



TERM 2 2022

Mon 09 May		IDSSA District Cross Country
Wed 11 May		NAPLAN Begins - Year 3 and 5
Wed 11 May	7.00pm	Ski Camp Information Evening - Webex
Thu 19 May	11.30am - 1.00pm	Whole School Dance Incursion
Sat 21 May		Election Day - APS BBQ - VOTE AT APS (From 8.00am)
Fri 20 May		Student Free Day (OshClub will be running - contact directly to book in)
Wed 25 May	2.15pm	APS OPEN DAY
Mon 30 May		Student Free Day (OshClub will be running - contact directly to book in)
Wed 01 Jun		Divisional Cross Country
Wed 08 Jun		Science Expo
Wed 15 Jun		Regional Cross Country
Thu 23 Jun		Yr 6 Mixed Netball Round Robin
Fri 24 Jun		Last Day Term 2 - note early dismissal - 2.30pm

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

It has been a lovely start to the week with our annual Fun Run yesterday. We were so lucky with the weather! The students showed great determination and persistence as they completed some long-distance running. Some of the younger students were hard to stop and they completed many more laps than the one they were asked to do. In fact, I needed to stand in the middle of the course and tell some of them to stop running! Their enthusiasm and support of each other made me feel proud. Thanks to Megan for her organisation and to the many parents who came along to help or to watch the event.

As you will have read last term, we are having terrible trouble finding replacement staff. Very late last year Nisha left APS and we have tried multiple times unsuccessfully, to employ a new Performing Arts teacher. We have had CRT's and have managed to provide a very basic program. We are now in conversations with companies who will come into the school and provide a short term program for the year 2-6 students for next term. We have also employed Christy for another day to teach Performing Arts for the Prep and Year 1 students, she is not able to teach the whole school Performing Arts as most of her time is teaching Visual Arts. You will see Katie Goldwater back from Family leave for this term as she is providing planning time for the teachers, usually gained when the students go to Performing Arts. While it is unfortunate that we have been unable to employ a suitably qualified Performing Arts teacher, we believe that utilising a company with expertise in performance and production will allow us to provide the best possible opportunities for our students this year.

I have reminded parents a few times through the newsletter about paying school charges and that the excursion/ incursion levy is user pays. Families who have not paid this levy will be receiving a letter this week. Please pay as soon as possible and contact the school if you would like to arrange a payment plan.

APS is a polling booth for 21 May election and the School Council are holding a BBQ/ cake and coffee stall. There is a flyer in the newsletter and more information on Compass. It will be an opportunity for the community to see the gym and enjoy a sausage.

There has been some confusion about the easing of restrictions and what that means for students at school. Students and staff who are household contacts of a positive COVID-19 case are no longer required to quarantine. They can return to school as long as they undertake rapid antigen tests (RAT) 5 times within their 7-day period and wear face masks indoors if they are aged 8 and above unless they have a valid exemption. If during the 7 days they return a positive RAT they must then isolate for the required 7 days. Please contact the school if you are unsure.

Have a great week
Melissa Mackenzie
Principal

Assistant Principal Update – Shane Wilkie

I hope everyone has settled back into the routine of school following the Easter Break. On Friday we held our Anzac Day commemoration as part of our weekly assembly. It was a wonderful commemorative service led by our Year 6 Student Leaders. A special acknowledgement to all students, who demonstrated wonderful respect and listening for the duration of the assembly.

Wellbeing Student Data: As part of our continued work to support students' well-being and achievement of the personal and social capability curriculum, staff have been analysing student data gathered through our end of Term 1 Wellbeing Check-in. The termly survey provides insight into how students are feeling about school from both a personal and interconnected sense. Yesterday staff met in teams to analyse our first collection and set some draft goals in response to the data. During weekly 4Rs lessons, Circle Time, and extra curriculum opportunities, staff will work with students on goals to support students with their wellbeing and learning dispositions. Some themes that were identified to focus on included:

- *Being positive in trying different strategies when faced with a challenge in new learning*
- *Developing a positive self-esteem and view of ourselves as learners*
- *Understanding that learning is a continuum and being a good learner does not necessarily mean receiving the highest or best marks*

Learner Dispositions: As part of our continued efforts to support and develop students' learning and wellbeing we are developing our understanding of learner dispositions. Today I would like to introduce you to two learner dispositions that have been identified through research as those that can support students to become agents of their learning.



Mindful
Agency

Mindful Agency is taking responsibility for your own learning. It's about how you manage your feelings, your time, our energy, your actions and the things you need to achieve your goals. It's knowing your purpose — then knowing how to go about achieving it; stepping out on the path towards your goals.



Hope and
Optimism

Hope and Optimism is being confident that you can change and learn and get better over time. It is helped by having a positive learning story to reflect upon, that gives you a feeling of having 'come a long way' and of being able to 'go places' with your learning.

APS FUN RUN: Yesterday we held our APS Fun Run. For students in Years 3-6, the event was also an opportunity to trial for the District Cross Country team. All times for these students were recorded, and the 10 fastest students for each age group will be selected to compete at the District Cross Country event.

Students ran in house groups again this year, with lots of fun, support, and friendly competition. We were joined by the children from Yarralea Kindergarten, who ran a lap with our Prep students and Year 6 Kindy Action Team. Congratulations to all students for participating and competing in such a positive way.

A big thank you and acknowledgement to all those parents and families who attended either as volunteers or supporters. It is wonderful to be able to be back holding community events such as these.

Our PE teacher, Megan, did a fabulous job in organising the event, and has compiled the list of students who will progress to District trials to be held next Monday 9 May.

NAPLAN Online: From Tuesday 10 May students in Years 3 and 5 will undertake NAPLAN online assessment tests.

NAPLAN is a point-in-time assessment that allows parents and carers to see how their child is progressing in literacy and numeracy against the national standard and compared with their peers throughout Australia.

At the classroom level, NAPLAN provides additional information to support teachers' professional judgement about student progress.

Federal, state and territory education ministers agreed to gradually transition NAPLAN online by 2022. NAPLAN online is a tailored test that adapts to student responses, providing better assessment and more precise results. The NAPLAN Online platform is designed for students to undertake tests in the following order: Writing, Reading, Conventions of Language and Numeracy.

Year 3 students will complete their writing assessment using traditional pencil and paper format, while students in year 5 will use the online platform.

All classes have spent considerable time ensuring students have had opportunities to use the NAPLAN Online platform under practice test conditions. We have also spent time ensuring students are comfortable leading into the NAPLAN period, reassuring them that these are point in time assessments and that they simply try their best.

If you have any questions or queries regarding the upcoming NAPLAN Online, please contact your child's teacher.

Have a great week everyone!

Shane Wilkie

Assistant Principal

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 3 of Scholastic's Book Club is now open. Catalogues are being sent home with students this week.

You will need to log in and update class details for 2022 or create an account for new students. Orders need to be submitted by Friday 13th May 2022. If you have any questions or issues processing your order, contact Samantha Price, Book Club Organiser on 0413 186 370.

OHMP – Drums Update

Rory will be going on a short tour soon so there will be no drum lessons between the 24th of May and the 6th of June.

He will also advise parents directly.

APS Ski Camp 2022



In 2022, we will be providing students in Years 5 and 6 with the opportunity to attend ski camp. The Ski Camp program complements the APS Health, Sport and Education program by providing students with opportunities to expand their learning and social skills in an alternative outdoor environment. It promotes independence, resilience, self-esteem, leadership and cooperation and allows students to step outside their comfort zones.

As was stated in last week's compass post, **there are limited places available for students on this camp.** If oversubscribed, priority will be allocated on 1) seniority and 2) opportunity and will utilise a ballot system for selection.

There will be an information evening held tonight (Wednesday 4th May) via WebEx. The link to this meeting is available on compass.

It is strongly recommended that all interested families attend this session. Expression of interest forms went home last Friday and are due this Friday (May 6th) by 9am. Late forms will not be accepted.

Kind Regards,

Jessie Lewis

Library News - May the 4th be with you all!

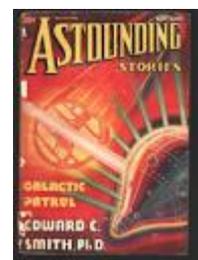
Today being *Star Wars Day* is a good day to share with you George Lucas's favourite book that inspired his famous films. Every legend begins by reading books and perhaps the next time you borrow a book from the library, you too will be inspired to create a movie about a galaxy far, far away.

When George Lucas was young, he would often be found in his school library reading a copy of Doc Smith's 1937 novel *Galactic Patrol*. This book features a telepathic warrior that destroys a planned military base. This book was a big influence on the first film in the original *Star Wars* trilogy. One final interesting fact is about George Lucas's dog, Indiana. Indiana was a rather large Alaskan Malamute that would sit beside George in the car on a drive. People would mistake Indiana for a human, and this became the inspiration for the character Chewbacca. The name Indiana would go on to become another hero in a famous movie. Both Indiana Jones and Chewbacca enjoyed reading too!

The library has many new books available for borrowing. It is great to see the students returning their books so others can borrow and enjoy. Please keep checking around the house for any missing books and make sure they haven't ended up in a galaxy far, far away.

Keep reading and remember that the books you read today can lead to amazing things tomorrow!

Lizzy Ferguson



A.P.S FUN RUN

As you know, yesterday was the school Fun Run. It was fantastic to see so many house colours and you could feel the excitement in the air. Students cheered loudly from the side lines as each year level participated in their part of the day. Congratulations to everyone who participated, you should be very proud of your efforts.

Thank you to all of the parent helpers who helped make the event a success.

The following students were the fastest 10 for their age group and have qualified to compete in District Cross Country Championships, which will be held next Monday 9th May @ Chelsworth park from 9:00am - 12:00pm.

Under 10s		Under 11s		Under 12/13s	
Amelia	Gus H	Eve	Xavier	Josie	Ollie
Rani	Heathcote	Mali	Evan	Nina	Eric
Vaiva	Vincent	Frankie	Sam	Kate	Simon
Tallulah	Jem	Adele	Angus	Juno	Ben T
Sophie	Harrison N	Georgie	George	Amelia	Max S
Ema	Matthew W	Stella	Ted	Phaedra	Marcus
Sienna	Gus O	Phoebe	Ned	Jacinta	Jack
Aria	Lucas M	Ornella	Hayden	Matilda	Charlie
Alice	Daniel	Lucinda	Miles	Harper	Dougal
Audrey H	Noah S	Emily	Nathaniel	Tessa	Noah M



A.P.S Dance Incursion

Thursday 19th May



Students across the school will participate in a 30min dance session in the gym. They will dance to the latest Hip Hop music that they know and love. By the end of the session, students will have learnt a whole dance. Students are encouraged to wear their house colours.

11:30 - 12:00pm

Foundation - Year 2

12:00 - 12:30pm

Year 3 and 4

12:30 - 1:00pm

Year 5 and 6



FEDERAL ELECTION

VOTE AT APS

21 / 05 / 22 | FROM 8 AM

**Alphington Primary School
Gymnasium**



**Coffee, cakes and sausage sizzle
with all proceeds going to the school**



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 young girl with braids, wearing a blue checkered shirt, smiling and holding a red bread tag. The background is a textured brown paper with various recycling-related icons and text. On the left, there is a circular logo that says "Wonder Recycling Rewards for schools". On the right, the text reads "Recycle and earn PLAY equipment for your school!". There are also some hand-drawn icons of a recycling bin and a bread tag.

Katrina Post School of Performing Arts

Ballet Choir and Hip Hop Classes at APS



Our 55 minute lessons run at lunchtimes at APS for Foundation to Grade 3 students and after school for Upper Primary children. 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. 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 2 fee is \$162 plus 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.

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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 _____

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

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|------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| Mon/Tue | <input type="checkbox"/> 3.30pm to 5:00pm | <u>Broadway Song&Dance 3-6</u> |
| Monday | <input type="checkbox"/> Lunchtime 1-2pm | Junior Choir Grade F-3 |
| Tuesday | <input type="checkbox"/> Lunchtime 1-2pm | Junior Ballet Grades F-3 |
| Wednesday | <input type="checkbox"/> Lunchtime 1-2pm | Junior Hip hop Grades F-3 |
| Thursday | <input type="checkbox"/> 3.30pm to 4:50pm* | Hip hop Grades 2-4 |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> 4.55pm to 5:50pm* | Ballet Grades 2-4 |
| Friday | <input type="checkbox"/> 3.30:pm to 5:00pm* | Senior Hip hop Grades 5-8 |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> 5:00pm to 6:00pm* | Senior Ballet Grades 5-8 |

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.

Parkside Junior Football Club GIRLS DEVELOPMENT SQUAD



WHEN: Fridays 5-6pm from 29 April
WHO: Grade 2, 3 and 4 Girls
WHERE: Pitcher Park, Alphington

Girls footy is fun!!

Join us every Friday night under lights to give footy a try in a safe, inclusive and non-competitive environment



For more info and to register – contact Matt:
femalefootball@pjfc.com.au or scan the code





the place
to live

CHILDREN
CROSSING

CROSSING SUPERVISORS

- No experience required
- Full training provided
- Part Time: 2 hours a day
- Annualised salary (get paid over a 52 week period)



What you need

- Good judgement and general knowledge of the road rules
- Reliable transport to get to and from your rostered crossing
- Availability to work shifts in the morning, afternoon or both
- Ability to lift, utilise and operate safety equipment
- Hold a Working with Children Check or willing to apply for one

For more information or to apply, please email
recruitment@darebin.vic.gov.au