



# THE ARCADIA VALE BULLETIN

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EXCELLENCE, RESPECT AND COMMUNITY... ENDLESSLY

## The Fortnightly Newsletter from Arcadia Vale Public School

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Term 1 Week 4 Tuesday February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### Principal's Message

To our wonderful students and fantastic community, I want to say thank you for the way that we have returned to school. Once again, we are navigating operational restrictions and the need to follow NSW Health and Department Guidelines. This is now the third school year that the global pandemic has impacted the education sector and we are hoping to minimise, if not completely eradicate any school closures.

Unfortunately, this means less contact with our community than we would like. At AVPS, we have been working hard to develop and implement a myriad of different ways to connect and engage you all. We are always open to feedback, as this is the only way we can grow and strengthen our provision, which inevitably will mean a greater education for your children.

Platforms we will be using include:

- The Parent Portal
- Our Facebook Page
- The Newsletter
- Class Dojo
- The Website

If you have not connected to the school through any of the following platforms, please contact our friendly staff and one of us will be more than happy to support you.

Once again, thank you for your ongoing support, this is going to be a great year full of amazing achievements, growth and lots of fun!

Mr Morgan

Relieving Principal



### Parents on School Grounds

As per NSW Health and Department of Education guidelines, can all parents and carers please not come onsite without the permission of the Principal. Reduced traffic, will minimise possible infections, meaning we can keep the school open and doing what it does best, educating our children.

### Early and Late Arrivals

With the above in mind, should you arrive late or require to pick your children up early please follow these steps.

Late – Send your children to the office from the front gate, phone the office and provide a verbal reason.

Early – Please ring the office, the office will then have the child come up and they will be walked to the front gate on Glade St.

### Parent Information Evenings

We have scheduled these for the week beginning 28th February. This will be via zoom and take place after 5pm. The parent information sessions will give you a chance to meet and greet your children's teacher, learn about the expectations, units of work etc and provide you with the opportunity to ask questions. More information will follow.

### Attendance Matters

With the beginning of the school year, now is the perfect time to discuss expectations and targets. High-level attendance is one of the school's top priorities, if the students are not at school we cannot teach them.

Our target is to have all students attending school with an average of over 90%. Obviously, with illness or Covid like symptoms children must stay home, otherwise we appreciate your support in meeting our targets. The impact of low attendance cannot be understated.



## School Times

### Minutes lost = days lost per year



Official supervision of students takes place at 8:45am. Students should not arrive before this time. For the time being, we will be cohorting in K-2 groups and 3-6 groups. K-2 classes will play under the large Cola, while the 3-6 classes will be supervised near the library and small Cola.

Class commences at 9:15am. K-2 will finish school at 3pm and 3-6 will finish at the usual time of 3:15pm. There will be supervision for students in K-2 who must wait for their siblings.

## Book Club

Book club orders are due no later than the 18<sup>th</sup> of February. Please make sure you do not miss this deadline if you wish to place an order.

## Book Packs and Voluntary Contributions

Thank you for everyone who has paid for their child's book packs! These are \$45 and ensure that the students have good quality resources for the entire year. If you require any financial support please make an appointment to speak with the Principal.

The voluntary contribution (school fees) has been kept at \$40 this year. This money supports the school to purchase resources, and programs that will enhance the education we can provide at AVPS. Every contribution is greatly appreciated.

Payments can be made by going to the school website. <https://arcadiaval-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/> Look at the top right-hand corner, where it says 'make a payment'.

## Stewart House

Donation slips for Stewart House will be distributed this week, this is an invaluable charity that provides unbelievably valuable memories and support for children who most need it.

## Up Coming Events

- 15<sup>th</sup> February – P&C Meeting
- 16<sup>th</sup> February – The Swimming Carnival
- 22<sup>nd</sup> February – Zone Swimming Carnival
- 28<sup>th</sup> February – Week of Parent Information Evenings, times to be confirmed
- 21<sup>st</sup> March – Harmony Day Week
- 7<sup>th</sup> April – PBL rewards Day
- 8<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Hat Parade
- 18<sup>th</sup> May – School Photos

## Merit Awards

Congratulations to our first Merit Award recipients from week 3.





## Canteen

Canteen will open again in 2022 on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday every week. Orders can be placed online through the QKR app or made in person at the canteen window of a morning. For new families, I've included helpful hints in the pics attached to this post.

Please note, QKR cuts off at 9am each day and the window orders are due by 9.15am.

If you are keen to volunteer in 2022, message our facebook page and Steph, our canteen manager will get back to you. You can volunteer once a week or once a term - without our wonderful volunteers assisting her, Steph gets run off her feet. If you've made a sandwich before or heated up food then you've got all the experience you need! Plus, you get a free lunch and your child will think it's really cool to see you there!

**AVPS ORDERING WITH CASH**

If you can't order online, you can order with cash using a **paper bag** or **reusable lunch bag**.

It must include your child's **FULL NAME CLASS** and their **ORDER** written on the bag or on a slip of paper in the pocket.

To reduce cash handling for our helpers, please use **exact change** in your order wherever possible.

Orders need to be handed in to the canteen by **9.15am**.

Only students can enter the Canteen area to place orders

**ONLINE ordering is contact-free and the preferred ordering method under the current COVID restrictions.**

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- Pay for a variety of school items;
- See your receipts on the app and get them sent by email if required.

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Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register

**Step 3 Find our school**  
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## Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is back, we like to run breakfast club 5 days a week. It's completely volunteer run and we are extremely short on volunteers. For breakfast club to continue, we really need to build up our volunteer pool. It's 8.45 to 9.15 daily. The kids LOVE it, so we really need to do what we can to keep it going! If you can help, message our Facebook page and Nicole, our breakfast club manager will get back to you!

## Uniform Room

Orders can ONLY be made online through the QKR app. Orders will be filled and sent home with your child weekly on a Wednesday. When restrictions ease, the uniform room will also be open for face to face sales, again this will be on Wednesday mornings. Keep an eye out for future posts in regards to when that will happen. If you have any questions about uniforms message our Facebook page and Krystal, our uniform room manager will get back to you.

## P&C Class Reps 2022

Kinder - Katie Schumacher

Year 1 - Anna Mulhearn

Year 2 - Becki Kenworthy

Year 3 - Kasey Cousins

Year 4/5 - Kristal Matthews

Year 5/6 - Jas Fowler

MC- Steph Knee



Kindergarten group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1383559068769299/>

Year 1 group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/227418812521489/>

Year 2 group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/567702110924291/>

Year 3 group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/897647067504828/>

Year 4 group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/864073034242410/>

Year 5/6 group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/575493146805537/>

MC group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/149849047351984/>

We also have a canteen volunteers group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1847692115534307/>

And a fundraising group for sharing ideas etc

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1347147615669638/>

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- footings, piers, trenching, slab and driveway preparation, pool digs.
- **LANDSCAPING**  
- Concreting, Retaining walls, fencing, drainage, outdoor living.
- **DEMOLITION** - Structures, sub structures.
- **RUBBISH REMOVAL**  
- construction waste, tree stumps, excess dirt.
- **MATERIAL HAULAGE**
- **TIGHT ACCESS MACHINES**

**24HR  
AVAILABILITY**