



Views over Ainslie Park

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**Key dates for Term 4**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October (school closed)**

- Grand Final Public Holiday

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November (school closed)**

- Melbourne Cup Public holiday

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November (school closed)**

- Curriculum Day – staff professional learning.

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

- End of school year – 1.30 finish.

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

I couldn't have been more thrilled to see the smiling faces of our students (and parents) as you all camp through the gates on Monday morning.

The students have done a wonderful job this week, with most settling in well to the onsite learning routine. We are very mindful that this process will look different for everyone and our wonderful staff are working very

hard to ensure the transition is successful for everyone.

Special thanks to parents and carers for your patience and cooperation during drop off and pick up times.

**Parent Opinion Survey**

Along with the student and staff survey, the *Parent Opinion Survey* is a key element of the school's data collection process.

The information collected from these surveys is used at a department level and supports the school's ability to track growth and development from year to year.

I do appreciate that parents were recently asked to complete a survey relating to our learning from home program, however, the Parent Opinion Survey has a wider focus, with a more varied purpose and audience. The school would greatly benefit from as many families completing the survey as possible and would appreciate your support

with this matter. The survey will be open from **October 12<sup>th</sup> to November 13<sup>th</sup>**.

Access to the survey and log in details have been shared through a separate Compass message and additional hardcopy letter. If you have any questions or concerns about this process, do not hesitate to contact me directly.

**School Vision -2020 Update**

During Term 4 Ainslie Parklands Primary School will be working through a process of reviewing and updating our school vision.

This is a process that traditionally takes place every three years, and was last addressed at APPS at the beginning of 2017. As this was prior to my arrival, I am unsure to what extent the school community was involved in the development of the following vision statement.

***At Ainslie Parklands Primary School, we empower students to be confident, creative, inquisitive and curious thinkers in an inclusive and engaging learning community, which values life-long learning and honours the whole child.***

In the coming days, I will be sharing a very short, school-based survey to parents and carers, to gather their views of the current vision, as well as their views on the future vision of the school.

This opportunity will also be presented to staff and students, to ensure all stakeholders have input in the development of the vision statement.

Once feedback has been collected, the school will develop a statement that will be taken to school council for final approval. It is the intention that this process be completed by the end of this school year.

#### **Term 4 Curriculum Day**

I would like to inform the school community, that the APPS School Council has approved Curriculum Day on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November**.

The day would be focus of teacher professional development. We intend to use the time to reflect on the strong gains we have made with our writing and literacy program this year, with a view to plan and prepare for Term 1 2021 with refocused goals.

Although there has been significant disruption to the school year, having this time to focus our work will be of great benefit to our staff and students, as we head into the 2021 school year.

#### **Before School Care – 2021**

I am pleased to announce that Camp Australia has agreed to recommence the program for **Before School Care from Term 1 2021**.

The program will run from 7.00-8.45, after which time the school would be responsible for the duty of care.

The school is presently in discussions with Camp Australia to recommence the Before School Care program **this term**, but we need to determine definite numbers before this can move forward.

I appreciate that some of this information was recently collected in a survey, but it is vital that we have up-to-date information. If you are certain that you would use **Before School Care this term**, please contact me as soon as possible with the following information:

- The number of days/week the service would be required.
- The number of children you would need in the program

#### **Buildings and Grounds Update.**

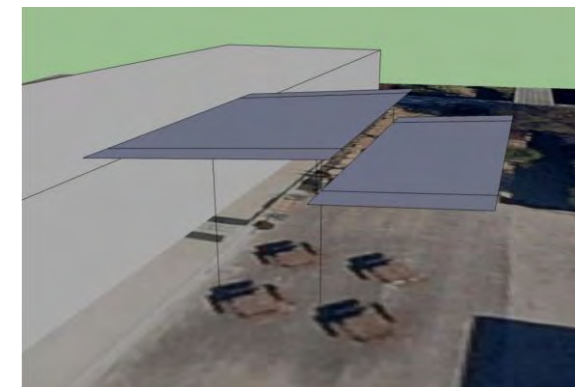
I am pleased to announce the following developments to APPS Buildings and Grounds program:

#### **Courtyard Shade Structure**

I would like to update the school community on a project that has been in process for almost 12 months. As many of you would be aware, during the upgrade of the new building we lost the large undercover area within the courtyard. It has been a primary focus of the school during this time to develop the most suitable plan to protection from the sun and rain.

The commencement of the project is impacted by current COVID restrictions, however, we are hopeful the project will be completed in time for the commencement of the 2021 school year.

Below is a basic image of the structure that will be built in the courtyard space. The tables should give you some point of reference.



### **Upgrades to Music Studio**

The school has been working through department procedures to gain funding to repair the roof and ceiling of the music studio. Although you may not have noticed directly, the space has been in need of repairs for some time.

The school has managed to secure funding to replace and upgrading the roof, ceiling and internal walls of the building. This process, which the school would have otherwise needed to fund, will in turn save the school approximately \$35,000 dollars from our school based budget.

The commencement of the project is impacted by current COVID restrictions, however, we are hopeful the project will be completed in time for the commencement of the 2021 school year.

Brett MacKenzie  
Principal  
Ainslie Parklands PS

### **Count us in**



Our school is going to be involved in the 2020 music celebration **COUNT US IN**. We will be singing the SAME SONG - SAME DAY - SAME TIME with over 745,000 students **on November 5<sup>TH</sup>**.

This special day brings schools together across Australia, to celebrate and encourage the importance of music education.

As a whole school we'll be learning to sing and do Auslan to the song 'You can't bring us down,' written by school students. Here is the YouTube link to the song:

<https://safeyoutube.net/w/KMfX>

Leading up to November 5<sup>th</sup> students will be given parts to learn in music each week. This will be able to go ahead whether we're at school or at home. I'm really excited about this day and can't wait to hear how amazing we will sound all together!

**Bec Russell – Music teacher**

**Studio sharing will return with the next newsletter.**

