

# THE AINSLIE UPDATE

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### Term 1 2024

- 8th Mar - Free dress for the homeless
- 11th Mar - **Labour Day holiday**
- 12th Mar - **STUDENT FREE DAY**
- 13th-25rd Mar - NAPLAN test window
- 15th Mar - Years 4-6 Sport Gala day
- 15th Mar - Assembly - Badge presentations (student leaders & Voice team)
- 15th Mar - Working Bee & Auskick Clinic
- 18th Mar - AGM & School Council Meeting
- 21st Mar - Harmony Day
- 22nd Mar - Ride 2 School Day
- 28th Mar - Last Day Term 1 - 2.30pm finish  
- Easter Egg hunt

### Term 2 2024

- 15th Apr - First day Term 2
- 25th Apr - ANZAC Day
- 9th May - Mother's/Special Person's Day stall
- 10th June - King's Birthday Holiday
- 28th June - Last day Term 2

### Term 3 2024

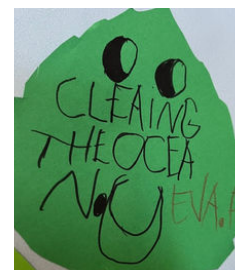
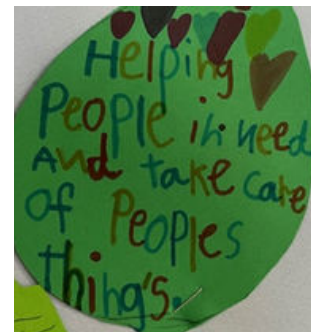
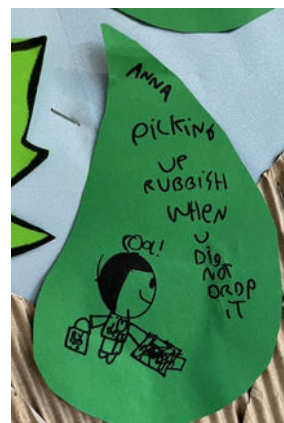
- 15th July - First day Term 3
- 5th Aug - **STUDENT FREE DAY**
- 20th Sep - Last day Term 3

### Term 4 2024

- 7th Oct - First day Term 4
- 4th Nov - **STUDENT FREE DAY**
- 5th Nov - Melbourne Cup Day
- 20th Dec - Last day Term 4

## Kindness

At APPS, kindness is really encouraged, as noted in our "All Areas" poster displayed around the school, which states students will be "using kind words and actions to myself and others". Students have created a leaf describing a kind action, which has been added to our Kindness tree in the office area. Particular thanks to Laura A for her work on this beautiful display.



## Working Bee next Friday

We hope that you will be able to join us for our postponed Working Bee, now taking place next Friday 15th March after school. Our Orchard is looking worse for wear from the summer break, and although we have had students working hard, we are looking forward to some community help. Hope to see you there!



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## Entertaining Assemblies!

We are very much enjoying our immensely talented music students, who are performing at our assemblies. Thank you to our students and thank you to Jayne S for organising these performances.



## Tokens

*If your child has taken any of our tokens home (Respect, Responsibility, Resilience), could they please returned ASAP?*

*Thank you!*

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## Buddies

The buddy program, where our Year 5/6 students support our Foundation /Year 1 students, is a wonderful program that allows leadership from our more senior students in providing support and care for our youngers students - and both cohorts love it! We make sure that these students have the opportunity to connect during class activities, as well as in the yard.



## Hats

Please ensure that students have a SunSmart hat (no caps) available at school everyday. Hats are **required** for outside play when the UV rating is 3 or above (which is all of Terms 1 & 3, as well as dates in Term 4.) Students will need to remain seated in a shaded area if they do not have a hat.

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## Community Engagement Team

We are incredibly lucky to have such an amazing Community Engagement Team. To express an interest in being part of the team, or to make some suggestions please email:

**[janebennettsbrown@gmail.com](mailto:janebennettsbrown@gmail.com)**

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## Family Fun Night

We had a lovely, relaxed afternoon, where the community had the opportunity to come together, have something to eat and talk with staff and each other in a community setting at our Family Fun Night. Thank you to all who came along.



## Parent-teacher-student "Meet & Greet" conferences

Thank you to all of those parents and students who attended "Meet & Greet" conferences last week. The purpose of these conferences was to give parents an opportunity to pass on any information about your child to their new 2024 teacher. If you missed out last week, and would like to speak with your child's teacher, please get in touch with them to organise a time.

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## Dogs on School Grounds.

For most primary schools, dogs are not permitted on school grounds. However, at APPS we do allow them on school grounds - with conditions. To ensure that our school remains a safe and inclusive place for everyone, we have in place a number of rules that we expect all families to follow if they wish to bring their pet dog onto school grounds:

- pet dogs must be **leashed at all times** and in the control of a responsible adult
- pet dogs **must not be tied up** on school grounds or left unaccompanied
- families that bring dogs to school that exhibit signs of aggressive behaviour, bark, or jump may be asked to remove the dog from school premises.
- owners are required to pick up their dogs waste
- dogs are **not permitted in the courtyard** or within three metres of the courtyard gate

For further information, the Dogs on School Grounds policy is available on our website. Thank you for your cooperation.

## **Foundation enrolments 2025**

Changes are coming to the enrolment process for 2025. Under the new system, families will be directed to a new online portal where they can fill out an application for enrolment digitally and submit documents such as birth and immunisation certificates.

A reminder we must follow the priority order of placement, which is:

1. Students residing inside the school's zone
2. Siblings of students currently enrolled
3. Students from outside of the school's zone.

If you have any further queries, or would like to book a tour, please contact the office.

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Free  
online  
event



## Practical Strategies in raising your autistic child

Join us as we delve into the world of raising autistic children up to 12 years of age through the lens of neuro-affirming care.

Sandhya Menon, an autistic Educational and Developmental Psychologist who authored *The Brain Forest* and *The Rainbow Brain*, will cover updates in the autism world and offer practical strategies to implement in your home. Her aim is to make neurodivergent parenting that little bit easier and less stressful, as you lean into your child's neurotype.

**Tuesday 19 March**

**7pm - 8.15pm**

1 hour presentation,  
15 minute question time

**Location** Online via Zoom

**For more information**

Zara Ariarta  
zara.ariarta@knox.vic.gov.au  
9298 8000



Sandhya Menon,  
Psychologist



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# MOTHERS' & SPECIAL PERSONS' DAY

HI FAMILIES,

OUR MOTHERS' AND SPECIAL PERSONS' DAY STALL IS HAPPENING IN TERM 2 ON THURSDAY 9TH MAY.

THE TRADITION IS THAT ALL ITEMS SOLD AT THE APPS MOTHERS' & SPECIAL PERSONS' DAY STALL ARE HOMEMADE AND PRICED BETWEEN \$1 AND \$10.

WE HAVE ABOUT 5 STALL POSITIONS AVAILABLE FOR INTERESTED STALL HOLDERS.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SELL SOME CRAFTY, HOMEMADE ITEMS AT THIS YEAR'S STALL, PLEASE CONTACT LISA KANTO AT

**[PLAY.LEARN@OUTLOOK.COM](mailto:PLAY.LEARN@OUTLOOK.COM)**

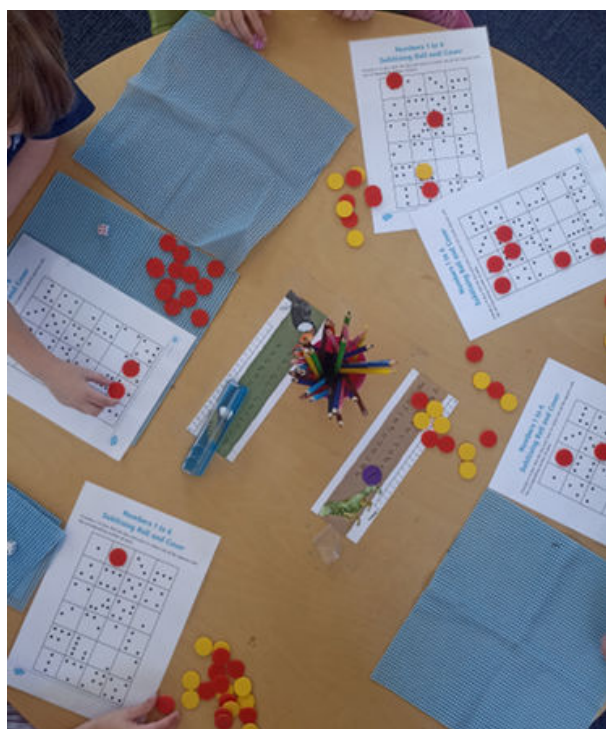
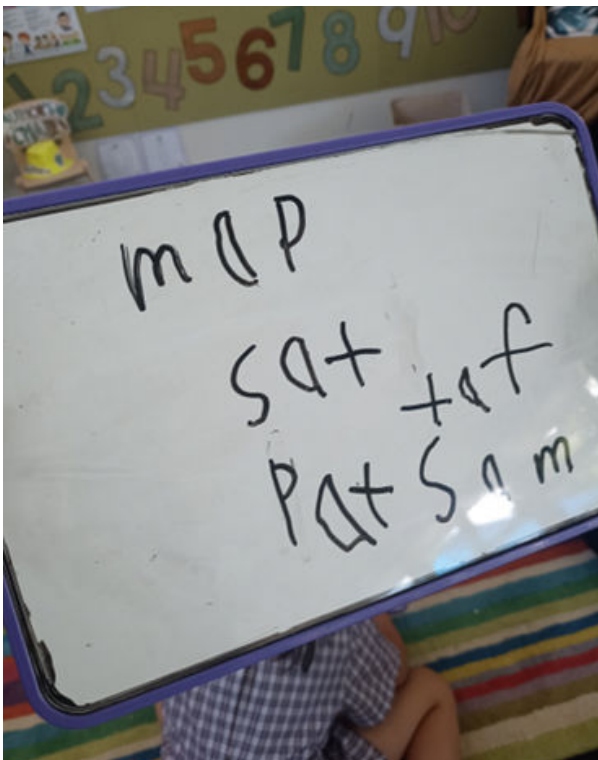
WE WILL OPEN THE STALL POSITIONS TO THE WIDER COMMUNITY EARLY NEXT TERM IF NEEDED

*Thank you so much!*

## From Foundation

Our Foundation classroom has been a busy hive of learning for the last few weeks! In Maths, we have been learning about subitising (identifying how many in a small collection without counting each one) and we have been extending our understanding of single digit numbers (including how to write them and represent them with small collections).

In literacy, we have been learning new letters and sounds and this week we discovered that we have learnt enough sounds to start reading and writing some words! Our Foundations were super excited to find that they have the skills to decode, and even write these words now (almost as excited as their teachers!). We are very proud of how much they have learnt already.



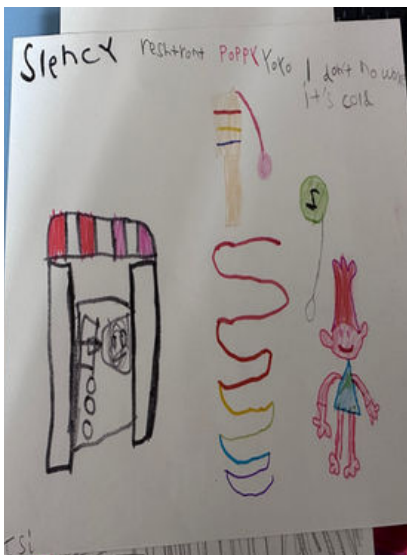
### **From Foundation and Level 1 & 2**

Yesterday was a very full day for our F-2 Students. As part of our Inquiry topic we had a 'Toys in Time' incursion. Students learned about the earliest toys such as wooden spinning tops and knuckles, how and why Matchbox Cars were invented and had an hour of experiencing toys that children have played with through history.

During Kitchen Garden our Foundation students felt like they were digging up treasure. Our carrot crop was ready for harvesting! Some amazing colours and hilarious shapes emerged and today we're looking forward to tasting and comparing them. We are wondering whether purple, orange and white carrots taste any different!



By Mia





### **From Year 3**

Year 3's have enjoyed a fun filled fortnight!

In Reading we've been exploring the topic of key words in preparation for our upcoming Naplan style comprehension next week. Students have enjoyed an opportunity to read passages together and locate key words they think are important to each paragraph.

In Writing, we've been digging deep into the persuasive style of writing. We've been learning about the difference between facts and opinions and how to provide our audience with convincing statements. With Friday being 'Free Dress Day', we had a fun class discussion about "if students should wear uniforms" then began creating a persuasive piece stating our personal opinions on the matter.

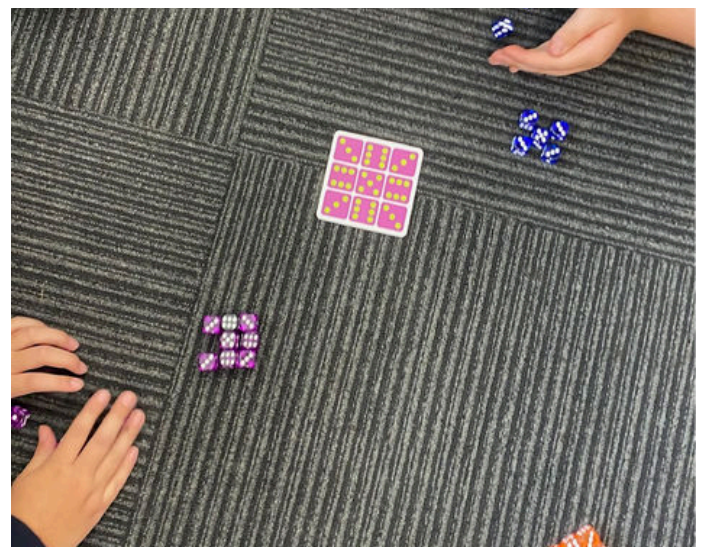
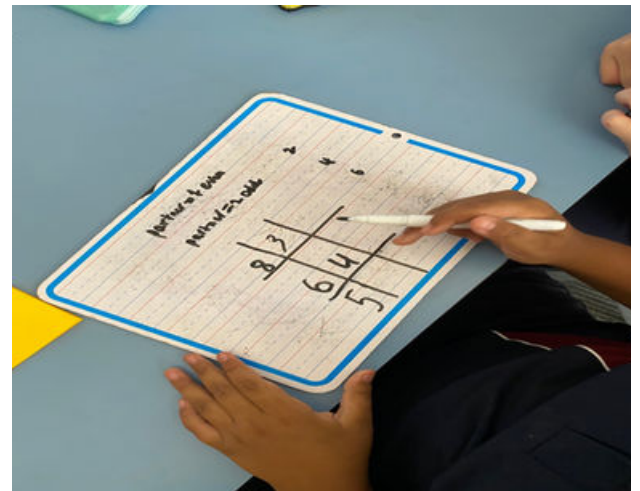
In Maths, we've been taking a refresher on skip counting and enjoyed spending sometime outside in the sunshine, turning our skip counting practise into a team building game of hopscotch. We've been learning lots about the "CUBES" method for answering worded problems, where we use different strategies to help us understand what maths the worded problem is asking us to do.

We hope everyone has a lovely long weekend ahead!



## From Year 4/5

Students in the 4/5 classroom have been having engaging in many different maths games and activities to build their fluency across different topic areas. This week we have focused on subitising, patterns and odd and even addition games. Lots of fun and friendly competition to go along with our maths!



## **From Year 5/6**

Gardening, cooking, and science often go hand-in-hand. In Kitchen Garden, 5/6A recently used some of our own grown produce to make a three-ingredient guacamole (the tomatoes were from our orchard, not the avocados!). Students were thrilled by how enjoyable the simple recipe was. But the learning and discovery will didn't end there. The seeds from the avocados used were kept and were then set up as an experiment in the classroom. Students hypothesised which method of growing avocado seeds would yield the fastest seed germination. It's been a week since the seeds were placed on the shelf in the classroom and students are monitoring closely for results.



# Football Fever Fun Nights

Run by East Ringwood Auskick  
Coordinator Peter Baker,  
these fun sessions are a great  
introduction to footy.



## Ainslie Parklands PS

Friday 15th March

3.45-4.30

Ainslie Park Oval - 20 Brentnall Road, Croydon

For all enquiries please contact our Coordinator  
Peter Baker E: [pbaker33@bigpond.com](mailto:pbaker33@bigpond.com) or M: 0409 942 533



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more information on East  
Ringwood Auskick



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# COME AND PLAY



## **EAST RINGWOOD AUSKICK** **Starts 19th/20th April**

**FRIDAY NIGHTS 5:00-6:30PM**  
**Ainslie Park - 20 Brentnall Rd, Croydon**

**SATURDAYS 9:00-10:30AM**  
**East Ringwood Reserve - Lower Oval**  
**Cnr Mt Dandenong Road and Dublin Road, Ringwood East**

**For all enquiries, please contact our Coordinator**  
**Peter Baker E: [pbaker33@blgpond.com](mailto:pbaker33@blgpond.com) or M: 0409 942 533**

**Home of the Mighty Roos - [www.erjfc.com.au](http://www.erjfc.com.au)**



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East Ringwood  
Auskick**



# AFTER SCHOOL COMPETITION

**HOOPS WITH YOUR SCHOOL MATES!**

## **ABOUT**

Open to **PRIMARY SCHOOLS** within the **KILSYTH & MOUNTAIN DISTRICT** area, our After School Competition (ASC) offers kids the chance to create **school-based teams** which compete during the weekdays.

## **WHO CAN PLAY?**

Open to students of all abilities from **Grades 1 to 6**.  
Varying levels of competition to accommodate  
**ALL SKILL LEVELS**

## **GAME TIMES**

ASC runs from **4.30PM - 7PM** on Monday, Thursday and Friday afternoons. Games are played at **Kilsyth, Lilydale, and Melba Basketball Stadiums**.

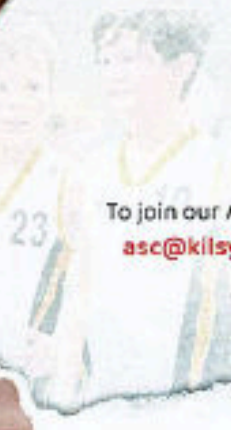
**MON:** Grade 4-6 BOYS

**THU:** Grade 3-6 GIRLS

**FRI:** Grade 1/2 BOYS & GIRLS  
& Grade 3 BOYS

To join our After School Competition, contact us on  
[asc@kilsythbasketball.com.au](mailto:asc@kilsythbasketball.com.au) or call 9728 1033

**KILSYTH**  
BASKETBALL





# Junior Come & Try & Registration Day

Boys & Girls: T-Ball, Rookie Ball & Baseball

**Wednesday**  
**20th March** (5-6pm)

All equipment provided!  
**FREE Sausage sizzle**  
**& soft drink**

Visit: [www.ringwoodsaints.com.au](http://www.ringwoodsaints.com.au)  
for more information  

RINGWOOD  
**SAINTS**  
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**APRIL 3RD & 4TH**  
**9AM-3PM**

**GILBERT PARK, KNOXFIELD**

FUN FOR ALL SKILL LEVELS  
HIGH QUALITY COACHING  
GIRLS & BOYS, AGED 7-12

PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE A T-SHIRT,  
DRINK BOTTLE & HAT. LUNCH IS PROVIDED



FOR ENQUIRIES EMAIL: [danielle.rigg@softball.org.au](mailto:danielle.rigg@softball.org.au)

REGISTER ONLINE:

[www.softballvic.org.au/events/227534/](http://www.softballvic.org.au/events/227534/)



# **KNOX** **FALCONS**

## **PLAY BASEBALL THIS WINTER**

We invite you to our 'Come and Try' days at Gilbert Park,  
Ferntree Gully Road, Knoxfield on:

**25 March: 9:30-11am**

**30 March: 5-6:30pm**

**1 April: 9:30-11am**

**Tee Ball: Ages 4-8**

**Rookie Ball: Ages 8-11**

**U/13: Ages 11-12 | U/15: Ages 13-14**

**U/17: Ages 15-16 | Seniors: Ages 17+**

**YOU'RE INVITED  
TO COME & TRY**



**Sausage Sizzle Provided!**



**REGISTER HERE**

**IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND BUT WISH TO DISCUSS FURTHER, PLEASE CONTACT  
BEL SADLER AT JUNIORS@KNOXBBC.COM.AU OR 0439 733 731**



# 2024 OPEN DAY

**May 4th**

**10am - 1pm**

**St John's Kindergarten**

**9 Toorak Avenue, Croydon**

[www.stjohnskindergartencroydon.org.au](http://www.stjohnskindergartencroydon.org.au)



# Sunscreen



The sun's ultraviolet radiation (UV) can cause skin and eye damage and skin cancer. You can't see or feel UV. It can be scattered and reflected so can reach you even in the shade. Whatever the weather, when the UV is 3 and above, use all five forms of sun protection.



SLIP



SLOP



SLAP



SEEK



SLIDE

## SPF

Sun Protection Factor.  
Choose SPF30, 50 or 50+.

## Application

Apply a generous amount of sunscreen to any skin not protected by clothing.

Apply sunscreen about 20 minutes before going outdoors and reapply every TWO hours or more frequently if sweating or in water.

## AUST L

In Australia, sunscreens are regulated by the Australian Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA). Always check for the AUST L (Australia Licence) number.



## Water Resistant

Four hours water resistance does not equal four hours UV protection. Always reapply after swimming.

## Storage

To help keep sunscreen stable, store it below 30 degrees.

## Expiry

Always check the date to make sure the sunscreen hasn't expired.

## Broad Spectrum

Protects against UVA and UVB radiation.

Even when wearing a hat, apply sunscreen to help protect from scattered and reflected UV reaching the face, neck and ears.

DNA damage that causes skin cancer accumulates with repeated UV exposure. Apply sunscreen daily.



AINSLIE PARKLANDS  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Playgroup

When: Friday 9.15am-10.45am  
during the school term

Where: 24-36 Hinkley Ave,  
Croydon (in the hall & new  
playground)

Contact: 98701566

[ainslie.parklands.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:ainslie.parklands.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

