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## KEY DATES

### END OF YEAR

In 2022, Teachers will commence on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022**.

Parents will be required to book their child in for a reading assessment on either **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January** or **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February**. The School Interview app will be set up to make appointments.

[www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au)

**Code: jnhkk**

The first day for all students will be **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022**.

### STUDENT OF THE WEEK



## ALLANSFORD ALIVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

### PRINCIPAL REFLECTION

The 2021 school year certainly posed many challenges to our school community and will be one that we never forget. I am extremely proud in the manner in which our school community adapted to the changes imposed upon us and the way we navigated the path of uncertainty. I am particularly proud of our graduates for their efforts and their ability to be a role model in the year that was.

Our school values have never been more important – be **safe** – be **respectful** – be **responsible** – be **a learner**. Being safe was a priority and our community played an inspiring role in maintaining Covid safe standards. Being a good learner took on a different perspective with the typical face to face learning being replaced with a combination of on-line learning, an array of support materials and hard copy learning packs. Being responsible was having a clear understanding of what the required expectations were and then doing our personal best to implement them. We also understood that remote learning was different for every family depending on their personal circumstances. Being respectful to others was critical, with so many changes to conditions we needed to be respectful of everybody's viewpoint.

The pandemic created trying social and living conditions for all individuals, regardless of who you were and where you lived. These were unprecedented and previously unthinkable. We were exposed to an array of new vocabulary, terms such as contact tracing, facemasks, social distancing dominated our airways and restrictions influenced people's movements and their ability to access common spaces and services. All community sites were impacted, professional, educational, sporting, cultural and spiritual. None more so than the schools across our great country. The regular five-day school attendance was put into a spin when students were required to learn from home and teachers required to teach remotely. Schools were required to develop a 'Learning from Home Plan' that met the needs of their individual school communities. Teachers were required to create and communicate a learning schedule, instruct students remotely and give regular feedback to students and families on student learning progress.

Staff planned for a blend of synchronous (in real time) and asynchronous (not in real time) online learning opportunities and helped families with access to technologies to support learning. It was a giant learning curve for all concerned. In all of this, staff had to ensure that the well-being of the student was at the forefront of their thinking.

I want to thank all the staff at ADPS for the role they have played this year. I cannot express how challenging the role has been.

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## PRINCIPAL REFLECTION CONTINUED

Parents played a vital role in the whole remote learning process, supporting student learning and often working from home. These were trying times, but to the credit of all our families they did their best under the circumstances often balancing their own work commitments, managing their own family circumstances and supporting the learning of their children.

I wish to thank the wonderful support of School Council and sub-committees for the pivotal role they played throughout the pandemic in making the tough decisions. I want to acknowledge the role played by our School Council president, Matt Adams and our Parents' Club president, Kate Membrey. I also want to thank Renae Blake for the role she played on the Finance Committee this year. This year we were successful in achieving over \$340,000 of grants – consisting of Minor capital Works with the asphalt beautification, shade sail additions in 2022, the introduction of before and after school care in 2022 and Sporting School's grant. Parents' Club were fantastic in providing weekly support with fresh fruit, making sandwiches for students with no lunch, providing healthy breakfast snacks and of course running the school raffle. A great team effort by all concerned.

Many thanks to Gary and Rebecca (Cleaners), Graham (Crossing Supervisor), Peter (Bus Driver) and Hamish (Grounds) for all the hard work they have done. Their contributions are vital to our school culture.

Next year we have our highest enrolment for many years – 29 new Foundation students, an additional 9 students spread across the school giving us an expected enrolment of 175. This is an increase of 18 students from this year. We farewell Mr Rock, who has been doing a specialist role over the last two years at various times and we welcome Ms. Claudia Dean. To our Year Six graduates, I wish you every success in the coming years – do your personal best, respect yourself and others, display empathy and follow your dreams.

We look forward to re-setting and going again in 2022 – thank -you.

### BUS TRAVELLERS

I want to acknowledge the students that travel on our school POPES bus and the many additional school buses that students at ADPS access to travel to and from school. They have done a great job in 2021! I wish to thank Peter, the driver of our Popes Bus for making bus travel safe and enjoyable. This week he had the "Bus Awards" for 2021 – thanks for your enormous effort!



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### SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Congratulations Baxter for organising and running our Friday assembly. Baxter was extremely enthusiastic, well planned and spoke with a great degree of confidence. Well, done Baxter!



### VALUES AWARD

Congratulations to Chad for receiving the "Values Award." Chad was selected by a student leader for showing respect for school property.

Well, done Chad!



### MELO AWARD

Congratulations to Lilly for receiving the "Melo Award". Lilly was selected by a member of staff for demonstrating the values of a great learner. Well, done Lilly!



### PEACE POSTER

Congratulations to Violet in Year 5 for winning this year's Peace Poster competition for ADPS students judged by the Lion's Club of Warrnambool.



### SCHOOL MAGAZINE

Congratulations to Finn in Year 4 for being the winning entrant for the front cover of our school's SNAPSHOT magazine.



### SCHOOL MAGAZINE

Congratulations to Indianna in Year 2 for being selected for the back cover of our school's SNAPSHOT magazine.



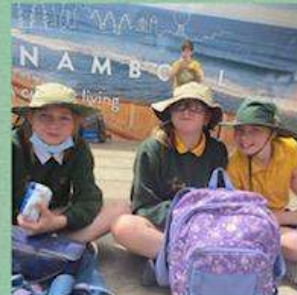
## WARRNAMBOOL THEATRE COMPANY

Students in Foundation and Foundation / One participated in a colouring competition conducted by the Warrnambool Theatre Company. Students had to colour a picture either representing the CATS musical production or the SHREK musical production. Two students were awarded prizes for the CATS competition and two students were awarded prizes for the SHREK competition. The winners were:

Delilah – Shrek and Ollie – Shrek

Hayley – CATS and Matilda - CATS





# YEAR 5 & 6 PICNIC DAY



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A Learner





# Year 3 - 4

## Picnic Day



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# Foundation, Year One & Year 2 Picnic Day 2021



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