



Views over Ainslie Park

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Key Dates for Term 1

Assembly: March 16

Labour Day: Monday 9 March (school closed)

Family Fun Night: Friday 13 March (5.00-7.00)

School Council AGM: Tuesday 17 March

Canteen: Friday 20 March

Mini-kids: Friday 20 March (2.00-3.15)

Year 5/6 Camp: Wed 25 – Fri 27 March

Term 1 finish: Friday 27 March – 2.30 finish

Key Dates for Term 2

Curriculum Day: Tuesday 14 April

Term 2 begins: Wednesday 15 April

School Photos: Wednesday 29th April

School Playground Supervision times

Please be reminded that the playground is supervised from **8.45 -9.00** before school and **3.30-3.45** after school each day

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Family Fun Night – Save the date

On **Friday 13th March (5.00-7.00)**, the school will be holding our annual Family Fun Night. This event is focused on community engagement by providing an opportunity for new and existing families to come together in a relaxed environment and connect. There will be food and drink for sale, but families are also welcome to bring their own picnic dinner to share in the Orchard

Working Bee

Last Friday APPS held our first working bee for the year. We focused our attention on the front of the school, with planting and mulching being carried out around the playground and the sand pit getting a top up. I would like to once again express my sincere thanks to all of you who contributed to the working bee. The positive energy and sense of community were unmistakable. It was so pleasing to see so many members of

the school community, including many hard working students.



A very special thanks to Jane Humphrys and Evan Coutts for their time and effort in preparing for the event, and to Jane for managing the workforce on the day. Thanks also to Jane, Paula Thynne, Emma Hall, Catherine Litchfield and Melissa Edwards for providing much appreciated snacks and refreshments for the working party.

Sincere thanks to the following people for their contribution:

- Nadia, Simon and Maggie O'Halloran
- Mel Jenkinson, Mat and Ruby Stirling
- Phil, Jo and Jacob van den Broek
- Ross and Eamon Mackay
- Daryl Scobie
- Querida Seip
- Jacqueline Schliebs
- Paula Thynne and Flynn McNamee
- Mark Bailey and Saskia Walczak
- Paw Paw Ku and Hi Wee Thaw
- Ju Ni Paw and Justin Hai Pi
- Elissa Roszale
- Damien Roberston
- Tegan and Marshall Hutchinson
- Pip and Josiah BaiN



Bunnings BBQ – Fundraiser.

A huge thank you also to those who gave up some of your very busy Saturday to work at the Bunnings BBQ fundraiser. A number of you worked double shifts throughout the day, in a display of enormous commitment to our school. A very special thank you to Tracy and Evan Coutts for the significant amount of time and energy they gave to this event and to our school in general.

It was a very successful day, with the school making a profit of \$1600. During the 2020 school year all fundraising money will go towards installing a permanent shade structure in the courtyard.

Thank you to the following people for your support: Paula Thynne, Ross MacKay, Matt Stirling, Nadia O'Halloran, Luisa Hannan, Querida Seip, Laurie Swiss, Jacqui Schliebs, Jodie Harvey-Hunter, Rob Harvey-Hunter, Andrew Bain, Elissa Roszak, Jane Humphrys, Carlyne Chandler.



School Council Parent Nominations

I am very pleased to announce that the vacant parent positions on the 2020 APPS School Council have been filled. We warmly welcome Joanne van den Broek and Jacqui Schliebs to the school council and thank them both for their continued commitment to our school and community. More information regarding our school council members and goals for the 2020 school year will be shared in the next newsletter.

Positive School Promotion

I would like to thank those of you who take the time to actively promote our school in the wider community. This positive word of mouth is extremely important in helping our school grow, which ultimately benefits your children and all of our community.

I would like to encourage any of you have any school related issues that are causing you concern to contact us directly, rather than air these in a public forum. As a school we are very open to your feedback, but cannot address your concerns if they are not brought to our attention. Thank you for your continued support with this matter.

Minikids

Minikids is a program we offer at Ainslie Parklands Primary School for children presently in 3 and 4 year old kindergarten. The focus of the session is on giving prospective students and families an opportunity to experience our school before committing to enrolment.

If you are a current family with 3 or 4 year old child, or you know some families who may be interested in joining us, please contact the office on 98701566 to register your attendance. There is no cost involved.

The first session will be held on **Friday 28th February from 2.00-3.20.**

Lunch Time Clubs at APPS

I am very pleased to announce that from the beginning of Term 2 APPS will be running a variety of lunch time clubs on Wednesday and Thursday each week. The clubs will be facilitated by our school leaders, with the support of a mentor teacher. They will take place in the music studio, Orchard, library and hall. Further specific details will be shared before the end of term.

Information Evenings and Conferences

Thank you to all who took the time to join us at either the parent information evenings or goal setting conferences. Thank you also for your patience and understanding with the change of dates for these events. We do hope that you found both sessions beneficial.

During Term 2 I will be sharing a short survey with the APPS community to gauge your views on our communication and student reporting processes.

School Canteen in 2020

As communicated last year, the canteen will operate through a slightly different format in 2020. During Term 1 the canteen will be operating on **Friday 20th March.**

If you would like to support the delivery of the canteen, please get in touch with the head of our Fundraising and Community Engagement Committee, Tracy Coutts on 0409424965.

Seesaw Online Portfolios

We have begun sharing your child's work and progress through the Seesaw online portfolio platform. We hope this is a development that gives you a greater insight into your child's development, but also the teaching and learning taking place at APPS. We would welcome any feedback to further improve this process.

Facebook – Community Connection

I would like to bring to your attention the existence of a Facebook page that works to connect the wider Ainslie Parklands Primary School community. Although this is not the official Facebook page for the school, it does provide a wonderful opportunity for our school community to connect and support each other. Please see the information below for more details:

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

Brett MacKenzie
Principal

FROM THE STUDIOS

Foundation

In Foundation, we started our systematic phonics program a few weeks ago. Each week students are introduced to a letter/sound and a variety of learning tasks are prepared to support children with their learning. Recently our letter/sound focus was 's'. The Foundation children made sprinkles sandwiches and wrote about the experience they took part in. Maya and Meher are proudly showing their writing!



1/2 Studio

F-2 students are visiting Bundoora Heritage Village today. We're seeing how people lived 120 years ago! We are visiting a cottage, a school and a printery shop. We have listened to music on an old gramophone - it sounded funny! Living with no electricity and plumbing would have been very different to now (and smelly with no flushing toilet!)



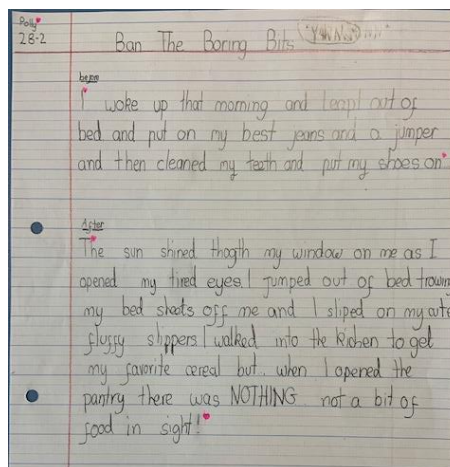
Visiting a house that is 120 years old



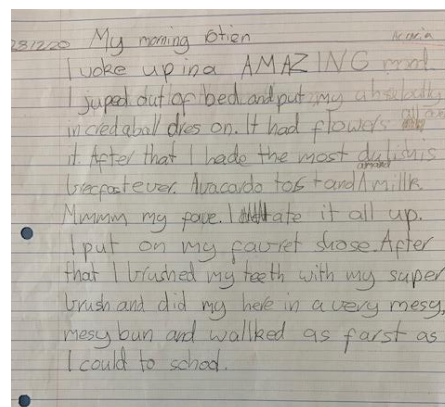
Discovering how people cooked food 100 years ago

3/4 Studio

In the 3/4 studio this term the students have been focusing on writing Narratives. We looked at 'Ban the Boring Bits', how we make our writing more exciting for our audience. The students were given a paragraph to improve making sure they were descriptive.



Polly 3/4 A



Acacia 3/4B

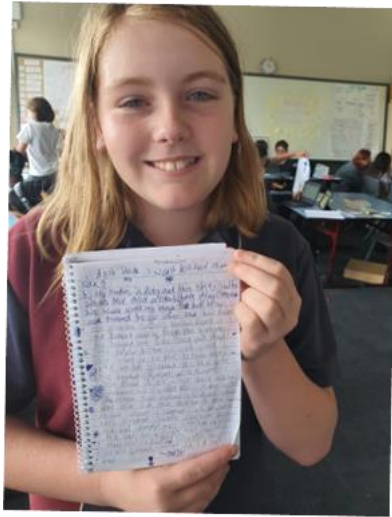
5/6 Studio

In 5/6A we have been working hard learning about the '6+1 Traits of writing'. These are the most important components of all writing that we can work on to keep improving our craft. So far we have learnt about 'Ideas', 'Organisation', and 'Voice'. We are writing and editing our work with these traits in mind.

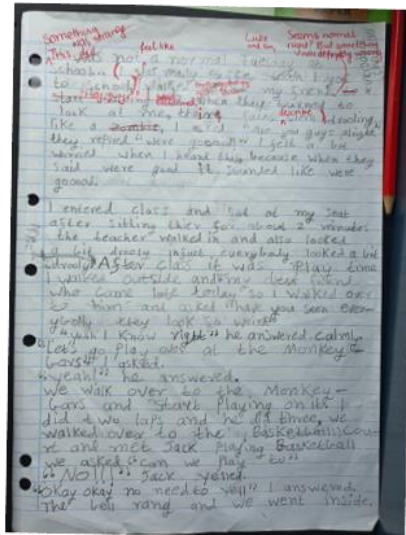
'Is this saying exactly what I want to?' 'Do I show not tell?' And 'Is there a clear beginning, series of events and conclusion?' Are some of the prompts we use help us improve our writing?



Chiara used 'seeds' from her Writer's Notebook to give her the idea for her beautiful poem 'The Clouds'

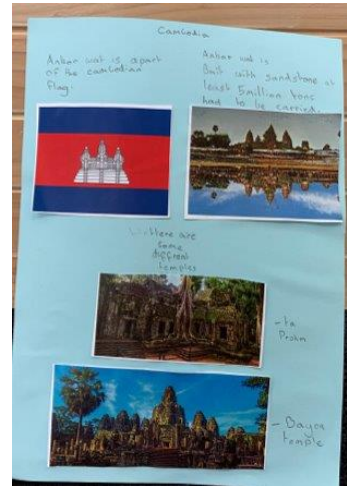


Abby has been working on her writing's organisation in her adventure narrative about... taking out the compost?!



Anu is practicing 'show don't tell' in his epic tale about a ZOMBIE VIRUS!

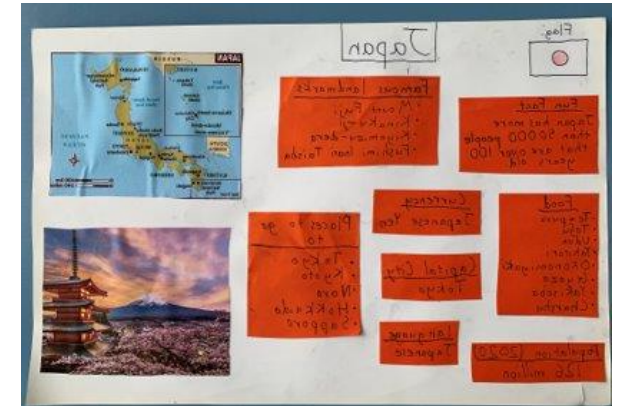
5/6B have been researching different countries from North America, Europe, and Asia, and are preparing for a World Travel Expo in Week 9 as part of their Term 1 Inquiry. Students will be presenting their findings in several ways. These posters are a part of these students' presentations



Darlene – Cambodia



Amy and Eh Say – South Korea



Kento – Japan

Kitchen Garden

This week I caught up with my two Garden Leaders, Flynn and Felix, to hear reflections on their first weeks as a gardening team. Together, they've worked through The technical challenges of fixing sprinklers, designing irrigation and assembling a new hose reel. They were also very happy to provide support by re-potting Carolyn's indoor plants, damaged in our break in. They're also enjoying learning from one-another. Flynn is teaching Felix practical construction skills while Felix has been sharing his recent research into medicinal plant use. Flynn reports 'It's extremely fun to be working in a team with Felix' and Felix feels that 'We are a good match, we know each other well and both have a serious and a fun side'. I enjoying working with this capable and enthusiastic team as they embrace opportunities for independence with responsibly and curiosity.



This week Mr MacKenzie was very lucky to have a wonderful fresh salad for his lunch. Not only was it a very pleasant surprise, but it also came directly from our garden. Thank you very much to Isabelle and Helena.

Art

This week in Visual Arts the 1/2s continued work on primary and secondary colours. They had the opportunity to create cellophane windows in the primary colours that when crossed over show the colours mixing. They also explored the work of Spanish artist Joan Miro.



Students used a dice rolling game board to select the shapes and symbols to draw, creating their own Miro inspired art work. Colouring them in with only Primary and secondary colours. Most students took their art works home with them this week.

FROM THE OFFICE

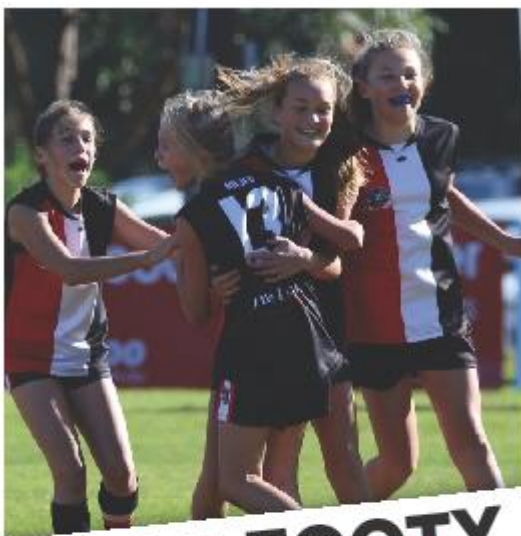
CSEF Funding

For those families that are a holder of a current Centrelink healthcare card, Veterans Affairs Gold Card or a Pensioner Concession card you may be eligible for CSEF funding for your child. If you have NOT filled out an application form and think you are eligible, please come to the office and speak to Simone or Andy.

STATE SCHOOL RELIEF.

If your family is struggling financially, State School Relief can offer assistance with school uniforms.

Please speak to either Simone or Andy and they will make an application for you in the strictest confidence.



GIRLS FOOTY

Join the Saints!

NORTH RINGWOOD JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Girls footy is thriving at our awesome club, and season 2020 is looking to be even bigger and better with girls teams in every age group from U10 to U18

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FOR MORE INFO CONTACT MARIA NIKSIC
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SATURDAY MORNING JUNIOR FOOTY



REGISTRATION DAY
Wednesday March 18th, 5pm - 6pm
Tinternvale Primary School

Meet the coaches. Meet the players. Join the team.

The SFL is the only junior football league running matches on Saturday mornings. Under the care and guidance of passionate and skilled coaches, players (girls and boys from Grades 2 to 6 or ages between 7 - 12) will...

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Welcome to the new school year!

A very warm welcome to everyone, and a special welcome to families new to the school and our program.

At Camp Australia, we provide an engaging and supportive **outside of school hours space** for children to play, connect, learn and grow. We work together with your school community to deliver a tailored program that is designed to bring out the very best in each individual child. Creating a unique place where children can practice real-life skills in a fun, exciting environment that challenges them to succeed. In our sessions, children will be provided with a healthy snack while given time to relax, socialise with friends and learn some life skills along the way. Come to the OSHC room to meet the friendly team and discover how we can help your family.



It's FREE to Register.

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at pp.campaustralia.com.au/account/login. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your booking options online via our parent portal. If eligible, to help you with the cost of child care, you may be entitled to receive the Australian Government Child Care Subsidy. Visit my.gov.au to find out more.

Program Details

For more information on our service and fees, visit our website www.campaustralia.com.au. If you prefer to speak to us, you can contact our Customer Care Team, available to support families 24 hours a day, 7 days a week - except for National Public Holidays. Alternatively, you're welcome to visit us in service and chat with our qualified Educators about the Camp Australia program at your child's school.

We look forward to seeing you and your family soon!

From the Team at Camp Australia

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