

Split Entrances & Morning Independent Reading

For better traffic management within the school, we ask:

- Foundation and Years 5 and 6 students to enter and exit the building via the entrance to the Basketball Court; and,
- Years 1-4 students to enter from the Adventure Playground.

Only Foundation parents are allowed in the school building for drop offs and pick-ups, but QR Code is required.

All parents are welcomed to continue accessing the Reception, but note that QR Code is required.

Once the bell goes at 8:50am, all students will now be expected to enter the building and participate in independent reading. This will allow us to manage their hand hygiene more easily and have students use the reading time more effectively to ease into the learning by 9am.

Start of Year Admin Paperwork

Thanks to the adoption of Compass, we have been able to simplify the start-of-year administration process significantly.

This is because two of the annual notices and forms are now automated as part of the 2022 Voluntary Contributions collection process.

We thank families that have made their 2022 Voluntary Contributions (the new name for Parent Payment Policy) and we encourage families that have not yet completed the process to do so as early as possible. This will help to ensure that you have:

- Signed the **2022 ICT Acceptable Use Agreement** (in order for your child to access any digital ICT equipment in schools)
- Acknowledged the **APS Photographing Filming and Recording Students Policy** and provided consent (or notice to opt out)

If you would like to make your contributions over the counter via EFTPOs or Cash (instead of CompassPay), you will be required to complete the paperwork above via hard copy available from the Reception.

If you would like to make your contributions at a later date, please drop by the Reception to pick up hard copies of the two forms mentioned above for completion. This will ensure your child is permitted to start using digital ICT equipment at school.

Junior Rockers

Junior Rockers will continue to be our provider of individual or small group instrumental music lessons during school hours. Sign-ups are available directly via Junior Rockers. From 2022, Junior Rockers will also provide keyboard and piano lessons.

Medication and Medical Action Plans

Families with children that have Asthma, Allergic Reactions, and/or Anaphylaxis should submit their medication and/or revised medical action plan as soon as possible. Please address all related correspondence to Caroline, who is the First Aid Officer this year.

Caroline works part-time at Abbotsford PS on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. She is available on these days if you need to discuss any medical or wellbeing related matters in private.

Term 1 After School Clinics

Following from the popularity and success of the after-school clinics last year, we have broadened the range of clinics for the students, with 3 new clinics being introduced as a trial – Coding, Science and African Drumming and Dancing (Term 1 only). Please have a browse of the new “After School Clinics” webpage under “Extracurricular,” as each clinic has different dates, sign-up method and price.

Hats & Sunscreen

Based on the school's SunSmart Policy, hats are required for outdoor play in Terms 1 and 4 each year. Please make sure your child brings a school hat to school with your child's name clearly labelled. Hats are sold through the APS Reception. If you would like your child to wear sunscreen, please note that you must supply the sunscreen to avoid potential allergy.

Term 1 Assembly Performance Schedule

Assemblies are open to parents/carers and community members. They will run from 9:10am this year. The default location will be the outside basketball court.

In Term 1, we will follow the schedule below for class performances/presentations:

Assembly Date	Performance	Student of the Week Awards
4 February	Mzuri Dance	N/A
18 February	3A English	Curiosity
4 March	1A Chinese	Challenge
18 March	6A English	Care
1 April	4A Chinese	Connectedness

Term 1 Key Events

Some key events to look forward to for Term 1:

- Chinese Information Session – 17 February 2022
- Parent-Teacher Interviews (focusing on goal-setting) – 2-3 March 2022
- Community Market – 20 March 2022
- Foundation Teddy Bear Picnic – 1 April 2022
- School Photos – 5 April 2022

Term 1 will end on Friday, 8 April at **2:30pm (early finish)**.

Chinese Information Session

As per previous years, we will be hosting a Chinese Information Session for parents/carers with the aim to share ways in which you can support your child's learning of Chinese at home.

This year, the event will be held on:

- Date: Thursday, 17 February
- Time: 3:45 - 5:00pm
- Presenter: Fangni laoshi (Curriculum Leader - Chinese)
- Target Audience: Both old and new parents/carers

In this session, we will take you through an experiential learning process where you will get a taste of what it is like to learn Chinese literacy. Reflecting on the experience, we will then share strategies on how to best support your child's Chinese proficiency development.

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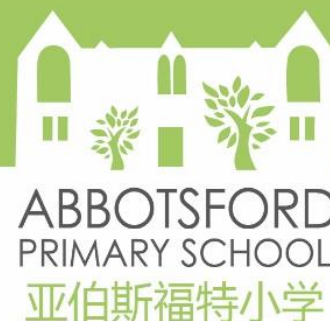
APS is a small school with a small budget. Thus, apart from our Wellbeing team (Caroline & Sercan), Marianna and Stanley are the only staff members not in the classroom. Over the last 12 months, we have upgraded many of our processes and migrated them online via Compass to reduce the manual administrative load required.

We ask you to support us by using Compass for absence logging, voluntary contributions, excursion/incursion forms and other administrative matters (as requested) as much as possible.

The APS Reception (via phone or in-person) will always remain accessible via phone or in-person during school hours and we welcome parent enquiries for matters that we have not yet migrated onto Compass. We simply ask you to be mindful of our limited staffing capacity on the administrative front, particularly during pick up and drop off times.

If you are still having trouble accessing Compass, please let us know as soon as possible!

2022 Administrative Notices



Website Update

Over 2021, our website underwent major updates and we now have very comprehensive information about how learning takes place ("Learning" tab) and how we support students' wellbeing ("Wellbeing" tab). We hope that information covered under these two headings will be of benefit for both current and prospective parents.

For our new families, now that you are officially part of us, you will find the relevant information on the school's day-to-day operations under the "Community" tab. Please note that the Parent Handbook includes an A-Z guide on almost all things Abbotsford.

Lastly, we have updated the "Our Staff" page to help you address concerns to the most relevant person directly, or via abbotsford.ps@education.vic.gov.au

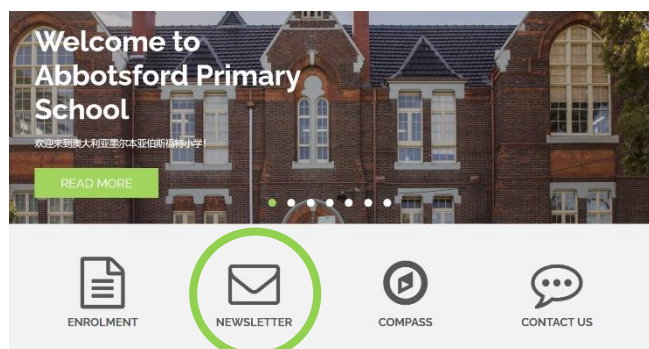
Assemblies & Newsletters

Assemblies and newsletter alternate each week Friday.

For Term 1, assemblies will be held at 9:10am every fortnight starting 4 February 2022 (Week 2 Friday). Newsletters will be sent before 4pm every fortnight starting 11 February 2022 (Week 3 Friday).

Our assemblies are open to parents/carers and community members. We welcome your participation in celebrating our students' learning and achievements.

Our newsletters are published online via the big icon on APS website homepage.



Special 145th Anniversary Themed 2022 Calendars

In celebration of our 145th anniversary this year, we are selling specially themed 2022 calendars for \$20 each as a small fundraiser for the "Make a Difference" Fund. The calendar has a beautiful blend of students' artwork from 2021 and archive photos, including a special "edition" of Daniel and My Hoa laoshi.

Autograph signing available upon request 😊

Labelling of Personal Items

Please remember to label everything your child wears or brings to school!