



Views over Ainslie Park

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**Key dates for Term 2**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May** – Minikids

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May** – Working Bee

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May** – Mother's Day

**Tues 11<sup>th</sup> -Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> May** – NAPLAN

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May** – APPS Open Night

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May** – Outdoor Classroom Day

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May** – Minikids

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June** – Public Holiday

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June** – Curriculum Day

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June** – Minikids

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June** – End of Term (2.30 finish)

**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

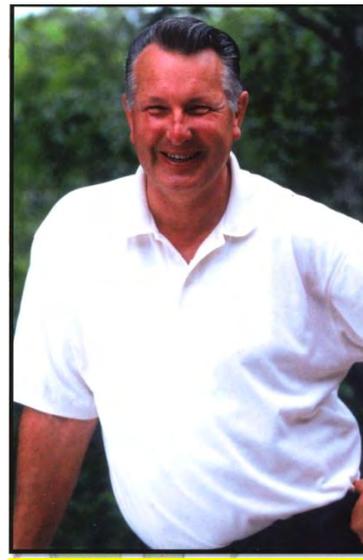
**Student Attendance**

Please be reminded that if your child is absent from school without explanation, you will receive an SMS at 10.00am each morning. Within this message will be a link to direct you to your child's page on Compass to update their attendance

Please note that you will need to be logged into Compass to be taken directly to the page.

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

**John Martyn**



It is with deep regret that the school has been notified of the passing of the former Principal John Martyn. John was a dedicated and long serving Principal at Ainslie Parklands. He was a strong advocate for our school community which was formerly named Croydon West Primary School.

I was very fortunate to meet John early in my time at our school. The way he spoke of the school and his experience here demonstrated a deeply held affection for this community.

I would like to thank past staff Barry Dawson and Joyanne Paspas for composing the following message.

*John was much loved and respected by staff, parents and students alike. He found enjoyment in the betterment of the students' school life and with his enthusiasm and endless energy he would spend many weekends maintaining the school buildings to a very high standard.*

*John knew each child at the school and would chat to them regularly about their interests, their family, playing sport or where they were going for their holidays. The whole child and their family was important to John.*

*During the 1990's John was a valuable member of a task force that fought very hard to save the school from the Kennett Government school closures.*

*He lived for many years in close proximity to the school and could be seen walking his dog every day, chatting with neighbours and making connections*

with the community. In recognition for his outstanding commitment to the school the hall was named after him.

### **Save the Date Open Night**

On **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May**, Ainslie Parklands Primary School will be holding an Open Night event from 4.30-6.00, to celebrate Education Week.

This event will be open to current and prospective families. More information will be shared next week in preparation for the event.

### **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 7<sup>th</sup> May from 2.00-3.15.**

Further sessions will be held on:

- **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May**
- **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June**
- **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> July**
- **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> August**
- **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September**

### **Working Bee – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May**

Our first working bee for the year will be held on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2021 from 9 to 11.30am.**

During that time we'll be working near the Hinkley Avenue entrance, in the Orchard the courtyard and the basketball court. There will be plenty of opportunities for families to work together.

We would love you to join us for:

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- Cleaning the wall on front of the canteen
- Moving large logs from bike shed area (straps or heavy-duty trolleys would be very helpful)

It would be greatly appreciated if you could bring your own gloves and tools. We have some equipment in the shed, but want to ensure there is enough for everyone to get involved. Extra spades and wheelbarrows would be extremely helpful.

To help us order enough materials, please indicate on the slip below if you can help out and return to the school office. With the generous support of Coles Croydon there will be a sausage sizzle to enjoy after your hard work. Please detail any special dietary requirements below to help us with catering.

### **Interschool Sports**

During Term 2 the students from Year 5/6 will have the opportunity to be involved in the Interschool Sports Competition. The program will commence next Friday 30<sup>th</sup> and will run every Friday for 6 weeks.

APPS will compete against students from St Richards Primary School, Croydon Primary School and Marlborough Primary School in Heathmont. The students will have the opportunity to participate in soccer, netball and hotshots tennis.

### **School Wide Positive Behaviour**

When next you are at school, you will notice our new posters focusing on School-Wide Positive Behaviour, located around the school. I have attached one of the posters to this message for your information. These posters serve as a reminder for students, as well as a teaching tool for staff. When you are next onsite please take a look at the posters and perhaps have a conversation with your children regarding the content and purpose.





**Ainslie Parklands  
Primary School**

*Celebrating creativity, fostering independence  
and striving for excellence.*

**Our School Vision**

At Ainslie Parklands Primary School, we empower students to be confident, creative and curious thinkers in an inclusive and engaging learning community.

We develop the whole child through our commitment to academic excellence, valuing life-long learning and embracing the outdoor classroom.



**Respect Responsibility Resilience**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Simon O'Halloran for his time and support in designing and printing the posters. I would also like to thank Simon for giving up a day of his time last week to put the posters up around the school for us.

**Pre-service Teachers**

As part of our school's commitment to supporting the training of future teachers, Julie Furno will be completing a 4 week teaching placement in 3/4A from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April. Nicola and Wendy will share the mentor role. We look forward to having Julie work with us over the coming weeks.

**Mother's Day Stall**

Ainslie Parklands Primary School (APPS) is holding its Mother's Day Stall on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May. We will be running a Market space for stalls that specialise in home-made / hand crafted products and small unique businesses.

If you would like to book a stall or would like more information please contact the Community Engagement Committee via [appscommunity1@gmail.com](mailto:appscommunity1@gmail.com)

**NAPLAN 2021**

From **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 in the near future, at which time I will be happy to answer any questions or concerns you have directly.

**Instrumental Music at APPS**



**Instrumental Music Lessons**

Drums - Guitar - Piano - Singing - Ukulele - Bass

To book your free trial lesson, or for more information, contact:

Jordan Scotney - 0408 881 395 - [groovefoundations@gmail.com](mailto:groovefoundations@gmail.com)

**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

- **How do I join?**

Email [appscommunity1@gmail.com](mailto: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 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 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](http://campaustralia.com.au)



# Working Bee

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Yes the .....family will be attending the Working Bee  
on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2021**.

There will be:  adults  children

Dietary requirements: .....

# TENNIS LESSONS

## AINSLIE PARKLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

TERM 2 START DATE:  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021  
(7 week program)

Every NEW Term 2  
enrolment receives a  
**FREE** junior tennis  
racquet



### WHAT DO THE LESSONS INVOLVE?

Each lesson will vary, incorporating different skills, activities and games

Children will learn a range of basic tennis techniques:

- Footwork
- Balance
- Forehand
- Backhand
- Volley
- Serve

Learn tennis skills in a fun environment with friends!

### LESSON TIMES

EVERY FRIDAY AT LUNCHTIME IN  
THE HALL

Grades Prep - 6: 1:50 - 2.20PM

### 7 WEEK PROGRAM = \$110.00

Please complete the form below and return in an envelope with \$110 by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April. Please return to coach (Daniel) or school office.

Cash, cheques and bank transfer accepted.  
Please address cheques and bank transfer to  
MATCH POINT TENNIS COACHING

BSB: 063 885

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 1033 5576

Payment description: Child's name APPS

Enrolment only accepted once payment has been received.

For further information please contact Daniel Kittelty (Club Professional coach)-0421 498 110

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### Ainslie Parklands Primary School Tennis Enrolment Form Term 2, 2021

Student's full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's first names: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's grade and room: \_\_\_\_\_

Any allergies/health conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact number: \_\_\_\_\_



# PLAYERS WANTED

**For U10 & U13  
girls teams\***

**All abilities welcome!**

New teams this year after an  
increase registrations!

Come down for a kick at  
training and join the fun!

Games on Sundays

A family and community  
focused club

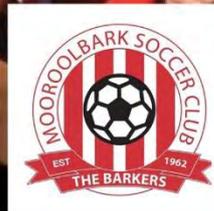
Strong female teams  
across all ages.

New facilities!

**\*born 2010, 2011 or 2008**



**Call Mike: 0421 049 054  
or  
secretary@thebarkers.com.au**





## Parenting Information Forum

Supporting Parents, Grandparents and Carers



### **DADS TOOLKIT - IMPORTANCE OF FATHERS IN CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT (FATHERS & CARERS OF CHILDREN AGED 0-10 YEARS)**

Presented online by Laurie Arrowsmith is a ParentZone group facilitator, parent, counsellor, and parent coach.

Are you a Dad looking to add parenting tools and tips into your toolkit?

Do you want to learn strategies to develop your relationship and communication with your children?

Whitehorse Council invite you to join ParentZone for this FREE relaxed webinar to learn the tricks of the trade - that is being a Dad!



PARENTZONE

**DATE**

Wednesday 28 April 2021

**TIME**

7pm-8.30pm online via Zoom

**BOOKINGS**

Registering your attendance is essential. Please book online on Council's website [www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/events/dads-toolkit-2021](http://www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/events/dads-toolkit-2021)

**OTHER INFORMATION**

To request additional access support including interpreting please contact Council's Parenting Resource Officer on 9262 6175 or [parentresource@whitehorse.vic.gov.au](mailto:parentresource@whitehorse.vic.gov.au)