



## **TERM 4 2022**

Fri 28 Oct		World Teacher's Day
Mon 31 Oct		<b><u>Student Free Day</u></b>
Tue 01 Nov		Public Holiday - Melbourne Cup
Mon 07 Nov		Year 6 Camp - Camp Marysville - Return Friday 11th November
Wed 09 Nov	9.15am - 10.45am	Prep 2023 Transition #2
Sun 13 Nov	2.00pm - 5.00pm	OHMP Concert
Wed 16 Nov	4.30pm - 6.30pm	Writer's and Art Festival
Thu 17 Nov	11.45am-1.15pm	Prep 2023 Transition #3
Thu 24 Nov		Prep and Year 1 Twilight Night @ school
Sat 26 Nov		STATE ELECTION SAUSAGE SIZZLE
Tue 29 Nov		Year 5 Camp - Portsea - Return Friday 2nd December
Tue 29 Nov		School Council
Thu 08 Dec		Year 2 Sleepover @ School
Fri 09 Dec		Reports available on Compass
Tue 13 Dec		2023 Year 7 Transition Day (All Year 6's going to State Schools)
Thu 15 Dec		Year 6 Graduation Thornbury High School
Fri 16 Dec		End of Year Picnic - Alphington Park
Tue 20 Dec		Last Day Term 4 - Please note early dismissal - <b>1.30pm</b>

## **TERM 1 2023**

Fri 27 Jan		Teachers Commence Term 1 - <b>Student Free Day</b>
Mon 30 Jan		Year 1 - Year 6 Student Commence
Tue 31 Jan		2023 Prep Students Commence
Wed 01 Feb		No Prep Students (First 4 Wednesday are Prep Free Days)
Mon 13 Feb		Whole School Photos

NB: Please check Compass for all dates/times including excursions and incursions. All dates are subject to change

### **Reminder: School Council approved 'Student Free Days' in 2023.**

**These are as follows: Friday 27 January (mandated); Monday 24 April (day before ANZAC day and is the first day of term 2); Monday 10 July (first day of term 3); and Monday 6 November (day before Cup Day).**

**In addition, there will be two more days to be decided, the Common Professional Practice Day for staff possibly in May and the 3-way Conference Day usually held early in August.**

**We will confirm the last two days as soon as we can confirm them.**

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

Cultural day – today as I wander around the school there are celebrations of many cultures in every classroom. Students and staff have dressed in traditional dress and are taking part in a range of activities in groups to celebrate. There are dumplings and spring rolls, painting and craft activities. All classes are enjoying the tasks which will culminate with a special assembly at the end of the day. Special thanks to Mengyue and Megan for organising the day, buying all the ingredients and being so enthusiastic.

Projects complete- Prior to Covid we would hold fundraising events through the year and have a project to put the funds towards. In 2018 and 2019 the projects were to upgrade the Forest area, including the 5/6 play equipment and secondly to upgrade the Prep play area. Then the building upgrade came along and so we kept the funds aside until we could ascertain what would be included with the upgrade and the spaces we had to work with. We have reached the stage where all the fundraising money has been expended. The year 5/6 play equipment has been established in the forest area. The Prep play equipment has been ordered and will be installed early next year. We are planning the next project and any fundraising funds surplus to running the school are being accumulated for this. The project list is being developed by the Environment subcommittee of School Council and will be presented to School Council at the next meeting. We were so lucky with the upgrade that we were able to complete so many projects around the school.

Schools are funded for staff according to the number of students in the school, using a ratio of one teacher per 25 students. This includes the recommendation that Prep, and Year 1 classes have 21 students. The decision to offer straight classes and not multi-age then means that some classes are larger due to the number of students enrolled in that level. For example, this year we currently have 51 Year 1 students in two classes. This began as 48 and with a few more students enrolled into this year level for 2023 means we will break the level into three classes of 18, which is below what we are funded for, but consideration is also given to their age and the disrupted beginning to school.

Our projected enrolment for next year is 330 which, when divided by the funding amount of 25 = 13.2. With all the considerations we need to make we will be offering 16 classes next year. There will be two Prep classes, two Year 1 classes, three Year 2 classes, three Year 3 classes, two Year 4 classes, two Year 5 classes and two Year 6 classes. We will continue to offer the specialist programs of Visual Arts, PE, Mandarin and Performing Arts. We have also been notified that the Tutoring program will continue with changed guidelines but again be offered as a hybrid model and implemented in small groups throughout the school. This is the planning as of 26 November but could change if enrolments change.

Every year there are staff changes as staff move to new schools, take leave or life's circumstances take them to different places. We are currently recruiting for 2023 and then begin the process of assigning 16 teachers to classes and teachers to the four specialist areas. This becomes very complex as teachers change time fractions, take leave, receive promotions, move schools and return from leave. We also work to ensure there is a balance of experienced with less experienced teachers. This process takes many weeks and is the work we are currently doing.

At the same time we begin to shape the classes for next year. The process to form new classes is very well considered using student requests, teacher knowledge, parent requests and teams working together to form each class into a balanced group of learners. We group students into new groups, keeping friends together, balancing gender, academic ranges and social needs. The students will be asked to name four friends they learn well within the next few weeks. This is managed in the classroom and is confidential. Students are encouraged to think about students in the level and not just in their current class. Teachers will collect this information and use it to inform the process.

### 2023 Class requests:

We invite parents to write to me if they have a particular request regarding their child's class placement for the following year. This request must be on educational grounds. Requests for a particular teacher will not be considered. If you feel compelled to make a request then please ensure it is in writing to myself no later than COB Friday 11 November.

On Monday 31 October we have the fourth of the Stud free days for the year. Staff will be onsite working on analysing the survey data from parents and students and analysing academic data in relation to our AIP targets. The staff will then spend the afternoon writing reports.

Another busy week and a short one next week will be welcome.

Take care

*Have a great week*

*Melissa Mackenzie*

*Principal*



Alphington Primary School  
**OUT OF HOURS MUSIC PROGRAM CONCERT**

**SUNDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2022 2pm-5pm**  
**APS GYMNASIUM**

The Music Committee are delighted we can once again hold the Music Concert!  
The concert was last held in 2019.

We hope every music student will have a song they have prepared and can perform at the concert.

It would wonderful to see as many music and school families there as possible!  
OHMP Committee

# National Recycling Week



**1ST ALPHINGTON CUB SCOUTS  
SPORTS EQUIPMENT  
RECYCLING DRIVE**



**12 NOVEMBER 2022**

We are collecting damaged and unwanted sports equipment to be recycled or re-homed.

We will be collecting from your driveway in Alphington.

Please put out by 8am on Sat 12 November and email your address for collection to: [alphingtoncubscouts@gmail.com](mailto:alphingtoncubscouts@gmail.com)



## **We will accept the following...**

### **INFLATABLE BALLS:**

basketball, football, netball, rugby, soccer, volleyball, water polo

### **RACKET SPORTS BALLS:**

badminton shuttlecocks, squash, table tennis, tennis

### **RACKETS:**

badminton, squash, table tennis, tennis

# 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.



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# ART4 ALL

**11-13 NOV 2022**  
**FAIRFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
LANGRIDGE ST, FAIRFIELD 3078

**FAIRFIELD'S FAVOURITE ANNUAL ART SHOW**

25 YEARS OF FUN

Community Bank East Ivanhoe  
Bendigo Bank

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MORE INFO & TICKETS HERE! [ARTFORALL.COM.AU](http://ARTFORALL.COM.AU)

OF COLLECTING

**FRIDAY 11 NOVEMBER**  
6PM-9PM

<p><b>ART GALLERY</b></p> <p>Our gallery features large and small format paintings, photographs, works on paper, prints and sculpture.</p>	<p><b>GALLERY SHOP</b></p> <p>Curated edit of gorgeous goods by local designers on consignment – jewellery, ceramics, homewares, textiles, cards and small prints.</p>
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**SATURDAY 12 NOVEMBER**  
10AM-3PM

**ART GALLERY + GALLERY SHOP**

**GALA EVENING**  
7PM-MIDNIGHT

**SUNDAY 13 NOVEMBER**  
10AM-3PM

**ART GALLERY, GALLERY SHOP + FAMILY DAY!**

A day for everyone! Kids can buy a wristband for ArtZoo and enjoy 5 hours of arty fun, or get a ticket to see our Family-Friendly Show, **THE BUNK PUPPETS**. There's a free Art Trail through the Gallery to complete, and much more. We won't let you go hungry with a Kids Cafe and lots of food options for morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.

→ BRING YOUR REUSABLE CUP AND BAGS! ←

MORE INFO & TICKETS HERE! [ARTFORALL.COM.AU](http://ARTFORALL.COM.AU)



## Tuning in to Teens™

**Would you like to be better equipped to support your child as they transition to high school?**

**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

- Jennifer Sells – cohealth
- Maryanne Clarke – Yarra Family, Youth and Children's Services

Delivered by Relationships Australia Victoria as part of Yarra Communities that Care, in partnership with Alphington Primary School, Carlton North Primary School, Clifton Hill Primary School, Deutsche Schule Melbourne, Fitzroy North Primary School, Princes Hill Primary School, Spensley Street Primary School and St John's Primary School.

### Ideal for

Parents/carers of year 6 students who live or study in the City of Yarra.

### When

6:30 - 8:30pm on Wednesdays in term 4:

- 26 October
- 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 November 2022.

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

### Where

Carlton North Primary School  
60 Lee Street, Carlton

### 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-yarra.eventbrite.com.au](http://tint-yarra.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.



A Halloween-themed poster for a 'Spooktacular' event in Ivanhoe. The background is a dark teal night sky with a large, glowing full moon. Several black silhouettes of bats are flying across the sky. In the foreground, a black silhouette of a town skyline is visible on the left, with a street sign on the right that reads 'UPPER HALLOWEEN RD'. A group of children in various costumes, including a witch, a ghost, and a bunny, are walking along a hillside in the foreground, some carrying jack-o'-lanterns. The text 'HALLOWEEN' is in a white, outlined font, and 'SPOOKTACULAR' is in a large, green, dripping font. Below that, 'IN IVANHOE' is written in a smaller, black font with a green circle around the word 'IN'.

# HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR

IN IVANHOE

UPPER HALLOWEEN RD

## TRICK OR TREATING

Friday 28 October

2.00pm – 6.00pm

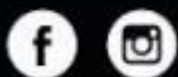
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