



Edition 10 - 2022

Wednesday 6 April

TERM 1 2022

Fri 08 Apr 2.30pm

End TERM 1 - please note early dismissal

TERM 2 2022

Mon 25 Apr

Public Holiday - ANZAC DAY - No Students or Staff

Tue 26 Apr

TERM 2 Commence - all students and staff

Tue 03 May 11.30am

APS Fun Run - Whole School - House Dress Up

Mon 09 May

IDSSA District Cross Country

Thu 19 May 11.30am - 1.00pm

Whole School Dance Incursion

Wed 25 May 2.15pm

APS OPEN DAY

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

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 reached the last week of term and have been able to complete so many of our 'usual' activities. We had the Trivia night last Saturday night, which was well attended with parents making great efforts with their costumes and enjoying the event. The subcommittee organising this event wanted a focus to be on community engagement as well as fundraising. This was certainly achieved with the trivia being a hotly contested battle of the minds, with dancing and bonus points on offer for singing and dancing. There are many hidden talents in our community!

This week we invited Ged Kearney to listen to the Year 6 presentations of their Bills for Parliament. They spoke with great courage and conviction and Ged was impressed with the standard of our students, their care and compassion for others which was evident through their speeches. I've also taken delight in reading the Year 1 narratives where their published writing took me into lands far away and make believe. There were villains and heroes but most of it I enjoyed experiencing their creativity and talents in creating engaging texts.

It has just been announced that there will be an extension of the Rapid Antigen Tests given to students for the first four weeks of term 2. We will distribute these in week 1 of next term but also offer to parents that if they are needing extra kits they come and see the office as we have some extra kits. Please note that these kits are for the students and if a student has been positive, they do not need to take part in the RAT testing for 8 weeks following the period of isolation.

I wish you all a lovely restful break

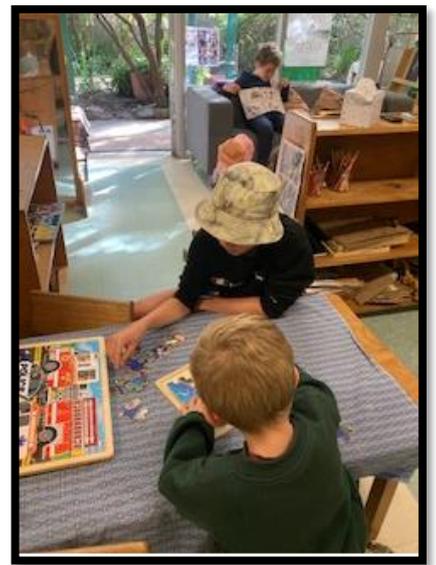
Melissa Mackenzie – Principal

Assistant Principal Update – Shane Wilkie

Hi all and welcome to the final week of the term. I may have slightly jinxed myself by commenting to someone that this was my first full term at APS without a period of remote learning. Because I'm now in isolation again because of family close contact. I know many families can empathise, so I have my fingers crossed that everyone gets the opportunity to celebrate the Easter holiday period with family and friends, safe and healthy.

Year 6 Yarralea Kindy Visit: Last Friday a group of Year 6 students visited Yarralea Kindy as part of our Year 6 Action Teams program. As many of the usual students were at the AFL Round Robin competition there were some first timers in the group. They did an amazing job and the feedback from the Yarralea staff was that the children absolutely loved learning with our APS students, who represented the school admirably.

We are extremely excited to announce that in Term 2 we will commence a further two kindergarten partnership programs with Gumnut Early Learning and Smart Start Childcare.



Smart Start Network Evening: On Wednesday evening I visited Smart Start Childcare with our Prep teachers, Stefani and Kelly. The network evening was an opportunity to continue our efforts to reengage with the community and re-establish partnerships following the interrupted previous 2 years. The evening allowed us to share with parents what APS can offer for families and children starting school in the coming years.

NAPLAN Online: Students in Year 3 and Year 5 are continuing to prepare for NAPLAN Online in Term 2. This week students in Year 5 completed the practice Omnibus Test. This is an assessment which combines questions on literacy and numeracy. The purpose of the test is for students to become familiar with the platform and the types of questions they will be asked during NAPLAN Online.

Families in Years 3 and 5 will today receive Information regarding NAPLAN Online. NAPLAN Online takes place from Tuesday 10 May until Friday 20 May. A timetable and schedule of when tests will be undertaken will be sent home early in Term 2. If you have any questions regarding the upcoming assessment period please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

TLI Individual Education Plans (IEPs): Families of students participating in the Tutor Learning Initiative (TLI) for semester one will receive the student IEPs this week. Our APS Tutor, Emily, has developed the plans in consultation with staff and students. Class teachers will make contact with families to answer any questions they may have. If you do not receive the IEP by tomorrow, please contact the school.

Harmony Day Photos: I thought I would end today's newsletter with some photos from the Harmony Week activity that is displayed across the stairs of the new learning centre building. I love seeing this display as I walk up and down the stairs each day. I notice something different each time. Thanks to the Year 6 Action team who have been responsible for curating the various Harmony Week displays around the school.

Have a wonderful Easter break.

Shane

Assistant Principal



APS Fun Run

On **Tuesday 3rd May**, we will be holding the APS Fun Run. The event will be held at Alphington Oval, and run between 11:20am and 1pm. All students from F-6 will be participating, and training will incur in the lead up.

While the emphasis of this event is participation, fun and whole school engagement, the Fun Run is also an opportunity for year 3-6 students to trial for our District Cross Country Team.

Students are encouraged to wear house colours on the day.

PARENT HELPERS - Community engagement will be vital for the running of our 2022 APS Fun Run, and we greatly appreciate the support we've received for past events. If you are able to help out on the day, please see or email me (Megan Tsilemanis - megan.tsilemanis@education.vic.gov.au) no later than Wednesday 27th May. This will allow time to allocate roles and disseminate information.

You will need to have a current Working With Children's Check and be fully vaccinated (booster included) to attend/help on the day.

Kind Regards,

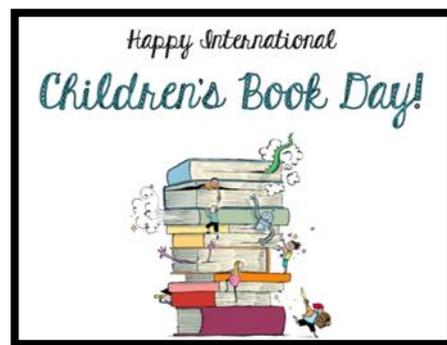
Megan Tsilemanis.

Library News

Hello folks,

On Saturday it was Children's Book Day. Children's Book Day is a great day to celebrate all of the fabulous literature on offer for children. It seemed like a good excuse to visit my local Fairfield Bookshop and stock up on some of the Children's Book Council of Australia shortlisted books for 2022. Congratulations to all of the authors and illustrators for this year on their nomination. An extra big shout out to Nicki Greenberg, an APS parent, who has been nominated for *The Detective's Guide to Ocean*. This book and many other CBCA shortlisted books can be found in our library for your reading enjoyment.

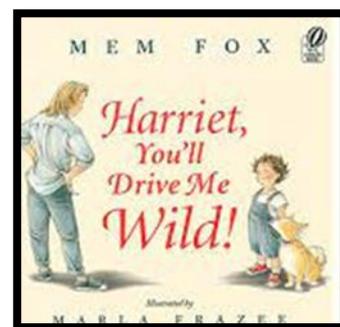
This week we are hearing from Melissa and Shane about their favourite childhood books. We will continue hearing from more staff next term.



What books did you read again and again when you were a youngster?

Melissa Mackenzie:

I have read and read "Harriet, you'll drive me wild" by Mem Fox. She is one of my favourite authors. I love this book because it reminds me to have patience and understanding. When my daughter was young, she used to have things happen "just like that". I remember her spilling paint on the floor and flipping pancakes and they landed on the floor. I can laugh at these things now but at the time I became really frustrated with the mess. I met Mem Fox years ago and I love her passion and sensible yet fun attitude which is so evident in her books. Keep reading everyone!



Shane Wilkie:

I first discovered the book 'The Rainbow Fish' when I was studying Early Childhood Education at University. I loved the messages of sharing, inclusivity and being humble. I have used this book as a literacy and art activity many times, where I take on the role of the Rainbow Fish and share my shiny scales with the children in the class to make their own fish. I have read it many times with all of my own children and have even dressed up as the Rainbow Fish for book week. I still have my original copy that my friends bought me for my 21st.

Thanks for sharing Melissa and Shane. Can't wait for Rainbow Fish to make an appearance during book week later in the year. We know how much the APS community love to dress up.

The shelves are bursting with good reads ready to be borrowed for the holidays thanks to the many book donations from families. We gladly accept books.

If any families love contacting books, you can contact me (haha) and I can bag some up for you to do in the holidays. Contacting books during your holidays is so much fun!

Contact me via email: elizabeth.ferguson2@education.vic.gov.au

Happy reading APS!

Lizzy Ferguson



THE DAZZLING DIAMOND

By Charlie 1 D.G.

In deafening, scary space, on planet Jupiter there was a wise alien called Gazmma. He was helpful, thoughtful, but scary.



Gazmma wanted to go to Earth, so he could be the first alien to discover humans, then he would be a star.



Suddenly a bad robot tried to stop him by breaking the rockets on his space ship.



When Gazmma saw what had happened, he rushed to his space lab and grabbed all of his tools and bits and pieces, and jumped to work.



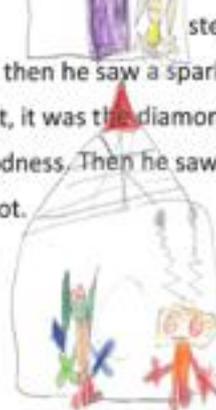
When Gazmma finally fixed his rockets, he shot off into space.

When he arrived at planet Earth he saw the robot's house.



He knocked on the door, but no one was there, so he went inside. It was dark and gloomy, and every time Gazmma took a step the floor boards would creak.

But then he saw a sparkle of light, it was the diamond of goodness. Then he saw the robot.



Gazmma quickly grabbed the diamond of good, he held it in front of him. The robot was hypnotised and turned good.

These days robot does everything good. The robot's lesson was to do the right thing.



By Charlie

WHICH VILLAGE?

By Emma 1 D.G.

In the spooky, creepy castle near the throne was a kind and caring witch. She looked like a beautiful princess.

Her name was Alice.



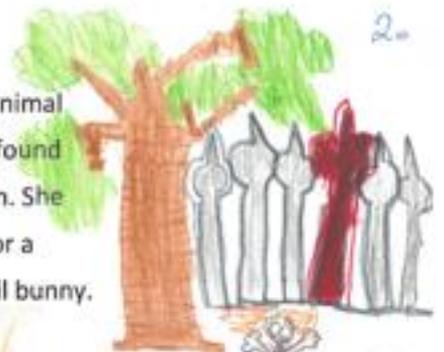
Alice wants an evil bunny rabbit, because she doesn't have a pet and she, really, really wants one.



She went to look for one in Bunny-land, but she didn't find one, it didn't have any evil ones, only good ones.

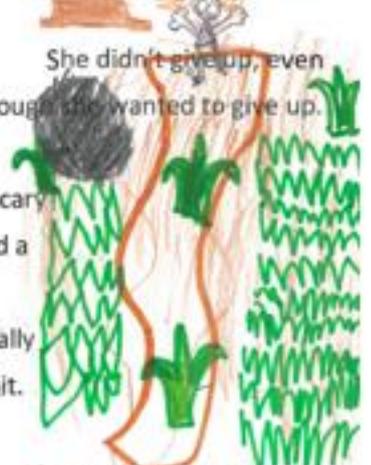


She looked at the animal farm, but she only found a cow and a chicken. She didn't want a cow or a chicken, only an evil bunny.



She didn't give up, even though she wanted to give up.

She rode her bike to the scary Forest. She saw a hole and a bunny popped out from underground. She had finally found her evil bunny rabbit.



She put him in a cage and took him to her scary castle.

They lived happily ever after.

by Emma

THE PLANET BATTLE

By Fred 1 D.G.

In a gigantic magical battle field, in the centre (in the only part that spun) there was a robot called Beepy. He was kind, cool and serious.



Beepy wanted to rule the galaxy, so his planet would be saved from total destruction.

The only way to do it, was he needed to get the most powerful diamond ever made.



There was a wizard who was once a flower, and a potion fell on him and he is called Mister Man. But the wizard does not want to be bossed around, so he did not let Beepy past. He wanted to free forever. Mister Man was attacking Beepy's planet,



because he once attacked the wizard's planet.



Beepy went to earth and upgraded with more convincing skills, and then he went to see the wizard. He convinced the wizard to not attack Beepy's planet.

Beepy agreed to not enslave the wizard if he gives way and lets Beepy grab the diamond.



So, the wizard got out of Beepy's way. Beepy got the diamond and all of the diamond's power got drained into Beepy.

Then Beepy's planet was safe! It happened over and over again, and everyone cheered. Beepy felt really happy.



The lesson was to not attack anyone, before talking about it.

by Fred

THE PRINCESS' CASTLE

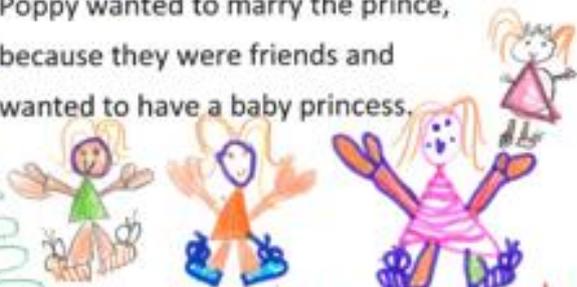
By Grace 1 D.G.

Somewhere there was a beautiful hotel, it was fun and pretty.



Inside was a princess named Poppy, she was beautiful. Her favourite food was ice-cream.

Poppy wanted to marry the prince, because they were friends and wanted to have a baby princess.



The witch took the pretty crown, so, the princess got a new toy, it was beautiful. It was a magical wand.



The princess made the witch turn into a frog. Now the princess and the prince could get married. They lived happily, ever after.

The witch learnt a lesson, which was to not steal from other people especially, crowns.



by Grace



♥ Girls AFLW round robin ♥

On Friday the 1st of April the girls in Year 6 had their AFL round robin. We started off the day with a great win and we were all very excited and hopeful about the day ahead. We lost some games but bounced back again and got into the semi final which was really exciting. In the semi finals we won both games but sadly didn't get into the finals.

Everyone played so well but a special mention to some people who played exceptionally. These people were Jacinta in the back line- she didn't let a goal through. In midfield was Tessa, who got the ball and ran. And we won't forget our forward players Harper.T and Juno.

Overall we came 4th out of our division and our team was outstanding.

We also had some girls who played in a mixed team with students from other schools. They also played some great games and practised some great skills. A shout out to Chloe for being a great ruck and to those who played for Ivanhoe when they were down some players

Another special mention to Marlo for coming along and helping us score and keep everything on track for the day.

Thank you so much to Megan for organising this great experience for us girls and thank you Ian for coming along to coach us.

Written by Amelia D and Josie S



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MASK RECYCLING CHALLENGE

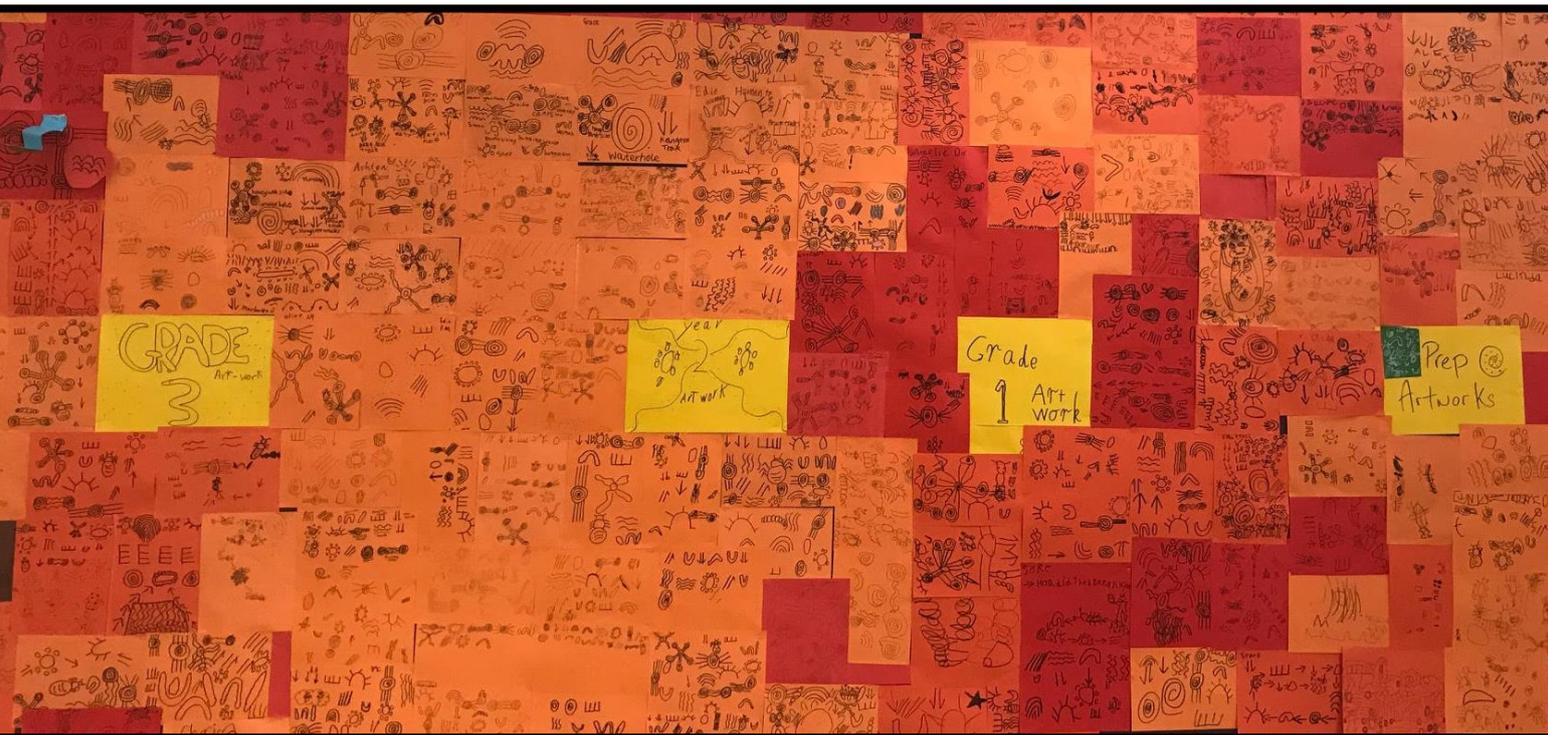
Put your used surgical or N95 masks in the special mask recycle box
Help save sea life & stop plastic pollution.

The poster has a bright green background. At the top, there are two white recycling symbols (a triangle of arrows) flanking the text 'ALPHINGTON PS'. Below this, the title 'MASK RECYCLING CHALLENGE' is written in large, bold, blue capital letters. Underneath the title, there is a message in black text: 'Put your used surgical or N95 masks in the special mask recycle box' followed by 'Help save sea life & stop plastic pollution.' At the bottom of the poster, there are two cartoon illustrations of children. On the left is a girl with long black hair wearing a white surgical mask and a pink shirt. On the right is a boy with short brown hair wearing a white surgical mask and a blue hoodie. Both children have their hands raised near their faces as if adjusting their masks.



Visual Arts Term 1 Update: Exploring ideas and artworks from different cultures and times as inspiration to create visual artworks.

We have been discussing the role of the artist and artworks as an expression of society and culture, for example, discussing the role of artworks from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and the stories they tell. Discussing the role of the artist and artworks as an expression of society and culture, for example, discussing the role of artworks from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and the stories they tell.



LEE PERLINGER (Ollie's mum PSL) IS RAISING FUNDS FOR BREAST CANCER RESEARCH

1 in 7 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime. Every dollar raised helps us get closer to finding a cure.



Donate
to me! →



Use your phone camera to scan the QR code and you will be directed to my fundraising page to make a tax-deductible donation.

Or visit my Fundraising Page:

<https://www.mothersdayclassic.com.au/s/65919/88336/e>





Open Morning

Thursday, 28th April 2022

Tours commencing at 9am
from the School Gymnasium (Burke Rd. entrance)

Information session at 11.00 am
in the School Theatre (High St. entrance)

LET'S GET RECYCLING!

Alphington Primary School is excited to be participating in the *Wonder Recycling Rewards* program again this year. Last year we collected just over **15kg** of bread bags and hundreds of bread tags, giving us a total of 1500 credits to spend towards RH Sports equipment.

We would love to get the ball rolling early and start collecting bread bags and tags now. But of course, we cannot do this without your help. A collection box has already been set up in your child's classroom, so please start collecting at home and feel free to send them in weekly!

TWO RECYCLING REMINDERS

It's important that items being recycled are not contaminated with other products and are as clean as possible. Here's a quick checklist for you:

What is a bread bag for recycling purposes?

The rule of thumb is that if it has contained bread of some sort and is a soft plastic, then it's a bread bag. If it hasn't contained bread, then it's not a bread bag.

How clean do the bags have to be?

Bread bags should be free from crumbs to ensure no contamination during the recycling process but they do not need to be washed.



A promotional image for the Wonder Recycling Rewards program. It features a smiling girl with braids in a blue checkered shirt, holding a red recycling credit. The background is a textured brown paper with hand-drawn icons of a recycling bin, a Wonder bread bag, and a bench. On the left is the 'Wonder Recycling Rewards for schools' logo. On the right, the text reads 'Recycle and earn PLAY equipment for your school!' with 'PLAY' in large, bold, pink letters.



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)

6.20pm: Presentation
(repeat session from morning)

**BOOKINGS
ESSENTIAL** for the
Presentation Sessions

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

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