



Views over Ainslie Park

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**Key Dates for Term 4**

**First Day of Term:** Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October.

**Whole school Photo** – Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October

**Assembly:** Oct 14/28, Nov 11/25, Dec 9/20

**Curriculum Day** - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November

**Multi-age Day** – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November

**Melbourne Cup Day** - Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November

**Maroondah Festival** – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November

**SEA Parent/Child Nights** – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Nov

**APPS Twilight Market** – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December

**Year 6 Graduation** – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December - TBC

**Last Day of Term:** Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

**Term 4 - Transition Days**

In order to support the transition process for Foundation students into school, APPS will be offering transition sessions throughout Term 4. To support our existing or new students moving into new grade levels, we will also be offering two transition sessions.

Specific information regarding dates can be found below:

Day 1 – October 25 - 2020 Foundation

Day 2 – November 13 – 2020 Foundation

Day 3 – November 28 – Whole School

Day 4 – December 10 – Whole School

**2020 Student Enrolments Open**

Ainslie parklands Primary school is now taking enrolments for the 2020 school year. If you are a current family with a child joining us in Foundation next year, please make sure you speak to Andy or Simone in the office to lodge the enrolment forms.

**2020 Community Update**

Please note that in addition to the latest newsletter, you will also receive a **2020 Community Update**, outlining more specific details regarding planning for the 2020 school year. This communication will be shared through a separate compass message.

Please make sure you take the time to read through this newsletter and the 2020 Community Update, to stay informed of developments right across the school

If there is interest within the community, I will be holding open forums on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October from 9.00-10.00 and Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November from 6.30-7.30**, to further discuss the details of this update, or any other whole school issues you may wish to address.

**Twilight Market Fundraiser – Save the date**

**On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December (4pm-8pm)** Ainslie

Parklands Primary School will be holding its inaugural **Twilight Market** fundraiser.

The market will consist of food stalls, live music and market stalls from outside vendors. More specific information will be shared early next term. Many thanks to the Fundraising and Community Engagement Committee for their planning and preparation.

**SEA Parent and Child Nights – Y3/4 and Y5/6.**

In an effort to broaden the variety of information sessions available at our school, we are facilitating two sessions for families focused on physical, social and emotional development.

The sessions will be presented by [SEA Primary](#) and will take place on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November. As an introduction to the concept, we are trialling the sessions with the Year 3-6 cohorts. Should there be interest from the community, then it will be provided for younger grades next year.

[Y3/4 Parent and Child:](#) 5.45-6.45

[Y5/6 Parent and Child:](#) 7.00-8.00

Cost: One session (family) - \$25

Two Sessions (family) - \$35

### **Students Feedback – Playground Spaces**

During the last couple of weeks we have been gathering information from the students regarding how they use the outside spaces within the school and what they would like to see more of.

We have received some very thoughtful ideas and during Term 4 we will present these ideas to staff, school council and the community before making an action plan. It is my hope that we can meet as many of these requests as possible as we further develop our learning and play spaces.

Please see a list of the suggestions below;

#### **Playground, playtime & environment**

##### **Inside:**

- Library open at lunchtime
- Gaming set-up
- Set up spare classroom for movies on wet/hot day timetable
- Mini art gallery
- Musical Instruments

##### **Quiet Space:**

- Reading corner/quiet corner
- Relaxation corner
- Somewhere to paint and draw
- Experiment corner
- Lego club
- More nature, more trees, climbing trees
- Outdoor library in the Orchard

##### **Equipment**

- Water play
- Bigger/newer climbing wall
- Spider web climbing tower
- New (more interesting) monkey bars & climbing frames
- Gaga pit

### **Environment**

- Get our basketball court back
- More bins
- Soccer pitch
- Hideouts (building equipment block etc)
- Running track around the oval (many mentions of this)
- Tree-houses/Cubby
- Animals – cats, dogs, chickens, axolotl (and also requests for no animals!)
- Camp style activities (rope climbing)

### **Buildings and Grounds Update**

#### **Early Years Garden Space**

The garden space adjacent to the new building has been initially designated as an Early Years Garden Space, however, this is always intended to a space open to the whole school. As previously communicated, the space is still requiring some attention to the ground/soil, as it remains very water logged. Progress on the development of this space has been hampered by the amount of rain we have received.

The next stages will be to redress and seed the space, with the goal of creating a grassed area for the students to access. From this point we will be observe how the students use the space and then determine the next steps.

There have already been plans and provisions to have space for a mud kitchen and a new chicken coop within this area.

### **Library**

A great deal of work has been done to re-establish the library space. Quite a number of new titles have been purchased and are ready for the students to borrow. New storage and furniture has also been purchased, with some more pieces on the way.

The school has purchased a library bag for each student, which has been decorated by individual students and sent home with them. Please ensure the students have this bag for their library borrowing, as they will not be permitted to borrow a book without one.

It is hoped that all studios will have commenced borrowing in time for the term break. This will be a weekly timetabled session from the beginning of term 4.



## Art Studio

The Art Studio is almost complete with its refurbishment, but is already able to receive students and community members. New tables and stools have been purchased, which are a wonderful addition, with a TV screen and whiteboard installed to help support the delivery of the art program.

The school is still sourcing quotes to paint the cupboards, which will give the space some added vibrancy, ready for the Specialist Art program to recommence in 2020.



## Kitchen

Additional upgrades have been made to the kitchen in the new building including modifications to the cabinetry and the installation of sound proofing that was not included during the original build. Whitegoods and appliances have been installed, with smaller items such as cutlery crockery to be added. The space will be operational from the beginning of Term 4, and will add a welcome dimension to the Kitchen Garden program, wider studio programs, as well as access to the school community.

It is our plan to begin using the space in Term 4 and then review processes to ensure greater clarity for the 2020 school year.



## Additional Maintenance Funding

Though a recent initiative from the state government, the school was the recipient of an additional \$44,800 in funding towards facilities maintenance. Although this was welcome news, there are also clear guidelines as to how the money should be directed and the timeline during which we will receive the funding.

During October 2019 the school will undergo an Occupational Health and Safety Audit (OHS), as well as a Rolling Facilities Evaluation in the near future. These evaluations will then inform the development of a **Facilities Management Plan**, which is a requirement from the department of education. The recommendations from these reports will need to be met by some of the funding from this most recent initiative.

## Courtyard Shade

Quotes have been sourced to provide some shade and protection from the weather in the courtyard space. This process is presently before school council and further information will be shared once it become available.

Further to this, I have submitted an application for a shade grant through the Victorian Cancer council. We will receive notification of this process during term 4. Should it be successful, it will go a long way to covering the cost of our shade requirements for the courtyard.



View of proposed site



Scope of proposed structure





**Example of proposed structure**

### **Solar**

The school is working with companies to determine our solar requirements and provide an initial quote. As this would be a significant project, two additional quotes would need to be sourced before moving forward. The school is also investigating grant funding for solar through the Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA).

I hope you all have a lovely term break and I look forward to seeing you all on October 7, for the beginning of Term 4.

**Brett MacKenzie**  
**Principal**

## **FROM THE OFFICE**

### **CANTEEN**

# **Canteen News**

## **When Is Canteen Open For Lunch Orders?**

Canteen continues to be open for lunch orders on Fridays fortnightly (Weeks 2,4,6,8,10). Each Term, you will find Canteen Lunch Order dates on the current Canteen Menu, but also advertised on Compass, the school newsletter, website and at the Office:

## **Pop-Up Stalls After School (Re-Usable Lunch Order Bags & Eco Cups)**

We will be doing Pop-Up Stalls after school offering APPS re-usable lunch order bags and Eco cups (BPA free) at a discount. Look out for Compass messages for details. Not only are these great products for you and the environment, they also make it easy to clearly label lunch orders, making the Canteen job easier. You can also find order forms at the Office.

**BPA Free**



## **APPS Canteen Says "No!" To Plastic Packaging**

We have now eliminated virtually all oil-based plastics from Canteen packaging, including freezer bags and cling wrap. Even our pizza and burger boxes are made from sugarcane and are 100% biodegradable in home compost, while our disposable gloves are 100% biodegradable in landfill. We also use unbleached paper napkins and bags, wooden cutlery, recyclable foil bags, and BioCups which are made from paperboard paper and lined with plant-based bioplastics, not oil-based. These cups can be commercially composted making them carbon-neutral, however, Maroondah is yet to offer this service.

\*If you're interested in joining the Canteen team, please see Melissa Edwards or leave a message at the Office. Thanks very much from the Canteen Coordinators, Melissa and Paula.

### **STUDENT BANKING**

### **SCHOOL BANKING DAY**

In 2019 the School Banking Day will be every **WEDNESDAY**

## FUNDRAISING

### TERM 4:

Ice Cream Day – Date to be decided

Christmas Night Market – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December

If you would like to join our committee or have any ideas, please contact Tracy on email

[tracy@aspectmotiondance.com](mailto:tracy@aspectmotiondance.com) or 0409 424 965

With Thanks,

Community Engagement and Fundraising Committee



## CROYDON LITTLE ATHLETICS REGISTRATION AND COME & TRY DAY

Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Sept  
9am-11am

Croydon Athletics Track



[croydonlac.com.au](http://croydonlac.com.au)



## Enrolments for 2020 available

4 year old kinder

15 hours per week

Flexible enrolment options

2 sessions of full days OR

3 sessions 1 full and 2 half days

3 year old kinder

6 hours per week over 2 sessions

Call Leah to arrange a tour

9723 4119

9 Toorak Ave Croydon





WEEK NIGHTS FROM 4:30

Umps, scorers and all  
equipment supplied

TERM 4

## JUNIOR SOCCER COMPETITION

\$8 a week

35 minute games

U9's, U/11's and 13's - 5 a side

U/15's, 17's - 4 a side

To register use the following-

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9761 5413

www.croydonindoorsports.com.au



## Summer Junior Netball Competition

\$56 per team each week

Bibs and equipment supplied

Tuesday and Thursday from 4pm

Register via-

info@croydonindoorsports.com.au

www.croydonindoorsports.com.au

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## September School Holidays Inflatable Times

Sat, Sun, Mon, Thu,  
Fri each week of  
the holidays.

10am - 4pm

\$13 per child  
Food and drink  
available



**Free BBQ  
@ last  
session**



**Sessions  
based off the  
skills  
acquisition  
core skills,  
1v1, first  
touch, ball  
striking,  
running with  
the ball and  
mini games**



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**FOR BOYS & GIRLS AGES 5-11**

**OCT 21ST - DEC 11TH**

**Mondays AND Wednesdays  
5.30pm to 6.30pm**

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PER CHILD**



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LET'S TALK ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH  
Half-Day Workshop  
Friday 20th September 2019



Anxiety Disorders Association of Victoria presents

**Program:**

- **10:30am - 12noon**  
**Understanding anxiety and how to combat it**  
Presented by Dr Peter Kyriakoulis, Director of Positive Psychology Centre
- **12:30pm - 2:00pm**  
**Let's talk about depression**  
Presented by Dr Monica O'Kelly, Clinical Psychologist
- **2:30pm - 3:30pm**  
**Meditation: Stillness Meditation for anxiety relief**  
Presented by Lucy Louca, Counsellor, Accredited Stillness Meditation Therapy (SMT) Practitioner



This event and associated information resources  
are supported and funded by the City of Casey



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