



Ainslie Parklands Primary School

## The Newsletter

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### Key dates for Term 3

12<sup>th</sup> Sept – **Swimming Program Commences**

12<sup>th</sup> Sept – School Council Meeting

16<sup>th</sup> Sept – **Dress up in your footy (or sport) gear! Last day Term 3 - 2.30pm finish** (No Assembly due to swimming)

### Key dates for Term 4

4<sup>th</sup> Oct – F-2 Drama Incursion

14<sup>th</sup> Oct – **Working Bee** 3.30pm – 5.30pm  
(sausage sizzle for participating families)

20<sup>th</sup> Oct – Strategic Review (Webex)

25<sup>th</sup> Oct – F-2 Scienceworks Excursion

28<sup>th</sup> Oct – Foundation 2023 first transition session

1<sup>st</sup> Nov – Melbourne Cup Day (**Student-free**)

2<sup>nd</sup> Nov – Curriculum Day (**Student-free**)

6<sup>th</sup> November – Maroondah Festival (Choir Performance & School Stall)

7<sup>th</sup> Nov – SSG meetings commence (selected students)

7<sup>th</sup> Nov – School Council Meeting

9<sup>th</sup> Nov – Foundation 2023 second transition session

21<sup>st</sup> November – PPD (**Student free**)

23<sup>rd</sup> Nov – Foundation 2023 Information Evening

1<sup>st</sup> Dec – Foundation 2023 third transition session  
2<sup>nd</sup> Dec – Twilight Market  
3<sup>rd</sup> Dec – Maroondah Carols (Choir Performance)  
5<sup>th</sup>–7<sup>th</sup> Dec – Year 5/6 Camp  
13<sup>th</sup> Dec – Year 6 State-wide Transition Day & Foundation 2023 transition session 4  
15<sup>th</sup> Dec – Year 6 Graduation  
20<sup>th</sup> Dec – Last Day Term 4 – 1.30pm finish

### From the Principal

Dear APPS Community,

### Parent Survey

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 5<sup>th</sup> August – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September. A link has been sent to a random sample of families. At the moment, we have only had a couple of families complete the survey. We would really appreciate your feedback. **Survey closes next Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September.**

### Specialist Spectacular!!

We have had such amazing feedback about our “Specialist Spectacular” afternoon on Wednesday. The children showed that they are well versed in the Arts – Visual and Performing – and it was wonderful to see the children using Auslan in performance. A huge thank you to Bec, Fiona and Emma for all of your work, and a big congratulations to the children who did a fantastic job!





### **Foundation Enrolments 2023**

Our first transition session for our 2023 Foundation students will be on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022**. If you have not yet done so, please hand in your enrolment form at the office at your earliest convenience.

### **Footy Gear Friday!**

Next Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Sept, on our last day of school, we are encouraging students to come in their footy (or sport) gear in preparation for the AFL Grand Final. (Go Pies!)

### **Athletics Day**

The weather wasn't great, but our students were! In our first APPS Athletics Day for several years, students competed in various events and had a great day. It was wonderful to hear the students talk about the day and their achievements. A big thank you to Mitch and the team for putting it together, and many thanks to the parents who helped – we couldn't have done it without you!!





### District Athletics

With much improved weather, our Year 4-6 students participated in the District Athletics Day. It was a great day, competing with other schools and supporting each other. Congratulations to our three students moving onto district competition – James, Belle & Arlo.



### Table Tennis at Eastland

Congratulations to our Year 6 students who competed in the Eastland and Deakin Table Tennis Cup. It was great to see the students meet Year 6 students from other schools, some working out that they would be going to the same secondary college next year. Special mention goes to Sol and Isaac, who won the gold medal!



### Maroondah Festival – help needed

We are looking forward to the Maroondah Festival on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November**. Our amazing choir is booked in to perform, and we will also have a stall to promote our fabulous school. If you are interested helping us man the stall and talk to the community about how great APPS is, please let the office know and mark it in your calendar!

### Working Bee

Our next Working Bee will be in Term 4 (week 2) on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October. Afternoon tea for participating families will be provided by our Kitchen Garden students, and there will be a sausage sizzle for all participants at the end. The Working Bee will run from 3.30pm-5.30pm. Many hands make light work, and we look forward to seeing you then!

### 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**.

### School Review

As you are aware, our school has undertaken a Review in Term 2. The new Strategic Plan 2022-2026 has a focus on maximising student outcomes in Literacy and Numeracy, as well as a goal to maximise student wellbeing outcomes. In finalizing this document, our school vision and values are to be reviewed by the school community. The Strategic Review Report will be presented to the school community in Term 4 for consultation and feedback.

### **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 21<sup>st</sup> November** as a common Professional Practice Day (PPD). This means students will not be required at school on this day. Our final curriculum day (passed by School Council earlier in the year) **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**. Students will not be required at school.

### **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.

### **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. Positive cases are now required to isolate for five days. 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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.

THERE'S  
MORE TO SAY  
AFTER  
**RUOK?**<sup>TM</sup>



**Ask RUOK?**

How are you travelling?

You don't seem yourself lately - want to talk about it?



**Listen with an open mind**

I'm here to listen if you want to talk more.

Have you been feeling this way for a while?



**Encourage action**

Have you spoken to your doctor or a health professional about this?

What do you think is a first step that would help you through this?



**Check in**

Just wanted to check in and see how you're doing?

Have things improved or changed since we last spoke?

Learn what to say at [ruok.org.au](http://ruok.org.au)  
A conversation could change a life

## FROM THE FOUNDATION – YEAR 2 STUDIO

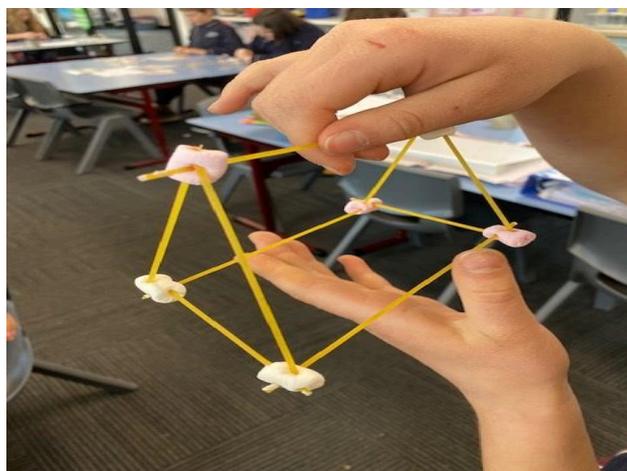
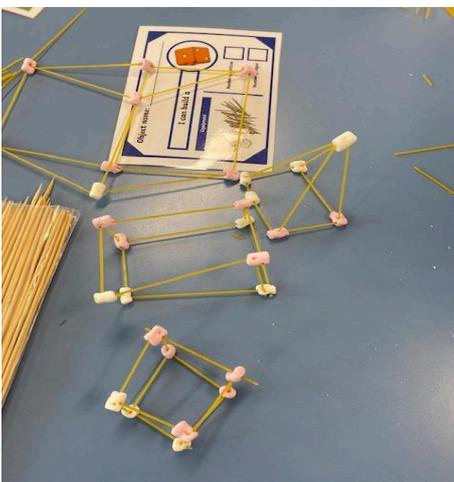
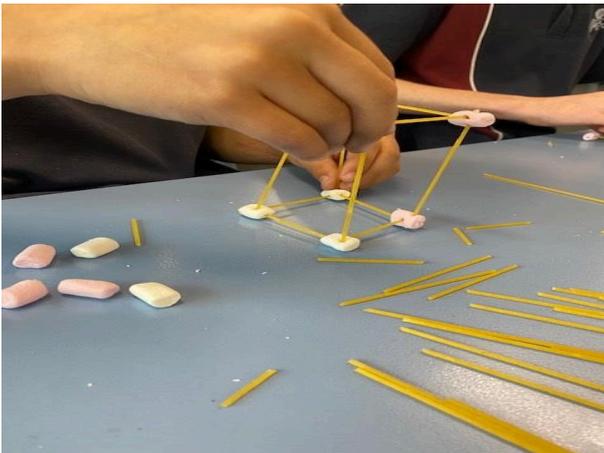
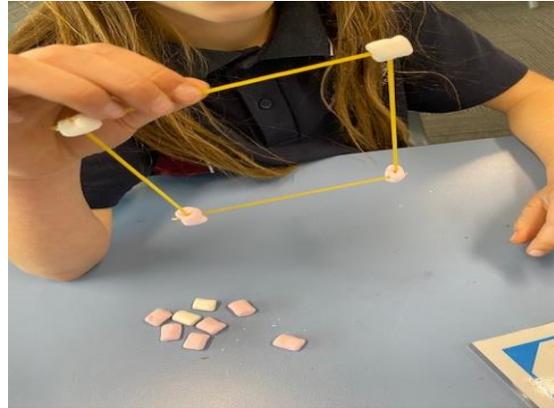
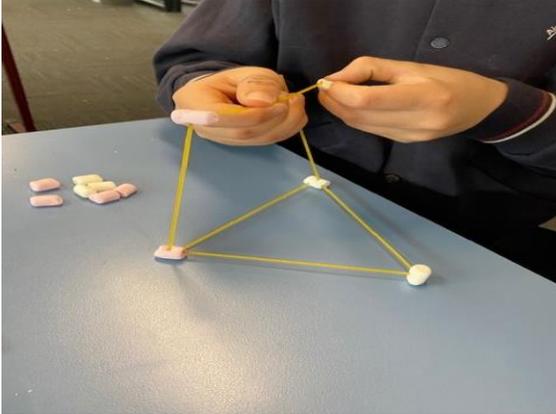
In Exploring Time, the F-2s have been thinking about setting goals and challenging themselves. Earlier this week, students planned some challenges, then set goals for themselves. On Friday, they put themselves to the test. We had a go at the challenges and recorded our results, then compared them to our goals.

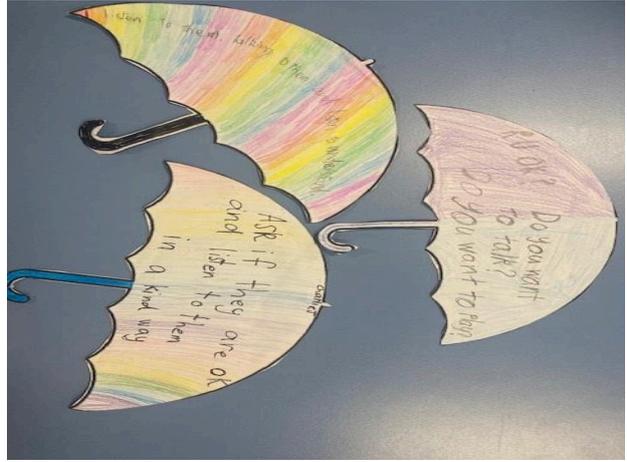
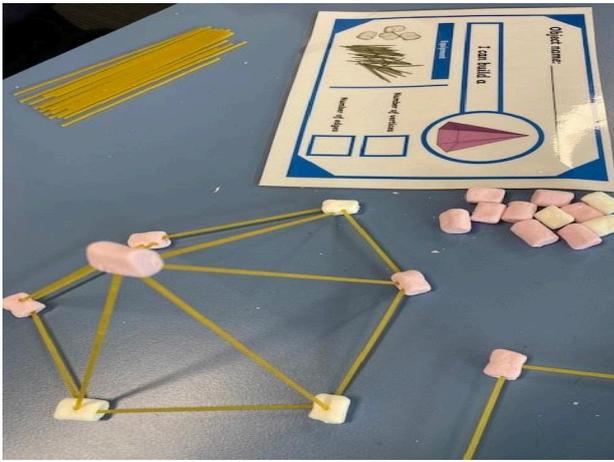
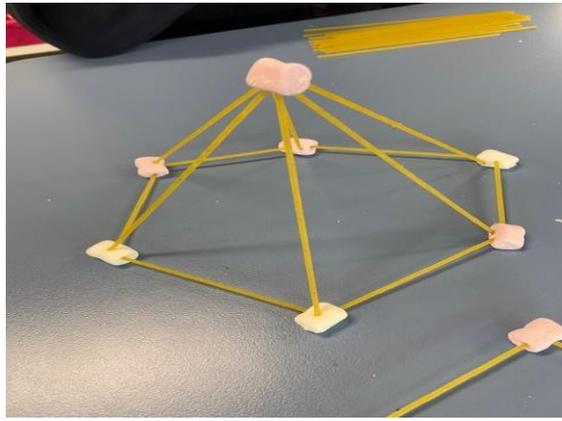
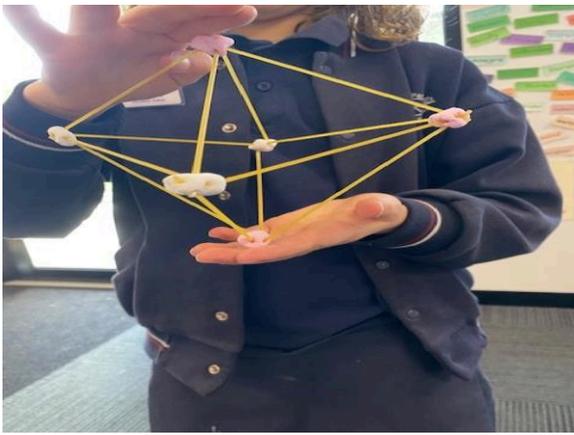




## FROM THE 3,4,5 STUDIO

Our Year 3 students got hands on in maths this week, constructing 2D shapes and 3D objects. Whilst the spaghetti and marshmallows were a little challenging to work with, they showed great resilience and persistence to complete the task. Students determined how many vertices, edges and faces were on their creations.





FROM THE YEAR 6 STUDIO



The Year 5&6 Students of APPS invite  
you to explore our

# Sustainable House Projects

To celebrate the end of our Inquiry  
Sustainability Unit

**THURSDAY 15th SEPTEMBER**

9.15AM to 10AM

On display in the learning street, 3-6 Studios



The Year 5 and 6 students continue to work on their sustainable homes as part of our term 3 inquiry unit. After initial research and design, students have had their plans approved and construction has begun, using a variety of resources and skills.

As part of the unit, students are also investigating and creating an electrical circuit.

We invite you to attend our “open for inspection” next **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September from 9.15am in the learning street.**





In primary school, some students miss on average **3 weeks per year** of school. 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](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/behaviour/Pages/studentattendance.aspx)

Department of Education and Training



Education and Training

**FROM THE OFFICE**



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.

WE WILL BE RUNNING

**FREE SKILL DEVELOPMENT CLINICS**

FOR NEW PLAYERS BORN IN

2015, 2016 AND 2017

AT MELBA COLLEGE STADIUM (COURT 4)  
ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS AND TIMES.

DAY	DATE	MONTH	SESSION TIME
WEDNESDAY	21st	SEPTEMBER	11AM - 12PM
WEDNESDAY	28th	SEPTEMBER	11AM - 12PM

to give an introduction to the game of basketball, but with the view of having them ready to play regular games in the Kilsyth association for MaroonDAH Magic from term 4

Competition basketball is played normally as follows:  
BOYS - SAT games 8:00AM 8:50AM 9:40AM 10:30AM 11:20AM  
GIRLS - TUE games 4:30PM 5:20PM 6:10PM

We will teach dribbling, passing, shooting, running and teamwork with the goal that interested boys + girls commit to join a team for term 4.

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

**PLEASE RSVP AS NUMBERS ARE LIMITED**

MaroonDAH Magic Basketball Club Inc

MaroonDAH Magic Basketball Club

**TENNIS LESSONS**  
AINSLIE PARKLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

TERM 4 START DATE:  
Monday 10th October 2022  
(7 week program)

Every NEW Term 4 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
- Forehand
- Volley
- Balance
- Backhand
- Serve

Learn tennis skills in a fun environment with friends!

**LESSON TIMES**

EVERY MONDAY AT LUNCHTIME IN THE HALL

Grades Prep - 6: 1:45 - 2.15PM

\* PLEASE NOTE - LESSON DAY HAS CHANGED FROM FRIDAY TO MONDAY

**7 WEEK PROGRAM = \$120.00**

GST INCLUSIVE  
Please complete the form below and return to school office in an envelope with \$120 by Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October. Alternatively, screenshot the form once filled out and send to Daniel - 0421 498 110.

Cash 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 4, 2022

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

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

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

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

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



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