

THE AINSLIE UPDATE

DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 2 2024

28th June - Last day Term 2

- 2pm Assembly

- 2.30pm - Early dismissal

Term 3 2024

15th July - First day Term 3

15th July - Secondhand Uniform Shop

3pm -3.45pm

22nd July - MiniKids

29th July - Secondhand Uniform Shop

3pm -3.45pm

1st Aug - 9.15am Community Coffee

5th Aug - **STUDENT FREE DAY**

8th Aug - MiniKids

10th Aug - Paint 'n Sip

12th Aug - Secondhand Uniform Shop

3pm -3.45pm

12th Aug - School Council

19th Aug - Book Week

19th Aug - MiniKids

26th Aug - Secondhand Uniform Shop

3pm -3.45pm

5th Sept - MiniKids

9th Sept - Secondhand Uniform Shop

3pm -3.45pm

9th Sept - School Council

16-20 Sep - Swimming

20th Sep - Last day Term 3

Term 4 2024

7th Oct - First day Term 4

10th Oct - Year 6 Graduation & whole school photo

14-15 Oct - 3/4 Camp

22nd Oct - 9.15am Community Coffee

4th Nov - **STUDENT FREE DAY**

5th Nov - Melbourne Cup Day

18-20 Nov - 5/6 Camp

20th Dec - Last day Term 4

What a performance!

We have thoroughly enjoyed our student performances at assembly this year. Sometimes, we have individual acts and sometimes class performances. We were delighted to be entertained by Foundation students last Friday - they did an amazing job! Thanks to Jayne S, for ensuring the students are well rehearsed and confident for assemblies - it was thoroughly enjoyed by all!



Reading Certificates

Once again, congratulations to our next cohort of excellent readers! These students have been doing their reading homework consistently. Our home reading program runs from Foundation through to Year 6 for all students. We have seen that students who do the home reading program consistently show more progress than those who don't. So, let's read!



Welcome David!!

We are very pleased to announce that David Kight will be our new Year 3 teacher. David says:

I am so grateful for the opportunity to take Grade 3A for terms 3 and 4. I'm keen to create positive outcomes for every student in the class.

I love sport-Golf, Footy, Cricket, Bike Riding and Tennis.

I enjoy riding and walking along the bike path at the creek with my daughters and patting the horses. I like to go to café's and have a good coffee with friends.

I love photography, a range of music and movies. I have written and published three books, including My Friend George about a wombat and The Rainbow Kite that healed the World-about healing at the end of Covid.

David will be visiting APPS next week to meet the children and staff.



Good luck Emily!

We would like to take the opportunity to wish Emily all the best in this new phase of her life. Thank you for your contribution to APPS, and you are very welcome to come and visit! Emily will finish at APPS next Friday. We will miss you!



Please arrive on time

While we do understand that sometimes it can't be helped, we ask that as much as possible, please ensure that your children arrive at school on time. We know that many of our children do not like to arrive late as they are much more noticeable to others when they arrive, and this increases their anxiety. They also miss out on the outline of the day's activities, and the explicit teaching that provides understanding for work tasks. Predictable school morning routine gives students a sense of calmness and safety, increasing positive wellbeing. We thank you for your help and understanding.

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:

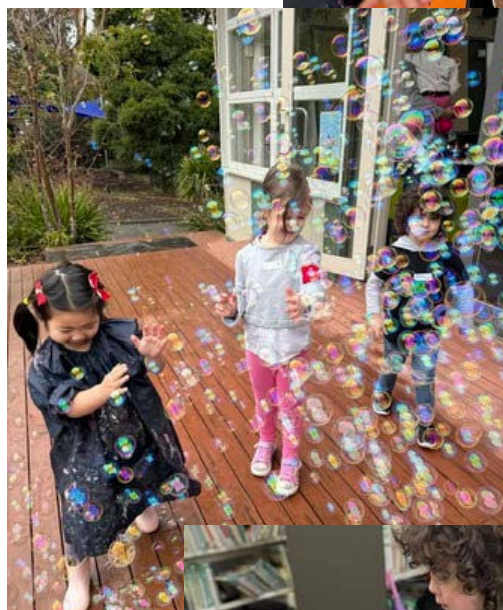
janebennettsbrown@gmail.com

School Uniform

We do understand that sometimes the uniform is in the wash and children wear other clothes to school. However, we are encouraging our families to ensure that students are in full school uniform as much as possible. If you are short on a few items, why not have a look at our **second-hand uniform** shop? It is located behind the green door near the canteen and items are a gold coin donation. Thank you to Katherine S and Dayna for getting this up and running. Opening times and dates are in the calendar on page one of this newsletter,

MiniKids!

Our school readiness program, MiniKids, was held last Thursday with Jess, and all had a wonderful morning! The theme was "messy play" and the children loved the hands-on, engaging activities.



Winter is here!!

We have felt some icy weather this week. Some students have been creative in trying to stay warm before school! Others delighted in watching the ice melt when the temperature lifted from around zero degrees!



Foundation enrolments 2025

Our school is using an online system for new Foundation (Prep) enrolments to Victorian government schools, called VicStudents.

To get started, visit:

<https://students.educationapps.vic.gov.au/s/> to create an account and complete the online application form by **Friday 26 July 2024**. If you would prefer to submit a paper application form, please contact us.

* We will then review the information submitted and be in contact with you by Friday 9 August 2024.

* You should **accept one enrolment** offer by Friday 23 August 2024. When accepting an offer, you will be required to provide additional personal and health information that will be shared with the school.

Is VicStudents secure?

VicStudents has been assessed by the Department of Education to a high degree of security in line with the Victorian Protective Data Security Standards and is compliant with ISO 27001, the leading international standard for information security.

More information

The Department of Education has created a Quick Reference Guide to help you get started.

We have already had families enrol their child for Foundation 2025 via the new online system. If you have any further queries about the process, or would like to book a tour, please contact the office.



Playgroup

We have a wonderful playgroup on Friday mornings at APPS. The children love the variety of toys available (pizza anyone?) and the parents enjoy making local connections.



Early Finish next Friday

Just a reminder that next Friday 28th June is the **final day for Term 2** and we will be **finishing early at 2.30pm**, with assembly starting at 2pm. Term 3 will begin on Monday 15th July. We wish everyone a safe and warm break!

Driving safely around school

We have noticed some incidents of late where parents are parking in no parking zones opposite the back carpark (so cars that are parked correctly cannot leave), or trying to drive through the back carpark (which is one way) in the opposite direction.

Please also note that reversing your car around a school requires a higher level of vigilance and care, as children can impulsively run behind a reversing car. For the safety of our children and our school community, please adhere to the road rules and drive safely. We thank you for your cooperation.

Laps for APPS – Parents!

We know that doing some form of exercise before school is a great way of getting ready to learn. Our Student Voice Team have re-launched “Laps for APPS” in 2024, due to its success in 2023. The number of laps done by students is recorded and the class with the most laps is acknowledged at assembly. We have seen Jane C walk some laps and donate her laps to a class. (All parents are welcome to do this) However, new in 2024 is a team we haven’t seen before – the parent team! Students have been very motivated to ensure that the parent team will not overtake the students!



Maths at Ainslie Parklands Primary School

In recent years, the way we do Maths at APPS has been reformed. Using evidence based approaches and advice from experts, we have updated the way we teach and learn Maths at our school.



To go with our updated approach to Maths, we have developed a Mathematics Vision Statement:

At Ainslie Parklands Primary School, Mathematics empowers students to take risks and generate strategies to rigorously explore and solve meaningful problems. Teachers facilitate this through mathematics with real world applications, open ended and accessible challenges that are fun and engaging. Each student strives for excellence in tasks that challenge and extend their learning so they experience success.

Some students assisted in making this video sharing our vision for Maths at Ainslie Parklands Primary School. [Either click on this link or scan the QR code to watch.](#)



“Students with more than 20 absences in a year (or 5 absences in a term) are considered significantly at risk in their learning and social development.”

Student Attendance – Every Day Counts

The following extract comes from the DET

website:<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/Pages/studentattendance.asp>

*‘We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day. Missing school can have a major impact on a child’s future – **a student missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year. By Year 10 they’ll have missed more than a year of school.** There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes. Coming to school every day is vital, but if for any reason your child must miss school, there are steps you can take to ensure they don’t fall behind:*

- Speak with your classroom teacher or year level coordinator and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.*
- Develop an absence learning plan with your school and ensure your child completes the plan. Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher or year level coordinator as early as possible.’*

Just a bit late doesn’t seem much but

He/she is only missing just	That equals	Which is	And over 13 years of schooling that’s ...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly Half a Year
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 mins per week	Over 2.5 weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 and a half years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 and a half years

Did you know your child’s best learning time is the start of the school day?

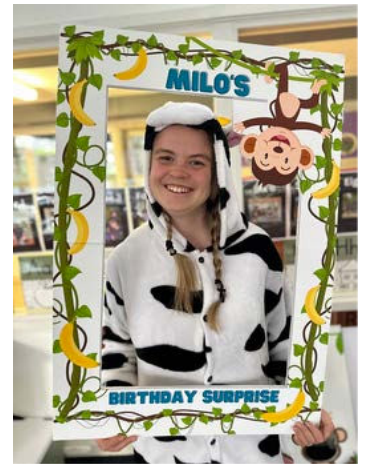
That’s when every minute counts the most!!!!

From Foundation

This year in Foundation we have loved learning about letters and sounds. We do this using the Little Learners Love Literacy program and reading through a book called "Milo's Birthday Surprise." Each page of the book is focused on an individual letter and has helped facilitate our learning of all the sounds. We have learnt about characters such as Milo the Monkey, Ally the Alligator and Tim the Turtle.

Today we were able to celebrate learning all of our letters by holding Milo's Birthday Party. Our students dressed up as various things starting with their favourite letter. We ate cake, decorated biscuits, and made party hats.

It has been a big year of learning, and we are excited to see our students become more confident with their letters and begin to read!



From Levels F-2

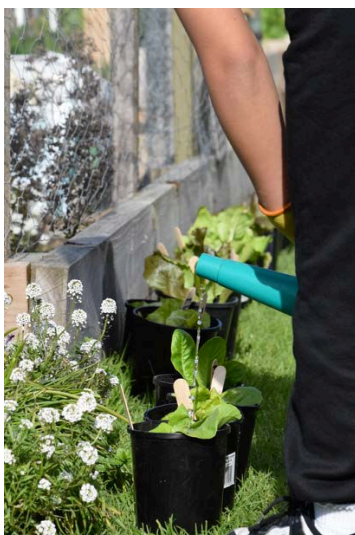
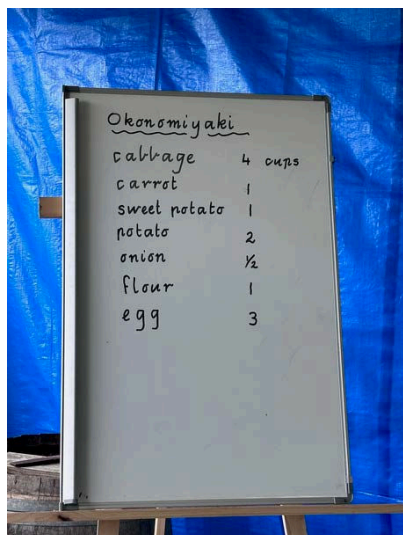
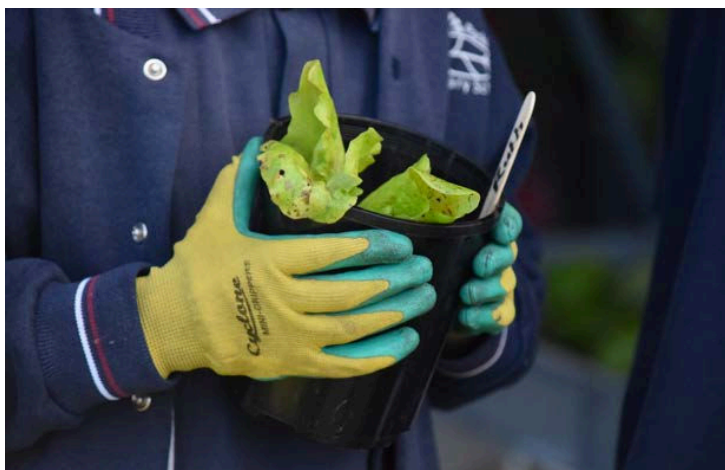
On Thursday we travelled to the Knox Community Garden with our F-2 students and wonderful parent helpers. We were so grateful for the sunny weather to explore this beautiful place.

Students were excited and curious about the new flavours of mustard greens and edible flowers and everyone voted the local honey tasting as their favourite experience. We saw the enormous hot composting bays and were able to feel the heat and see the steam generated by them. Students left school proudly holding their own lettuce seedlings with plans for salad to share with their families.

I've included a photo of the recipe for Japanese Okonomiyaki vegetable pancakes.

All vegetables need to be shredded or grated and mixed with the eggs and flour then cooked in a fry pan in a little oil until crispy on both sides. We enjoyed ours with mayonnaise and Japanese BBQ sauce yesterday. Many students came back for seconds!

We would like to thank the team at EACH and the volunteers at the Knox Community Garden for this wonderful program. Aloys: 'That was my most favourite excursion because I got to eat things, I tasted a whole flower'.



From Year 3

Grade 3's have had another great fortnight of learning!

In Literacy this week, we have been diving back into the world of persuasive writing. Students have had an opportunity to explore the difference between facts and opinions, while learning how to make compelling arguments for and against a topic.

In Maths, we've been exploring subtraction strategies. Students have had a fun time learning vertical subtraction, while growing their confidence with other mental computation strategies!

We've been enjoying reflecting on our Inquiry this term. Grade 3's are looking forward to using ICT next week to display what they've learned from Science this term.

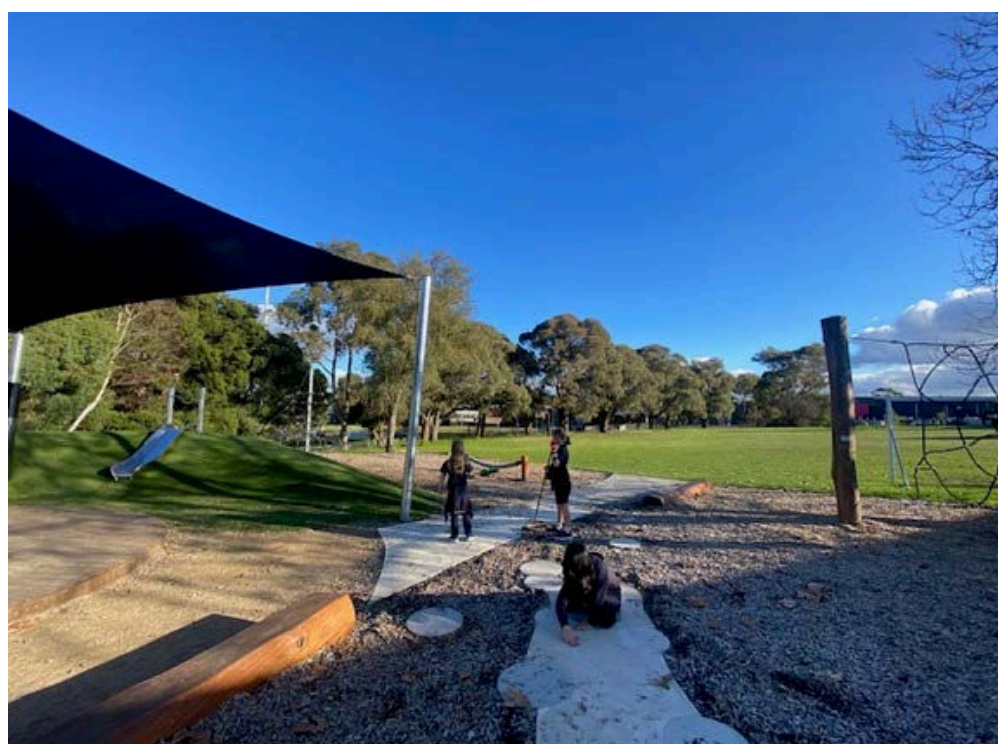
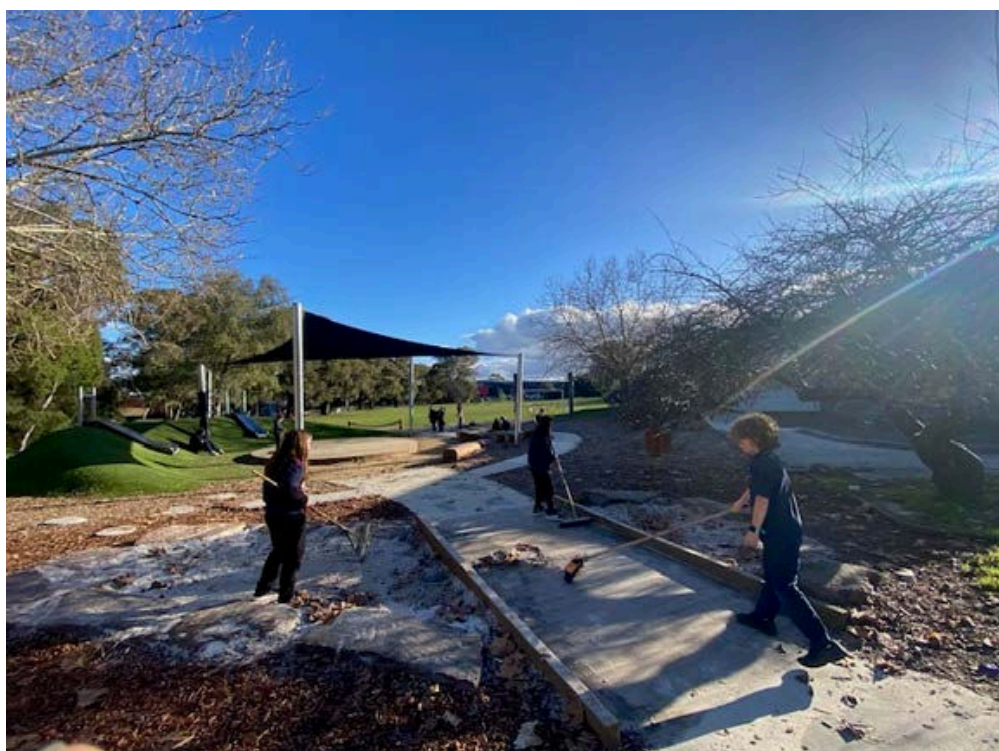
This week we were lucky enough to have one of our classmates, Hugo, perform for us as his piano recital. We were all very proud of his efforts and enjoyed hearing what he has been practising in his piano sessions this term! Keep up the awesome work Hugo!



From Year 4/5

The Year 4/5s did an amazing job of cleaning up the school grounds this week. We weeded, cleared pathways of sand and tanbark and collected a lot of rubbish! Unfortunately, we have noticed an increase of rubbish around the school. It is not all from our students, but please do try to pack nude food lunches to reduce the amount of waste that we have at school.

Thank you to our fantastic Year 4/5s for doing such a great job!



From Year 5/6

In Inquiry this term, the 5/6 class has been conducting science experiments. The point of the experiment was to show an example of a physical or chemical change. We enjoyed conducting our very own experiments in our groups. Some groups did experiments like baby elephant toothpaste, storm in a glass, Coke and Mentos, making butter, sugar crystals, dry erase, and fizzy orange. We then wrote about the experience and discussed it in our groups. It was a very fun experience which the students enjoyed.

Written by a 5/6 Student



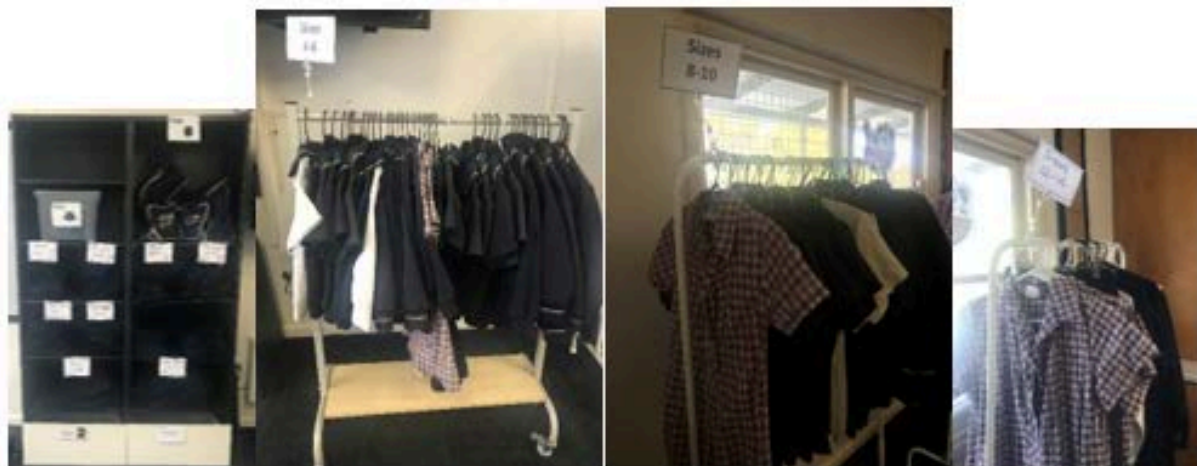


APPS Second Hand Uniform Shop and Lost Property (APPS SHUSLP)

I am excited to announce that the second hand uniform shop will be open fortnightly commencing Monday the 6th May 2024 and is located next to our old canteen in what was once our OHSC room.

How much will the items cost I hear you ask? Gold coin per item for majority. The occasional item in exceptional quality may have a slightly higher cost. Cash only ☺

What can I expect to find in the APPS SHUS? Bags, Shoes, Polos, Dresses, Pants, Shorts, Skirts/Skorts, Jumpers and Jackets. Sizes range from 4 to 16. It's well worth a look.



What time and days is the shop open? Mondays fortnightly from 3 to 3.45

Can I take my old items and drop them to the shop? Yes, of course you may. On the other hand, you can leave them at the office. Please only donate items in freshly washed wearable condition that another child would be proud to wear to school.

If anyone would like to volunteer to help with the shop in any way, please email katherine.szymanski@education.vic.gov.au

Katherine Szymanski

School Council President



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			Adult	
S/Sleeve Polo with Side Panel	1749.POL05TCS	Navy/Mar/White	Child	\$ 36.00
			Adult	
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			Adult	\$ 33.00
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			Adult	
Jersey Short	RHSOR01TCP	Navy	Child	\$ 22.00
			Adult	\$ 24.00
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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

**BOX HILL
HAWKS**



FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINIC

JULY 8TH AND 11TH

Join us this July at the Box Hill Hawks for a **FREE** School Holiday Clinic.

The program is designed to encourage participation and create an introduction to AFL no matter the skill level for ages 5-12. The clinic will be run by Box Hill players and Coaches and will include fun football activities!

TIME: 1:30PM TO 4:00PM

WHERE: BOX HILL CITY OVAL (CNR WHITEHORSE AND M'BOUGH ROADS)

COST: FREE



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