



Ainslie Parklands Primary School

The Newsletter

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Key dates for Term 1

- 11th Mar – 3-week tennis clinic begins
- 15th Mar – Smile Squad (Dental Van)
- 20th Mar – APPS performing at Mooroolbark Festival
- 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 was fantastic to have an opportunity for our community to come together for our Family Fun Night last Friday night. The orchard was open, with music and picnic rugs, and staff and students with their families could come together for this social event. Huge thanks to our Community Engagement Team, with a great group of parents and staff cooking and selling sausages, raising funds for our school.



-harvesting tomatoes from the Orchard at Family Fun Night

School Council 2022 – Elections

There were three vacancies on School Council (due to the end of their two-year appointment). We had an equal number of nominations (three) at the close of nominations on Monday, and therefore an election is not required.

Congratulations to the following parents whose term of office commences in March 2022:

- Evan Coutts
- Jo Van Den Broek
- Querida Seip

We sincerely thank you for accepting the nomination to be part of our School Council. The school cannot run without parent support, and we are grateful that you are prepared to give your time to Ainslie Parklands Primary School.

We still have casual vacancies for School Council available (which is a one-year term). If you are interested in this, or being a part of the Community Engagement group of parents, please do not hesitate to catch me in the yard, call or contact me at Jane.Capon@education.vic.gov.au

COVIDSafe measures extension

While many COVID restrictions have eased in some settings, this is not necessarily the case for primary schools just yet. Restrictions still in place at primary schools include:

- Any parents/visitors entering any school building must first check in at the office
- While parents no longer need to QR check-in at the office, we are still required to sight evidence of two doses of COVID-19 vaccinations or have a valid medical exception in order to enter a school building or be present at a school event
- All staff and visitors (aged 8 and above) entering primary school buildings must wear a face mask, unless an exception applies
- Students in Grade 3-6 are required to wear a face mask inside, unless an exception applies
- Children in Foundation - Grade 2 are strongly recommended to wear a mask when inside
- Parents are not required to present evidence of vaccination for drop off or pick up students outside
- Parents, staff and students are not required to wear masks outside, unless physical distancing cannot occur

In addition, we are still undertaking COVID safe practices at APPS such as increased ventilation, air purifiers, hand hygiene, physical distancing, learning outdoors where possible and Rapid Antigen Tests twice weekly. We thank you for your co-operation in following these practices while restrictions remain in place.

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](#)

Clean up Australia Day – Sunday 6th March

As Sunday is Clean Up Australia Day, our 3-6 students started early by doing a quick clean up of our school. Our Year 6 students were proud of their work to be environmentally responsible!



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.

Harmony Day

We will be celebrating Harmony Day on Monday 21st March. Harmony Day celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. It's about inclusiveness, respect, and a sense of belonging for everyone.

At APPS, students will be able to come to school dressed in clothing/costumes from other countries. They may also choose to come to school wearing the national colours of a country. There will be a sushi/rice paper roll lunch order on that day, and some special activities. More information to follow....

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.

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 have been sent home. We are expecting Smile Squad at APPS on 15th March. If interested, please return forms as soon as possible.

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 mid March.

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.

APPS Choir performing at the Mooroolbark Festival!!

When: Sunday March 20th

Arrival Time: 11:15

Performance Time: 11:35 - 11:55

Students Performing: Choir, Grade 3/4/5 and F-2

Further details will be posted to compass soon
We hope to see as many of you there as possible!



celebrate
mooroolbark 2022
festival

reconnect

FREE Entry!

Sat/Sun
19-20 March 2022

 **Celebrate Mooroolbark is going paperless!**
Scan the QR code for the full program, download your festival program at celebratemooroolbark.com/program or find it daily on Facebook and Instagram @celebratemooroolbark

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Festival patrons will be expected to adhere to current Covid-19 regulations. For more information on Celebrate Mooroolbark Covid-Safety please visit our website. Please do not attend if you are feeling unwell or have been exposed to a suspected case of Covid-19.

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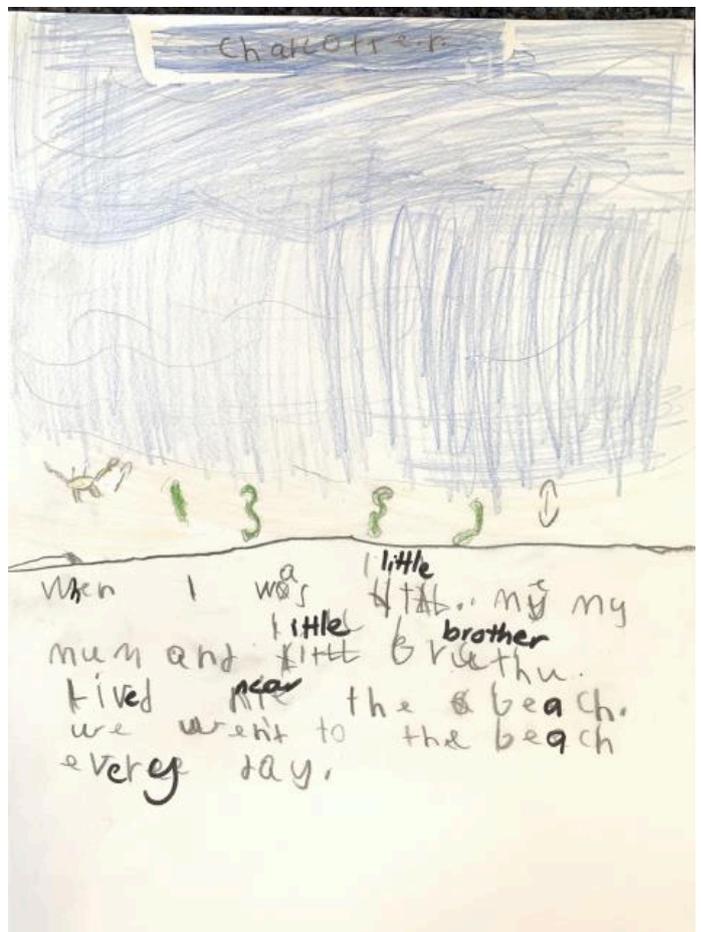
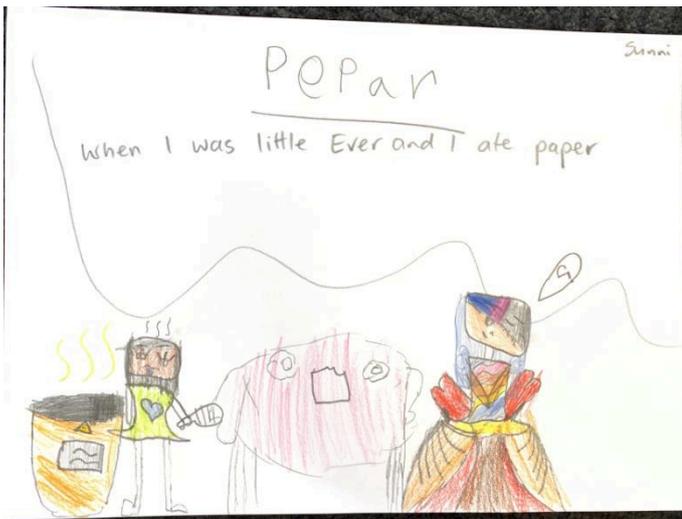
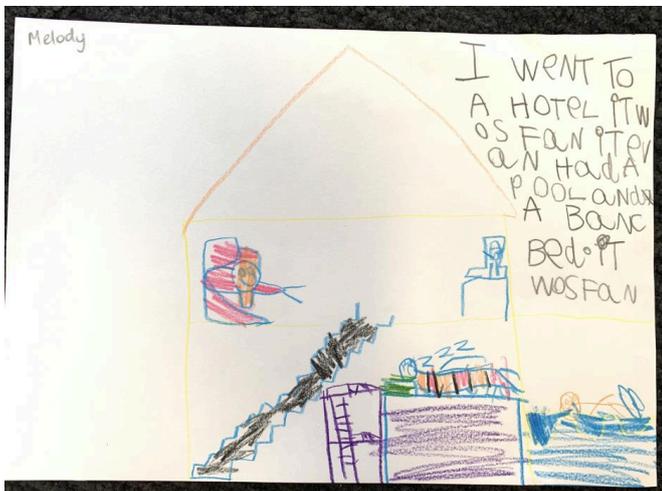
World of Maths Incursion

On Monday 28th February, our whole school engaged in The World of Maths incursion. Students worked in small groups to problem solve and investigate a variety of challenging mathematical problems. The hands-on activities included the four operations, patterns and sequencing, measurement of time and distance and much more! It was wonderful to see the students participating in different activities that sparked their thinking and tested their skills.



F-2 Studio

The F-2 Studio is beginning our Unit of Inquiry, *Through Generations*, where we are looking at history and how things have changed over time. As a part of our unit, we will be looking at the history of our school and other locations in our local area. We started thinking about history by writing about a memory from our past. Enjoy some of our memories.



FROM THE OFFICE

STUDENT LATE ARRIVALS

Dear Parents

If your child arrives at school after the bell has sounded at 9:00am then your child will be considered late or absent from school and will need to be signed in by a parent or guardian at the office.

This will assist you in avoiding receiving an SMS from the school notifying you that your child is absent.

COME AND TRY RUGBY LEAGUE

TUESDAY 8 MARCH @5PM

AGES 5-16

COLCHESTER RESERVE, BORONIA



Register for our FREE Come & Try session at playnrl.com

COME AND PLAY



EAST RINGWOOD AUSKICK

SATURDAY MORNING- GROUND TBC

For all enquiries please contact our Coordinator - Peter Baker

✉ pbaker33@bigpond.com or ☎ 0409 942 533



Transition to kindergarten and lifelong learning

For parents and carers

Monday
7 March
7.30pm to 9pm

Online event



- Will my child be ready for kinder, then school?
- What is the difference between three-year-old and four-year-old kindergarten?
- How do I decide when to enrol them? Are you confused by the different views you hear in the community?

Early Childhood professional Louise Dorrat will explore these questions during this free online information session.

She will discuss the importance of social and emotional maturity and play based learning. These benefits last into the school years and beyond.

Louise will also talk about what to expect at kinder and share practical strategies to prepare for a smooth and positive transition.

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



Louise Dorrat

School Holiday Fun

COME & TRY BASEBALL

FREE clinics for Boys & Girls (5-12 years old)



LEARN TO PLAY
T-BALL / ROOKIE BALL

All equipment provided



Ringwood Saints Baseball Club - Proclamation Park, Ringwood
3pm till 4:30pm each day - Attend one day or every day



For more information and to register for this event, please visit: www.ringwoodsaints.com.au

Attend this event and then sign up for the 2022 winter season with the Ringwood Saints Baseball Club and keep the equipment for free!*
*Limited to the first 25 new fee paying members.

This event is proudly supported by