



Ainslie Parklands Primary School

# The Newsletter

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## Key dates for Term 1

**7<sup>th</sup> April – Out of Uniform Sport Day** (Gold coin donation)

**8<sup>th</sup> Apr – Last day Term 1, 2.30pm finish** (Raffle to be drawn)

**26<sup>th</sup> April (Tues) – Term 2 commences**

## From the Principal

Dear APPS Community,  
It was such a wonderful community feel to be at our Working Bee last Friday night. We had a small but dedicated group of parents (and students!) help with the planting in the garden bed in between our Music room and Senior students' building.

Huge thanks go to:

- The Constable Family
- The Van Den Broek Family
- The Hutchison Family
- The Coutts Family
- The Thong Family

And, of course, a big thank you to Jane Humphrys, who organised plants and co-ordinated the evening.



## Foundation Enrolments 2023

We have already had many family tours go through our school this term and have already received our first enrolments for Foundation 2023! If your child or someone you know is planning to enrol, please contact the office for an enrolment pack.

## Community Coffee and our Strategic Review

On Tuesday morning, a group of parents joined me in the staffroom for a coffee and a chat. I can't speak for the parents, but I really enjoyed the opportunity to speak with parents, find out what is on your mind and be able to answer any questions.

It also gave me an opportunity to talk to parents about our Strategic Review next term. Every four years, all government schools undertake a review. The process involves getting feedback from students, parents and staff about the strengths and areas of improvement for our school. This feedback will determine our plan for the next four years, so please keep an eye out for your opportunity to have your say.

Of course, you are free to email me on [Jane.Capon@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Jane.Capon@education.vic.gov.au) at anytime, make an appointment, or catch me in the yard. However, I plan to have a “community coffee morning” for parents each term. If you were unable to make it this week, hopefully I will see you there next time!

### **GRIP Leadership Conference**

Last Thursday, our Year 6 leaders had the wonderful opportunity to attend the annual GRIP (Generosity, Responsibility, Integrity, People) leadership conference at the Exhibition Centre in the city. It is an organisation that exists to train and develop leaders, with a special focus on school students.

Our students had a fantastic experience, and shared many of their “light-bulb” moments at assembly last week. We look forward to seeing them develop into effective and impactful leaders.



### **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April – Sport Day**

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April, we are celebrating sport by having a free dress day, wearing sport clothing. Students can come to school wearing their sport clothes for a gold coin donation. This might be a uniform from their weekend sport or their favourite team’s jumper. Donations will go toward the purchase of sport equipment.

### **School Council AGM**

Last Monday, our school council held its Annual General Meeting, where the school’s Annual Report was presented. Looking back at 2021, despite lockdowns, there was much to celebrate. Staff and parents worked together, ensuring that students’ learning progressed, resulting in substantial growth in NAPLAN data. Close attention was paid to individual student wellbeing, too.

Our school Annual Implementation Plan was also presented, outlining our goals and foci for 2022.

We also acknowledged Jacqui Schliebs, who will be leaving our council membership. We thank her for her contribution to our school and welcome new members Querida Seip, Jess Edwards, and Jane Humphrys, as well as returning members Evan Coutts and Jo Van Den Broek.

There is still a position available on council for a community member. If you are interested, please contact the office.

### **Harmony Day**

On Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March, APPS celebrated Harmony Day. Students were able to come dressed in clothing from all cultures, or orange to represent the day. Children participated in

special activities designed to promote inclusiveness and contribute to our display. Students also enjoyed a lunch of sushi and rice paper rolls.



### **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](http://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](http://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](#)

### **Mooroolbark Festival**

On the Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March, our choir performed at the Mooroolbark Festival. They did a fantastic job representing our school. Thank you to parents for bringing the children to perform, and a big thank you to Bec Russell for organising the performance.



### **Easter Raffle**

We thank the families who have donated to our Easter raffle. We are still taking donations and selling tickets. The raffle will be drawn on the last day of school – you've got to be in it, to win it!!

### **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.

### **5/6 Market Stall – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April**

Our entrepreneurial Year 6 students have been working hard on their marketing and product for Market Day next week. Any visitors to the school must first check in at the office and show vaccination status. More details further along in this newsletter.

### **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.

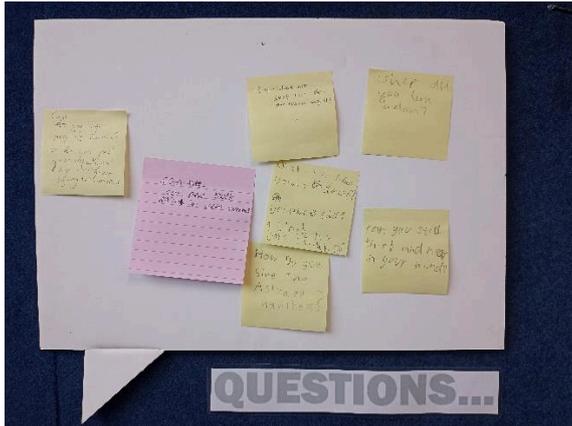
Next Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> April is the last day of Term 1. Students will be having assembly at 2pm, with the **school day ending early at 2.30pm**. We hope all of our families have a safe and happy holiday and look forward to seeing everyone back at school for Term 2. **The first day back will be Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April** (after the ANZAC day public holiday).

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.

## From the Auslan Studio



### Question board

In the Auslan studio we have a question board where students can write down their questions for a deaf person. These questions are then sent to Elise (a prominent member of the deaf community who also happens to be Emma's sister!) who answers our questions in the form of a signed video. The 3-6s have been posting lots of great questions to our question board and we have already had one video reply from Elise, which has resulted in lots of fantastic discussion.

### Colour and Animal signs

The F-2s have been learning how to sign the colours and some animals in Auslan. Over the last few weeks of term they will be putting their knowledge of these topics together to create a collaborative bilingual book using colour and animal signs.



### Fingerspelling

The 3-6s have been practicing their fingerspelling skills through a wide variety of activities. In Auslan, fingerspelling is used for many words where there isn't a commonly understood sign (often for names, places and less common words). The 3-6s can all fingerspell their names and are beginning to use fingerspelling in place of any signs they don't yet know while communicating in Auslan.

# BUDDIES BLOG

This week the sun was shining so we decided to head outside and enjoy some games and develop our team building skills.



Rotations and games included tunnel ball, fruit salad and bean bag toss.

We had lots of fun and there were smiles all round as we got to know each other better and develop positive relationships.



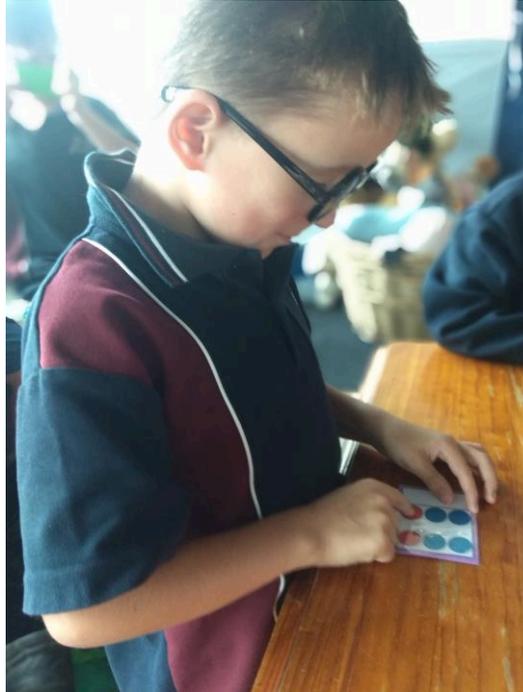
This is our third rotation of buddies for the term. Next term we look forward to finding out who our “forever buddy” is and enjoying more indoor and outdoor activities.



## F – 2 Studio News

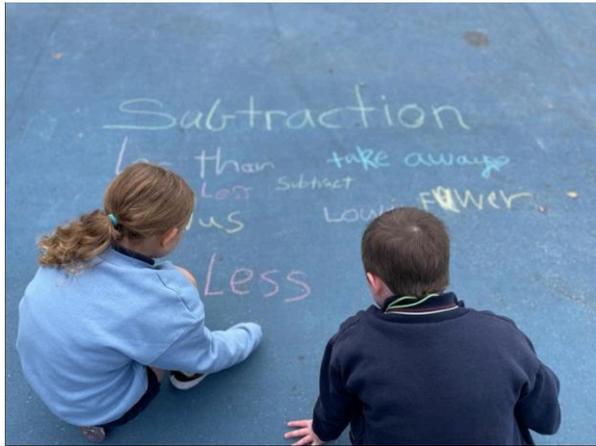
### F-2 Studio

The Foundation-2 Studio has been practising our SUBITISING (that is where you look and just know the number – like looking at a dice dot pattern, or fingers in the air and we just know there were 3 fingers up.) To practice some of the students have worn the magic glasses that help us to use our *Maths Super Eyes* as we have practiced counting and “just knowing” how many!



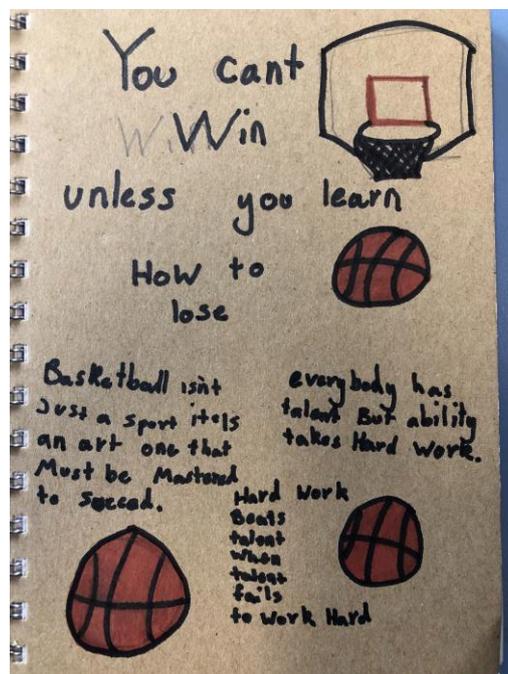
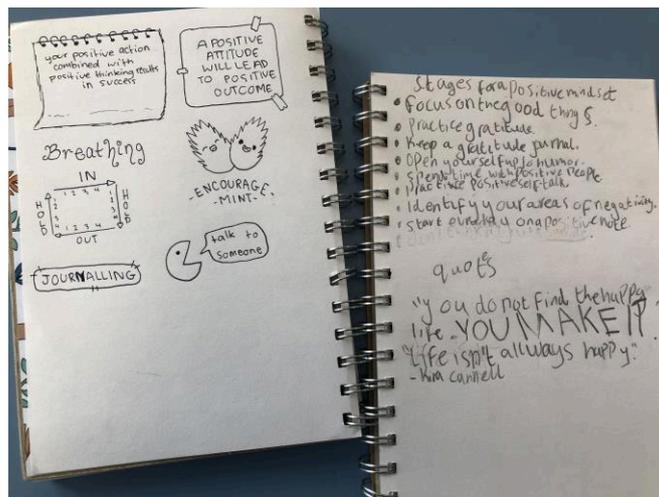
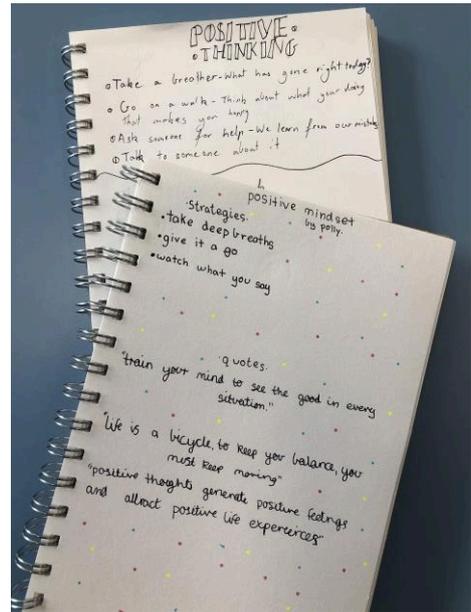
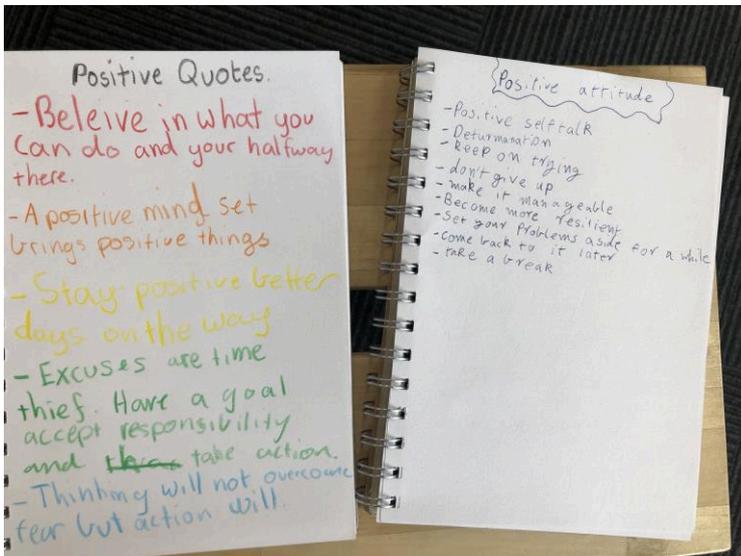
### 3/4/5 Studio News

The 345 Studio have been engaged and working hard on subtraction strategies. During this unit students have had opportunities to explore vocabulary relating to subtraction and spent time applying their skills to number lines, jump strategies, partitioning and games to build fluency in the subject area. Students have also investigated the relationship between addition and subtraction and some have worked on vertical subtraction methods. Next week we will be applying our skills to estimation and worded problems; relating subtraction to real world examples.



## Year 6 Studio

In Wellbeing, Year 6 students wrote down positive quotes and strategies to help them switch their thinking towards a more positive attitude.



## 5/6 Market Stall – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April

11.30 to 1.30pm – School Hall

Members of our school community are invited to join us next Tuesday to wander around the student stalls offering a variety goods and services for sale that have been designed and created during our term long inquiry unit - “Entrepreneurs of the Future”.

**COME TO JAM'S DAIRY JOINT**  
As Good As The Dairy Gets



Ice cream: \$2.00  
Oreo fudge: \$1.50

**JAM'S Dairy Joint**

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Thank you come again

**NOW ONLY \$1 NOW**

**Bubblegum blues**  
edible slime for all to enjoy

At our wonderful shop (BUBBLEGUM BLUES) we provide marshmallow flavoured edible slime for only \$2.00!

Oh and don't worry! All our profit goes towards charity to help others!

SOOTHING Smoothies

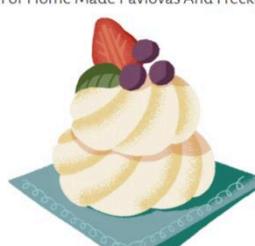


Mouth watering greatness

BASIC INGREDIENTS  
Milk, yogurt, Fruit

FLAVOURS  
Strawberry ingredients: Strawberry, yogurt, milk  
Choc Banana ingredients: Milk, banana, yogurt, milk

Are You A Lover For Desserts? Come To...  
**Sugary Sweet Treats**  
For Home Made Pavlovas And Freckles



\$1.50 Per Pavlova \$1.00 For A Pack Of 4 Freckles

FIND US AT THE 5/6 MARKET STALLS

**COOKIEZ 'N CUPCAKEZ**

\$1 PER COOKIE

AND \$1.50 PER CUPCAKE

\$2 FOR A 3 PACK OF COOKIES

WANNA TRY SOME HONEY JOYS COME TO

**FLAKES OF JOY**

\$1.50 WITH TOPPINGS AND \$1 FOR A NORMAL ONE



**LOVE IT FOR LIFE**

magic **TOUCH**

earrings, cake pops, frog in a pond

COME TO OUR STALL!

PICK A CARD!

**ROLL UP, FOR LOTS OF FUN!**

TOSS A COIN - WIN A PRIZE!  
ONLY \$1 A TOSS!

## 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)

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THE BEST OF ADELAIDE FRINGE

**8 - 9 APRIL**

**karralyka.com.au**

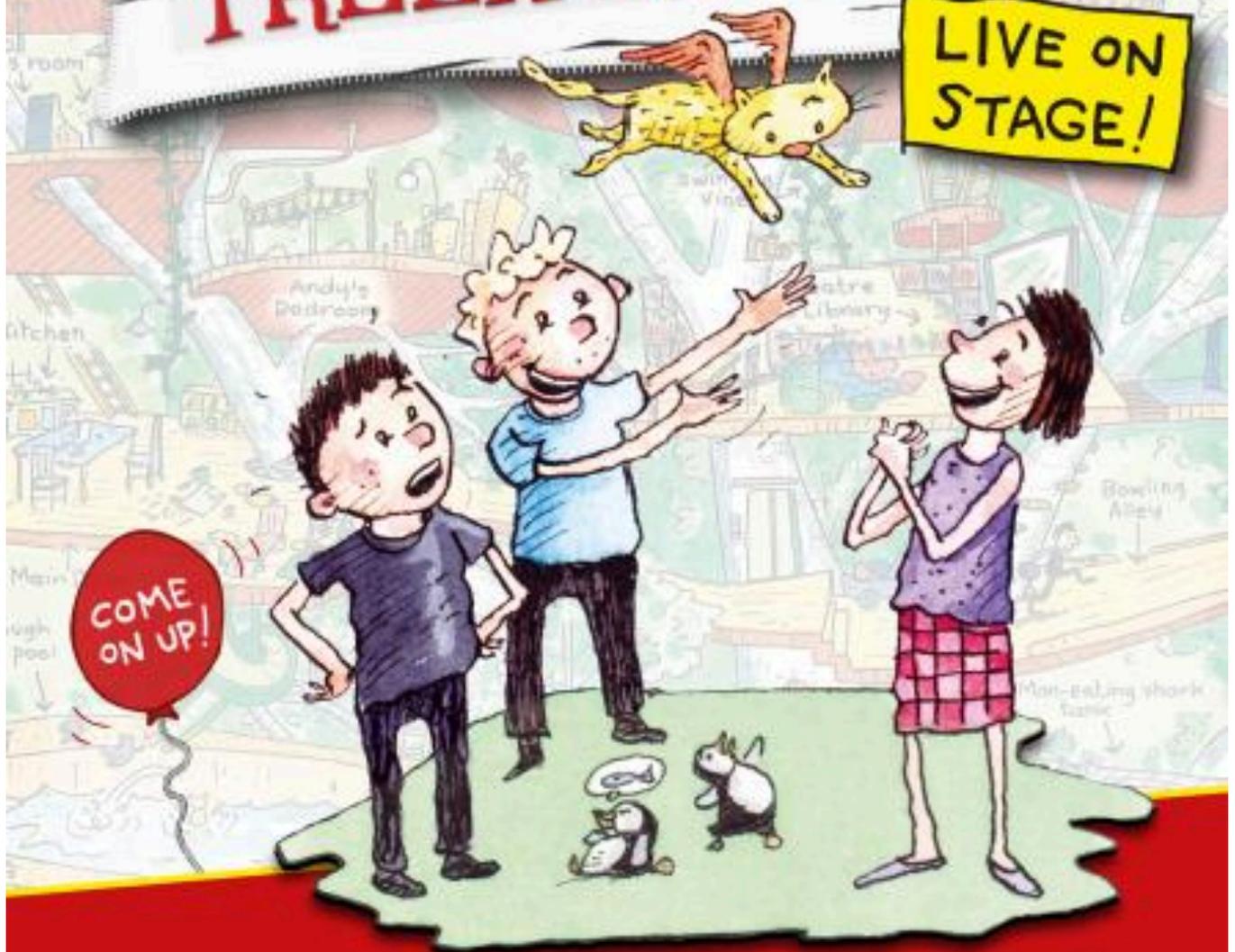
THE ORCHARD PUBLIC De BORTOLI Eastlink KARRALYKA PhilipWebb

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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[www.karralyka.com.au](http://www.karralyka.com.au)

# TENNIS LESSONS

## AINSLIE PARKLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

TERM 2 START DATE:  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022  
(7 week program)

Every NEW Term 2  
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 FRIDAY AT LUNCHTIME IN  
THE HALL

Grades Prep - 6: 1:45 - 2:15PM

### 7 WEEK PROGRAM = \$110.00

Please complete the form below and return in an envelope with \$110 by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May. Please return to coach (Kyle) or school office.

Cash, cheques 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



### Ainslie Parklands Primary School Tennis Enrolment Form Term 2, 2022

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

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

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

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

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





**IGNITE YOUR PASSION!**

**East Ringwood Auskick Centre**

Ainslie Park, Edith Avenue, Croydon

Fridays 5:00-6:30pm, Starting April 29th

Contact Coordinator Peter Baker for more info!

E: [pbaker33@bigpond.com](mailto:pbaker33@bigpond.com) P: 0409 942 533

Register at [play.afl/auskick](http://play.afl/auskick)