



## **TERM 4 2022**

Thu 24 Nov	Year 5 Makers Market
Thu 24 Nov	Prep and Year 1 Twilight Night @ school
Sat 26 Nov	<b><u>STATE ELECTION SAUSAGE SIZZLE - CAKE DONATIONS NEEDED!</u></b>
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

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

**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)**

**Monday 6 November (day before Cup Day).**

**Common Professional Practice Day TBC (May)**

**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.

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**

Late last week I had the privilege of listening to the Year 5's deliver their speech about their qualities and why they would like to be part of the leadership team. Their speeches showed a lot of flair and were of a very high standard. The year 4 and 5 students voted, and this formed the top 20. These students will be interviewed today, in front of four staff members. The ten successful students will be announced in a couple of weeks, after the Year 5 camp. It is really inspiring to listen to these young people and their desires to make a difference in their world.

Two weeks ago, on Sunday, we held the Out of Hours Music Program (OHMP) concert. The students who learn music throughout the year were able to showcase their talents in front of parents and friends. We also learned that Sid has taught guitar here for 19 years! We were then delighted to ask the Year 6 students to perform their piece at assembly last week in front of the school. I felt so proud of their courage and willingness to share their talents. Huge thanks go to the committee, Rebecca, Astrid and Joanna who organised the Sunday event and have supported the program throughout the year. Enrolments for next year's lessons are recommended, the form is available from the office.

The Year 5 Makers Market is on tomorrow. They have been working all term on developing their business plan, making the items and then tomorrow they will be selling. All classes will have a chance to visit the stall and make purchases. There is more information later in this newsletter. Once completed they will finish with a review of the process and any profits they make will be donated to a charity of their choice. It is an example of an integrated learning unit that involves 'real life' skill development and understanding. The students have been reading, writing, speaking and listening, completing many aspects of maths, learning about financial literacy and marketing, and developing their understanding of business. Well done to the Year 5 team for providing such an engaging unit.

**As you know we will be holding a sausage sizzle, cake stall and coffee for the election on Saturday. We have asked for cake donations and volunteers for the day through Compass. Please contribute if you are able. I would like to thank School Council and especially Todd for his work in organising and co-ordinating this event.**

*Have a great week*

*Melissa Mackenzie*

*Principal*

## **Assistant Principal Update**

Hello everyone,

Welcome to Term 4 Week 8.

The energy across the school is extremely high as the busyness of school ramps up. Year 5 Camp, P/1 Twilight Evening, Year 2 sleepover, incursions, excursions, swimming lessons, leadership interviews, transition, and the list goes on.

While it is exciting it does mean we need to continually be aware of the impacts this has on students' wellbeing and that of staff and ourselves. So, this week as we head full steam to the end of the year my goal is to take moments to be grateful and enjoy the experiences that are being afforded to us. I hope you can also find some moments throughout your week.

**Yard & Playground Safety:** This week we have seen an increase in the number of students in the Main Administration building during recess and lunchtime without permission and unsupervised. A lot of this is due to students going to First Aid, however on most occasions they have not first spoken with the yard duty teacher. We have communicated this to students, and I will speak about it on assembly this week. Can I ask families to also remind their children that if they require assistance when in the playground the best option is the yard duty teacher.

Primarily this is about ensuring students are supported safely throughout the school. For younger children, this is about learning the school processes to ensure they can feel safe and secure in the school environment.

**APS Writers Festival and Art Show:** Last Wednesday night's Writers Festival and Art Show was an amazing success. It was wonderful to see so many families enjoying the wonderful writing and art displays.

The scavenger hunts were again very popular and providing an engaging way for students and families to interact with the various displays. We will announce the winners on assembly this coming Friday.

A big thank you to all the students and teachers in preparing for the evening. A special mention to Christy for her efforts in coordinating the event.

**2022 Planning:** We are in the final stages of preparing classes for 2022. As we finalise the teachers, student classes and classrooms, staff will begin commencing the important job of planning for next year. Next week signifies the end of our specialist program for 2022 and in week 10 our teachers will be released to meet with myself and their 2023 teaching teams to plan their English, mathematics, and integrated inquiry programs of learning for the year. We have spent significant time this year developing our curriculum programs and have developed effective planning documentation which supports alignment to the Victorian Curriculum.

Furthermore, we will allocate time in the coming weeks for staff to meet, share and discuss student transition data. This will ensure that student's learning and wellbeing needs are known by their 2023 teachers, and that year level teams can begin planning differentiated teaching, learning and wellbeing programs to ensure students' needs are catered to at their individual point of need.

*Enjoy your week.*

*Shane Wilkie*

*Assistant Principal*

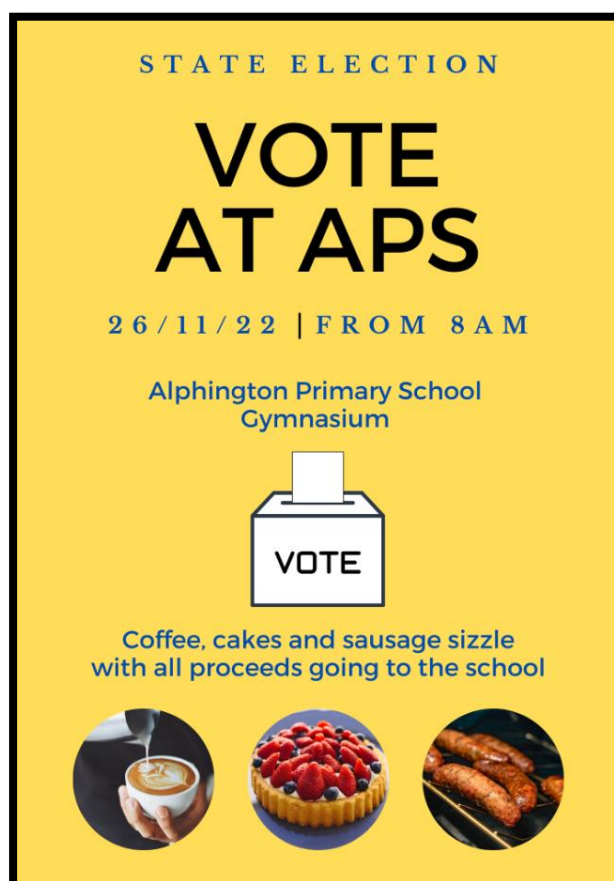
## **ELECTION BBQ: Volunteers & baked items needed**

Thus far we have 40% of spots taken in the volunteer roster for this Saturday 26 November. If you can spare an hour between 8am to 2pm, please put your name down in the roster as many hands make light work:

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1TNIBxV5rmiWOw-BjbF8oFEUi-iXWMbMddYCX\\_iQS3Rc/edit?usp=share\\_link](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1TNIBxV5rmiWOw-BjbF8oFEUi-iXWMbMddYCX_iQS3Rc/edit?usp=share_link)

## **A reminder for donated baked items such as cakes & biscuits (incl. list of ingredients) - please note that smaller baked items generally sell better than whole cakes.**

Either leave baked items at the school reception on Friday 25 November or bring early on Election Day.



## Library News

Afternoon folks,

The new library space is in full swing with students and teachers enjoying the new digs. This space has been a joy and a pleasure to create for the whole APS community. When people enter the library I want socks to be knocked off and eyes to pop out of heads! This is an inspiring space where everyone wants to reach for ALL the books. This mission may have been accomplished because I have already found a few socks. APS teachers are excited that their students are wanting to spend more time in the library choosing books and reading. Many more overdue books are being returned just so the students can pop in and use the scanner! It really is a magical place.



It was lovely to welcome families into the library last week during the Art and Writer Soiree. The next morning the library desk was filled with post-it notes with some splendid feedback. Many families wrote down their favourite area in the library and also their favourite book, (Bumageddon)! It sure is a popular book! If you haven't had the chance to pop in for a sticky beak, wander in at pick-up and say G'day.

Author, *Rebecca Young*, summed up the role her school library played in her life. Rebecca Young is the author of **The Speedy Sloth**. This is available to borrow at school and to purchase through the Scholastic Book Club.

*Libraries are paradise to me – they always have been. They give opportunities and access to absolutely everybody, and they give you that chance to experience things and travel to places that you wouldn't be able to without their collections. My schools had great libraries and I would just walk in there and feel a sense of opportunity. To be around like-minded people and to have the librarians who would be able to recommend things and talk books with you was magical. My library bag was one of my prized possessions – it was so important to me to be able to jam as many books in there as possible.*

I hope all APS students feel inspired like this after a visit to our school library.

Happy reading..... and happy returning of all overdue books,

Lizzy Ferguson

## REMINDER

### Out of Hours Music Program – OHMP - Reminder 2023 ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN

A reminder that Enrolments for the 2023 Music Program (OHMP) are now open.

New students are welcome and if you have any queries, please contact the OHMP Committee on [alphps.music@gmail.com](mailto:alphps.music@gmail.com)

Please ensure all enrolment forms are returned to the office by **THURSDAY 8<sup>th</sup> December**



## REMINDER

Year 5 Makers Market

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November



Craft	Cost	Food/Beverage	Cost
Yarn bracelets and loom bands	\$1	Brownies	\$2
Softies, bookmarks and badges	\$1.50	Jelly Islands	\$2
Shrink Keychains	\$2.50	Honey Joys	\$2
Magnetic Mosaics	\$1-\$1.50	Caramelised White Chocolate crackle slice	\$2
Rock Art	\$2	Peppermint Slice	\$2
Slime	\$3	Rocky Road	\$3
Beauty Bracelets	\$2.50	Shortbread Cookies	\$2
		Rocky Road	\$2
		Cookie Dough	\$2
		Tropical Drinks	\$2
		Chocolate Cookies	\$2



Issue 8 **Scholastic Book Club** ordering is now available. Please note we only do online ordering through the website below.

Please go to [Book Club - Parents | Scholastic Australia](#) to order.



## ALPHINGTON NETBALL CLUB

**Club Training as "full squads" in your 2023 Age Group.**

U11 Wednesday 23-Nov 4-5 pm Narrandjeri Stadium - Darebin Park

U13 Wednesday 23-Nov 5-6 pm Narrandjeri Stadium - Darebin Park

U15 Wednesday 23-Nov 6-7 pm Narrandjeri Stadium - Darebin Park

U17 Thursday 24-Nov 5-6 pm Narrandjeri Stadium - Darebin Park

U9 Wednesday 30-Nov 4-5 pm Alphington Primary Stadium

### **Net Set Go**

*"Free Come Try"*

Monday 5 December 4-5pm Alphington Primary School

### **Registration for Junior Teams.**

Your child(s) birthdate will automatically dictate the registration.

Based on age AT December 31st.

Eg. If you are already 9years old on 31 Dec, then you register for U11.

This in the age group for the whole year, both season 1 and season 2.

Registration for ANC Season 1, 2023 **CLOSES** on Friday 25th November

Under 9 Registration for Season 1,2023 **CLOSES** on Thursday 1st December.

NSG Registration tbc at the Come try session.

# Alphington Open Studio Weekends



26 - 27 Nov  
3 - 4 Dec 2022



## Alphington Open Studio Weekends

Saturday 26- Sunday 27 November  
Saturday 3 - Sunday 4 December  
11 am - 6 pm



Contact:

ph: Bridget 0409 788 973  
e-mail: alphingtonstudios@gmail.com  
web: alphingtonstudios.com  
insta: @alphington\_studios

## studio addresses

3 Park Avenue  
Andrew Sutton: paintings  
Matthew Winstanley: ceramics  
Virginia Harding: paintings

Alphington Community Centre  
2 Kelvin Road  
Salon Exhibition

The Gleeson Centre  
Darebin Parklands, end of Separation Street  
Geoff Kelly: illustration/paintings  
Sharon West: paintings and dioramas

8 Geneva Road  
Jo Davies: ceramics & assemblages

30 Smith Street  
Avis Designs: jewellery & sculptures  
Bridget Foley: ceramics

41 Keith Street  
Stephen Allen: woodwork

33 Keith Street  
Wendy Roche: textiles, felting, eco dyeing

12 Naroon Road  
Anne Warren: paintings, assemblages, collage

11 Naroon Road  
Cetta Pilati: metal sculptures & marble mosaic

3 White Street Fairfield  
Stephen Armstrong: paintings

# SCOUT CHRISTMAS TREES!

**Support Alphington and Clifton Hill Scouts' major fundraiser in 2022!**

Order your Christmas Tree online for delivery on Saturday 3 December or Saturday 10 December.

Trees - \$95, Stands - \$70

We deliver to: Abbotsford, Alphington, Collingwood, Clifton Hill, Fairfield, Northcote, North Fitzroy and Thornbury.

<https://www.trybooking.com/CDLCI>

Scan here to buy your tree!



SCOUTS & SCHOOLS  
**MONSTER  
RAFFLE**

**We are also still selling  
Monster Raffle tickets  
until 11 November!**

**Scan the QR code to buy!**





IVANHOE EAST PRIMARY SCHOOL'S

# SUMMER FUN FAIR!

RIDES • STALLS • MUSIC • FOOD

12 to 5PM  
SAT 3 DECEMBER

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Alexander

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GOLD SPONSORS

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AND ASSOCIATES

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East Ivanhoe

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## Taming Teen Anxiety

### Free webinar

**Support your child to manage stress, worry and anxious feelings.**

#### Are you:

- concerned about your child's ability to manage stress, deal with school pressure or handle failure?
- wondering how you can encourage your child to step out of their comfort zone, navigate friendship issues, or face their fears?
- unsure about how to respond to your child's moodiness, angry outbursts, or disengagement?
- struggling with how to talk with your child about stress and anxiety?

Join us for this free webinar to unpack what's happening in your child's brain when they're dealing with stress and anxiety.

You will take away practical ways to support your child and build their skills to manage their worries, both big and small.

This program is delivered by Relationships Australia Victoria as part of Yarra Communities that Care. Session content is based on the Tuning in to Teens™ program.

#### Ideal for

Parents/carers of teens and pre-teens who live or attend a school in the City of Yarra.

#### When

Tuesday 29 November 2022  
7:15pm - 8:30pm

#### Where

This session will be delivered as an online webinar. More information will be provided after you register.

Please note: Participants will have access to the chat message function for the question and answer (Q&A) section of the webinar, but will not be on video or audio.

#### Cost

Free of charge. Bookings required.

### Register and find out more

**Register at [bit.ly/taming-teen-anxiety](https://bit.ly/taming-teen-anxiety)**

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.

