



TERM 1 2022

Wed 09 Feb		APS Year 3 - 6 Swimming Carnival
Mon 14 Feb		WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTOS
Thu 03 Mar		Ivanhoe District Swimming
Mon 07 Mar		Divisional Swimming
Fri 18 Mar		ISDDA District Soccer Round Robin - Year 6
Tue 22 Mar		Regional Swimming Carnival
Fri 01 Apr		IDSSA District Footy Round Robin Year 6 (Girls)
Sat 02 Apr		APS Trivia Night - New Date
Fri 08 Apr	2.30pm	End TERM 1 - please note early dismissal
Tue 26 Apr		TERM 2 Commence - all students and staff

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

<u>2022 Victorian school term dates</u>		
	Start date	Finish date
Term 1	28 January Students start 31 January in government schools	8 April
Term 2	26 April	24 June
Term 3	11 July	16 September
Term 4	3 October	20 December

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 everyone! We have had a very settled start to the year. The students have come back from the break with enthusiasm and desire to learn which invigorates us all. I hope all families had a restful break, I know many of you were hit with Covid during the break but thankfully I haven't heard of anyone becoming seriously ill with the virus.

I've had a few briefings over the holidays about the measures we are taking to keep everyone as safe as possible. We received our allocation of air purifiers and then purchased some more to ensure every classroom and high traffic area has one. Staff have been briefed on their use and these should be running throughout the day and for time either side of the school day. Staff are opening their doors and windows for the day and ensuring that their space keeps well ventilated. Teaching outside, weather permitting, is highly recommended and mask wearing for year 3-6 is expected unless the students has an exception. All in all, we feel confident to come back and are working hard to ensure we stay open and can continue with the learning we want to have happen for our students.

Next week we have our annual swimming carnival for all students in years 3-6. We hire the two pools, this year at the Fitzroy pool. Students who can swim 50 m compete in events and all other students swim in the shallow pool competing in relays and water confidence activities. This is our first House event, and we encourage students to wear their House colours with flair and enthusiasm.

There were no further staffing changes over the break, and we are in the process of employing a Performing Arts teacher and a tutor. Our enrolment numbers have finalised at 358 with only 17 students in each of the Prep classes and 26 in each of the year 3's and 4's. As the construction finishes, we will be working hard to promote our school and all that we offer to the community. The gymnasium is nearly complete and will be ready for us to use in the next couple of weeks. The toilets are in operation and now become our outside toilets. The students will be taught in this space for PE when it isn't outside, the Performing Arts room and the canteen are also in this space. There will be many opportunities to use the gym during our days and then sporting groups will be able to hire the space after school hours.

The school was looking amazing at the end of the break and then quite disappointingly we had a group of vandals come and throw oranges at the Learning Centre windows splattering the glass on each level with sticky fruit. We now must pay for a cherry picker to enable us an extra clean of the upper windows which will also cost us extra. They also broke a table and left the frame perched across a door which fell onto a staff member which could have been catastrophic. If any families know the teenagers who did this damage or were in the school when this happened, please alert myself or the Collingwood police as it is unacceptable. If you see anything on a weekend or after hours, please also report it as it adds cost, wastes time and is a big inconvenience to the school.

I am very excited to engage a group of senior students to work on the design that we have for the Forest area and new play equipment. We hope to place the order within the next couple of weeks and start work on this area soon.

I am looking forward to the year ahead knowing that whatever we face we will do with a smile and professionalism to keep the whole community safe. I have been so grateful for the community support so far with all we have gone through.

Take care

*Melissa Mackenzie
Principal*

Rapid Antigen Tests

All our student allocated RATS for the first 2 weeks have been collected or sent home with the children now. When we receive our second allocation, we will advise you as to how they will be distributed. Thank you for your tremendous support with the collection. We really appreciate your patience.

Assistant Principal Update – Shane Wilkie

Welcome Back!

I hope everyone managed to get some time over the Christmas and New Year period to relax, re-energise and spend some quality time with those close to you. After another challenging year I know we appreciated time spent with family and doing lots of things to take our minds off the stresses of the past couple of years.

While it was a hot start to the first day back to school on Monday, it was amazing to see how quickly students were able to settle back into school. And on Tuesday we welcomed our new Prep students to APS. It was also great to see lots of families back this week in the playground. Just a reminder that if you are onsite for longer than 15 minutes you are required to sign in and while masks are not mandatory outside, they are encouraged where physical distancing is not possible.

Tutoring Program: As you may be aware, the Victorian Government is continuing with their investment in the Tutor Learning Initiative (TLI) to enable schools across Victoria to provide support to students who need extra assistance with their learning. Schools are to determine how this initiative is best implemented for their students and ensure that students get this support in a way that minimises disruptions to other learning or school activities. However, Department of Education and Training (DET) have outlined mathematics and numeracy as a focus area for 2022.

Following a review of our 2021 TLI program we have made some minor adjustments to the program delivery.

- We will continue a hybrid model of three 45-minute sessions per week consisting of an in-class session, a withdrawal session, and an enrichment session.
- Identified students will be selected from each class across a year level cohort and work collaboratively with the Tutor on agreed mathematics goals for the duration of their cycle.
- The Tutor will meet with the Year level team during planning each week to discuss the upcoming week's learning.
- We have extended the TLI program cycles to align to the semester period. This was done following the review which indicated that students benefited from multiple cycles over a longer period of intervention.
- Families of students participating in the TLI will receive an Individualised Learning Plan (ILP) for the semester outlining the learning goals for the TLI.

Staff are undertaking a comprehensive data analysis and student identification process and are finalising the first TLI groups through a consultation process involving the new 2022 teaching teams and previous years' teams - who are most familiar with students' learning needs.

We have scheduled the TLI to commence following the completion of our Start Up program. At this point we will provide specific communication to the families of students who will be invited to participate in the first TLI cycle.

Start Up Program: Over the first few days I have received several positive comments from families and students about how great classrooms are looking. APS prides itself on providing a unique environment to ensure every person can achieve their full potential. At the forefront is the wellbeing of the whole community.

To ensure we can provide a safe and supportive environment for all students, teams spend time during the curriculum days developing their year level Start Up program. The aim of the program is to provide a structure for all staff to follow to ensure a consistent beginning to the year for all students. This is usually implemented over the first two weeks.

Building Relationships - incorporating getting to know you, goal setting - Do we display these?

Teamwork – let's not forget how complex teamwork is. We need to teach the skills involved.

Celebrating learners – understanding ourselves and others as learners and embracing individual differences.

Understanding our rights and responsibilities - exploring our rights and individuals and as a community of learners - what responsibilities must we uphold?

Embedding our 'School Values' – One thing to recite them but what do they look like? How do we live them?

Working with Year 3 and Year 4: For the start of 2022 I am supporting the Year 3 and Year 4 classes in the curriculum areas of English and Mathematics. I am working with each team to be timetabled throughout the week during morning and middle sessions working with a variety of students as well as supporting teachers with some collaborative teaching. As well as my work supporting each year level with their weekly curriculum planning and leading the school improvement team to

implement our key improvement priorities – including the Tutor Learning Initiative, my work with the Year 3 and 4 teams will be a key priority for term one.

Have a great week

Shane Wilkie

Assistant Principal

OHMP – Out of Hours Music Program

We currently have vacancies for Violin/viola, percussion, guitar, brass, flute and clarinet. We have a few spots remaining for piano at later times - 6.05 and 6.35. Please get in touch with the committee if your child is interested in learning an instrument. alphps.music@gmail.com

We also have group recorder available for younger students on Wednesdays after school - perfect as introduction to music and learning to read music. If you are interested, once again, please get in touch with committee.

Finally, we are looking for more musicians to join our ensemble - if you are learning an instrument (at APS or elsewhere), this is a great opportunity to practice and learn songs with other budding musicians. Ensemble is usually held during lunchtimes - day TBC based on interest.

OHMP Committee

Student Medication

Please note that updated student Medical Plans and medication needs to be handed into the office asap.

APS Uniform

A reminder that APS school uniform is available online at https://www.rhsports.com.au/product/school_wear/alphington_ps

The second-hand uniform racks are free and will be placed in the quadrangle periodically during the week.

Annual privacy reminder for 2022 (Privacy Collection Notice)

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy.

Please take time to remind yourself of our school's collection notice, found on our <https://www.alphinps.vic.edu.au/reports-policies-and-privacy.html>.

For more information about privacy, refer to: Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents. This information is also available in ten community languages:

- * Amharic
- * Arabic
- * Dari
- * Gujarati
- * Mandarin
- * Somali
- * Sudanese
- * Turkish
- * Urdu
- * Vietnamese.

APS Trivia Night - new date of Saturday 2 April

Please put Saturday 2 April in your diary for the 2022

APS Trivia Night!

We are hopeful that the Trivia Night will be able

to go ahead this Term but need to monitor the Covid situation over the next few weeks following the return to school.

2022 Photo Day

Online Order Instructions

Dear Parents and Students,

Alphington Primary School PHOTO DAY IS 14-02-2022

Your school prefers orders to be placed online.

However, if unable to order online, please complete your order using the Envelope at your school office. It is important that the order instructions (below) are followed.

**** IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE – ONLINE ORDERING FOR SIBLING PHOTOS WILL CUT OFF ON 13-02-2022 ****

ONLINE ORDERING Your child's school photos are now available for secure online purchase, please note if you are ordering online, you do not need to return an envelope to the school

4 EASY STEPS TO ONLINE SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERING

Step 1: Click Here - For online ordering process for your school.

- OR - Go to www.advancedlife.com.au before photo day and enter your school code [9NF L8M 4MG]

Step 2: Enter your student's details

Step 3: Choose the package that best suits your needs (all orders will be returned to the school for collection)

Step 4: Pay for the photos via the shopping cart (upper right corner of the page)

****Online Orders have a 1.5% merchant fee applied when using Visa, Mastercard or PayPal.**

Please Note: If you miss photo day, portrait and group packages can still be ordered online for 7 days afterwards with no late fees. After that time, late orders will require separate processing and handling and therefore will incur a \$15 late fee per package.

FAMILY / SIBLING PHOTOS No envelope required if ordering online

3 EASY STEPS TO ONLINE SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERING

- Go to www.advancedlife.com.au before photo day and enter your school code [9NF L8M 4MG]
- Family/Sibling photo orders online close on 13-02-2022
- Orders can be placed by returning an envelope up until photo day with exact cash amount.

ORDERING USING AN ENVELOPE

PLEASE SEE THE SCHOOL OFFICE TO RECEIVE ONE AND RETURN ON PHOTO DAY ONLY

Step 1: Student Details: Complete the student details section on the front of the order envelope.

Please use black or blue pen.

Step 2: Purchase Details: Complete the purchase details on the front of the envelope.

Step 3: Payment Method: Select your payment method.

Credit Card – Online Only at www.advancedlife.com.au

Cash – Please enclose correct money – as change is not available

Please Note: A portrait and a class group photograph will be taken of every student at the school, regardless of purchase. Photographs of your children taken as part of a class group are only permitted to be distributed within their own class. Your child's name will appear on the class group photo. If you Do Not wish your child to be photographed, please contact your school office with your instructions prior to Photo Day.

Please feel free to contact us via email or phone should you have any queries regarding your child's school photo order.

info@advancedlifevic.com.au or 03 9852 1133

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Monday & Tuesday 9am-3pm.
Wednesday & Friday 9am-3pm
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SCHOOL UNIFORM



RETAL-P001
Short Sleeve Polo
Royal/Gold
C4-C16, A14-A18
\$32.00



RETAL-PL01
Long Sleeve Polo
Royal/Gold
C4-C16
\$34.00



SV-HH01
Skivvy
White
C4-C16
\$20.00



DR-RH04
Summer Dress
Navy/Royal/Gold/White
C4-C16, A12-A16
\$54.00



TU-RH01
Winter Tunic
Navy/Royal/Gold/White
C4-C16, A12-A16
\$56.00-\$62.00



BK-SP01
Skort
Royal
C4-C14 \$28.00
8 \$30.00



BH-RH01
Jersey Short
Royal
C4-C16
\$22.00



PA-RH03
Active Stretch Pant
Royal
C4-C16
\$31.00



PA-AG03
Track pant Straight Leg
Plain Knee
Royal
C4-C16 \$29.00



RETAL-BJ01
Bomber Jacket
Royal/Gold
C4-C16, A14-A18
\$54.00



RETAL-HO01** *Discontinued*
Hoodie
Royal/Gold
C4-C16 \$43.00
A14-A18 \$46.00



RETAL-JK01
Waterproof Jacket
(Polar Fleece Lined)
Royal
C4-C16 \$52.00



RETAL-HA03
Microfibre Bucket Hat
Dark Royal
XS/S, S/M, M/L, L/XL
\$15.00



RETAL-BA04
Reader Bag
Royal
One Size
\$12.00



RETAL-BA01
NYDA Active Pak School Bag
Bright Royal
25 Litre
\$45.00

NYDA
Get Active!
rhsports.com.au

Ballet, Hip hop and Choir at APS 2022

Our 55 minute lessons run at lunchtimes at APS for Foundation to Grade 2 students and after school for Upper Primary children. Due to renovations at APS, Senior students will be collected from outside the new APS Office at 3:30pm and walked a few doors up to the Hall at 7 Adams St for lessons. Classes focus on enjoyment, nurturing confidence and developing performance skills in a positive, caring environment. Community connections are nurtured through mini performances at local Alphington events such as the school fair. An annual concert is held for those who wish to participate. To enroll your child in a **trial lesson**



with one or more of the groups listed below, please complete and return this form to the school office or visit our website to book online. There is no cost if your child does not continue after the trial lesson. If joining during a term, please ask for the pro-rata price. Yearly enrolment is expected and the costume and Term fees are non-refundable. Please choose carefully. The Term 1 fee is \$180plus GST. There is also a \$65 insurance, rent and costume fee paid upon enrolment per group per year. There are discounts for multiple family classes. Children require a pair of dance shoes to protect their feet during classes. These are available for a further \$35. No other uniform is required but bike shorts are a good idea under school dresses.

Katrina Post School of Performing Arts ~~PostGrad~~ BA Teaching Primary and Secondary Performing Arts Specialist and Generalist Classroom Teacher, BA Dance (VCA), VIT registered, Associate Music Diploma (AMEB), Kodaly & Mini Maestros Teacher Training

Email: katsdance@live.com.au Phone: 0403156920 www.katsdance.com.au



2022 TRIAL CLASS ENROLMENT: Hip Hop, Choir or Ballet at APS

Child's name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

School teacher and class _____

Emergency Phone number: _____

Email Address: _____

Parent name: _____ Sign _____

Class Schedule (Please tick)

Please enroll my child for a trial lesson in the following class/es (tick)

Mon/Tue	<input type="checkbox"/> 4:00pm to 5:00pm	Broadway <u>Song&Dance</u> 3-6
Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Lunchtime 1-2pm	Junior Choir Grade F-2
Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Lunchtime 1-2pm	Junior Hip hop Grades F-2
Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/> Lunchtime 1-2pm	Junior Ballet Grades F-2
Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/> 4:00pm to 5:40pm*	Hip hop then Ballet Grades 2-4
Friday	<input type="checkbox"/> 4:00pm to 5:00pm*	Senior Hip hop Grades 5-8
	<input type="checkbox"/> 5:00pm to 6:00pm*	Senior Ballet Grades 5-8

*3:30pm School Collection available at no cost. Visit our website to view other classes available for toddlers to adults. Phone to book private singing lessons. Please list any special needs or requirements on reverse of form.