



TERM 1 2022

Thu 03 Mar		District Swimming
Tue 08 Mar		International Women's Day (<u>Wear Purple</u>)
Mon 14 Mar		Public Holiday - Labour Day
Thu 17 Mar	3.45pm - 5.45pm	Working Bee - SAVE THE DATE
Fri 18 Mar		ISDDA District Soccer Round Robin - Year 6
Mon 21 Mar		Harmony Day (<u>Wear Orange</u>)
Tue 22 Mar		Regional Swimming Carnival
Fri 25 Mar		RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY
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

TERM 2 2022

Mon 25 Apr		Public Holiday - ANZAC DAY
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

School Council Approved Student Free Days

- Term 2 - Friday 6 May
- Term 3 - Monday 11 July - 1st Day of Term 3
- Term 4 - Monday 31 October - Day before Melbourne Cup

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 fabulous week at APS. The students are settled and focussed on their learning. The classes are settled and living the school values which is so pleasing to see and what we expect. We have begun school tours for enrolment in 2023. This year we can include the year 6 students in the tours. They are such great advocates for all the positive opportunities we offer.

We have had a few more positive Covid 19 cases in the school. We also have some students who are household contacts and while not positive have to isolate for 7 days. As a school we are concerned about the connections of students to their class. Teachers have planned meets during the day for the connections to happen.

We are most concerned with some driving behaviours that we are seeing on Adams St. Cars are parking at the gates in No Standing zones and not considering the students who are using this space to enter and leave the school. We are working with Yarra Council to reinstate the barriers that were there. We have also encouraged them to visit and wait to fine drivers who are putting our students at risk. I am again appealing to all drivers to respect the rules around the school for the safety of us all.

The concrete pour went very well although taking longer than expected. You will have noticed the roof tiles from the old main building gone and they are working on making the roof level and even. This week we are also having the new Art room handed over to us. It is a beautiful new space at the end of the BER building.

The 2022 School Council has now been formed. We welcome Thilini Ratnayake, Joe Song, Matt Cobby, Todd Perry and Gareth Brodie, Shane Wilkie, Michael Connelly and Jessie Lewis who join Ashleigh Warmbrand, Julia Charlton, Lucy Nelms, Simone Gianelli, Deborah Luciani and myself to form the 2022 School Council. The first meeting of this Council will be on 22 March.

Your child may have been affected by a lack of availability of replacement teachers. We try hard to minimise disruption, but we have a number of staff absent for various reasons and have been trying three agencies and our regular CRT's to maintain classes and programs. There is a critical shortage across the State, and it is even worse in regional areas. Please know that we are working to minimise disruption and maintain continuity of learning as best we can.

The RAT testing is recommended for the remainder of the term, and we are suggesting Monday and Thursday before school. The distribution of the tests has happened this week.

Have a lovely week

Melissa Mackenzie
Principal

Assistant Principal Update – Shane Wilkie

Welcome to week 5. Unfortunately, like many currently or recently, I am isolating and working from home this week as a close contact. Fingers crossed I will be back onsite from Monday.

Road Safety Update: I would like to thank and acknowledge all of those students and families who have consciously made efforts to be cautious around the school exits at the end of the school day. While on duty last week I noticed a number of students commenting to others about using the pedestrian crossing on Yarralea Street. I also noted that most cyclists were walking out the gates and not mounting their bikes until safe to do so. Thank you and please keep safe.

Class Parent Liaison: All classes are seeking one or two parents to volunteer to undertake the role of Class Parent Liaison. Each year the school invites parents/carers from each grade to volunteer as a Class Parent Liaison. The role is a link between the parents in the class in relation to school and social events. It is a wonderful opportunity to build strong home school relationships. On most occasions the role simply means sharing information with class parents, organising other parents to support events like working bees, coordinating messages for teachers on days such as World Teachers' Day and any other class community events that might require a small number of volunteers to be emailed or organised to act. If you would be interested in carrying out this role, please contact your child's class teacher.

Working Bee: SAVE THE DATE – Thursday 17 March 3:45-5:45pm

Attached to today's newsletter is information about our upcoming working bee. Even if you can spare just 15 minutes, there will be a suitable task available. We will be requesting some of our class liaisons to ask their families to prepare an afternoon tea to help sustain volunteers.

All volunteers will be required to sign in and undergo a brief induction which will include sharing your current up to date Covid -19 vaccination status.

For this term's working bee we have created a shared Google Doc which lists the numerous jobs, skillsets and tools/equipment we require. All families can access this via the link below and include their name against tasks they are able and/or willing to complete at the working bee. Alternatively you can just turn up on the day and jump in with helping out.

[Working Bee Job List – Live Google Doc Link](#)

Class Splits: With the current rules around isolation due to Covid-19, as well as general health and wellbeing concerns, we are seeing an increase in staff absence. While APS has been relatively fortunate in this respect, the number of Casual Relief Teachers (CRTs) currently available through our regular agencies is depleted. This is further exacerbated by the fact that the number of available teachers is still affected due to minimal international workers – typically, much of the CRT pool is made up of teachers from New Zealand, the UK and Canada.

At times we split classes due to staff absence. There is no hard and fast process for this, with a number of factors influencing the decision. Fortunately, with the many of our classes having student numbers at around 20 or less, we can often split with minimal impact. In these cases we tend to split across just one year level so that students simply merge into the adjoining class and continue their curriculum program for the day. At other times a class may be split across two year levels, to allow for better student distribution. This strategy works particularly well for upper year levels where lessons can be accessed through Google Classroom and students are able to have differentiated curriculum materials assigned. We do not split our Prep classes.

Tutoring Program: Our TLI Mathematics program commenced this week to support identified students. In addition to the TLI program we are also developing an extension maths program for those students working beyond their current curriculum level. We also have a number of students selected for the High Ability Learners program. As a school we are working to ensure that all students' individual learning needs are identified and catered for. This could be through small group intervention, whole class differentiation or the development of an Individual Learning Plan. Please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher if you require information regarding your child's progression and achievement.

Have a great week everyone!
Shane Wilkie - Assistant Principal

International Women's Day

On Tuesday the 8th of March we will be celebrating International Women's Day as a school. Students will be encouraged to wear *purple* on the day.

Sometime during the week all classes will be given the opportunity to find out a little bit more about International Women's Day and why we celebrate it.

Then students from each class will share their leaning at our assembly on 11 March.



Thank you,

Harry, Jasmina & Sophie 3A

APS Trivia Night 2022 - Tickets On Sale Tomorrow!

Get excited, tickets for the 2022 APS Trivia Night will go on sale tomorrow! Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased at

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

Tickets on sale from 3 March 2022 until 25 March 2022 unless sold out prior.

This is the first fundraising event since 2019 so get in quick as tables are limited. Further details can be found in the attached flyer, via the trybooking link and on Compass tomorrow.

ALPHINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

TRIVIA NIGHT 2022

2 APRIL / 7PM

TRIVIA / 7.45PM SHARP

FURLAN CLUB / 1 MATISI ST, THORNBURY

TABLES OF 10

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WORKING BEE

Thursday 17 March 2021
3:45-5:45pm



Hi All,

You are invited to join us in giving the school a bit of a tidy up on Thursday 17 March from 3:45pm. There will be a range of jobs available to suit all levels of capability. If you have a specialised skill that you feel may add additional value to our working bee please email Shane on the details below.

We also have a Google Doc available which lists some of the tasks/jobs and equipment needed. You can allocate yourself tasks by clicking on the link: [Working Bee Job List – Live Google Doc Link](#) For OHS and Worksafe compliance all volunteers must sign in prior to commencing any work and undergo a brief induction including citing current up to date Covid-19 vaccinations. The school yard will be unavailable during the working bee for any community use.

Please bring:

Gardening and pruning

- ⊙ Secateurs
- ⊙ Pruning Saw
- ⊙ Weeding forks
- ⊙ Gardening gloves
- ⊙ Mulch and sand spreading shovels
- ⊙ Wheel barrows - we only have 1 at school
- ⊙ Hedge trimmer

Cleanup

- ⊙ Blower
- ⊙ Outdoor brooms and rakes
- ⊙ Small spades/scoops for stormwater drain cleaning
- ⊙ Cardboard boxes to gather our weeds and hedge trimmings

Working Bee jobs include:

- General weeding & pruning
- Sweeping paths
- Cleaning drains
- Painting,
- Spreading mulch

Afternoon tea will be provided.

Looking forward to seeing you all there on Thursday afternoon.

Convenor: Shane Wilkie

NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY

Friday 25 March 2022



Join in the celebration and
ride, walk, scoot or skate to school
on National Ride2School Day.



ride2school.com.au



ALPHINGTON
NETBALL CLUB



Net SET GO

Monday 3.45 – 4.30pm
Alphington Primary school.

**A Carer or nominated adult
must be responsible for your player.**

**Program starts on
Monday MARCH 7th**

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

Registration Open

[https://netball-
registration.worldsportaction.com/appRegistrationForm](https://netball-registration.worldsportaction.com/appRegistrationForm)

Net SET Go 10 week program Term 1 and 2, 2022.

***Remember to select your t-shirt size
with you registration !!!***



St Anthony's Primary School

TWILIGHT FAIR

Friday 4 March 2022, 3:30 to 8:30pm
52 Austin St, Alphington

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Kats Dance News:

Choir, Ballet and Hip hop classes at Alphington Primary School

It has been an fun start to the year for the school dancing and singing groups. Junior Choir have been singing songs from Encanto and Coco while playing the Latin American rhythms with percussive instruments. Junior Ballet students are practising their plies, releves, polkas and positions of the arms. They are enjoying their dance to "reflection" from Mulan in which their reflections come to life. Junior Hip hoppers are dancing up a storm to "Chillin like a villain" from Descendants. Our senior dance and singing groups are busy preparing for their first Alphington community performance event this Friday.

There are still some places available in 4 of the 5 groups. If interested in a free trial, Please call Kat or visit www.katsdance.com.au
Ph 0403156920


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