

Edition 14 - 2022

Wednesday 25 May

### **TERM 2 2022**

Mon 30 May  
Wed 01 Jun  
Fri 03 Jun  
Wed 08 Jun  
Mon 13 Jun  
Wed 15 Jun  
Fri 17 Jun  
Tue 21 Jun  
Thu 23 Jun  
Fri 24 Jun

**Student Free Day (OshClub will be running - contact directly to book in)**  
Divisional Cross Country  
National Sorry Day - See flyer later in Newsletter  
Science Expo  
**Public Holiday - Queen's Birthday**  
Regional Cross Country  
Reports available on Compass  
School Council  
Yr 6 Mixed Netball Round Robin  
Last Day Term 2 - note early dismissal - 2.30pm

### **TERM 3 2022**

Mon 11th Jul  
Tue 12th Jul

**Student Free Day (OshClub will be running - contact directly to book in)**  
First day of Term 3

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**

Last Friday the staff completed the Cultural Understanding and Safety Training presented to us by the Koorie Education Support Officers for our area. We heard about the personal plight of some First Nations people and the long-lasting effects of the stolen generation. One of the presenters shared her Nan's story who was taken from her parents with her siblings and separated in 1981. It was chilling to hear the story and how they were still finding family members in 2021. We looked at the links in the Victorian curriculum and how we can build awareness and understanding in our students. The last part of the training was analysing the work we already do and how we might increase the opportunities for our students to participate in and take positive actions to further their understanding.

Quite timely then, next week is Reconciliation week and teachers have planned class activities, a dress-up day with a gold coin donation which will be used to purchase a plaque for the gym. There will be a whole school display developed and students speaking at assembly, sharing their understandings. The focus is not to blame but how we can increase knowledge and understanding to inform thinking.

**The Election Day BBQ**, cake and coffee stalls were a huge success, selling out early in the afternoon.

Thanks to all the families who donated cakes and thanks to all the volunteers, especially Todd who co-ordinated the day and spent many hours preparing, shopping, cleaning, and gathering volunteers.

**Enrolments 2023:** We will be sending out letters of offer in the next few weeks. We have a steady stream of enrolments for Prep next year. As we begin our forward planning, we start to look at the numbers in each year level and configurations of classes with these numbers. It is critical that families let us know of their intentions for 2023. Fluctuating numbers in year levels mean that there are changes to the number of classes each year.

A reminder that **Monday 30 May is the common Professional Practice Day** for staff and students are not required at school. OSHC club will operate on Monday for those families who need the service.

*Have a great week*

*Melissa Mackenzie*

*Principal*

## **Assistant Principal Update – Shane Wilkie**

Welcome to week 5 of Term 2. Teachers are busy completing assessments, moderating student learning, developing report cards and moving into the second half of the term with curriculum teaching and learning topics. It certainly is a busy time at school. It is also a challenging time due to the increased illness circulating within the community which obviously impacts upon both student and staff attendance. However, we have managed to maintain a focus on student learning.

**Reading at APS:** Some of you may have read recently in the media, articles outlining subtle changes to the Australian Curriculum which influence the amount and approach of phonics within the English curriculum. Some of these articles pose the argument of a balanced approach versus a phonics approach. At APS we often talk about having a balanced approach, and central to a balanced approach is a strong understanding of phonemic awareness and the explicit teaching of phonetic development.

To be an effective reader requires skills and understandings in decoding, text use and text analysis. Each of these skills and understandings is crucial, but they all take place within an overall focus on meaning making, which is the central purpose of all literate behaviour. Meaning making must be central to the teaching of reading. At APS, all teachers teach phonics explicitly, alongside supporting students' literal, inferential and evaluative comprehension and to support students' interest, engagement and enjoyment with books and other texts that they read and view.

Alphington Primary utilises the resources from the Literacy Toolkit to provide a balanced approach to the teaching of reading. It includes:

- providing a range of explicit teaching opportunities during modelled, shared, guided and independent reading
- explicitly teaching phonemic awareness and phonics so students can identify the sounds of English and decode written text
- using strategies to explicitly teach comprehension strategies
- supporting students' understanding, interpreting, critically analysing, reflecting upon, and enjoying written and visual, print, and non-print texts
- reading and viewing a wide range of rich and authentic texts and media, including literary texts, short stories, poetry and plays as well as popular fiction and non-fiction works
- active engagement with texts during literature circles and Book Club sessions to develop knowledge about the relationships between texts and the contexts in which they are created
- Providing opportunities for whole class, small group, and individual instruction
- carefully monitoring students' reading progression and establishing individual reading goals which are revisited regularly as part of our daily reading program.

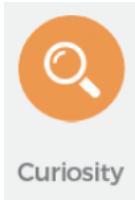
**Let's Stamp Out Bullying – School Performance Tour:** Let's STAMP Out Bullying combines all new magic tricks and stories to get its simple, effective plan for dealing with bullies across. Illusions and comedy are the two main ingredients that illustrate the 5 simple steps in this practical **STAMP acronym**.

- **S**tay Away - How to avoid bullies.
- **T**ell someone - Reporting bullying is not being a 'dobber'
- **A**lways help - The power of peers.
- **M**ake friends - Play with students who are being left out.
- **P**lay nicely - Make sure YOU are not being a bully.

**Science Expo:** Our annual Science Expo will be held on Wednesday 8 June. Students in Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 will be working on projects in class as part of their Term 2 Science Inquiry Unit. Students in Year 3-6 will be provided details of their Science Expo projects within their homework tasks.

The afternoon will commence from 3:45pm with the Science Expo displays set up across the classrooms. Each hub space will also show a short 10-minute presentation on a loop that promotes Science at APS. In addition, there will be a scavenger hunt for students and families to complete with some science prizes for the winners.

**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 am including a further two learner dispositions that we are exploring as a staff and with students.



*Curiosity is using your imagination and intuition, being playful and 'dreaming' new ideas, having hunches, letting answers come to you, rather than just 'racking your brains' or looking things up. It's about going 'off the beaten track' and exploring ideas.*



*Collaboration is how you learn through your relationships with others. It is about knowing who to turn to for advice and how to offer it, too. It's about solving problems by talking them through, generating new ideas through listening carefully, making suggestions and responding positively to feedback.*

**Proposed Working Bee – Thursday 16 June 3:45 - 5:00:** We are proposing a Term 2 Working Bee to be held on Thursday 16 June from 3:45-5:15pm. We have a small number of jobs that need doing so would love to see lots of volunteers. Even if you can spare just 15 minutes, there will be a suitable task available. If you are attending the working bee, a reminder that you must sign in upon arrival.

This term's working Bee has the following tasks:

- Relocating Mulch on both playgrounds
- Removing leaf litter from the yard
- Weeding of the organic garden and surrounds
- General sweeping and tidying

*Have a great week everyone!*

*Shane Wilkie*

*Assistant Principal*

## School Council Meeting Minutes Summary – Tuesday 25 May

### MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Melissa and Matt will action a draft community communication with EOI attachment for Gymnasium potential hirers for 2023. Decision to continue this work in preparation for 2023 given that agreements are now in place with the Alphington Netball Club and the Ivanhoe Knights Basketball Club. Melissa outlined the details for the council the two agreements that have been put in place following the consultation and review by the DET legal team.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Gareth reported that the school is in a strong financial position.

Construction grants update – Gareth reported that the funds are coming in at different stages and the expenditure is being utilised as different projects progress and require additional funding from the different construction budgets. Some of these include the Y5/6 playground, the additional bike storage, and the Foundation playground, some of the tender options that may require funding due to increased construction costs.

Overall, it is expected that the school will be able to implement and carry out each of the projects planned in the coming months aligned to the building upgrade.

### FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Todd provided information about the success of the recent Federal Election Day BBQ and Cake Stall. The fundraising sub-committee has set out a draft plan for future fundraising events – outlining these over the course of the year. The plan sets out ideas for fundraising, community engagement and parent/family engagement moving forward in 2022.

The initial planning for the 2023 fair has commenced with the date set as the 18 March 2023 and some initial bookings for rides and other major requirements.

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### Library News

Good Afternoon folks,

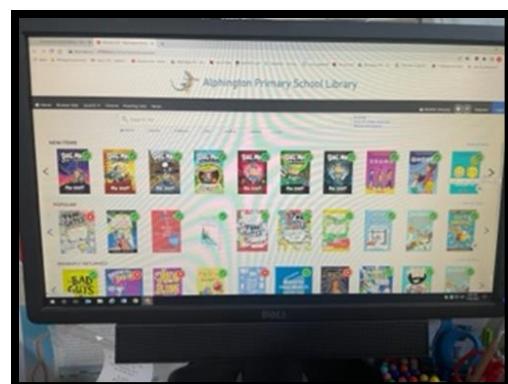
The library has some great new features worth sharing this week. When students come into the library each week to borrow, they all have the opportunity to search for books and borrow their own books. This new homepage feature allows students to see the new books available and to pick a book based on their favourite genre. Personally, I think this is fabulous. This feature introduces students to a wider variety of literature and leads to discovery of new authors. Next time you visit, check it out!

National Reconciliation Week 2022 theme, “Be Brave, Make Change.” is front and centre in the library space for the 27th May-3rd June. This is a time for all students and staff to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. Everyone is welcome to explore the wide range of books on offer this coming week, (and every week of the year). They are all proudly displayed and ready to be enjoyed by the students of Alphington.

Big shout out to Rani D, Maddy D, Olivia P and Jess S in year five for keeping our school library spick and span. It is everyone's responsibility to love our library and to keep it tidy.

*Happy reading everyone!*

*Lizzy Ferguson*



# Canteen- open this Thursday!

## THURSDAY 26TH MAY- HOT CHOCOLATE!

Hot Chocolate (BYO plastic mug). You will be able to purchase a mug of hot chocolate this Thursday only.

We will fill your mug up for 50c at recess.



Please bring your own mug/keep cup.

The Canteen is open every Thursday at Lunchtime.

You can buy a maximum of 2 items (1 frozen & 1 non – frozen).

The prices are between \$0.50 and \$2



**We will serve you at the following times:**

12:50pm – Preps (outside window), Year 3/4's (inside window)

1:00pm- Year 1 (outside window), Year 2 (inside window)

1:10- Year 5 (outside window), Year 6 (inside window)

## Available items

Moosie's – 5 flavours

Chips – Doritos & Vege crackers (BBQ)

Frozen pop tops & fruit juice cups (Apple)

## Reconciliation Week – 27<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June



This Thursday, on the 26<sup>th</sup> of May, it is National Sorry Day. This date kicks off Reconciliation Week. This year's theme is 'Be Brave, Make Change.' Alphington Primary School will acknowledge this week by having students engage in classroom activities, learning stories about the Stolen Generation, celebrating First Nations achievements and thinking about what reconciliation really means.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June, students will be encouraged to dress in the colours of the flags of our First Nations peoples, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders (black, yellow and red, blue or green). We will be collecting gold coin donations from students to put towards purchasing an Acknowledgement of Country plaque to go at the entrance to the new gym. The SRC will be involving APS students in selecting the design in the weeks following.

It would be wonderful if you could join us at assembly, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June, when all year levels will share something about their learning from the week.



### **Year 3 News!**

#### **Soft Plastic Collection at APS**

At APS we have been working extra hard at making our school more sustainable.

The Year 3 students are looking after the soft plastics recycling.

Each week we collect the bins and sort out how the classes have gone.

Each grade has done an amazing job making sure they put the right items into the right bins.

We watched a video made by the Year 6 green team that showed us what and how to recycle items into soft plastics, paper and mixed recycling.

Here are a few of our speeches that we shared with the school and different classes.

*Good morning APS.*

*I'm Sammie and I'm April.*

*We're from 3M. Today we are here to talk to you about soft plastic sorting. Certain things go in this bin. A few items are, muesli bar wrappers, chip packets, snap lock bags and bread bags without the tag. Some things can't go in are; tissues, paper, food crumbs and food scraps. You must, must, must follow the soft plastic sorting rule, NO WET OR DIRTY ITEMS PLEASE!!!!*

*Thank You!!!*

*Hello everyone, our names are Jayden and James.*

*Year 3M are taking your soft plastic bins. We would like to inform you that our class will be recycling soft plastic. We would really appreciate that you could follow the rules like do not put any chip packets in the paper bin. We really enjoy people doing their best and following the bin posters. SEE YA LATER ALIGATORS.*

#### **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!*

#### **THANK YOU!!**

#### **Fabric and old clothes/textiles for Year 5 Project**

The Year 5 teachers and students would like to thank the Alphington community for the very generous donations of fabric (and even sowing machines) over the last few weeks. The students will use them to design and create tote/library-style bags for kindergarten children entering primary school next year. We have enough fabric now.

*Many thanks for your support.*

*Year 5 Students and Teachers*

# **\*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!**

# Dear year 4 parents

Hello all you lovely Year 4 people!

Hopefully, you're all thinking, "Gee, I would love to catch up with all the year 4 parents again". Because Vicky and I are thinking of throwing a party for parents from both classes at our place.

Our 10yo had a house party and 25 yr4's schooled us on how to party! Some parents have suggested that the adults should have a chance to seize the celebratory gauntlet and raise the roof.

We thoroughly agree!

We'd love to see all of you on Saturday July 23rd from 6:30pm onwards.

Parents have already put their hands up to help make some delicious cocktails and play some questionable music!

If you can make it in time for 7:30 dinner you can chip in for a simple catered dinner (detail tbd).

Hope to see you here! rsvp by 1/7/2022 [julian@featherston.net.au](mailto:julian@featherston.net.au)  
or 0400 223 518

# 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.



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!



MORE INFO | REGISTER AT [YARRALEA.COM.AU](http://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.*

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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](mailto:alphington.netball.club@gmail.com)

Yours in Netball.

## 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](mailto:katsdance@live.com.au) Phone: 0403156920 [www.katsdance.com.au](http://www.katsdance.com.au)

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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)

Mon/Tue	<input type="checkbox"/> 3.30pm to 5:00pm	Broadway Song&Dance 3-6
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](mailto: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](http://www.trybooking.com/BZLYC) or scan the QR Code

