week Celebration and Special Persons/Grandparents Day (DRESS UP)
Wed 31 Aug		Year 4 Camp - Camp Jungai - Return Friday 2nd Sept
Mon 05 Sep		House Colour Run - Fun Run
Wed 07 Sep		Divisional Athletics
Thu 08 Sep		R U OK? Day
Fri 09 Sep		Student Free Day - PP Day for teachers (Osh Club will be running - book directly)
Thu 15 Sep	7.00pm - 8.30pm	Yr 2 - 6 Concert (Ivanhoe Girls Grammar PA Centre)
Fri 16 Sep		Last Day Term 3 - Please note early dismissal - 2.30pm

TERM 4 2022

Mon 03 Oct		First Day Term 4 - Teachers and Students
Wed 12 Oct		Junior Concert at Kew High School (Prep and Year 1)
Mon 17 Oct		Year 3 Camp - Arrabri Camp - Return Wednesday 19th Oct
Sat 22 Oct		SAVE THE DATE - Inaugural APS Ball / Dinner Dance - Thornbury Theatre
Mon 31 Oct	NEW DATE	Student Free Day
Tue 01 Nov		Public Holiday - Melbourne Cup
Mon 07 Nov		Year 6 Camp - Camp Marysville - Return Friday 11th November
Sun 13 Nov		OHMP Concert - TBC
Tue 29 Nov		Year 5 Camp - Portsea - Return Friday 2nd December
Thu 08 Dec		Year 2 Sleepover - TBC
Tue 13 Dec		Year 7 Transition Day (All State Schools)
Fri 16 Dec		End of Year Picnic - Alphington Park
Tue 20 Dec		Last Day Term 4 - 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 Day Term 3 and 4

Friday 9th September

Monday 31st October

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

It feels like I was writing last week's report just yesterday, time is flying by. We are at the halfway point of the term and have achieved so much and have plans to be able to complete all activities scheduled for the term. Last week we held a very successful Junior Athletics Carnival with the Year 6 leaders supporting the younger students. There were events involving chopsticks and marshmallows right through to obstacles at Alphington Park. Thanks to Megan for organising, the feedback from the students was very positive.

We had the Year 6 netball team play in the Division finals on Monday, all playing really well and winning one game and losing the other. Classes have continued with their learning and despite absences our students continue to make us feel proud.

As part of staff professional learning a group of staff will be completing Learning Walks this week. The focus is on the teaching of reading, specifically Guided reading. This is a teaching practice used across the school to address a small group of students with similar needs. The teacher guides the reader to the parts of the text to specifically build skills with reading. Once the Walk is completed the staff receive feedback on the consistency of practices across the school. It is a very powerful way to develop capability and understanding.

The 2-6 performance, "The Great Primary School Mystery", is underway. The auditions have finished, and parts announced. The dances and songs will begin next week for all students in years 2-6. Remember the date is Thursday 15 Sep. Tickets for this event will go on sale in a few weeks.

Stage 2 upgrade works, despite the delays, will hopefully be finished by the end of this term. We are so close to the end and are looking forward to when it is all finished. The staff and students have been so patient and understanding it is a real credit to them.

We are finalising numbers for 2023 at this stage and I am appealing to parents to let us know if they will be moving from APS. As you will know from previous newsletters the number in each class has a big impact on the number of classes we can offer and staffing. The sooner you are able to let us know of your plans to move the more accurate our planning can be. Please let us know if you are not going to be at APS next year.

Have a lovely week

*Melissa Mackenzie
Principal*

Assistant Principal Update – Shane Wilkie

Hello everyone,

I trust you have had an enjoyable week. While the mornings have been colder it was nice to have some warm winter sunshine throughout the day at the start of the week.

Footy at School: Melissa and I have spoken this week with staff and students about safe play while out in the yard at recess and lunch. We are continuing to reiterate the need for footy on the turf to be 'low and slow' and 'touch only'. While we understand that several of our students play competitively outside of school, the games in the yard need to be modified to ensure everyone can play and enjoy safely. If you know your child enjoys playing footy at school, we encourage you to have a conversation with them about this.

3 Way Conferences: Thank you to all families for supporting your children at last week's conferences. The atmosphere in the staff room over dinner was a mix of enthusiasm, excitement, and pride. Listening to teacher's reflect on how their students had presented and shared their learning journeys with their families was a testament to the importance 3 Way Conferences play in developing the school-home partnership. We are so pleased to be able to have families back into the school and be able to share with you all the wonderful achievements and upcoming learning goals. We know that our students really value the opportunity to share these collectively with their biggest supporters.

Athletics Day: Last Thursday the Prep-2 students had their junior athletics carnival. Students participated in a range of physical and athletic activities. There was lots of fun and colour as students participated in their house groups.

A big thank you to the student leaders for supporting on the day and Megan for all her efforts in organising a successful junior carnival.

Tomorrow the Year 3-6 Students will have their Athletics Carnival at Collingwood Harriers Athletic Track. Students will undertake a range of track and field events, representing their House. A district team will be selected based on students finishing times and distances.

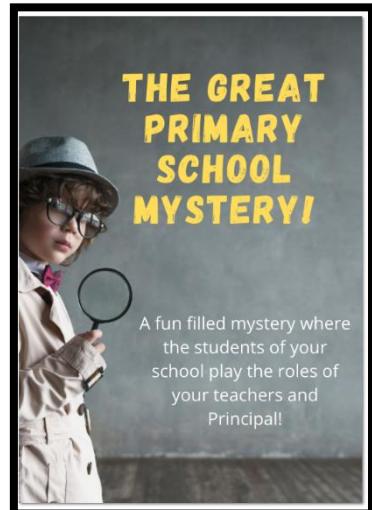




Year 2-6 Production – The Great Primary School Mystery

It has been wonderful to be involved in the audition process for our Year 2-6 Production. Melissa and I announced the year 6 roles on Friday morning, and we are now very excited about the start of production next week. The Year 6 team have continued to develop and edit the script that was provided by STOMP Dance and look forward to watching it come together for the performance at the Ivanhoe Performing Arts Centre on Thursday 15 September.

Below is a synopsis of the production. We hope it captures your imagination as much as it did for us.



All across Alphington, students and teachers of Alphington Primary School wake up on Friday morning and a buzz of excitement fills the air. This is not just any Friday morning. No, this Friday is the last day of Science Week! All week the students have been working tirelessly with their teachers to come up with the best science experiment the school has ever seen! Today is the day that all the experiments will be unveiled. The teachers have been boasting in the staff room all week that their experiment is the best.

However, the most intrigue lies with the Principal's experiment. The Principal, Melissa Mackenzie, has been holed up in her office all week long, keeping her experiment top secret. There were whispers of strange lights flaring behind the closed blinds of her office window, and loud sounds echoing around the school ground, all coming from the Melissa's locked office.

But as the big day approaches the unthinkable happens... will the mystery be solved in time for the Big Science Week Experiment Unveiling Assembly?

Learning Walks Update - Today a group of staff undertook some professional learning as part of our Term 3 Learning Walks program. Learning Walks are instructional leadership tool for both leaders and teachers to use to move from 'pockets of excellent practice' to 'school-wide excellence in classroom practice'.

Learning Walks are powerful when used as a non-evaluative tool to grow practice in every classroom and across the school. They also inform leaders' and teachers' next steps in staff members' Professional Learning. The focus of today's Learning Walks was Guided Reading. Guided reading helps students develop greater control over the reading process through the development of reading strategies which assist decoding and construct meaning. The teacher guides or 'scaffolds' their students as they read, talk, and think their way through a text.

Our next steps will be to collate the findings from the Learning Walks, identify some common themes and explore possible future professional learning.

*All the best.
Shane Wilkie
Assistant Principal*

LOST PROPERTY BOX IS AT CAPACITY– PLEASE COME IN AND CHECK THE BOX FOR ANY LOST ITEMS

Book Week Information - Reminder

Afternoon folks,

Look what's getting closer..... The Book Parade and Grandparent/Special Person Day is Tuesday 23rd August. It's very exciting. Every teacher is madly sewing and be-dazzling costumes late into the evening in preparation to wow you all! I hope we have all picked our favourite book character or found some snappy threads in your house colours. Our library is coming to life for Book Week with amazing student artwork from some of our favourite books. We have plenty of rainbow fish and Stellarphant-astronauts. Every student will have the chance to make some wings or eyes for this year's them: Dreaming with Eyes Open. Looking forward to seeing the creativity from each and every student.

Our library is very grateful to the folks that have donated a well-loved or new book. Our shelves are filling up and with even more space in our new library space, this is super! If you are still wanting to donate a book, here's the link for our mates in Carlton: <https://www.readings.com.au/kids>

In the comments section you add this: "Donation for Alphington Primary School". You are welcome to drop a book off at the front office and I will pp your dedication on the inside. We love all books and we're not fussy. We even love books about Brussel Sprouts and Peas! Lucky books aren't for eating!

Happy reading and be-dazzling of costumes,

Lizzy

Hi parents and guardians,

On Tuesday the 23rd of August we are having a book week celebration and we recommend that you bring a special person along with you to share a book and enjoy the afternoon with your child.

This year's theme is... Dreaming with Eyes Open!

We will be very excited to see everyone dress up as their favourite book character, and if you can't find a costume, please come in your house colours.

All students will be colouring in some butterfly wings to be displayed in the library on the day.



Grandparents or a Special Person Afternoon

Where: Alphington Primary School

When: 2:15-3:00 pm Tuesday, August the 23rd

Come and visit school and bring a book for the library. The activities the special people will be participating in are:

- A visit to your child's classroom
- Sharing some work or a book with your child
- Listening to a story in the gym read by the year six house leaders

Bring a book to donate and share!

By Allan and Cooper (Year 6)

SCHOOL FUN RUN!!

Dear APS Community,

We're three weeks out from our *School Fun Run!* Currently we have raised \$2000. We hope our Community keeps supporting us as we aim to raise money for our charity, [Greenfleet](#), and towards improving our school and its resources.

There are many ways to support this fundraising event:

ONE: You can make a profile for your child where they will select prizes and in the end be able to choose a charity instead of the prizes. ***We encourage all students to donate to charities.*** To create a student profile page go to: schoolfunrun.com.au

TWO: Another option is to use the fictional APS House 'student' profiles and donate through these. There is no prize option if you do this. As a school, we will donate any money raised to Green Fleet.

To donate through the House profiles use the links below - we encourage you to also share these links with friends and family!

Walert: <https://app.schoolfundraising.com.au/fundraising/walert-1a8b3189-4d5c-41ae-a8bf-5b6fc03ae956>

Birrarung: <https://app.schoolfundraising.com.au/fundraising/birrarung-18e0d537-6286-4012-bad7-636db90eb134>

Djerrang:

<https://app.schoolfundraising.com.au/fundraising/djerrang-ce09ec4c-f24f-4b6b-9cd0-a093cb50e221>

Yanggal:

<https://app.schoolfundraising.com.au/fundraising/yanggal-4d95836f-cd42-488b-a9d8-11b2f36c9b89>

The great thing about online fundraising is that you can share the link to your child's profile with friends and family via email, SMS, and Social Media.

We appreciate our Community supporting us with our fundraising efforts, we look forward to celebrating with an amazing day!

Thank you,

APS SRC Members (Ornella and Georgie)

Dear year 4 parents v2.0

Hello (again) all you lovely Year 4 people!

The Year 4 parents party has been **rescheduled** due to... you guessed it!

Maybe you couldn't make it to the last date but can make it on

Saturday August 20th from 6:30pm till something-am.

at 22 The Boulevard Ivanhoe

(I'll send directions, we're tricky to find)

We're all chipping in for dinner, wine, beer and soft drinks (\$35)

and Cocktails (optional \$15)

Book the babysitter (parents only)

rsvp julian@featherston.net.au or 0400 223 518

Big thanks to the people who have put their hands up to help make some delicious cocktails, play some questionable music and help out generally!

Hope to see you here!

Canteen- new product- ovalteenies!

The Canteen is open every second Thursday at Lunchtime.

(Canteen will run in Week 6, 8 and 10)

You can buy a maximum of 2 items (1 frozen & 1 non – frozen).

The prices are between \$0.50 and \$2



We will serve you at the following times:

12:50pm – Preps (outside window), Year 3/4's (inside window)

1:00pm- Year 1 (outside window), Year 2 (inside window)

1:10- Year 5 (outside window), Year 6 (inside window)

Available items

Moosie's – 4 flavours (chocolate, lime, strawberry and bubble gum) \$1

Chips – Doritos & Vege crackers (BBQ)\$1 - \$1.50

Frozen fruit juice cups (Apple) \$0.50

Ovalteenies \$1

LET'S GET RECYCLING!

Alphington Primary School is excited to be participating in the *Wonder Recycling Rewards* program again this year. Last year we collected just over 15kg of bread bags and hundreds of bread tags, giving us a total of 1500 credits to spend towards RH Sports equipment.

We would love to get the ball rolling early and start collecting bread bags and tags now. But of course, we cannot do this without your help. A collection box has already been set up in your child's classroom, so please start collecting at home and feel free to send them in weekly!

TWO RECYCLING REMINDERS

It's important that items being recycled are not contaminated with other products and are as clean as possible. Here's a quick checklist for you:

What is a bread bag for recycling purposes?

The rule of thumb is that if it has contained bread of some sort and is a soft plastic, then it's a bread bag. If it hasn't contained bread, then it's not a bread bag.

How clean do the bags have to be?

Bread bags should be free from crumbs to ensure no contamination during the recycling process but they do not need to be washed.



The illustration features a young girl with dark hair in pigtails, wearing a blue and white checkered dress, smiling and holding a small red toy car. She is positioned in front of a brown background with various white line drawings of school-related items: a chair, a desk, a book, and a pencil. In the upper left corner, there is a circular logo for "Wonder Recycling Rewards for schools". To the right of the girl, large, bold text reads "Recycle and earn PLAY equipment for your school!". The word "PLAY" is particularly prominent in a large, stylized font.

Nelson
Alexander



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FRIDAY SEPEMBER 9 • 5PM
ALPHINGTON PARK OVAL
FAMILY COMMUNITY EVENT

TICKET INCLUDES
DOUBLE BILL OPEN AIR MOVIE
5PM KIDS SOCCER MOVIE
8:15PM TEENAGE SOCCER MOVIE
GOURMET HOTDOGS • BAR DRINK
EXTRAS INCLUDE BBQ • BAR • CREPES
FIREWORKS FIRED 8PM



**SCAN QR CODE
FOR TICKETS**
OR VISIT WWW.ALPHINGTONFC.COM

TICKET ALSO INCLUDES

- DOUBLE BILL OPEN AIR MOVIE
- (5PM KIDS SOCCER MOVIE & 8PM TEENAGE SOCCER MOVIE)
- FIREWORKS FIRED AT 8PM
- SINGLE TICKET = \$25 INCLUDES HOTDOG & BAR DRINK
- COUPLES TICKET = \$50 INCLUDES 2 HOTDOGS & 2 BAR DRINKS
- FAMILY OF 3 TICKETS = \$55 INCLUDES 3 HOTDOGS & 2 BAR DRINKS, 1 SOFT DRINK
- FAMILY OF 4 TICKETS = \$60 INCLUDES 4 HOTDOGS & 2 BAR DRINKS, 2 SOFT DRINKS
- FAMILY OF 5 TICKETS = \$65 INCLUDES 5 HOTDOGS & 2 BAR DRINKS, 3 SOFT DRINKS
- (VEGO & GLUTEN FREE OPTIONS AVAILABLE)
- EXTRAS INCLUDE BBQ • BAR • CREPES

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ALPHINGTON FAIRFIELD CIVIC ASSOCIATION (MOVIE SCREEN)



ALPHINGTON
NETBALL CLUB



NET SET GO

Monday 3.45 – 4.30pm
Alphington Primary school.

**Get Registration information
A Carer must stay with player.
August 1st 2022.**

Information about NSG program
<https://alphingtonnetball.club>

Direct registration link:
<https://alphingtonnetball.club/registration/register-for-netsetgo>



Parkside Junior FC

Australian Rules Football - Alphington, Victoria

Parkside junior football club are having a major raffle to help fund our first jumper purchase in many years. Raffle drawn Sunday 14th August.

The list of 50+ prizes to win is huge, including:

- a split system air conditioner
- holiday escapes in Tooborac, Torquay & Phillip Island
- plenty of fitness prizes
- hampers
- elite football coaching
- meal vouchers
- clothes
- and even a haircut.

Check out the full list here: [Parkside Junior FC](#)

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FOREST HILLS COLLEGE THEATRE

REHEARSAL AT 7 ADAMS ST ALPHINGTON
SUNDAY NOV 13 1PM TO 4PM
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