



## **TERM 1 2022**

Mon 14 Feb		<b>WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTOS</b>
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		<b>APS Trivia Night - New Date</b>
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>		
	<b>Start date</b>	<b>Finish date</b>
<b>Term 1</b>	28 January Students start 31 January in government schools	8 April
<b>Term 2</b>	26 April	24 June
<b>Term 3</b>	11 July	16 September
<b>Term 4</b>	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**

There was high excitement in the air this morning with the Year 3-6 students heading to Fitzroy Pool for our annual swimming carnival. All students take part in some events and support each other in their attempts. A big component of the day is the 'House' atmosphere that will be created. The House Captains and teachers will be promoting enthusiasm, support and encouragement for each other and looking to see our school values in action. I'll be visiting later today and know that all students will have a rewarding experience during this event.

The building works have slowed down with the difficulty getting trades and materials. We are still hoping to get the main turf replaced during the Easter holidays and there is some work to complete under the pear trees before this can happen. The ramp from the quadrangle to the turf is waiting for steel work to arrive to be finished but we hope to open that space soon. The Art space is having the final touches but the sinks have been held up so this area will be a few weeks away from being finished. I admire the resilience of the staff and students who work around these impediments without complaint and show understanding knowing that we are trying to complete the works as fast as possible.

The main gate on Yarralea St will be out of action soon as the space is needed to give clearance to install the 'brick blades' for the new building. The other three entrances will continue to be used being two on Adams St and the one above the portable on Yarralea St. We have been in contact with Yarra Council about reinstating the barriers to parking on Adams St near the entrances. I will meet with a Council representative to action this and will urge the works to be completed as a matter of urgency as we have seen and heard of near misses with traffic and pedestrians as cars encroach the area for our students to walk on.

Mask wearing is mandatory for all students in years 3-6, all adults in school buildings including staff and recommended for younger students with a few students having exceptions to this rule. We remind students multiple times during the day to put their mask on and would appreciate the support from parents making sure you send your child with a mask and impress on them the need to follow this rule. We are handing out 50-100 masks a day to students who have not brought their own.

*Have a healthy week*

*Melissa Mackenzie  
Principal*

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## **Library news**

Welcome back to the library everyone!

The library space is full of books and ready for all borrowers. You will find exciting new books on the shelves. Many of these were kindly donated by families, special people and talented parents that write and illustrate awesome books. If you open these books, you may even spot your name in a special dedication.

Monday is Library Lovers' Day. This is a time to share our love of literature and reflect on the important role libraries play in our lives. Many of us visit our community libraries and I know that we all love visiting our school library. This year's theme of 'Show the love', encourages us to remember the sense of wonder and joy that a trip to the library, and discovery of a good book, evokes. It is a day to celebrate the valuable role that libraries play in our lives and an opportunity to engage with our libraries.

In our school library there will be book shapes and heart shapes around the space for you to decorate and tell us about your favourite books and authors. These will be displayed around our shared space for all to enjoy. I will be displaying my top ten favourite reads for this month. Looking forward to seeing what books we all love to read.

Please always be on the lookout at home, under the couch, in a school bag for any library books that need to be returned. Remember to bring your library bag to protect the books you are taking home to enjoy.

Happy reading everyone!  
Lizzy Ferguson

## Administration Update – Parent Payments

Parent Contributions for 2022 have been handed out to teachers and will come home this week in your child's bag. **Please note that \$50 credit has been applied to year 1 families who paid the excursion levy in 2021. The levy therefore for 2022 is \$70 for year 1 families.**

## REMINDER - 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](mailto: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

## REMINDER - 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.

Uniforms available online at

[https://www.rhsports.com.au/product/school\\_wear/alphington\\_ps](https://www.rhsports.com.au/product/school_wear/alphington_ps)

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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	 SH-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	 SK-SP01 Bomber Jacket Royal C4-C14, A12-A18 \$30.00	 SH-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** Hoodie Royal/Gold C4-C16 \$43.00 A14-A18 \$46.00	 RETAL-WJ01 Waterproof Jacket (Polar Fleece Lined) Royal C4-C16 \$52.00
 RETAL-HA03 Microfibre Bucket Hat Dark Royal XS, S, M, L, LXL \$15.00	 RETAL-BA04 Reader Bag Royal One Size \$12.00	 RETAL-BAG1 NYDA Active Pak School Bag Bright Royal 25 Litre \$45.00	

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# 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto:info@advancedlifevic.com.au) or 03 9852 1133

Advancedlife Team



**Open Day**  
*Explore | Learn*  
Sunday, 27 March  
11am - 2pm

*Register your  
attendance*

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**Year 7 2024 Enrolments** now open  
Close 19 August 2022



**ALPHINGTON**  
NETBALL CLUB



# NET SET GO

Monday 3.45 - 4.30pm  
Alphington Primary school.

**First session FREE**  
**Get Registration information**  
A Carer must stay with player.  
**February 21st, 2022.**

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

**Look out for Registration details!!!**  
**Opening Soon.**