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Key dates for Term 3

29th August – SSG meetings commence (selected students)
31st August – Table Tennis - Eastland (selected Yr 6 students)
2nd Sept – Soccer Clinic
2nd Sept – Father’s Day Stall
2nd Sept - Assembly
5th Sept – Curriculum Day (**Student-free**)
6th Sept – District Athletics (Yrs 4-6)
7th Sept – “Specialist Spectacular” Afternoon 3.45pm – 4.45pm
8th Sept – RU OK? Day
9th Sept – Community Coffee with Jane C at 9am in staffroom
12th Sept – Swimming Program Commences
12th Sept – School Council Meeting
16th Sept – Last day Term 3 - 2.30pm finish

Key dates for Term 4

4th Oct – F-2 Drama Incursion
25th Oct – F-2 Scienceworks Excursion
28th Oct – Foundation 2023 first transition session
1st Nov – Melbourne Cup Day (**Student-free**)
2nd Nov – Curriculum Day (**Student-free**)
6th November – Maroondah Festival (Choir Performance & School Stall)
7th Nov – SSG meetings commence (selected students)
7th Nov – School Council Meeting
9th Nov – Foundation 2023 second transition session
21st November – PPD (**Student free**)
23rd Nov – Foundation 2023 Information Evening
1st Dec – Foundation 2023 third transition session
2nd Dec – Twilight Market
3rd Dec – Maroondah Carols (Choir Performance)
5th–7th Dec – Year 5/6 Camp
13th Dec – Year 6 State-wide Transition Day & Foundation 2023 transition session 4
15th Dec – Year 6 Graduation
20th Dec – Last Day Term 4 – 1.30pm finish

From the Principal

Dear APPS Community,

The year is flying by – it is hard to believe that it will be September next week!

We strive to ensure that our students and parents are engaged and connected with our school community. We are currently undergoing our **Parent / Guardian Survey**. This is an annual survey conducted by the Department of Education. Our school will use the results to help inform our future actions. The survey will be open from Monday 5th August – Friday 16th September. A link has been sent to a random sample of families. If you have received a link, we look forward to receiving your feedback.

Father’s Day Stall

We will be offering a \$5 gift pack for students to purchase next Friday 2nd September for Father’s Day. Students may be limited to purchasing one pack. We hope that all Dads, Grandfathers and Special People have a wonderful Father’s Day on Sunday 4th September!

We can't do it without you!

At APPS, we are so lucky to have a wonderful parent community to support our children. If you have always wanted to be involved, but not quite sure where to start, please contact the office. There are lots of ways to help our school – even if you have limited time.

Specialist Spectacular!!

Our Specialist Spectacular afternoon is coming up very soon! It will be held on **September 7th 3:45 - 4:45 in the school hall.**

This will be a celebration of our specialist subjects. Student art works and Auslan items will be on display, along with fabulous musical performances from our students. Please return permission forms as soon as possible to the office or classroom teacher.

Book Week

We had a wonderful day last Friday, celebrating Book Week with a book character dress up day. We also had the pleasure of having Grandparents and parents joining us for the parade, to spend some time in our classrooms and go to the Book Fair in the library together. Once again, it is so wonderful to invite our community back into our school. Thanks to Hayley and Mitch for reading a story to our school and organising a book quiz, and thanks also to Laura, for organising and running our Book Fair.



Trivia Night

A great night was had by all at the first APPS trivia night in some time! There was a great turnout, lots of laughter and some very creative costumes! The theme was to dress up as something that started with the first letter of your name! Prizes went to "J"elly fish, "J"udge", Needle and "T"hread, and "E"xcercising in the "E"ighties". Many thanks to Scott Turner, who was our MC for the night (with lots of costume changes!) and the Community Engagement team for their hard work in organising the evening.

Please put hats in school bags

The new SunSmart Policy indicates that hats should be worn on days where the UV rating is 3 or above. We have already had some days in August where this is the case. So please make sure that your **child has their hat in their bag every day.**

Table Tennis at APPS

We were very lucky to receive a visit from the current Australian Table Tennis Champion, Sanaya and her coach, Joe. Sanaya is competing in the upcoming International Tennis Federation Oceania Championships to be held at Eastland 5th–10th September. We really enjoyed your visit and wish you the best of luck!



Have a great holiday Carlyne

Carolyne will be on long service leave for the last 3 weeks of this term and will be replaced by Sarah Powell. We wish Carlyne a wonderful holiday and look forward to seeing her back in term 4.

Foundation Enrolments 2023 – Repeat

Our enrolments for Foundation 2023 are growing, so if you or anyone you know would like to enrol, **please hand in your enrolment form at the office at your earliest convenience.**

For any families that have a three- or four-year-old, who would like to attend our **Minikids** sessions, our last session for this term is:

- Tuesday 6th September

Sessions run from 2.30-3.30pm in the school library. Please contact the office to register your attendance.

Professional Practice Days (PPD) - Repeat

For Semester Two, the Department of Education has allowed schools to hold each teacher's allocated professional practice day on the same day for all staff. This is to enable the most effective and efficient use of this day. As a result, School Council has approved **Monday 21st November** as a common Professional Practice Day (PPD). This means students will not be required at school on this day. Our final curriculum days (passed by School Council earlier in the year) are to be held on **Monday 5th September** and **Wednesday 2nd November**. These days are also student free.

Mobile Phones – reminder – Repeat

As per the current Ministerial Order, students are NOT permitted to have a mobile phone at school. If phones are deemed necessary by

parents for travel to and from school, they must be stored at the office on arrival and can be collected from the office at the end of the school day. Students will have privileges removed if they refused to surrender their phone. For more information, please see our Mobile Phone policy at: [Mobile-Phones-Student-Use-Policy-.pdf \(ainslieparklandsps.vic.edu.au\)](#)

Rapid Antigen Tests - Repeat

Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) will continue to be available from school. The ongoing supply of RATs to families in our school will ensure that parents and carers will have them should they need them if their child is a household contact or has symptoms. **Should you require more RATs, please do not hesitate to contact the office.**

Face Masks - Repeat

The Victorian Department of Health **strongly recommends** that face masks are worn in indoor settings. As a result, the Department of Education is **asking all students, aged eight and over, and all staff in schools across Victoria to wear masks** in class from now until the end of winter. We all appreciate how important it is for students to be back at school. This action will help make sure as many students and staff as possible are protected from COVID and other winter illnesses.

Reporting Cases - Repeat

Family members are asked to continue reporting positive COVID-19 cases to both the Department of Health and to Ainslie Parklands Primary School.

You must also let the school know if your child is a close contact. Students who are close contacts and want to attend school should still return 5 negative RATs (school days) over 7

days and wear a face mask whilst indoors if they are aged 8 years or over.

Students and visitors should continue to stay home if they are unwell, even if they test negative on a RAT.

New & Updated Policies on our Website - Repeat

From 1st July 2022, a new set of Child Safe Standards came into force across Australia. These standards have been adjusted to mostly reflect a national standard (rather than individual state standards) and are designed to ensure that we are all doing everything we can to keep our young people safe from harm. These standards impact the way we do many things at school (for example, requirements for visitors on site, requirements around camps and excursions, etc.), and consequently, many of our policies have been adjusted.

These new policies are available on our website for the community to access.

[Publications and Policies - Ainslie Parklands Primary School \(ainslieparklandsps.vic.edu.au\)](#)

Have you visited our Facebook Page?

The Ainslie Parklands Primary School Facebook page has regular updates and information about events and celebrations occurring across the school. Along with Compass, it is a great way to see what is happening. [Ainslie Parklands Primary School | Facebook](#)

As always, if you would like to contact me directly, please catch me in the yard or email me directly on Jane.Capon@education.vic.gov.au

Regards, Jane.

“Friendology” at APPS

URSTRONG’s whole-school friendship strategy has improved the social climate in schools around the world, connecting over a million kids, parents, and teachers with a common language of friendship. We are in week two of introducing URSTRONG and Friendology to our students at APPS and are committed to empowering your children with friendship skills.

You are invited to take advantage of a FREE Parent Membership to access hundreds of resources – including an 8 session video series. This will allow you to learn the same language & strategies being taught in the classroom through the Friendology 101 curriculum. We hope that, as a URSTRONG Family, you will reinforce the important messages of empowerment, self-compassion, & kindness at home.

As a next step, we would recommend:

- Click here to view an overview of URSTRONG.
- Activate your FREE Parent Membership and explore all the resources available to your family.
- Explore the hundreds of resources available to you!

We believe that empowering our students with these skills will create a culture of kindness at our school and we hope that, together, we can support your children to have healthy, feel-good friendships.



If you have any queries about the Friendology program at APPS, please contact Fiona.

FROM THE FOUNDATION – YEAR 2 STUDIO

Last week, as well as celebrating Book Week, the Foundation students completed a significant milestone. Through our *Little Learners Love Literacy* systematic synthetic phonics program the Foundation students had learnt all 26 letters and their core sounds! Over the year we have been reading the book **Milo's Birthday Surprise** and have met Milo the Monkey's 26 friends, each character matching the letter and sound. To celebrate, we held Milo's Birthday Party. During the festivities we all made party hats with our favourite characters and words starting with their letter, we also had party food! The Foundation students are using all these sounds to read and write, using the characters to help us when we get stuck.



FROM THE 3,4,5 STUDIO

Our Year 3s and 4s had an amazing experience at The Briars Camp this week. Everyone participated in all activities and demonstrated such courage, resilience and cooperation. We are really proud of this group of students for doing their best and having so much fun in the process! Teachers had a great time too!

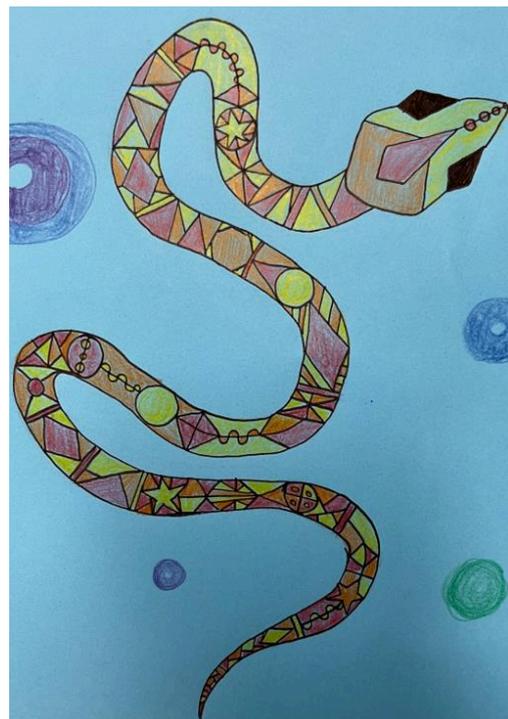
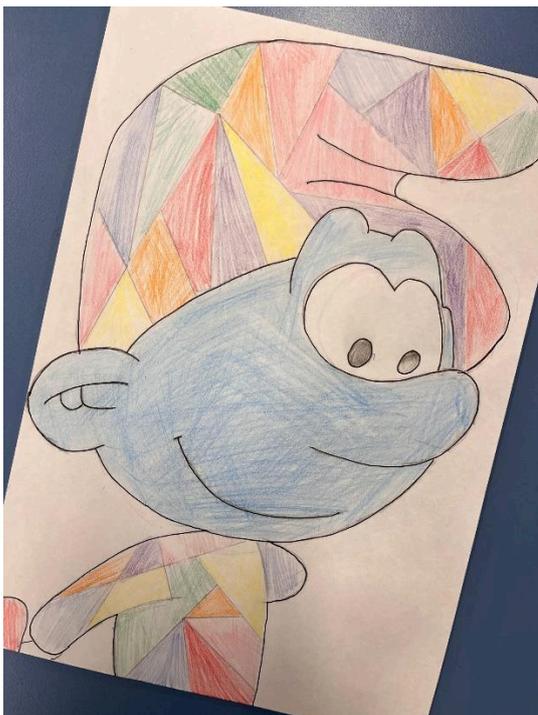
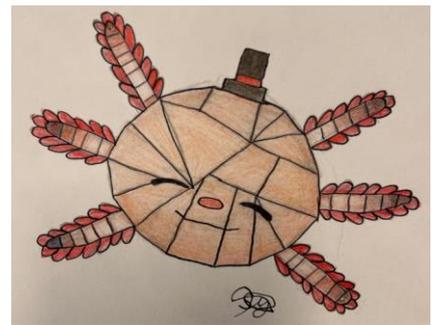




FROM THE YEAR 6 STUDIO

This week, the Year 6 students have been learning about shape 2D and 3D shape, shape transformation and different types of symmetry. They have been exploring how geometric shapes and shape transformation is being used in Melbourne street art and were inspired to create their own piece of art.

Other Year 6 students have been investigating reflectional ambigrams, experimenting with their own names as well as combining two words into a single ambigram.



BUILDING STRENGTHS IN THE YEAR 6 STUDIO

Over the last two weeks in our Building Strengths workshops, we have discovered our neurological superpowers, our character strengths, and used these in team building activities. We discussed what we would take if we were stranded on a desert island and last lesson, we used our Growth Mindset as we tackled the problem of constructing a tower out of pasta and sticky tape that would hold a single marshmallow. Our winning group suspended the marshmallow 57cm above the floor, and most groups worked well in their teams to build creative structures that were close to this height. We would love parents to be curious about our lessons as we are encouraging students to share their learning at home. Parents are also welcome to complete the VIA character survey at www.viacharacter.org. We welcome any feedback and look forward to continuing to develop our skills for living.



In primary school, some students miss on average 3 weeks per year. That's half a year of school by the end of year 6.



EVERY DAY COUNTS

Primary school attendance

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

Why it's important

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

Getting in early

Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years, and receive lower test scores than their classmates. It's vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school.

What we can do

The main reasons for absence are:

Sickness – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they're ill. It's vital that they're only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

It's vital that holidays are planned during school holidays where possible, and not during the term if it can be avoided.

"Day off" – Think twice before letting your child have a "day off" as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts.

Truancy – This is when students choose not to go to school without their parent's permission. There can be many reasons for truancy. The best way to address this is for schools and parents to work together.

If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do with your school to ensure they don't fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.

- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

Openly communicating with your child's school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer. A School Attendance Officer is a Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Regional Director who has authority to follow up attendance issues. Attendance issues that are escalated can lead to an Infringement Notice.

If you're having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

For more information and resources to help address attendance issues, visit:

www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/behaviour/Pages/studentattendance.aspx

Department of Education and Training



Education and Training

Thank you to the following people and businesses who generously donated goods and vouchers towards our Trivia Night on Saturday 20th August. We raised \$1577 for APPS and had a great night of fun!

Scott Turner - Trivia Host



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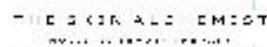
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The APPS Community Engagement Committee thanks everyone who supported our 2022 Trivia Night.

Father's Day Stall



Friday 2nd Sept

There will be a range of gift packs for children to purchase.

All items are priced @ \$5.00.

The stall takes place during school hours.

BYO: Students need to bring their own bag

*Please note that students may be limited to purchasing 1 item each.



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With international athletes from 10 countries competing the standard will
be high and the winners will qualify for the ITTF Youth World
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Championship Finals in South Africa in 2023. Australia will be strong
favourites off the back of their most successful Commonwealth Games
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✓ We look forward to seeing you there for some amazing table
tennis in a unique venue at Eastland Shopping Centre.

If you've been inspired by the Oceania Championships or enjoy a
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well as competitions there is something for everyone of all ages,
abilities, skill-levels and backgrounds.



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