



TERM 2 2022

Thu 23 Jun Yr 6 Mixed Netball Round Robin
Fri 24 Jun 2.30pm Last Day Term 2 - note early dismissal - 2.30pm

TERM 3 2022

Mon 11th Jul **Student Free Day (OshClub will be running - contact directly to book in)**
Tue 12th Jul First day of Term 3 Students
Tue 19 Jul Ski Camp (4 days)
Tue 02 Aug 6.30pm School Council
Wed 03 Aug All Day 3 Way Conferences - Teachers/Students/Parents - **Children only attend for their conference.**
Thu 04 Aug 2.00pm Prep to Year 2 - Mini Athletics Carnival @ Alphington Park

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

**NB: Monday 11th July (first day Term 3)
is a Student Free Day**

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.

Assistant Principal Update – Shane Wilkie

As we come to the end of term two for 2022 it is wonderful to report that we have had our first semester uninterrupted by the effects of the pandemic since term 4 2019. While there have been challenges managing the staff and student absences as we have navigated changing regulations related to Covid-19, the overall atmosphere across the school is one of enthusiasm and passion to continue returning to school life. With events such as the Science Expo, PJ Day, Let's Stamp Out Bullying Performances, Excursions, Sporting Clinics and Dance Incursions the pulse of the school is thriving.



Playground Upgrades – The edging around the Year 2 playground has been completed. We are exploring the option of making the northern edge a bench seat to run alongside the basketball court. There is also a plan for disability access via the path at the northeast corner.

The Year 6 Environment Action team have ordered a delivery of new soft fall which they will distribute around the Year 2 playground on Thursday afternoon.

Finally, we have engaged a landscaping contractor who will undertake some works on the Term 3 Student Free Day which will have the school grounds looking amazing for when students return.

School Website Update – Today we had a professional photographer onsite again taking photos which will be used as part of the Alphington Primary School updated website. We are very excited about this work, which has been happening throughout this term. We are hoping to go live early in term 3 with the updated website, which will be much more device friendly, reflective of our current vision and values, and offer a more engaging user experience.

Offsite Evacuation Drill – We managed to hold our offsite emergency evacuation drill last Thursday in between the showers throughout the day. Utilising the updated school exits we evacuated the school, arriving at Alphington Park approximately 7 minutes after the alarm was sounded. All staff and students were accounted for, and the drill finalised in under 10 minutes. A fantastic effort. We will maintain the same processes and protocols for the offsite drill until the completion of the Stage 2 construction works. In term 3 we will hold a lockdown drill as we have number of updates from the previous review to be implemented.

Traffic Safety – In recent weeks we have had several reports of some close calls involving our students and families on the roads around the school, including on some of the main intersections at Chandler Highway, Heidelberg Road, and the Alphington Station crossing. If your child is travelling either as a cyclist, on a scooter or as a pedestrian at these major intersections, please speak to them and remind them of road safe habits.

While some of these incidents have happened further from the school grounds, there have been a number directly outside of the school. Can I please ask families to utilise the crossing on Yarralea Street rather than crossing directly from the laneway from Alphington Park. We recognise that this requires walking slightly out of the way given the inaccessible Southern gates however when more people model using the crossing it has a positive impact on other pedestrian users. It is an almost daily occurrence to see students stepping out between parked cars to cross the road as opposed to walking down to the open space of the pedestrian crossing.

Also a reminder to parents – please **do not** block neighbours' driveways when picking up or dropping off. We have had complaints from neighbours who need 24-hour access to their driveways. Please do not park over driveways even if you think you will be quick.

Term 3 Planning: Our staff meetings and team planning time for week 9 is dedicated to the planning and preparation of Term 3. During this time teams are meeting to develop their term unit planners for English, Mathematics, Integrated Inquiry and Wellbeing. Today teams will meet to plan their Inquiry units. In Term 3 our school wide focus is 'Historical Inquiry'. Students will learn about a period from our past and investigate the impacts events from these times had upon the people, culture and wider society. From this, students will develop a range of skills to compare, contrast, evaluate, and analyse how learning about history can be applied to our lives today.

Report Cards: REMINDER Semester One Reports were published via Compass on Friday 17 June. An electronic copy of your child's report is available for you to view online now and download as required from Compass. If you wish to receive a hard copy of the report, please contact your child's class teacher. So far less than half of the reports have been accessed. The reporting on students' achievements for the semester is an important part of the assessment process and each child's individual journey. We recommend families sharing the report with their child, celebrating their achievements, and positively discussing the next learning steps. If you have any questions regarding your child's report, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

I am off to enjoy some Queensland warmth over the holidays. I hope everyone gets the opportunity to connect with family and friends and refresh before next semester.

Have a great holiday!
Shane Wilkie
Assistant Principal

SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE – Tuesday 21 June

ASSITANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

Shane reported that the second stage of the building upgrade continues to progress in line with the agreed timeframes, with the building due for completion around September 2022. At this stage, the junior library and toilets are ready for handover. Most of the major structural and external works for the main building have been completed following the roof being put in place.

As we prepare for term three, we have several dates and events booked in. Monday 11 July will be a student free day and staff will undertake some professional learning, delivered by Gary Moller, a former Principal and reading specialist.

FINANCE

A reminder that the library and building fund contributions are tax deductible if any families would like to take advantage of this prior to the End of Financial Year.

SUBCOMMITTEE – ENVIRONMENT

Michael reported the minutes from the environment subcommittee meeting held on Tuesday 7 June:

- Engaging landscaping contractor to manage ground maintenance
- Partnering with parents and community of projects around the school that involve staff and students – e.g. organic garden, Year 5 sustainable project, Recycling
- Updates on the building upgrade and the junior play spaces being developed as part of stage 2.

COLOUR FUN RUN

Student Representative Council (SRC) to hold a Colour Fun Run in Term 3. The presentation highlighted that all students would participate on National HPE Day and raise funds either for the school or a charity of their choice.

Shane explained that his previous school had conducted a Colour Fun Run using the company being recommended by the SRC, and outlined the process for setting up fundraising profiles, the costs involved and some of the logistics to be considered.

The School Council was positive in their response for students to explore further with suggestions that the event be run as a House event and the possibility of raising funds collectively and the possibility of donating the toy prizes.

Have a great week everyone!

Shane Wilkie

Assistant Principal



RH Sports update – APS Uniforms

A quick note to let you know we will be **closing** our retail stores on the **27/6** and reopening on **Friday 1/7 (first week of school holidays) for stock take.**

Also, our name will be changing to RH Uniforms as of 1st July



NEW HOUSE CHANTS

Hello, we're the school leaders. We are happy to announce that each house has new official house chants! We have worked on many chants over the past two terms and have had a year 6 vote in each house to see which chants were best and these are the results. We hope you are all happy with them! There will be laminated copies of these chants at each house event such as the Athletics Carnival and Fun Run. Also simpler versions will be provided for younger year levels. Thank you!

Birrarung House Chants:

Prep - Year 2

The mighty platypus, we're in the house,
We love to play and are ready to pounce
We rise to the challenge, no matter the size
Come on Birrarung, let's win the prize!

Year 3 - 6

1. BLUE, BLUE, BIRRARUNG! WE WORK HARD
AND WE HAVE FUN. BLUE, BLUE,
BIRRARUNG! GOOOO, BIRRARUNG!

2. The mighty platypus we're in the house
We love to play and are ready to pounce
We flow like a river and fight like the waves
We work our best, it's the trophy we crave.

The mighty platypus we all play with grins
We win points as fast as a platypus swims
We rise to the challenge no matter the size
Come on Birrarung, let's win the prize!

Yanggai House Chants:

Prep - Year 2

Yanggai that's who we are
Yellow, yellow we come far
We shine so bright cause we're the star
Goooo Yanggai (clap, clap ha!)

Year 3 - 6

One, two black cockatoo
Yanggai here and you know what we do

At yellow house we win we fight
We play the game with grins and might

Yellow house the best house here
When we walk in, the school will cheer

We're superstars, that's who we are
The yanggai squad (clap, clap) ha!

Walert House Chants:

Prep - Year 2

Red, red that's our name!
We fight together and play the game
We knock them down, with fire and flame!
The golden trophy will soon be claimed!!

We are Walert so never fear, now we're coming
through, Walert are here!

Year 3 - 6

Red, red that's our name!
We fight together and play the game
We knock them down, with fire and flame
The golden trophy will soon be claimed

Red red that's our name!
We are full of glory and of fame
When we lose we have no shame
So let's go Walert cuz that's our name!

Djerrang House Chants:

Prep - Year 2

Green (Clap) green (Clap) that's our team,
We rule and win cause we're supreme
We play together and we have fun
We are Green and we shine like the sun

GO GREEN (Double Clap)

Green Green we rule the school
Green Green we are so cool
We fight until we gain success
We always aim to impress
(All together) GO DJERRANG

Year 3 - 6

Green (clap on beat) green (clap on beat) that's
our team,
We rule and win cause that's our theme
We play together and we have fun
We don't stop until our task is done
(All together) GO DJERRANG (Double clap)

Library News

Afternoon folks,

This is my final call out for any books at home that have been covered or are yet to be covered. Please send these back to school this week please. These books are part of the stocktake and they will feel sad if they miss out. They would also like to spend the holidays with their fellow book friends on the shelves. I've read somewhere that books come alive in the holidays!

A big thank you to the year four book team for this week. Amelia P, Connor O, Matthew P, Evelyn C and Audrey H have worked up a sweat labelling and sorting through our school book collection. They have mastered the scanner and can all imitate the 'beep' sound. Don't be surprised if they sort your home libraries and make the beeping sound around the house.

Have a lovely break everyone and pick up a book or two. You won't be disappointed. Looking forward to welcoming everyone into our fantastic new library space for many reading adventures.

Stay warm and happy reading.

Lizzy

Canteen- open this Thursday!

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 – 4 flavours (chocolate, lime, strawberry and bubble gum)

Chips – Doritos & Vege crackers (BBQ)

Frozen fruit juice cups (Apple & Orange)

Zooper Doopers

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 graphic for the Wonder Recycling Rewards program. It features a smiling girl with pigtails holding a handful of red rewards. The background is a textured brown paper with hand-drawn red outlines of a recycling bin, a Wonder bag, and a table. 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.

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Hi Alphington Community,

A group of teachers are taking part in The Push-Up Challenge this June and would love you to get involved too.

The Push-Up Challenge has participants completing 3,139 push-ups over 24 days to raise awareness and funds for mental health. It all kicks off on June 1st.

Sounds like too many push-ups? No problem, alternatives to push-ups are allowed and many people take on 25%, 50%, or 75% of the target instead of the full 3,139.

It's free to take part and there's a sweet app where you can check on how our team is going too.

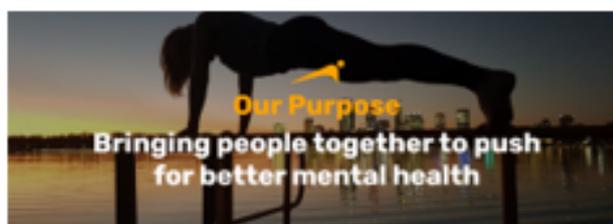
If you're keen to get involved, or at least to check out the Alphington Primary School team go to the following link: <https://www.thepushupchallenge.com.au/fundraisers/alphingtonprimaryschool>

Funds raised will go to the Push For Better Foundation. The Push For Better Foundation aims to engage and educate people in mental and physical health, and raise awareness of the mental health issues affecting everyday Australians.

It would be great to have you taking part in the push for better mental health.

Kind regards,

Megan, Jessie, N, Greta and Will



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Kat's Dance - Well done to students on a fabulous semester of Choir, Hip Hop and Ballet at APS



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ALPHINGTON NETBALL CLUB

Congratulations to all of our players for a great season back on court!

Season 2 starts in Term 3 on the first Saturday, 16th July.

Until then Stay active, enjoy your school holidays and we look forward to seeing you back training with your teammates during the first week of Term 3!

Reminder

REGISTRATION – is **NOW OPEN** for Saturday Competition Teams.
CLOSES on **Sunday June 19th**

- ANC needs your registration complete to place you in a team.
- If you are *a new player* to ANC – please email us to confirm there is a space for you before completing the registration process.
 - Please access all information on our website.

alphington.netball.club@gmail.com

<https://alphingtonnetball.club>

All the bests for our 2 x U15 teams playing in Semi finals this weekend ...
Teams with many ex APS students!!!!



For our newest to netball....

Join in the fun and learn the basics rules and skills of netball with new friends.

The registration for **Net Set Go program** is also **OPEN**.

Monday 3.45pm – 4.30pm
APS stadium.

10 week program starting Term 3, Week 3.

<https://alphingtonnetball.club>