



Ainslie Parklands Primary School

# The Newsletter

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## Key dates for Term 1

**20<sup>th</sup> Mar – APPS performing at Mooroolbark Festival**

**21<sup>st</sup> Mar – Harmony Day**

**24<sup>th</sup> Mar – GRIP Leadership conference**

**25<sup>th</sup> Mar – Twilight Working Bee**

**29<sup>th</sup> Mar – Community Coffee**

**8<sup>th</sup> Apr – Last day Term 1, 2.30pm finish**

### From the Principal

Dear APPS Community,



The time has come to say goodbye to our old playground, which has served our community well for a number of years. We are, however, very excited to watch the process of creating our new playground!



From Monday 21st March, the courtyard area will also be cordoned off to begin construction on the shade structure between our two main buildings.

This will, of course, impact our morning drop-offs and afternoon pick-ups. As the courtyard is out of action, **from Monday drop-off and pick-up will occur at the front of the school for all**

**students.** F-2 students will be able to enter their studio from the studio double doors at the front of the school. Our 3-6 students will access their building via the breezeway (on The Orchard side of the library). We apologise for any inconvenience, but we are looking forward to having an additional shaded area for outside learning and play.

### **Twilight Working Bee – Next Friday afternoon**

We are very excited to be able to have the opportunity for our community to enjoy an evening together once again, working on our beautiful garden. Please see flyer later in the newsletter for mor details (including a sausage sizzle!!). We look forward to seeing you here next Friday from 4pm.

### **Community Coffee**

We look forward to offering an opportunity for the community to come and have a coffee and chat with Jane C on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 9.15am. All welcome!

### **Most improved NAPLAN scores**

In case you missed the article in The Age, Ainslie Parklands Primary School received recognition for being amongst the top schools in Victoria for improved NAPLAN scores [Victoria NAPLAN results: The state's most improved schools \(theage.com.au\)](#) Congratulations to our staff, students and families for your hard work!

### **School Council 2022 – Elections**

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](mailto: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](#)

### **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 next **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> 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. Children will also participate in some special activities through the day.

### **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.

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.

## ***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](http://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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# Working Bee

Dear APPS Families and Community

Our first working bee for the year will be held on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March** from **4-5.30pm**.

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

We would love you to join us for:

- Weeding in the Orchard
- Mulching near our Compost bays
- Planting

It would be greatly appreciated if you can bring your own gloves and tools. We have some equipment in the shed, but want to ensure there are 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 kind of 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.

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Yes the .....family will be attending the Working Bee on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022**.

There will be:  adults  children

Dietary requirements:

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## From the F-2 Studio

The F-2 studio have been learning about what life was like in the past. We have been writing letters to ask our families to tell us stories from when they were little.

Dear Mum,

What was it like when

you was little can

you please tell me

I love you so

so so so much?

Love from Jagion♡

Dear Mum,

could you please tell

me a story from

when I was little.

Love from Ollie

Dear Mum,

Can you tell

me a story

when you were

little was

it fun what

was there

From Mehek

## Tennis Clinics

We have also been enjoying the Tennis Clinics we've had over the last couple of weeks.



*F-2 students*



*Year 6 students*

## 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.

# WE WANT YOU!



Students in Grades 3 to 6 have an opportunity to **learn music**, participate in **weekly brass band rehearsals**, and weekly **tutoring from a professional musician!**

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If you're interested, ask for a **form from the office**, or email **Chandra Exon**  
**Chandra.Exon2@salvationarmy.org.au**



**COULD YOU  
FOSTER A  
CHILD?**

We **URGENTLY** need **Foster Carers in your area**. Enquire now on how you can help change a child's life.

**Canifoster.com.au | 1800 932 273**



Is your child concerned about transitioning to High School?

Does your child worry about making a mistake or being embarrassed in front of others?

Does your child sometimes sit alone at lunchtimes/avoid interacting with classmates?

Treehouse is a therapeutic program for primary-school aged children, who need some extra support with social skills, self-esteem, managing strong feelings and developing resilience.

In Grade 6 Treehouse, we use art, play based and Mindfulness activities to explore feelings in relation to change, transition and the impact COVID has had on their final years of Primary School.

By being creative and learning through play, children are able to develop their relationship skills in a non-confrontational way, while also allowing them to safely think about how they might cope with their worries.

Only one child from each school is accepted into the program, providing space and opportunity for children to safely explore strong feelings.

For more information or to register your interest, please email: [youthandfamilyvic@each.com.au](mailto:youthandfamilyvic@each.com.au)

This program is funded by the City of Whitehorse

**Who:** Grade 6 children

**Where:** Nunawading Community Hub  
95-106 Springvale Road,  
Nunawading

**When:** Term 2, 2022

**Dates:** (6 x consecutive weeks)

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May  
Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June  
*\*Please note – participants are to attend all 6 sessions.*

**Time** 4.00pm – 5.30pm

*\*Please note: Parent/carer involvement is scheduled at the end of each session from 5.15pm. (Sibling minding provided by facilitators)*

**Facilitated by:**

EACH Youth & Family Counselling Team

- Alana Weekes (0427 264 813)
- Melanie Feam (0427 525 946)

**Cost** FREE (Please provide a water bottle for your child)

☎ 1300 003 224 🌐 [each.com.au](http://each.com.au)

**GLUTTONY ON TOUR**  
CROYDON PARK, VIC  
6 - 10 APRIL 2022

**KIDS BOARD GROSSED OUT GAME SHOW SUN 10 APRIL 3PM**

**PETIT CIRCUS: BON APPETIT SAT 9 APRIL 4.45PM**

**FAMILY FUN**

THE BEST OF ADELAIDE FRINGE

**8 - 9 APRIL**

**karralyka.com.au**

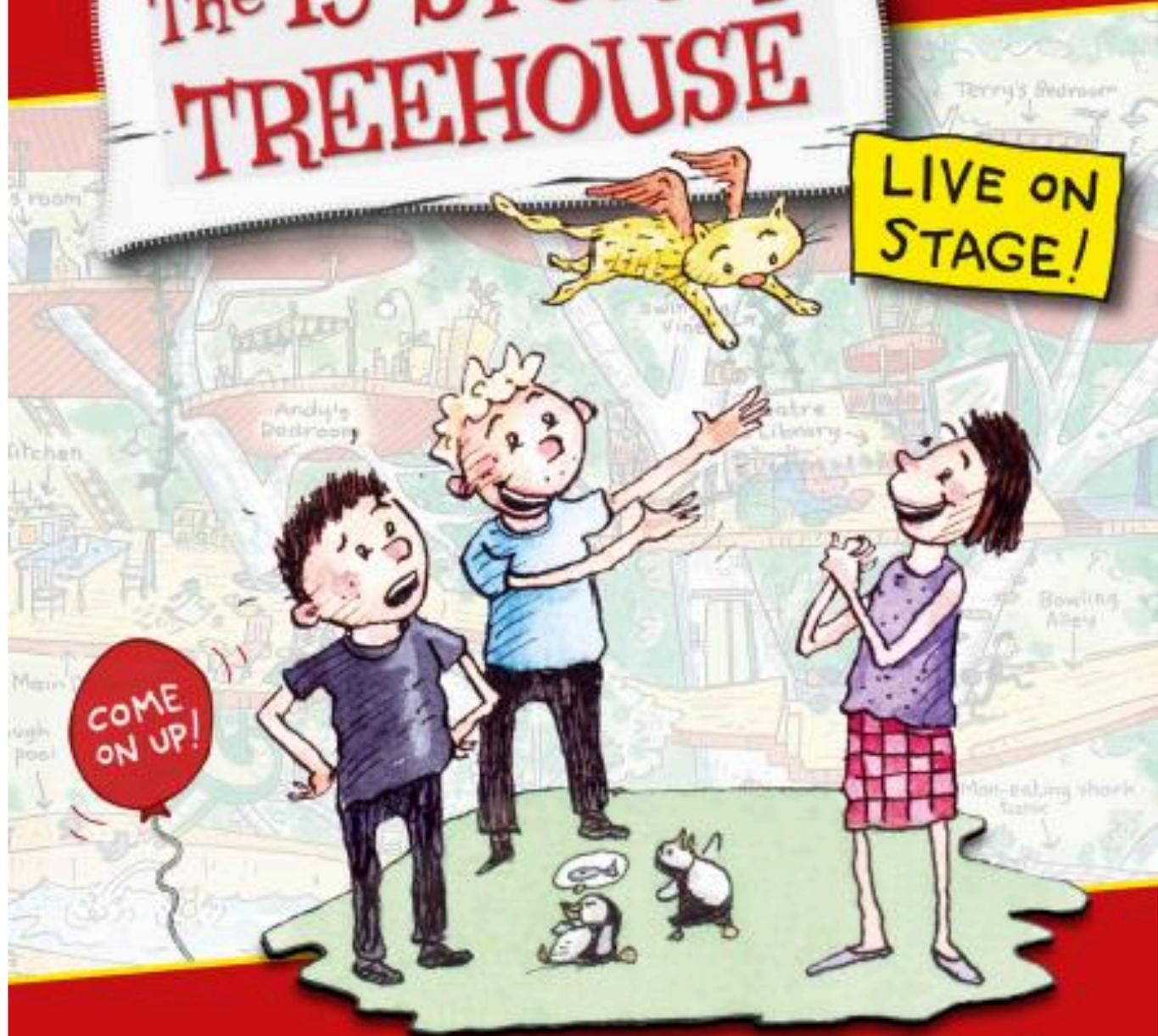
THE ORCHARD PUBLIC De BORTOLI EastLink KARRALYKA PhilipWebb

a cdpKids production

a play by **RICHARD TULLOCH** adapted from the book  
by **ANDY GRIFFITHS & TERRY DENTON**

# The 13-STOREY TREEHOUSE

LIVE ON  
STAGE!



**Karralyka Centre**  
13 April - 12pm & 2pm

cdp  
Kids

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