



TERM 1 2022

Wed 16 Feb		Introductory Meetings
Tue 01 Mar		Talking the Talk (Sexual Education) - Parent Seminar - Book Online (see flyer)
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

We've had another settled week full of learning and celebration. The Introductory Meetings are happening with 80% of families taking the opportunity to meet their child's teacher. These meetings prove very successful in sharing information and noticings as we start the year. Thanks to the teachers who work late into the evening to enable this to happen in a timely way.

Stage 2 building works are well underway with the important concrete pour happening next Tuesday 22 February and Wednesday 23 February. Please find a letter attached to the Compass post. This must be a continuous pour and so there will be a steady stream of concrete trucks from 7am on these days. There will be a letter drop to the immediate neighbours and we ask parents to be patient and walk on these days if you can. If driving, it is suggested that you park away and walk the last part to ease the already congested streets. Please also be careful on the streets as little running pedestrians can be hard to see.

Annual School Council Election: The process now begins. We need 5 parent representatives and 3 DET representatives to form the 2022 Council. If you are interested you can be nominated or self-nominate for this two year role. Council will also co-opt a community member at the first meeting, which will be on 25 March. Nominations must be received at the office by Wednesday 23 February 4pm. A ballot will only be required if the number of nominations exceeds the number of positions.

Have a lovely week
Melissa Mackenzie
Principal

Assistant Principal Update – Shane Wilkie

Welcome to week 3. It has been wonderful that the start of the 2022 school year has resembled what one could describe as a 'normal' start to the school year. Last week we had the Years 3-6 swimming carnival, excursions, an assembly with parents in attendance, and a real sense of normal school activities being undertaken. Thank you to our community for their continued support of the covid-safe processes which are allowing us to commence the school year positively.

School Rights and Values: The beginning of the school year is a timely opportunity to review with students and our community the rights and values that we use to guide student learning, behaviour, and personal and social development. At Aplington Primary School we have two rights that guide our day-to-day actions:

- **We all have the right to feel safe**
- **We all have the right to learn as much as possible**

Alongside the two rights, APS has adopted a set of values to guide the conduct and practices of persons who represent the school and which the school fosters in its relationships. These attitudes are the basis on which the social competencies of students are developed. These are:

- **Kindness:** Demonstrating empathy and being inclusive; displaying gratitude.
- **Respect:** Consideration for self, others and the world around us; being polite and courteous.
- **Resilience:** Being flexible and able to bounce back; being optimistic.
- **Curiosity:** Showing interest and wonder; making choices; a love of learning.
- **Integrity:** Being honest and fair; having a sense of what's right and living it.

What I really love about the APS rights and values is that they encompass all that we do in schools and mean we can focus on affirming positive behaviours rather than 'enforcing rules'. For example, if a student is being disruptive and calling out in class, they can be reminded of the right to learn and being respectful of others. If there is rough play in the yard, students can be reminded of the right to feel safe and to demonstrate kindness.

I encourage families to discuss the school rights and values with their children and unpack what they mean both at school and as a member of your family and community.

Year 3/4 Class Support: This week I have commenced my work with students in Years 3 and 4. At this stage I am working with a group of students from each year level during a maths and English session. Working collaboratively with teachers we have identified a group of students who we are extending beyond the current curriculum level. This also allows the Year 3 and 4 teachers, Alan, Michael, James, and Greta to focus on specific learning goals for other groups of students in the class. My first sessions have been very enjoyable, with a focus on individual goals and challenging ourselves to explore difficult options when working mathematically.

Tutoring Program: Next week all families will receive a Compass Post containing detailed information regarding the roll out of the Tutor Learning Initiative (TLI) at Alphington this year. We are finalising the recruitment of our 2022 Tutor who will commence in the role next week with induction, training and meeting with teams and students.

Families of identified students for the first mathematics cycle of the TLI will receive further information regarding the initiative with specific details about when their child's sessions will be held. The first cycle of TLI will officially commence on Monday 28 February and run through until the end of semester one. Teachers of those students participating in the first semester of the TLI will contact parents to share details of the Individualised Learning Plan goals once they have been finalised in consultation with the tutor.

Learning Goals – student learning journey: Last Friday on assembly I discussed the concept on 'the individualised learning journey'. This is the idea that across all the different disciplines of life, we each have our own strengths and areas for development. Within these our next steps for learning can be varied and diverse. I talked to students about the fact that my goal for running, which is a strength of mine, is very different to my piano goal, which is a relatively new skill development for me. And that we are all at different stages in the vast expanse of our learning journey. As students complete the pre-assessments which happen at the start of the year, I will continue to focus on the concept of individual goals within each of our own learning journey, discussing with students and staff.

Have a great week everyone!
Shane Wilkie - Assistant Principal

Year 3 News

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Year 3 students are going to be starting up a book club for playtime. We think it is important that everyone has the opportunity to read and relax during recess. We are going to set the book club up on Wednesday and Friday at recess. At the moment we don't have any books for the club so we were hoping that we could get some book donations. So if you have any books that your child is no longer using or grown out of, it would be great if they could be donated. Please drop your donations off at the office for us to collect.

From Stella, Flo and Olivia 3M

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.

Thank you

Late Photo Orders 2022

Dear parents and students of Alphington Primary School,

IT'S STILL NOT TOO LATE TO ORDER 2022 SCHOOL PHOTOS BEFORE LATE FEES ARE INCURRED

Your school photo day was held on 14/02/2022 and all students are photographed regardless of purchase. If you did not place an order but would like to, it is not too late to order online.

ONLINE ORDERING Your child's photos are now available for secure online purchase

4 EASY STEPS TO ONLINE SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERING

Step 1:

Go to www.advancedlife.com.au 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: Online ordering is available up to 7 days after photo day and after this time, processing fees of \$15 will apply to all orders.

Place your order on or before **21/02/2022** to avoid the processing fees!



Parent Seminar

For parents of
Foundation
to Year 6

TALKING THE TALK

Respectful Relationships, Human Sexuality and Body Safety Presentation



Presented by

Vanessa Hamilton

More than 25 Years Experience
Sexuality Educator
Mother Of Three

Learn how to tailor conversations with your children about:

- Healthy & Respectful Relationships
- Body & Protective Safety
- What is Normal Early Childhood Sexual Behaviour
- How Babies Are Made And Born
- Puberty Preparation
- Internet Safety And Our Sexualised Society

Learn how to tailor conversations with your children about:

- What is appropriate for my family?
- How much do I need to tell them?
- At what age should I discuss these topics?
- More information: www.talkingthetalksexed.com.au

- **Bookings Essential via trybooking**
- **Zoom link will be sent via email**

Online booking:

www.trybooking.com/BXIFK

*Please note this session is not suitable for children to view

Tuesday 1st March 2022

Live on line via Zoom:
www.trybooking.com/BXIFK

8.00pm - 9.30pm

Testimonials from Parents

"Brilliant, every parent should have access to this talk..."

"Such a clear presenter – Easy to listen to, I liked the humour as it took the pressure off heavy topics..."

"I feel a lot more confident talking to my kids now..."

"Vanessa's presentation is probably one of the best parenting sessions I've ever attended. Honest, engaging, knowledgeable, fantastic. Thank you..."

Primary School Parents





ALPHINGTON FOOTBALL CLUB
FAMILY OPEN DAY
SUNDAY 6TH MARCH
 ALPHINGTON PARK 10AM-1PM



Nelson Alexander

NEW PLAYERS WELCOME
 ALL ABILITIES & SKILL
 LEVELS FROM 5YO UP UP

JUNIORS - BOYS - GIRLS
 SENIORS - VETERANS

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OPEN MORNING

WEDNESDAY 27 APRIL 2022

**9.15am – 11.30am:
Our school in action**

- Student-led tours
- Principal's presentation (9.20am and 10.20am)
- Information hub 11am – 11.30am

6.20pm: Presentation
(repeat session from morning)

**YEAR 7 2023
ACE PROGRAM
APPLICATIONS NOW
OPEN**

Closing date Friday 6 May

See website for details:
nhs.vic.edu.au



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

*Register your
attendance*

marcellin.vic.edu.au

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.

DON'T MISS YOUR WOOLWORTHS CRICKET BLAST POP UP BLAST PROGRAM!



Northcote United Cricket Club @ Alphington Park



**JOIN AND RECEIVE A
BACKPACK & RED RUBBER BALL***

Wednesday from 4.30pm - 5.30pm at Alphington Park

\$30 for 4 week program concluding 9 March 2022

Contact Therese Kenny 0413 877 473

<https://play.cricket.com.au/club/northcote-united-cricket-club/d0cfa9a1-86d8-eb11-a7ad-2818780da0>

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*Please note pack items may vary dependent on the State or Territory

