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Key dates for Term 1**25th Feb – Family Fun Night****28th Feb – Maths Incursion****28th Feb – School Council Meeting****2nd & 3rd March – Goal setting interviews****11th Mar – 3-week tennis clinic begins****15th Mar – Smile Squad (Dental Van)****21st Mar – Harmony Day****24th Mar – GRIP Leadership conference****25th Mar – Twilight Working Bee (TBC)****29th Mar – Community Coffee****8th Apr – Last day Term 1, 2.30pm finish****From the Principal**

Dear APPS Community,

It has been great to see students settling in for Term 1. I have received some wonderful feedback from parents that students are feeling safe and happy to be back at school! Teachers have been working with students to co-construct classroom routines. This gives students a voice in the way their classroom runs.

You will have received a newsletter from each studio earlier in the week. We also held an online Information Evening last night (slides will be posted on Compass if you missed it). Thank you to the staff and families who attended. With these two sources of information, we hope that any questions about the running of your child's studio for 2022 have been answered.

Many thanks to all parents and staff who we know will continue to support our students throughout the year as we build our Positive Behaviour practices across the school community.

School Council 2022 - Elections

On Monday, you will be receiving some information about our Term 1 school council elections. School Council meets twice per term on a Monday evening to discuss and make decisions regarding many issues relevant to the school. School Council members are asked to attend each meeting and be involved in a subcommittee meeting that also meets approximately twice per term at a time that suits

the smaller group. If you would like to get involved and help with fundraising, facilities or the educational direction of the school, please consider joining our school council. Nomination forms will be available for collection at the office to nominate another parent, or you can nominate yourself. Nomination forms must be returned to the office by **4pm on Monday 28th February.**

COVIDSafe measures extension

We want to thank parents and students for the great job they have done in keeping our school as safe as possible by following important COVIDSafe measures such as mask wearing, physical distancing, ventilation, getting vaccinated and rapid antigen testing.

This has meant that our school has remained open and our students in class. This is a fantastic outcome and a testament to the hard work of parents, carers, students and school staff.

Rapid antigen tests

To keep schools as safe as possible, the Victorian Government has extended the COVIDSafe measures introduced for the beginning of Term 1. This includes extending the availability of free rapid antigen tests (RAT) for screening until the end of term. It is anticipated an additional 24 million RATs will be provided to schools and early childhood settings to continue to support early detection and prevent infection, for use at home.

The need for this program will continue to be monitored and may end earlier based on health advice. This is great news and will mean we're able to continue identifying COVID-19 cases as early as possible, reducing the impact on our school and individuals.

Department of Health modelling indicates that in the first two weeks of school returning, the program has already prevented more than 21,000 cases in schools alone. Their modelling indicates, assuming a 75 per cent compliance rate with screening of students, that by continuing RAT screening in schools for the full 10 weeks of Term 1, we will prevent:

- * 61,000 COVID-19 infections in children aged 5 to 17
- * more than 150,000 COVID-19 infections in the overall community (on average 15,000 per week over 10 weeks, or more than 2,100 per day)
- * around 400 hospital admissions.

The department will continue to supply RATs to our school for your use. Please keep an eye on Compass for collection details next week.

Twice-a-week testing continues to be strongly recommended for both students and staff. We are recommending Sunday and Wednesday nights.

Testing will be conducted at home, and students and staff must report any positive result. There is no requirement to report a negative result.

What to do if your child tests positive

Please report the positive case through the Student COVID-19 Test Portal [Login \(educationapps.vic.gov.au\)](#) or you can notify the school in writing or by phone. You must also report your child's positive test to the Department of Health via the COVID-19 Positive Rapid Antigen Test Self-Reporting Form [COVID-19 Positive Rapid Antigen Test Self-Reporting Form · Department of Health Portal \(powerappsportals.com\)](#) or call centre on 1800 675 398.

Further information for languages other than English:

- * For school information in languages other than English, call TIS National on 131 450.
- * Please ask them to call the DET COVID-19 hotline on 1800 338 663 and they will help interpret.
- * For translated written information about COVID-19, please visit: [Translated information about COVID-19 | Coronavirus Victoria.](#)
- * For health advice in languages other than English, visit [Translated information about COVID-19 | Coronavirus Victoria](#)

Vaccination

Vaccination is another key component to protect students and staff in school settings.

Vaccinations for children aged 5 to 11 are open and third dose vaccinations for 16- to 17-year-olds are now available.

There are lots of convenient options to access vaccinations. These include state-wide vaccination hubs, your local GP or pharmacy.

You can book your appointment in a few different ways, including:

- * online: coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccine
- * by phone: 1800 675 398 (Coronavirus Hotline)
- * In person: talk to your local pharmacy, doctor, or attend a state-wide vaccination hub.
- * using the COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Finder - COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Finder | Australian Government Department of Health.

Ventilation

Improving ventilation is one of the most effective measures to keep education settings safe. 51,000 air purifiers were delivered to schools by Term 1, 2022 to support COVIDSafe settings in schools.

Up to an additional 60,000 air purifiers will be rolled out to schools ahead of winter to supplement natural and mechanical ventilation during the cooler months.

The winter allocation will provide enough purifiers to cover all classrooms, in government schools and low-fee non-government schools based on current enrolments. This includes general purpose classrooms and other specialist classrooms such as art and science rooms.

Mask rules will remain the same, with students in Grade 3 and above required to wear masks – although they will not be required outdoors.

On behalf of the school, I would like to thank you again for your continued support in helping your child to complete the rapid antigen tests and other COVID Safe measures. As a result of these efforts our school can continue providing a safe environment for students and staff.

Assembly last week

We would like to extend our thanks to Mr Aaron Sykes, Principal of Melba College, for attending our assembly on Friday and presenting our 2022 student leaders with their badges.

Congratulations too, to Shang Tong and Polly, who did an amazing job of leading their first assembly!



Hats, drink bottles and masks

A reminder that all students are required to wear a hat outdoors when the UV rating is 3 or above (which is usually every day in Terms 1 & 4, with days sometimes occurring in Term 2). Students are also encouraged to bring a water bottle.

Students in Grades 3-6 are required to wear a mask indoors (unless they have an exemption) and it is strongly recommended that students in Foundation – Grade 2 also wear masks inside. If all of these items can be named (as well as clothing items), we can ensure that lost items are returned to their owner.

Community Engagement

We are so lucky to have a wonderful team of parents willing to help out at school. Even with the challenges of the last two years, they have worked hard to create some positive experiences for our children, as well as successful fundraising activities. If you are interested in joining, please contact the office.

Student Voice Team

Our Student Voice team has almost been finalised. As well as our School Captains, Shang Tong and Polly, we extend our congratulations to the elected team members:

Jasmine T
Isaac
Max
Acacia
Vivienne

We are still finalising those students who are applying to be on the team and will let you know as soon as they have been confirmed.

Mid-year we will also look forward to welcoming a Year 2 Student Voice Team member.

Entering school building via the office only

Please note that parents are not permitted to enter any buildings during drop off or pick up. Any parents who need to enter school buildings must first attend the office to sign in and show their vaccination certificate.

Smile Squad

Forms for your child to attend the dentist at school went home this week. We are expecting Smile Squad at APPS mid-March. If interested, please return forms by the end of next week.

NO SMOKING IN OR NEAR SCHOOL GROUNDS

In Victoria, a person must not smoke or use e-cigarettes on school premises or within 4 metres of any pedestrian access point to school premises or school fences. We thank you for your understanding in smoking well away from school grounds.

Courtyard Shade and New Playground

While we have had several delays, we are hoping that building works for the new courtyard shade and playground will commence at the end of February / beginning March 2022.

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

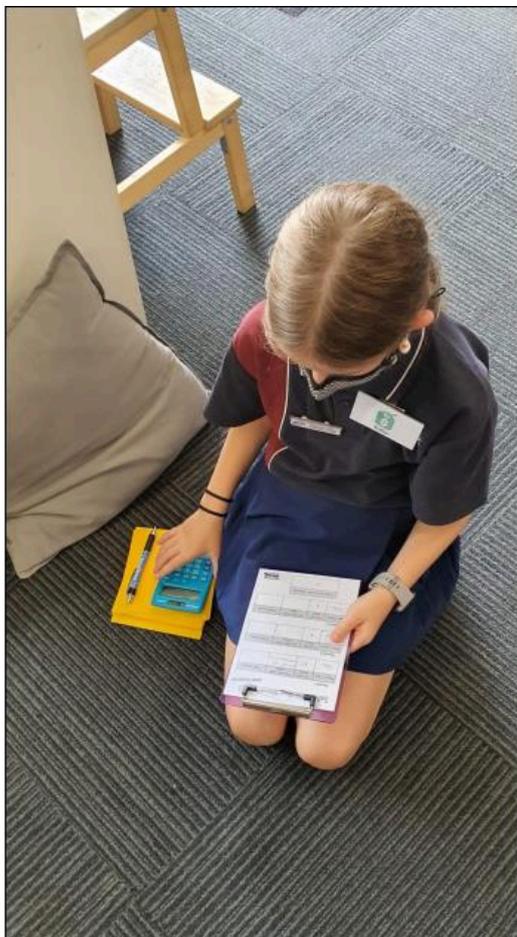
Regards,

Jane.

Market Manoeuvres Incursion

This week the Year 5 & 6 students participated in the "Market Manoeuvres" incursion. We deepened our knowledge of key economic forces including needs and wants, supply and demand as well as goods and services. We finished the session with a fun, interactive game to experience how a market operates.

Now that we have settled into our classroom's routines and expectations, reading and writing conferring sessions have begun. This provides an opportunity for the students to set their learning goals and ask for specific feedback in an area of their choice





Ainslie Parklands
Primary School

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Family Fun Night

**FRIDAY 25TH FEBRUARY
5:00PM-7:00PM**

We invite you to join us in the Orchard and front of the school for a fun, casual evening where you can catch up with old friends & meet new families.

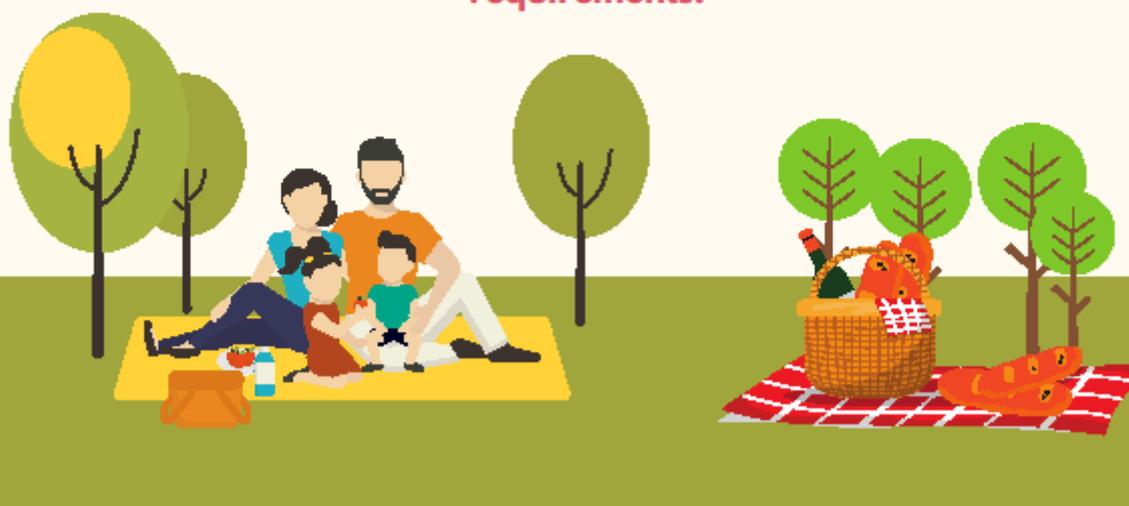
Games and Activities will be run throughout the evening

BYO Picnic and Picnic Blanket

Sausages in Bread \$2 (Gluten free, Vegan/Vegetarian options available)

Juice Boxes and Icy Poles \$1

As per Department of Education guidelines, all parents and visitors must show their vaccination certificate and scan the QR code to check in on arrival. Please also adhere to social distancing requirements.





Choir starting up this year!!!

Choir will be run by Bec (the music teacher) every Friday lunch time in the music room. Choir is open to students in grade 2 – 6.

We will have lots of fun by warming up our voices, singing vocal rounds and engaging songs. We will be working towards performances at school and also in the community, therefore students wanting to join need to be committed every week.

Benefits of singing in a choir:

- Strengthen feeling of togetherness
- Regulate heart rate
- Singing improves mental alertness
- Boosts confidence
- Can widen students' group of friends
- Reduce stress levels and depression
- Improve feeling of social well-being
- The neuroscience of singing is proven to make us happier, healthier, smarter and more creative

Please fill in the form below if your child would like to be a part of the APPS Choir

Thank you, Bec

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I _____ would like to join the APPS Choir

I will commit to every Friday lunch time rehearsal

Students signature _____

Parents signature _____

Please hand your form to Bec, thank you.

Body safety education for parents and carers of young children

**Thursday
3 March
7.30pm to 9pm**

Online event

**For parents
and carers**

Neil Milton, General Manager ChildSafe will discuss how body safety and consent education empowers children to lessen the likelihood of them becoming victims of childhood sexual abuse. It also helps them to develop respectful relationships as they grow into adults.

Session will include:

- What is grooming? Why is it so important we know about it?
- What is body safety and why teach it.
- Practical ways you can keep the body safety and consent conversation going in your home and community.
- The 5 body safety and consent rules.

How to book

Book online at: www.maroondah.vic.gov.au/ParentInformationSessions

You will be sent an email with a link to join the session once you make a booking.

For more information, please contact Cathie Wills, Children's Services Project Officer on 9294 5740 or email childrens.services.events@maroondah.vic.gov.au

**Free
Bookings
essential**



Neil Milton

TENNIS LESSONS

AINSLIE PARKLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

TERM 1 START DATE:
Friday 11th February
(7 week program)

Every NEW Term 1
enrolment receives a
FREE junior tennis



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 FRIDAY LUNCHTIME
(1:45pm - 2:15pm) in the GYM

PREP - GRADE 6: 1:45 - 2:15PM

Coach will collect PREP students from their classroom

7 WEEK PROGRAM = \$110.00

To enrol your child please complete the form below and return in an envelope with \$110.00 by Friday 11th February. Please return to coach (Tyson) or school office.

Cash and cheques are accepted.
Cheques are to be written out to MATCH POINT TENNIS COACHING.
Please contact Daniel if you wish to arrange EFT payment.

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 1, 2022

Student's full name: _____

Parent's first names: _____

Student's grade and room: _____

Any allergies/health conditions: _____

Contact number: _____

