



TERM 2 2022

Thu 19 May	11.30am - 1.00pm	Whole School Dance Incursion - WEAR HOUSE COLOURS!!!
Fri 20 May		Student Free Day (OshClub will be running - contact directly to book in)
Sat 21 May		Election Day - APS BBQ - VOTE AT APS (From 8.00am)
Tue 24 May	6.30pm	School Council
Wed 25 May	2.15pm	APS OPEN DAY
Fri 27 May		Reconciliation Week
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

We've had another busy and successful week at APS. I really admire the learning our students are doing, their friendliness and display of the school values at all times. The Year 3 and 5 students completed their NAPLAN tests and for the first time they were online. Our students approached the tests with confidence and a determination to do their best. These results should arrive early next term. We have had more incursions and excursions as classes add to the learning in the classroom with other experiences. There are many investigations happening across the school with chickens hatching, beans growing, and planter boxes being constructed from recycled materials. The veggie garden has become an active space and there are some keen gardeners planting succulents and propagating cuttings. APS is well known for these extra opportunities that we offer students and the initiative we encourage them to take. It is so nice to return to these things as they could not happen for a few years.

Election Day BBQ: School Council is running a sausage sizzle, coffee and cake stall this Saturday. We are still looking for volunteers for the day. Please also donate a cake for the stall. Donations can be left at school on Friday or brought to the school on Saturday morning. Cakes can be donated on a paper/plastic plate and covered with cling wrap – please also list ingredients. The polling booth will be in the gym and is a great opportunity for the community to see this space.

The link for the volunteer roster is:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1TSgbyeJmbsWRwMvGpP240GwW4Mggt_paZQ8gRiPDuI4/edit?usp=sharing

NB: Cash only.

Education Support Person's Day: On Monday it was Educational Support person's day. We celebrated the significant contributions ES staff make to their school communities. Everyday ES staff work to keep our school running, supporting students to learn/grow, assisting teachers to teach and working collaboratively to assist parents/carers and our wider community. We have a fantastic team of Educational Support staff including Lizzy Ferguson in classrooms and the library, Liliana Varvarigos and Lauren Van Kemenade in the office and our ICT tech is Arthur Lo. We thank all ES Staff for their wonderful efforts.

2023 enrolments: We have begun the process of enrolling students for 2023. If you have a child starting school next year, we ask that you complete and enrolment form as soon as possible to support us with the formation of classes.

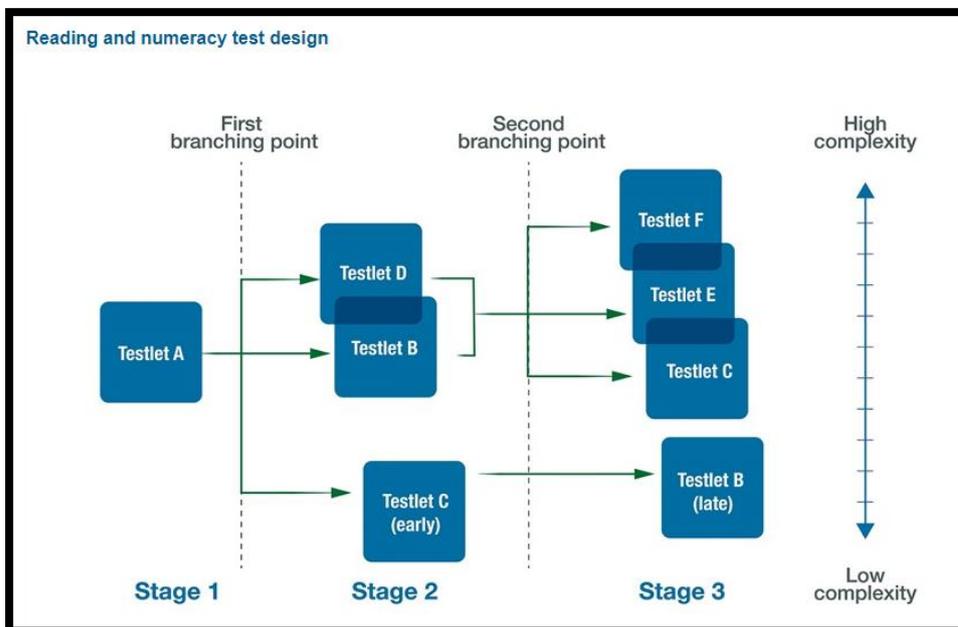
This Friday is a Student Free Day with staff completing training in the morning and assessment analysis in the afternoon. OSHC is available for those families that need the service.

Have a great week
Melissa Mackenzie
Principal

Assistant Principal Update – Shane Wilkie

Welcome to week 4 of Term 2. Hard to believe but we are almost at the halfway point of the term.

NAPLAN Online: This week we are finalising the catch-up sessions for those students who were absent last week. Overall NAPLAN was very successful and the feedback from both students and teachers was that the testing period seems to have improved as a result of moving online. Students' familiarity working with devices and undertaking assessments online regularly via Essential Assessment appears to have them well-prepared and feeling more comfortable. Students appeared less anxious and there was a general positivity and sense of wiliness in completing the tests to the best of their ability.



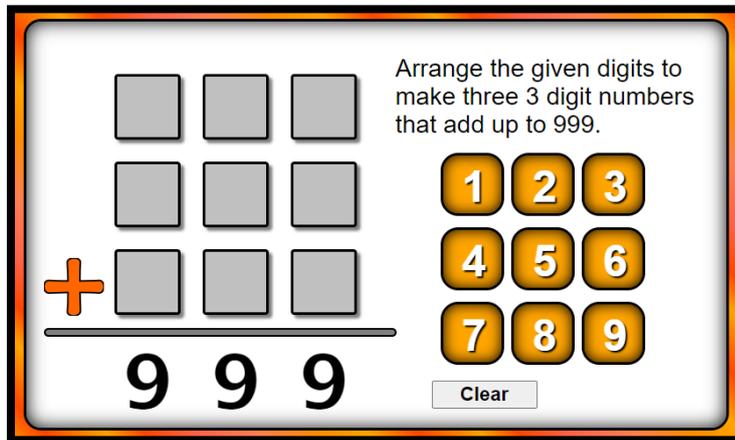
The Numeracy assessment on Friday provided the most discussion and some of the first 'it was harder' comments of the week. With the new adaptive testing model it is possible for students to see the most difficult questions earlier in the assessment than previous paper-based versions. So, we had a discussion with students about this. I have included an image from the NAPLAN Online website which shows how the adaptive testing works.

Road Safety: As the daylight hours become less and the weather more inclement, including darker sky and rain, traffic conditions change due to visibility and cyclists and general pedestrian behaviour can be negatively impacted. I have noted in the afternoon a greater number of cars at pick up time and an increase in pedestrians not using the designated crossing on Yarralea Street. Can I remind all families of the importance of taking the extra 1 minute to travel via the school crossing. Not a week goes by where I do not see a student almost step out between cars to cross Yarralea Street at a point other than the crossing. I recognise that a number of students will cross the road at another point with their parents, however if I can encourage everyone to model the correct pedestrian behaviour.

Mathematics Problem Solving Professional Learning: Last Wednesday evening our staff spent another two-hour session with Maths Consultant Martin Holt. Continuing from the work in Term 1, we focussed on exploring ways to develop mathematical tasks for students to open up the learning and encourage problem solving. As a staff we work on solving a problem ourselves before developing problems for an upcoming unit using the backwards by design approach.

The problem we worked on shows how we can encourage rich conversation, problem solving, reasoning and mathematical understanding in more open ways. The task relates to the teaching of vertical addition. However, rather than just giving students a page of increasingly difficult 'equations' that simply require them to demonstrate understanding and fluency. The problem below allows us to cover all the mathematic proficiencies of the curriculum.

*Have a great week.
Shane Wilkie
Assistant Principal*



APS Garden Club

Dear APS Community,

The A.P.S garden club are seeking donations from the community to help us run our club during Lunch and Recess. Thank you to the people who have already donated! We are asking people to donate old garden tools, seeds, bags of potting mix and plants you have laying around not getting used. We particularly need little handheld shovels (trowels) and handheld gardening forks.

We will put a tub at the office, labelled 'Gardening Donations' where you can drop off items.

Thank you!

Wanted - Fabric and old clothes/textiles for Year 5 Project

Dear Alphington Primary School Community,

This term, Year 5 students will be designing and creating tote/library-style bags for kindergarten children entering primary school next year.

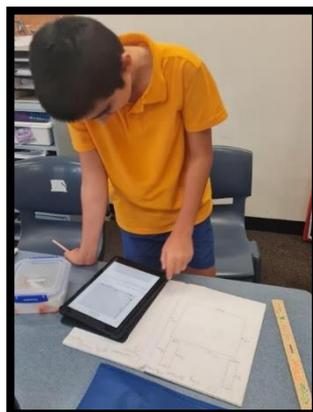
The bags will be made using reused/recycled materials. Year 5 students are asking for any donations of old clothes, fabrics or textiles that could be used for this project. The aim is to give these materials a new life.

Year 5 students have been learning how to hand sew, and will learn to sew using a sewing machine for this project.

If you have any clean clothes, textiles/fabrics that could be used for this project, please drop them off in the marked box outside the school office.

Many thanks for your support.

Year 5 Students and Teachers



SRC NEWS

The SRC have had our first big success! Last week we finalised the last few details and created our SRC Hub space. You will find our new space opposite the lift on the ground floor of the Learning Centre. You will find our photos, upcoming events and news, and our brand new suggestion box! Make sure you pop by and check it out.

- The SRC Hub Team



BRAND NEW

House Badges

The Alphington Primary School house badges have just landed at school, and we are so excited to share them with you!



Each house now has a unique logo that will be sold as a 7.5cm wide embroidered badge. Our hope is that students will purchase a badge, then sew or iron it onto a tshirt in their house colour.

School leaders will be visiting classrooms from **Thursday 12th May** until sold out!

Badges will be sold for **\$5 each** - cash only.

**What are you waiting for?
Grab those coins ... before it's too late!**

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

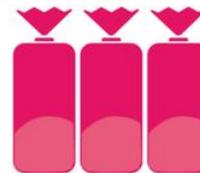
It's important that items being recycled are not contaminated with other products and are as clean as possible. Here's a quick checklist for you:

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.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 8AM

**Alphington Primary School
Gymnasium**



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





Come and learn about the incredible program and culture at Yarralea Children's Centre.

YARRALEA CHILDREN'S CENTRE

OPEN DAY 2022
SAT 28TH MAY
10AM-12PM

KINDERGARTEN - BUSH KINDER - CHILDCARE - HOLIDAY PROGRAM



Now offering
funded 3 year old
kinder program!



REGISTER

MORE INFO | REGISTER AT YARRALEA.COM.AU
54 YARRALEA ST, ALPHINGTON



ALPHINGTON NETBALL CLUB

“COME TRY NETBALL”

Fun, join in games, learn the rules as we go!
Alphington Primary School Stadium.

Tuesday 24th May and/or 31st May.

4 - 4.30pm all ages new to netball. (intro skills / rules)

If super keen and ready... stay for the game play from 4.30pm.

We encourage prep, Grade 1 and 2 to start with our Net Set Go program.

Join us at these sessions to find out more!

4.30 - 5.30pm Grade 3 and older considering Competition in Season2.

*Any high school age siblings and friends, please join in the 4.30-5.30 sessions
and we will divide the age groups to suit.*

ANC is starting to plan for Season 2, which starts the first week of Term 3
and finishes early December.

(Our Current Season 1 Netball Competition will finish with final matches at the end of Term 2.)

For our current players, if you have a friend who has expressed interest in joining ANC, please make
them feel welcome to join in the “COME TRY NETBALL SESSIONS.”

It would be fantastic to have a familiar face, so current players stay and play too if you like.

Of course we will make all “new” to ANC players feel right at home as well!

Please make sure there is a carer / adult responsible for all players in attendance.

This can be a shared role, but all players need to be accounted for.

A player must be “signed in” before they can take the court for any session with ANC.

If you or your player are not able to attend one of the sessions,
please email ANC your details for information by selecting the “get in Touch” button.

alphington.netball.club@gmail.com

Yours in Netball.



THORNBURY
HIGH SCHOOL

ACHIEVING
CONNECTING
ENGAGING



THE 'CONCEPT' PROGRAM

The 'Concept' program runs from Year 7 to Year 9 and is designed to cater for high achieving students who have a love of learning. The program is designed to extend and challenge these students whilst engaging with the mainstream curriculum. Students develop their skills and knowledge by exploring content at a conceptual level, emphasising depth of understanding.

Applications for the Year 7 2023 Concept program close Friday 20 May and can be accessed via our school's website.

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Grade 3 to 6 Hip hop Dance at APS

- ✓ Fun and convenient
- ✓ Suitable for boys and girls
- ✓ Learn hip hop dance moves to the latest music
- ✓ Develop dance technique
- ✓ Perform in an annual staged concert
- ✓ Learn from a highly qualified and experienced dance choreographer and teacher.



Katrina Post trained in dance at the Victorian College of Arts, winning the Premier's Award for top VCE Dance score and performing in Top Cats. After Graduating from a BA in Dance, she worked as a freelance dancer, choreographer and musician. She worked in schools to choreograph their stage shows and taught Dance, Music and Drama Prep to Year 12 as a VIT registered Performing Arts Teacher. Kat's passion is to share her skills, knowledge and love of The Arts with the next generation. She will help your child build confidence and skills amidst a fun, structured dance program.

\$18 per class plus GST \$65 yearly Insurance and costume fee.

Email: katsdance@live.com.au Phone: 0403156920 www.katsdance.com.au



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 | Broadway <u>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"/> 3.30pm 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



CHOOSING A SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR *Your Child* INFORMATION EVENING

Join us on Tuesday, 31 May 2022 at 7pm

160 Bulleen Road, Bulleen VIC 3105

Deciding on where to send your child can be daunting.

Marcellin College is hosting an information evening on *Choosing a Secondary School for Your Child*.

The evening will cover a host of topics to assist you in making an informed decision.



To register your attendance
visit www.trybooking.com/BZLYC or scan the QR Code



Rethink, reduce, reuse and recycle

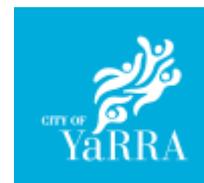
There is more to waste than what we throw away. We are looking to create a strategy that changes the way we look at waste and create a more sustainable Yarra.

Every year more than 80 billion tonnes of raw materials like metal, cardboard and plastics are consumed worldwide. That's set to double by 2060. Right now, only 9% of that raw material is reused and recycled. This is because our current waste system struggles to do much with our materials after it's thrown away.

In line with our Council Plan and State Government policy, we're working to reduce waste at each step, from design and purchasing to use and disposal creating a circular economy.

To support this transition, we're developing Yarra's Circular Economy Strategy 2022/30 and action plan that will guide our work on waste for the next 8 years.

Find out more and give your insights here: <https://yoursayyarra.com.au/circulareconomy>



Part time Office Assistant Required

We are a small business located at the Melbourne Innovation Centre (2 Wingrove St Alphington) looking for a part time office assistant. Our business involves repair of carbon fibre bicycles and other sports technology.

The person we are looking for must have good customer service aptitude, a professional manner, familiarity with MS Office and attention to detail. Specific knowledge of bicycles useful but not essential.

Hours required: 20 hours per week (Approx.)

Remuneration: \$25/hr + Superannuation, leave, etc.

For more information contact:

Raoul info@carbonbikerepair.com.au

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