



Edition 20 - 2022

Wednesday 20 July

TERM 3 2022

Tue 02 Aug	6.30pm	School Council
Wed 03 Aug	All Day	3 Way Conferences - Teachers/Students/Parents - <u>Children only attend for their conference.</u>
Thu 04 Aug	2.00pm	Prep to Year 2 - Mini Athletics Carnival @ Alphington Park
Thu 04 Aug		Year 6 Girls Regional Footy Finals
Thu 11 Aug		Year 3 - Year 6 Athletics Carnival
Thu 18 Aug		IDSSA Basketball Round Robin Day
Mon 22 Aug		IDSSA District Athletics
Tue 23 Aug		YEAR 6 GRADUATION PHOTOS
Thu 25 Aug	2.15pm - 3.00pm	Book Week Celebration and Special Persons/Grandparents Day (DRESS UP)
Wed 31 Aug		Year 4 Camp - Camp Jungai - Return Friday 2nd Sept
Mon 05 Sep		House Colour Run
Wed 07 Sep		Divisional Athletics
Fri 09 Sep		Student Free Day - PP Day for teachers (Osh Club will be running - book directly)
Thu 15 Sep	7.00pm - 8.30pm	Yr 2 - 6 Concert (Ivanhoe Girls Grammar)
Fri 16 Sep		Last Day Term 3 - Please note early dismissal - 2.30pm

TERM 4 2022

Mon 03 Oct		First Day Term 4 - Teachers and Students
Mon 31 Oct		Student Free Day
Tue 01 Nov		Public Holiday - Melbourne Cup

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're in the middle of another very busy week and a milestone for the skiers. We have many year 6's and some 5's at Mt Buller for the APS ski camp. They have the best weather and plenty of snow. The teachers have been sending the families pictures and updates on Compass and you can see in Shane's report some of the students. This camp is only able to run with the huge support from parents and I would like to acknowledge the parents who have taken time off work to attend, provided food, organised bookings and logistics and the many other aspects that need to be completed for this camp to go ahead.

Covid 19 update: we received and passed on the letter from the Education Department about mask wearing. I want to reiterate that this is advice and not mandated. We are recommending that students and staff wear masks indoors. We have not seen a huge number of positive cases over the last week and a half and hope that this is how the rest of the term plays out. We continue to have the air purifiers running and doors and windows open where appropriate. There are masks available, but it is preferable to send your child with their own. We have a good supply of RATS and will send home a box with every student next week. If you need a box for your child, please come to the office.

Concerts 2022: We are pleased to let you know that we are planning to hold a concert for the Prep and Year 1 students early in term 4. It will be offsite and in the evening. We will confirm the date and venue as soon as we can.

The year 2-6 concert will be on Thursday 15 September in the Ivanhoe Girls Grammar Performing Arts Centre (IGGS PAC). The concert will run from 7-8:30pm. All students in years 2-6 will be performing and there will be some spoken parts for year 6 students. The audition process for these parts will be shared with the students early next week. Fingers crossed that we could go ahead with these celebrations this year.

Footy on the turf: This has been an ongoing issue and has caused multiple injuries to students and staff. We have had to make the rule that there is no AFL on the main turf before and after school when there are parents and toddlers along with our students in the school. At recess and lunch, the strategy to manage the issue is “low and slow” to avoid the ball hitting others from great height and unexpectedly. Unfortunately, some of our older students were unable to follow this and despite multiple warnings and interventions they have decided that they will only play AFL at the park where they have much more space and can ‘boot’ the ball. I told them that I respected their decision, but I was disappointed that they did not think they could control themselves and change in response to the small and congested space. This will be in place for the remainder of the week and then I will review with the students. The other two or three games of AFL at any one break all had students respecting the need for this rule and working to follow it. Whilst I was disappointed with the older students, I was heartened with the younger students who showed understanding and worked to make this a safe place for all.

Stage 2 upgrade: The main building is really taking shape and we are in the process of ordering new furniture and screens for these spaces. This stage should be ready by the end of this term and while we don’t need the classrooms until next year, we will move into the admin. area and offices. It will be so nice to have it all finished and be just like a brand-new school with the oldest building being the BER which was built in 2010. We have been able to address so many ‘issues’ and solve old problems along the way. One such ‘issue’ was being able to travel between the main building to the BER without getting wet if it is raining. You may notice the veranda’s that have been built to combat this issue. Another success will be the installation of drink taps on the south side of the school. It used to be that the younger students would need to come around the building to the courtyard for a drink. That has been resolved. It will be exciting to see the end of construction.

Enjoy your week
Melissa Mackenzie
Principal

Reminder - Rapid Antigen Tests - RATS

The Education Department have let us know that they will be providing students and staff with more RATS. Please feel free to collect from the office if needed or let your child’s teacher now if you would like a box sent home with your child next week.

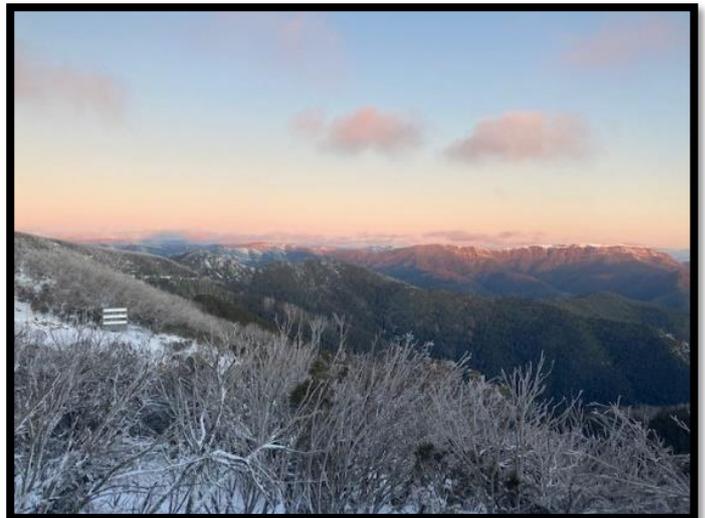
Assistant Principal Update – Shane Wilkie

Ski Camp Report

What an absolutely amazing day. The weather up on Mount Buller was stunning. Blue skies, cool breeze and soft powdery snow on the slopes.

We all definitely noticed the cold (1 degree) as we stopped off at Yea. Once back on the bus other than a couple of upset tummies on the windy roads it was an uneventful trip to Mount Buller. There were lots of ‘oohhs’ and ‘aahhs’ as a number of students saw snow for the first time.

The students were amazing as we unloaded the bus, got to the lodge, dressed in our ski gear and then over to the ski hire... all within the hour. The excitement and nervous energy as we were fitted for our ski gear was palpable.



A massive acknowledgment to the staff and parents who made everything as smooth as possible. After a bit of a walk up the hill everyone met up with their ski instructor and got on their ski journey. There were lots of smiles and laughs as students started to find their ski feet. At the end of the first lesson most students stayed on the slope for another 45 minutes practicing their skills.



We settled into the lodge for dinner, relaxed watching a movie and got a restful night of sleep before a day full of sunshine and skiing.

Today we will spend all day on the slopes, starting with our first lesson at 8:30am followed by a free ski, a second lesson after lunch and then a final free ski to finish the day. Tonight we are having a trivia night. I'm sure after a jam packed day we will all sleep very well tonight.

All the best.

Shane and the Mount Buller Crew 2022



Dear parents and carers

We are writing to you as parents/carers of a child or children in government, Catholic and independent schools across Victoria.

The Victorian Department of Health strongly recommends that face masks are worn in indoor settings.

As a result, we are asking all students aged 8 and over and all staff in all schools across Victoria to wear masks when in class (except where removing a mask is necessary for clear communication) from now to the end of winter.

Students won't be required or expected to wear masks when outdoors, and this expectation won't stop student participation in the full range of school activities, including music, sport and performances.

We are asking for your support in explaining to your child or children the importance of this simple step that will help keep our schools as safe as possible.

We also ask that you make sure your child (or children) takes a mask to school (and wears it if they are travelling on public transport) or collects a mask when they arrive at school.

We all appreciate how important it is for students to be back at school. This action will help make sure as many students and staff as possible are protected from COVID and other winter illness.

Thank for your help with this collective effort to keep our communities safe and healthy.

Dr David Howes
Deputy Secretary

Victorian Department of
Education and Training

Michelle Green
Chief Executive

Independent Schools
Victoria

Jim Miles
Executive Director

Catholic Education
Commission of Victoria

Towards the end of Term 2, our Year 3 SRC representatives, planned and organised a pyjama day to raise money for, 'Kids Under Cover,' a charity that is dedicated to preventing youth homelessness across Victoria, the ACT and Queensland. Our Year 3 students felt empowered, leading a whole school initiative and the day turned out to be a great success.

Well done, Lucia, Ben, Flo and Eloise. We are very proud of you.

Michael (3M) & Alan (3A)

Below is a copy of the speech that was read out at assembly last week.

Hi APS,

We are Lucia, Ben, Flo and Eloise.

Our PJ day was such a success.

We raised \$495 dollars.

The money will be sent to Kids Under Cover. This money will help kids who are having a rough time and need a little extra support.

We hope that you are feeling good about how you helped Kids Under Cover.

Thank you to everybody who donated.

We are super proud and we hope you know that you are helping to make lots of kids happy.

Enjoy your day!!!





Three Way Conferences @ APS ~ Overview

What is a Three Way Conference?

A Three Way Conference involves the student, teacher and parents/carers. It enables students to develop their capacity to reflect on their learning, to celebrate success and to set future learning goals. The structure of the Three Way Conferences also helps to strengthen the home/school partnership by giving parents/carers greater insight into their child's learning.

What is the purpose of Three Way Conferences?

Assessment is the ongoing process of gathering, analysing and reflecting on evidence to make informed and consistent judgments to improve future student learning. There is a range of assessment approaches that inform us of student progress. The Three Way Conference focuses on 'Assessment As Learning' where students reflect and monitor their own progress to help them identify and achieve future learning goals with the support of teachers and parents.

The Three Way Conference, along with the written semester 1 report and your child's portfolio (Seesaw), forms a significant component of our assessment practices at Alphington Primary School.

What will a Three Way Conference look like?

The length of each conference is 15 minutes. The conference is convened in the student's classroom, where the student shares selected work samples, outlining successes and future learning goals. During this process the teacher and parents/carers support the student by clarifying, questioning and prompting.

Please note that there will be an opportunity for parents to meet with the teacher without the student, in the last 5 minutes of the conference, if required.

How can you help to make the conference successful for your child?

1. Adhere to the time frame
 - Please arrive 5 minutes prior to the conference so your child has time to collect their thoughts
 - Leave promptly at the end of the conference to allow the next child to commence on time
2. Give your child your complete attention for the duration of the conference
 - Make eye contact with your child as they share their work
 - Respond in a positive way, making affirming comments about their learning and asking questions to find out more
3. Talk about the conference again at a later date

The conference provides an excellent starting point for further family discussion. During the conference you will hear your child talk about their learning. These conversations will, no doubt, continue at home.

How might you respond to your child?

- I really liked it when...
- You've really improved in...
- I noticed...
- It was a good idea to...

The type of questions you could ask your child.

Foundation – Year 2

- Can you tell me what you have learnt?
- Is there anything you would do differently next time?
- What did you like about this activity?
- What did you find interesting about this activity?

Year 3 - Year 6

- Where did you get the idea for this piece of work?
- Why have you chosen this piece of work to share with us?
- Can you tell me what you have learnt?
- If you did this task again what might you do differently or change?
- What did you find interesting about this activity?

We trust that your involvement in the Three Way conference will be an enjoyable experience for you and your child. We look forward to celebrating your child's learning alongside you.

Book Week @ APS

Hi Parents and Guardians,

On Thursday 25th of August we are having a book week celebration and we recommend that you bring a special person along with you to share a book and enjoy the afternoon with your child.

This year's theme is... Dreaming with eyes open!

We will be very excited to see everyone dress up as their favourite book character, and if you can't find a costume, please come in your house colours. All students will be colouring in some butterfly wings to be displayed in the library on the day.



Grandparents or a Special person

Where: Alphington Primary School

When: 2:15-3:00 pm Thursday August the 25th

Come and visit school and bring a book for the library. The activities the special people will be participating in are:

- A visit to your child's classroom
- Sharing some work or a book with your child
- Listening to a story in the gym read by the year six house leaders

Bring a book to donate and share!

By Allan and Cooper (Year 6)

Afternoon folks,

Big things are happening this term! Term 3 is the time for lovers of literature and dressing up to celebrate. Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) celebrates Book Week between 20th-26th of August. This year the theme is 'Dreaming with Eyes Open.' The year sixes have planned a colouring competition and a large display for the library filled with wings!

Next week we are having a special performance of Stellarphant for the P-3 students; and The Detective's Guide to Ocean Travel for the 4-6 students. The Detective's Guide to Ocean Travel is authored by an APS parent, Nicki Greenberg, who will be attending to watch the performance with us. Stellarphant and The Detective's Guide to Ocean Travel are on our library shelves for all to enjoy.

The library loves books and would love your grandparent or special person to donate one this term. Your book will be on the shelves with a personalised dedication for your children and their friends to read and enjoy. This is a lovely way to spread the joy of books throughout the school.

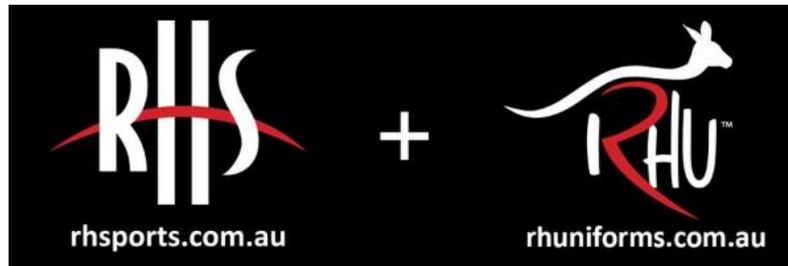
*Readings Kids have removed the postage for our school and ask that in the comments section you add this: **Donation for Alphington Primary School.** It will appear as if you are being charged for postage but it will vanish when processed. They're good eggs at Readings and love the support of local schools.*

Not everyone loves an online shopping spree and lucky for us we are surrounded by awesome book shops. Please feel free to grab a book from your fave book seller and send that in your child's bag with a note for the dedication. Book lovers aren't fussy, we just love all books. You could donate a favourite book that you read with your grandparents or find a book from their childhood that they enjoyed.

<https://www.readings.com.au/kids>

Stay warm and happy reading.

Lizzy



We have a new name!

Your uniform provider will now be known as RH Uniforms
All our contact details remain the same. Go to:
www.rhuniforms.com.au
for all your APS uniform needs.

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.



Katrina Post School of Performing Arts

Ballet Choir and Hip Hop Classes at APS

Prep to 2 (lunchtimes) and Grades 3 to 6 a few doors away at 7 Adams St



Now is a great time to start!!! Rehearsals are commencing for our annual staged concert.

Join the walking bus! Did you know we collect Grade 3 to 6 students from APS at 3:30pm for after school classes and provide supervision through to 5:50pm?

Visit www.katsdance.com.au to book your child's lunchtime or after school class.

Katrina Post School of Performing Arts PostGrad BA Teaching Primary and Secondary Performing Arts Specialist and Generalist Classroom Teacher, BA Dance (VCA), VIT registered, Associate Music Diploma (AMEB), Kodaly & Mini Maestros Teacher Certified



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Monday 3.45 – 4.30pm
Alphington Primary school.

10 week program + Party week!

**First Session is on
August 1st 2022.**

A Carer must stay with player.

Information about NSG program
<https://alphingtonnetball.club>

Direct registration link below

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registration.worldsportaction.com/userRegistration?
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Talking the Talk.

RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS, HUMAN SEXUALITY AND BODY SAFETY

ONLINE VIA ZOOM

Delivered by Vanessa Hamilton, Educator from Talking the Talk Healthy Sexuality Education, this presentation will teach you the conversations you need to have with children of early childhood and primary school age.

This session covers

- Healthy and respectful relationships
- Body & Protective safety
- Positive reactions to normal early childhood sexual behaviour
- How babies are made and born
- Puberty preparation
- Internet safety and our sexualised society
- What is appropriate for your family
- At what age you should discuss these topics

This is a free session for parents/ carers of 4 – 12 year olds.

Register: <https://www.trybooking.com/BYKBL>

*Please note this session is not suitable for children to view.

Session commences @ 8pm
Tuesday 9 August

Check out our other Parent Information Sessions
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WEDNESDAY, 3 AUGUST 2022

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WEDNESDAY 10TH AUGUST

4:30-5:30PM CANTERBURY SPORTS GROUND

WEDNESDAY 17TH AUGUST

4:30-5:30PM PITCHER PARK & BULLEEN PARK

WEDNESDAY 24TH AUGUST

4:30-5:30PM TEMPLESTOWE RESERVE

WEDNESDAY 31ST OF AUGUST

4:30-5:30PM MACLEOD PARK

Female only program ages 5-12

Register for
1 or more events!

Scan QR code to register!

Or click here!







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Do you want your children to feel confident and free to express themselves?

Would you like to live in a community that is safer and more connected, where boys and men can be happier and healthier?

Adherence to outdated stereotypes can lead to increased aggressive and controlling behaviour towards others, as well as contribute to poor physical and mental health.

This information session will provide practical advice on how you can help your family break free from gendered stereotypes.

We are excited to welcome you to attend a 1 hour session promoting healthier identities!

Dates for 2022:

Thursday	14 July	7:30pm	ONLINE
Tuesday	26 July	5:00pm	PRINCES HILL ¹
Wednesday	17 August	6:15pm	RICHMOND ²
Wednesday	31 August	7:30pm	ONLINE

This is a free session for parents/ carers.

Register here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/o/healthier-masculinities-44384742463>

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