

# ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

PRIMARY SCHOOL

**2024**  
SEMESTER 1



**Alphington**  
GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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## Introduction

The Enrichment Program in the Primary School complements the broad, dynamic classroom curriculum, whilst also offering students the opportunity to immerse themselves in an array of character-building programs. We encourage all students to explore the many activities on offer, in order to broaden their knowledge, learn a new skill and get to know students from across different year levels.

Our co-curricular offerings in the Primary School include a broad range of activities across different days and times, for students of all ages.

The activities will take place at various times, including before and after school and at lunchtimes, and are not compulsory.

We know that free and unstructured play is vital in the life of Primary School students, but we also know that offering further opportunities to develop new skills, relationships and interests in an 'out of class' setting, provides huge benefits.

# SPORT PROGRAMS

## Step Up Club

**When: Tuesday 12.30PM**

**Where: ALPHA Zone**

**Who: Mr Barnewall and Mrs Vrakas**

*Do you enjoy walking? Do you enjoy the outdoors and nature? Would you like to improve your fitness in a gentle manner? Do you need something to do at lunch?.....*

Well...if you answered 'yes' to any of the questions above, **Step Up Club** is for you!!!!!! We will be walking around our beautiful school and some surrounding streets. Students are welcome to bring their own pedometer to track their steps.

## Soccer Club

**When: Wednesday 12.30PM**

**Where: Oval**

**Who: Mr Papas**

Come and join **Mr Papas** for some fun games and skill development! Year 1 (Weeks 3,5, 7 and 9) and Years 2 and 3 (Weeks 4, 6 and 8).

## Shooting Hoops Club

**When: Monday 12.50PM**

**Where: Basketball Court**

**Who: Ms McCulloch**

*Do you dribble? Can you shoot goals? Do you want to?*  
Join Ms McCulloch for a fun time shooting hoops.

# MUSIC PROGRAMS

## Greek Choir

**When: Thursday (Term 1 and 4) 8.30AM**

**Where: Primary Greek Room**

**Who: Ms Bindevis**

What better way to practise your Greek skills and learn about Greek culture than through song?

Encourage your child to join our multi-age **Greek Choir** to learn songs from famous Greek composers, increase their confidence in Greek and have fun.

## Poco Chorale

**When: Tuesday 8.15 to 9.00AM**

**Where: Drama Studio**

**Who: Ms Lang**

Calling all Year 3-6 singers and performers to join the amazing **Poco Chorale**. If you love singing this is the club for you.

## Meldoy Makers

**When: Wednesday 12.30PM**

**Where: The Stage**

**Who: Ms Wallace**

Join us on Wednesday at lunchtime as we are launching a new and exciting ensemble called "Melody Masters" for Years 3 and 4 students. If your child is currently learning an instrument, please encourage them to come along to learn some exciting melodies with their peers. We will be meeting on the stage in the Music Department.

## Year 5 and 6 Band

**When: Friday 8.15 to 9.00AM**

**Where: Music Department**

**Who: Mr Kapralos**

Calling all musicians to join our Year 5 and 6 Band with **Mr Kapralos**. Bring your instrument or voice to rehearsal on a Friday morning and get ready for some amazing music making.

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# SOCIAL PROGRAMS

## Bug Club

**When: Friday 12.30 to 1.00PM, Term 1 and Term 4**

**Where: Room A204**

**Who: Ms Elliott and Mrs Downey**

Come and learn all about bugs. Most bugs in the world are harmless to humans. AGS is home to many interesting bugs, come and learn all about them and how we can create an environment that will help them thrive.

## Chess Club

**When: Tuesday 3.45 to 4.45PM**

**Where: Beginners B108, Intermediate Primary Library, Advanced B216**

**Who: Mr Cox, Mrs Stewart and Mr White**

We welcome beginners and experienced chess players to our 2 Primary groups: Beginners and Intermediate levels. In order to cover the cost of the experienced chess coaches from Northern Star, Chess Club has a \$100 fee for those who participate. Students who wish to continue in Chess Club should email **Ms Janet Stewart** [jst@ags.vic.edu.au](mailto:jst@ags.vic.edu.au) to confirm a place to continue in Chess Club for Term One.

New students are most welcome to join, please send an Expression of Interest to the email address provided above. Please provide a brief summary the students' Chess ability and understanding of the game, even if there is no experience at all. This will help us to support each student in the best way possible.

## Paper Craft Club

**When: Wednesday 12.30 to 1.00PM, Term 2**

**Where: Library Reading Room**

**Who: Ms Rousetty**

Students from Years 1 to 6, If you like craft then this is the club for you! Using paper folding we will create artwork of 'little creatures' found in books.

## Homework Club

**When: Thursday 3.15 to 4.15PM**

**Where: Library**

**Who: Ms Thomson and Ms Katsambanis**

The Primary **Homework Club** offers supervision and assistance to Year 2 to 6 students with their homework. The club runs for an hour on Thursday afternoons from 3:15pm until 4:15pm. Students must have homework to complete during Homework Club time. If they attend without work to do, they will be asked to do silent reading.

To assist us to maintain student-teacher ratios, parents and guardians are required to enrol their child in the Primary Homework Club to secure their spot.

For more information contact **Ourania Katsambanis** [oka@ags.vic.edu.au](mailto:oka@ags.vic.edu.au)

## Greek Homework Club

**When: Thursday 3.15 to 4.15PM**

**Where: Library**

**Who: Ms Kolaitis**

Need some help with your Greek homework, or just want to get it done for the week? Join our **Greek Homework Club** for students in Years 2 to 6. You will have a dedicated time to complete Greek homework tasks at your own pace. A smart way to keep on top of your Greek homework, while maximising your learning experience. Take advantage of this opportunity and join today!

The Greek Homework Club runs concurrently with the Primary Homework Club

## Juvenilia Club

**When: Wednesday 12.30 to 1.00PM**

**Where: Library (reading room)**

**Who: Mrs Whiffin**

For students in Years 3 to 6 we will be looking at work produced by Australian authors and illustrators while they were a child. See what authors were writing when they were young BEFORE becoming published. Start planting seeds to grow your ideas for writing. Journal included to jot down ideas.

Calling all writers and artists! Join **Mrs Whiffin** to discover the early attempts of storytelling by some of our favourite Australian authors and illustrators, including **Andy Griffiths!** We will look at some of their very early writing (before computers) and drawing attempts, and the interesting reasons for their choices.

## Writing Club

**When: Wednesday 12.30PM**

**Where: Room A204**

**Who: Mrs Ross**

Writing Club meets bi-weekly and gives every student a chance to contribute to the student voice. Join this team and you will have the chance to contribute your own perspective to the online School blog 'Student Eye,' which is visible to all AGS students and parents and to enjoy the art of writing. All perspectives are valued, and younger students can be assisted by older students to add their contributions to Student Eye.

Join this club and add your voice to our evolving school blog. In first term students in Year 6 can attend every second Wednesday lunchtime.

Join **Mrs Ross** and other budding authors in the Writing Club.

## Easter Candle Making Club

**When: Monday 12.30PM**

**Where: Room A206**

**Who: Ms Koutrouzas and Mrs Venneri**

Come along and decorate an Easter Candle to take home.  
Book in your spot with **Ms Koutrouzas**. Limit to 15-20 people per week.

Sessions will start in a couple of weeks and continue until Orthodox Easter.