



Views over Ainslie Park

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Key dates for Term 1

Term 1 Assemblies

- Monday 29th March (3.00-3.30)

Wednesday 31st March

- Last day of Term 1 for students
- School finishes at 3.30

Thursday 1st April

- Curriculum Day – no school for students

Key dates for Term 2

Monday 19th April

- First day of Term 2 for all students

Wednesday 21st April

- Whole School Photos

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

School Council Officer Bearers

On Monday evening this week we held the Annual General Meeting of the APPS School Council. During the meeting the officer bearers for the 2021 school year were nominated and elected.

I am very pleased to announce that the School Council President role will be fulfilled by Evan Coutts, and the School Council Vice-President role will be fulfilled by Paula Thynne. Both Paula and Evan have made significant contributions to our school and community over a number of years, and their continued commitment is greatly appreciated.

School Council Sub-Committees

I am also pleased to announce the continued work of the school council sub-committees. The following sub-committees give all APPS community members the opportunity to get involved in school development, regardless of whether you are a nominated member of the school council.

Should you wish to be involved in one of the sub-committees outlined below please contact me directly. I will be happy to provide you further information at that time.

- Buildings and Grounds
- Marketing
- Community Engagement
- Education (policies)

End of Term Assembly – Change of Date.

Please note that the last assembly for Term 1 will be held on **Monday 29th March at 3.00pm.**

This was originally scheduled for Wednesday 31st, however the Foundation students are not at school on Wednesday in Term 1, and it would be a shame for them to miss the Easter Raffle.

I apologise for the oversight and any inconvenience caused. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on Monday 29th at 3.00pm

Planning Week

Next week the studio teachers will be participating in whole day planning session in preparation for Term 2.

Due to the required logistics, specialist programs will be impacted somewhat this week. The specific planning days are as follows:

- **Tuesday 23rd March – Yr5/6**
- **Wednesday 24th March – Y3/4**
- **Thursday 25th March – YF-2**

APPS Easter Raffle

Please see flyer below for Easter Raffle details.

This has also been sent separately through a Compass Message.

Harmony Day – Sunday 21st March

March 21 is Australia's Harmony Day, which celebrates the country's cultural diversity. It coincides with the United Nations' International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. Harmony Day is an attempt to acknowledge the contributions of multicultural communities to Australian society. It is celebrated with many community festivals and local events with global food and music and traditional dress.

Orange is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Week as it signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect.

On **Monday 22nd March** students will be engaged in a number of different activities across the studios to recognise and celebrate Harmony Day. A free dress day will also be available for any students who wear an orange item of clothing in recognition of Harmony Day.

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 next session will be held on **Friday 7th May from 2.00-3.15.**

Further sessions will be held on:

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

NAPLAN 2021

From **Tuesday 11th to Thursday 13th May**, students from **Year 3 and Year 5** will be engaged in reading, writing and maths assessments as part of the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (**NAPLAN**).

As many of you would be aware, the decision was made to not run the NAPLAN assessments in 2020 due to the impact of COVID-19. In 2021 the process will run in a very similar fashion as it has in previous years. More information will be shared with families after the Easter break, at which time I will be happy to answer any questions or concerns you have directly.

Student Tennis Clinic

To further support our sport and physical education programs at APPS, students from Y1-6 will be participating in tennis coaching sessions on Friday 19th March and Friday 26th March. The sessions are being run by Daniel Kittelty from the Burnt Bridge Tennis Club and are funded through the School Sports Grants program.

Community Engagement at APPS

We are a group of volunteer parents and carers who organize and run events that are about engaging the school community and the wider community socially as well as supporting the school financially through special events and fundraising. We plan for and organise these events and activities as a team.

Getting involved offers many benefits, for the children, the school and for you. You get to know other parents with children in different year levels, with different perspectives, with great ideas and thoughts about their experiences at APPS. Our aim is to build and maintain a strong sense of community and we'd love to have you join our team.

Events we run/hold:

Canteen days (twice a term), Easter Raffle, Mother's Day Stall, Father's Day Stall, School Disco, Trivia Night, Bunnings BBQ, Twilight Market etc. We welcome new ideas too. We appreciate parents giving up their time to help us to run these events and activities, their help is crucial to the success of the events ... and the children love seeing their parents involved at their school too!

How can you be involved?

It's really up to you. Everyone has different levels of involvement depending on their own circumstances. We always need more people who can help out at different times - doing whatever they feel comfortable with, you won't be pushed into anything. Some levels of support we seek are:

- Joining as a full committee member.
- Offering your support in organizing and running certain events
- Helping with something specific
- Helping out on the day.
- Informal support of any kind.

How do I join?

Email appscommunity1@gmail.com to register your expression of interest or to find out more. We will hold a meet and greet morning tea (time, venue, and date to be advised) so that everyone can meet.

We look forward to running some great events in 2021!

Tracy Coutts
Mum of James in Grade 5.
Community Engagement Coordinator

From the Studios

F-2 Unit of Inquiry News

F-2 children have been focussing on developing their inquiry and research skills. Recent student questioning sparked an investigation into how communities function and work in other countries. Students considered how they might research into this and James in Foundation suggested "We could FaceTime another family in another country and ask them questions about their community."

"Working with his wonderful idea, we arranged a video meeting with some classes from my school in Singapore that I used to work at. Our APPS children were extremely excited to connect with the Singapore

American International School students and have a tour of their classroom (which we found out is very similar to ours!). Next week, we will write letters to the students at SAIS and ask them questions about their school and local community that they are part of.



On Friday the 12th March, the F-2 students had an exciting time exploring our local community. They were INQUIRERS and OBSERVERS, as we walked, looked, wondered, observed and recorded. We discovered lots of interesting parts of our community, and wondered about what these things brought to our community?

We explored ideas such as "keeping us safe", "helping people get around", "having fun" and "people coming together". We walked three loops, allowing us to have our snack at the Gladys Grove Park – where we had lots of fun! We saw houses, shops, traffic, signs, repair people, bus stops, pets, and much, much more!



On Friday we went on an Excursion. First, we put our lunch boxes in Carlyne's car and then we started walking. We saw dogs. We also saw a Basketball place. We did it with the Foundations.

Then we had snack and then we had recess. We went back to walk again. We saw a dead bird. It was disgusting. We saw tiles at the bus stop. It is for blind people they have a cane. There is a ball on the can that is very sensitive. When the ball hits the yellow tiles the person knows they are at the bus stop so they are safe

from the bus. After that we saw a school crossing. It was cool. We loved it. When we got back we got out our lunch boxes in to the class room and ate our lunch. It was very, very, very fun. It was the funniest day ever! We loved it so so much! But it was tiring but I don't care it was fun and that's what happened. We also wrote about it. That is the end.

Maya (Year 1)

On Friday we went on an excursion. First, we went past Melba College by walking. The F-2s got a little tired but we were resilient so we kept walking until snack time.

After that we walked to a playground and when we had finished we all played and next when we had finished we walked back to our school and finally we had lunch and we talked about community works.

Eh Ler (Year 2)

Year 5/6

In the 5/6 studio we continue to explore the political system in Australia. Students have formed political parties, elected a prime minister and deputy prime minister and designed two policies. Lots of marketing fun has been going on including creating a party name, logo and promotional posters which are displayed around the school. Next week each party will present their policies to the ¾ studio and an election will be held. We will use the preferential voting system to see who will be elected as the Prime Minister

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.

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



APPS EASTER RAFFLE

**We are seeking donations from Family and Friends
of APPS to contribute to our Easter Raffle**

**Items for donations include anything Easter themed
eg; chocolate bunnies, eggs of any variety, stationary,
giftware or crafts**

**All donations can be dropped off at the office by
the morning of Friday 26th March**

**Raffle will be drawn at Assembly on
Monday 29th March**

**Tickets
\$2 each or 3 for \$5
Tickets will be sent home on Friday 19th March**

**APPS Community Engagement Committee
appscommunity1@gmail.com**



PLAY RUGBY LEAGUE

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN
BOYS & GIRLS AGES 4 - 18

* Respect * Teamwork * Sportsmanship * Honesty * Family * Fun *



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25 MARCH 2021
@ COLCHESTER RESERVE BORDMIA

More info at easternraptors.com.au or secretary@easternraptors.com.au



Maroondah Magic Basketball Club



We are one of the largest basketball clubs in the Kilsyth & Mountain Districts Basketball Association. As a club, we are proud of our volunteer coaches and their expertise in player development.

Our free skill development clinics for boys and girls born in 2012 or younger will run over four weeks, to give a strong introduction to the game of basketball. They will be held as follows:

Melba Secondary College Gym

Girls - Tuesdays 2, 9th, 16th and 23rd March 2021

4.30pm – 5.45pm

Boys – Fridays 5th and 12th March 2021

Early Session A – 4.30pm-5.30pm

Later Session B – 5.30pm-6.30pm

Dorset Primary School Gym

Girls – Tuesday 30th March 2021 4.30pm – 5.45pm

Boys – Fridays 19th and 26th March 2021

Early Session A 4.30pm – 5.30pm

Later Session B 5.30pm – 6.30pm



If you're unable to attend the clinics but would like to play, or find out more, please contact Peter Cunningham, Coordinator, Magic Basketball on 0400 577 476.



We will teach dribbling, passing, shooting, running & teamwork with the goal that interested boys & girls can join our club and play basketball in a team.

FREE Magic starter pack (including drink bottle, basketball and Magic socks) for new under U7 miniball players that register for the Winter 2021 season.

FREE pair of Magic socks for all other new players.



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OPEN NIGHT 2021
WEDNESDAY, 28 APRIL
6PM TO 7.30PM
COMMENCING IN THE COLLEGE GYM

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OF OUR COLLEGE

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