



Views over Ainslie Park

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Key dates for Term 1

Term 1 Assemblies

- Friday 12th March
- Wednesday 31st March – last day of Term 1

Monday 8th March

- Labour Day Public Holiday

Friday 12th March (2.00-3.20)

- Mini-kids # 1

Tuesday 17th March

- School Council Annual General Meeting (7.00pm -8.00pm)

Wednesday 31st March

- Last day of Term 1 for students

Thursday 1st April

- Curriculum Day

Monday 19th April

- First day of Term 2 for all students

Wednesday 21st April

- Whole School Photos

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

New School Council Members and AGM

Last Friday saw the close of 2021 school council nominations. I would like to offer my sincere thanks to those parents and staff who offered nominations for the open positions.

Thank you very much to Paula Thynne, Simon O'Halloran, Catherine Litchfield, Laura Annakin and Carolyne Chandler for their commitment to additional terms as parent and staff representatives.

I would also like to welcome David Fawcett and Katherine Szymanski as they join the APPS School Council for the first time.

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on **Monday 15th March** from 7.00pm-8.00pm. This will most likely be held via WebEx and will be open to the school community to attend.

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

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Canteen – Sushi Day – Friday 19th March

The school will be providing the opportunity for students to order a sushi lunch for **Friday 19th March**.

Order forms have been sent home in hardcopy and also through Compass.

They should be returned to school by **Friday 12th March**.

Goal Setting Conferences

Thank you to parents and carers who attended the Goal Setting Conferences this week. We also appreciate the number of students who attended. We are working towards building the student's ownership of their learning, with the conferences being an important part of that process. Many thanks also to the teachers for their time and commitment.

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 12th March from 2.00-3.20**.

Further sessions will be held on:

- **Friday 7th May**
- **Friday 7th May**
- **Friday 28th May**
- **Friday 18th June**
- **Friday 30th July**
- **Friday 20th August**
- **Friday 10th September**

Curriculum Day – New learning for staff

Today the staff undertook professional learning across a number of different areas.

Student Voice and Agency

- As a staff we explored our own understanding of student voice and agency, but also how we define these at concepts our school.
- We also spent time identifying the current practice at APPS, and making a commitment to action to ensure our practice and awareness improved.
- There will be more shared regarding Student Voice and Agency in coming communications.

Learning Intentions and Success Criteria

- Ensure all students know what they are going to learn and where they are heading.
- Provide guidance to teachers on what their chosen teaching and learning activities are seeking to achieve.
- Provide the basis for feedback and reduce discrepancies between current student understanding and intended learning.
- Assist students and teachers in tracking and assessing student progress.
- Help teachers to understand the impact of their teaching and learning activities, and when they may need to adapt or change these.
- Help students understand what improved performance looks like.

Community Understanding and Safety Training (CUST).

- The whole staff were fortunate to participate in a professional learning experience led by Alice Young, from the Department of Education and Training.
- This provided a great opportunity to invest in further professional learning opportunities to build school capability and confidence with Koorie cultural inclusion

Foundation Families Event – Thank you

I am so please that the families of our Foundation students had the opportunity to get together on a social level last weekend. Very special thanks to Sandra and David Fawcett for making this happen.

Primary Maths and Science Specialist (PMSS)

I am pleased to announce that the Primary Maths and science Specialist program is underway, with Nicola Colgate-Jones and Wendy Phillips undertaking their first professional learning session this week. We will hear an update of the progress of this initiative in coming newsletters.

Help Needed: Covering Library Books

The school greatly appreciates the support we have received in covering new library books. We still have a number of titles ready to go onto the shelves, once they have been covered. If you are able to assist, please stop by the school office to pick up a bag of books.

Seesaw Online Portfolio

During the 2021 school year, APPS will be introducing an online portfolio system to keep parents up-to-date with their child's learning. In order to support this process, the school will be adopting a program called [Seesaw](#). This process will replace the paper-based portfolios that are sent home at the end of each semester. More information will be shared shortly and followed up during the Parent Information Evenings

Learning and Teaching at APPS

6+1 Traits of Writing

At APPS we are now using the shared language of the 6+1 Traits of Writing to help our students become better writers. The 6+1 Traits of Writing Model is a research-based tool to develop high quality writing skills in our students.

Students write every day! As students move the process of writing (Planning, Drafting and Writing, Revising, Editing and proofreading, and Publishing) we can talk and use the traits at every part of the process.



The **6+1 Traits of Writing** outlines a set of characteristics commonly featured in pieces of

high-quality writing. By knowing and recognising the traits, teachers can analyse student writing to identify the specific skills and content students must acquire to develop proficiency as a writer.

They can then use these traits understandings to help students learn those specific skills necessary to make their writing really work, and to give feedback about how to improve specific writing pieces. You will see information of the **6+1 Traits of Writing** around the school as the year goes on, and as students become more familiar with the language they will start to talk about their writing using “trait language”.

By using the common language of the traits, we are all talking about the same thing - it helps the language both teachers and students use to talk about the features, qualities and parts of our writing to be specific and focussed.

The 6+1 Traits of Writing are:

- **Ideas:** The main message
 - **Organization:** The structure of the writing.
 - **Voice:** The way the writer brings the writing to life
 - **Word Choice:** The words used to help express the ideas
 - **Sentence Fluency:** The rhythm and flow of the writing.
 - **Conventions:** The general rules of writing
- and
- **Presentation:** The overall appearance of the piece

From the Office



Just Brass will be starting up again on Monday afternoons at Ainslie Parklands.

If your child has always wanted to learn to play an instrument, this is a fantastic opportunity as all lessons are free and include the loan of an instrument.

This opportunity is available for students in Year 3 – 6.

For those that are interested, please fill out the expressions of interest form located at the office.

**Join
Just
Brass.**

Pick up an Expression of Interest form from the Office

Weekly group tutoring sessions
Weekly Band practice at Ringwood Salvation Army
End of Term Concerts



TENNIS LESSONS AT APPS

Every Friday at lunchtime, Match Point tennis coaching is offering tennis lessons to students onsite at Ainslie Parklands.

For all the details please collect a flyer from the office.



Guiding children's growth

Before School Care & After School Care

Newsletter



BEFORE SCHOOL CARE HAS BEEN LAUNCHED!

Before School Care begins at 7:00am until the School Bell rings! Breakfast is provided plus a range of daily activities including Craft, Construction, Games, Quiet time and more daily fun! We encourage you to come along and meet our Morning Coordinator – Christine.

Childcare Subsidy applies.
Register and Book now at campaustralia.com.au



SUSHI DAY

Friday 19th March

Please fill out the form below if you would like to participate,
returning it by **Friday 12th March**



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|-------------|--|
| Childs Name | |
| Class | |

Sushi Handrolls @ \$3.00

Number of Handrolls

| | |
|--|-------------|
| Teriyaki Chicken GF DF EF Chicken cooked in (gluten free) teriyaki marinade | |
| Tuna GF DF Cooked tuna, cucumber, mayonnaise | |
| Avocado V GF DF EF Fresh avocado slices | |
| Vegetable V GF DF EF Cucumber, carrot, lettuce, fried tofu | |
| TOTAL NUMBER OF HANDROLLS | |
| SUSHI SUBTOTAL | A \$ |

Drinks and Soy Sauce

Number

| | |
|---|---------------------|
| Juice Box @ \$1.50 (please circle flavour) Apple/Blackcurrant or Tropical or Orange or Apple | |
| Soy Sauce Free | |
| DRINK SUBTOTAL | B \$ |
| TOTAL FOOD & DRINK | C = A + B \$ |

GF Gluten Free,
V Vegetarian,
EF Egg Free,
DF Dairy Free

- No nut products or sesame seeds used
- Please note all items may contain traces of nuts, sesame seeds, egg, milk and wheat products,

TOTAL MONEY ENCLOSED

\$

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