

THE AINSLIE UPDATE

DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 2 2025

- 5th May - Bunnies arriving
- 6th May - Somers Camp begins
- 7th May - APPS Cross Country
- 8th May - Mothers/ Special Person Day Stall
- 9th May - Assembly @ 3pm
- 15th May - Minikids @ 9.30am
- 16th May - 5/6 Interschool Sport at APPS
- 20th May - Open night @ 5.30-6.30pm
- 20th May - District Cross Country
- 21st May - School Photos
- 23rd May - Assembly at 3pm
- 24th May - Open Morning @ 10-11.30am
- 26th May - School Council at 6pm
- 2nd June - School Nurse visit for Foundation
- 6th Jun - **STUDENT FREE DAY**
- 9th Jun - **King's Birthday (STUDENT FREE)**
- 13th June - 5/6 Interschool Sport at APPS
- 16th June - 5/6 DASH Bluelight Showcase
- 20th June - 5/6 Interschool Sport away
- 20th June - Assembly at 3pm
- 26th June - Minikids at 9.30am
- 30th June - School Council at 6pm
- 4th July - End of Term 2
 - Assembly at 2pm
 - Early dismissal at 2.30pm

Term 3 2025

- 21st July - **STUDENT FREE DAY**
- 27th Aug - Book Week begins
- 29th Aug - Book Parade and Special Person's Morning
- 9th Sep - District Athletics
- 19th Sep - End of Term 3

Term 4 2025

- 12th-14th Nov - 5/6 Camp
- 27th-28th Nov - 3/4Camp
- 9th Dec - Statewide Transition Day
- 19th Dec - End of Term 4

ANZAC Day

Our students were very respectful at our ANZAC Day ceremony on Thursday 24th April. Students made wreaths in class, learning about the ANZAC legacy, and the values of those who made sacrifices to protect our country. Thank you to Scott, who played the last post live for us at our ceremony.



We need YOU!

Parent/grandparent Reading Program

Thank you to the two parents / grandparents who have offered to join our Reading program. **We are still looking for three more parents/grandparents.** If you are able to volunteer an hour or two once a week to listen to children read, we would love to have you on board! It is a great way to support our students with their learning. If you are interested, please email: **Jane.Capon@education.vic.gov.au** Our staff, students and their families really appreciate you!

Approaching other children in the yard

Just a reminder that we ask parents not to approach other children in the yard, without express permission from their (custodial) parent. If you have any concerns, or would like further information, please contact the office.

Thank you - Shop for Schools

We would like to thank our community for participating in Eastland's Shop for Schools. We came 9th out of 15 schools, which means our school receives a \$500 donation from Eastland.

The Easter Bunny

We were very lucky that the Easter Bunny could take time out of their busy schedule to visit us at Ainslie Parklands Primary School. The children always look forward to the courtyard egg hunt on the last day of school before Easter, and this year did not disappoint! Thank you to our Auslan Captain, Eamon, for translating the Easter Bunny's egg hunt instructions, thank you to our amazing team of Community Engagement parents, and thank you to the Easter Bunny!



Second Hand Uniform Shop



The APPS Uniform Shop will be open on Wednesday 7th May from 3.15 to 3.45pm.

For all your winter uniform needs, make sure you take advantage during this time as it won't be open again until early June/early July - before the term ends.

A reminder that pricing is \$5.00 for branded uniform items and \$2.00 for unbranded items.

We are still working on an online shop, with the hope that it will be up and running before the end of Term 2.

Announcing the APPS production for this year Zoom!!

In the last week of Term 1, Natalie, our Performing Arts teacher, held an assembly to announce our production for this year. It will not be about a Zoom meeting; rather, it will be based on the Tortoise and the Hare fable. Students were very excited! Stay tuned for more information....

Riddle Me This:

I am a seed with three letters in my name. Take away the last two and I still sound the same.

Patrick - 3/4A



Red Kangaroos, Blue Echidnas and Yellow Platypuses!!!

Thanks to our amazing Student Voice Team, APPS now has three houses. Each family has been allocated a house name and colour. Students from each house can accumulate points for their house across the curriculum, improving school spirit and connection to school. Students were notified of their house yesterday, when the excitement began! Stay tuned for more information...



The Art Captains have planned another term of fun Art Club activities for anyone who would like to join us on Tuesdays at lunch.

Week 3: Oil pastels

Week 4: Sketching

Week 5: Free drawing

Week 6: Collaborative drawing

Week 7: Art Hub

Week 8: Watercolour

Week 9: Charcoal

Week 10: Sketching

Week 11: Snowflake cut outs



Physical Education

PE News

Congratulations to Leo (Grade 1), who recently participated in the TAC All Abilities Gala for soccer at AAMI Park. Leo is a very talented soccer player!

Cross Country

The Ainslie Parklands PS Whole School Cross Country will be held on Wednesday, May 7th, during the school day, within the school grounds.

In preparation for the event, the students have been learning about correct running techniques.

Students in Grades 3–6 will participate in the following age groups:

8/9/10-year-olds: 2000m

11-year-olds and 12/13-year-olds: 3000m

(Ages are determined as of 31/12/2025.)

Foundation to Grade 2 students will run according to grade level:

Foundation: 1 lap of the oval

Grades 1–2: 3 laps of the oval

Junior students will be supported by their Buddies, if needed.

Grade 5/6 Interschool Sport

This term, our Grade 5/6 students have the opportunity to participate in Interschool Sport. For Winter Interschool Sports, we have teams for Netball, Hot Shots, Volleybounce, and Soccer.

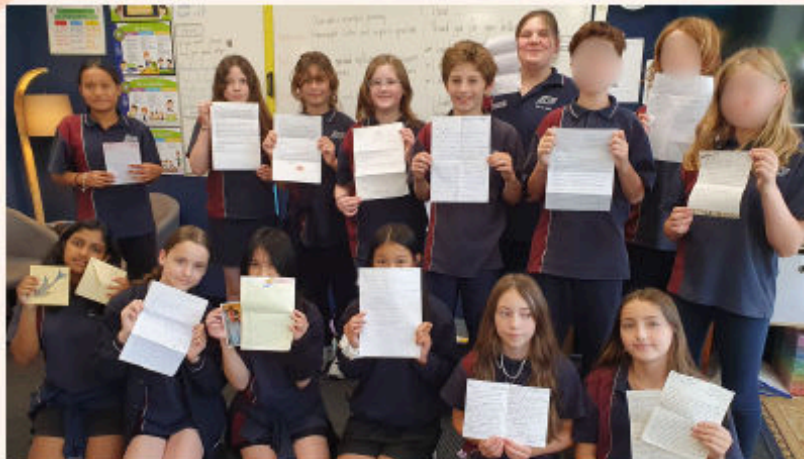
Further information will be sent home via Compass.

Junior PE

Our Foundation to Grade 2 students continue to improve their fundamental movement skills, this term the focus on throwing, catching, kicking, and balance. We begin our lessons on yoga mats with stretching and warm-ups. Some favourite PE activities include animal walks and puzzle relays.

GRADE 6 WELLBEING

INTERGENERATIONAL PEN PALS



In Wellbeing sessions last term, the Grade Six's were thrilled to each receive a personalised letter from a resident at Cherry Tree Grove retirement village. Intergenerational connections are beneficial for all ages. For our Grade Six's, it can provide an opportunity to broaden their perspectives, curiosity in others, and consider diverse life experiences. They noticed the importance of communicating in a respectful manner in their return letter as it was written to someone of the older generation. For older adults, it also has a range of benefits. Some of our pen pals were in their 80's, and the children were amazed when one writer noted his age at 95 years young. They read about residents who had come to Australia when they were younger by boat from Germany or England.



Another writer reflected on their life, stating they once wanted to be an Egyptologist but that 'life didn't always go the way you think and we went to live in the Bahamas instead'. Some cursive letters were hard to read and the class enjoyed attempting to decipher them. Others were hand made, included photos and expressed the excitement they had to learn more about their pen pal. The class were excited to write back and now we are all looking forward to their replies.

From F1A & 12A

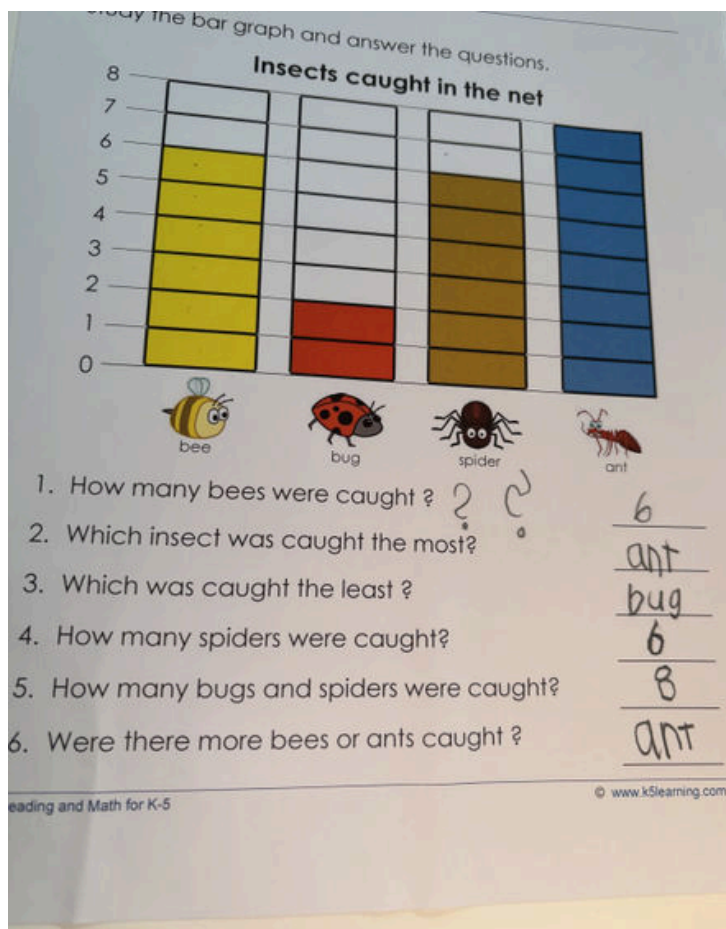
It has been a fantastic start to Term 2! It's lovely to see our students return from the holidays feeling refreshed and excited to learn.

In Maths, we've been learning all about Data and Statistics. The children have been collecting information using tally marks and are beginning to turn that information into simple graphs.

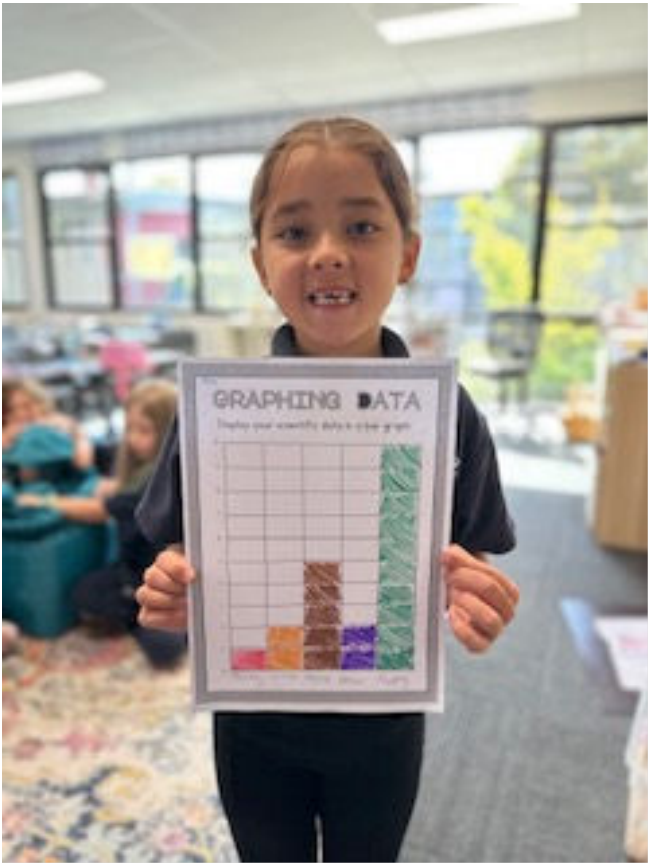
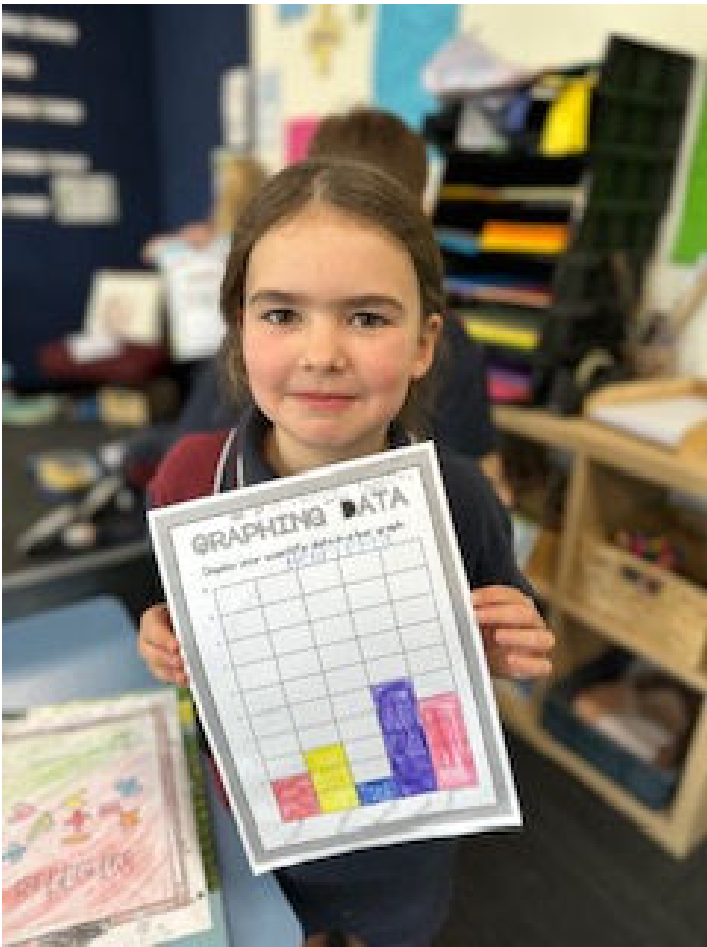
In F-1, students surveyed the class to find out whether they prefer playing at the park or the pool. After collecting the data, students created a graph to show the results. Overwhelmingly, more students in our classroom preferred the pool! We've also been learning how to look closely at graphs and talk about what they show us.

In the 1-2 classroom, students formulated their own questions and surveyed their classmates. After collecting tally marks for each choice, students made up graphs which we then analysed as a class.

You might like to find a topic at home that you can work with your child to make a graph about.



FIA & 12A Continued



From 3/4A

Is it really the end of Week Two? This term is already flying by! Might be something to do with ANZAC Day last Friday. To commemorate those fallen, we made traditional ANZAC biscuits in our Kitchen Garden rotations this week. Students from Years 3 to 6 worked together to make the traditional version of these biscuits, as published on the Australian War Memorial website. Some of us also got to try the ANZAC tiles, which were the traditional 'biscuits' the soldiers were given when they were serving overseas. We couldn't help but notice the huge difference in taste and texture between the recipes. The resounding response was that the ANZAC biscuit was so much tastier! Here we share the original recipe, which was published in The Capricornian on Saturday, 14th August 1926.

Ingredients

- 2 cups rolled oats
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 cup plain flour
- 1/2 cup melted butter
- 1 tbs golden syrup
- 2 tbs boiling water
- 1 tsp bicarbonate soda (add a little more water if mixture is too dry)

Method

1. Combine dry ingredients.
2. Mix golden syrup, boiling water and bicarbonate of soda until they froth. Add melted butter.
3. Combine butter mixture and dry ingredients.
4. Drop teaspoons of mixture onto floured tray, allowing room for spreading.
5. Bake in a slow oven.



From 4/5A

Over the past two weeks in Writing, the Year 4/5 students have been planning and drafting persuasive texts. We've focused on crafting engaging introductions to hook the reader and supporting each reason with clear examples and explanations.

'Do you want to pick your child up early from school after they threw up everywhere? The chances of this happening is 100% if schools allow kids to bring their pets. It is allergy inducing, unhygienic and will negatively impact students learning'
Tait

'I know you need to play rugby because it helps you with mental health. It helps you with your anger. It helps with fitness and it is awesomely fun. All people need to play rugby.'
Dawson

'Imagine waking up and hearing swish, swish, swish! How nice does that sound? The beach is better to live at than the mountains'
Sophie

'I am so bored! . I need something to do or watch or hug/cuddle. Has this ever happened to you? Before, well if it has, listen closely to what I'm going to say. I want a bunny for this school!! Please!'
Aaron

From 6A

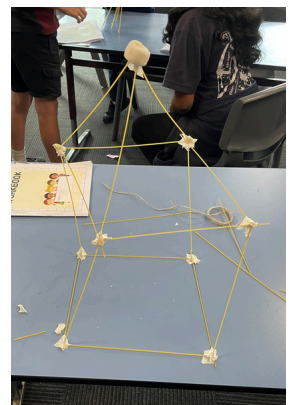
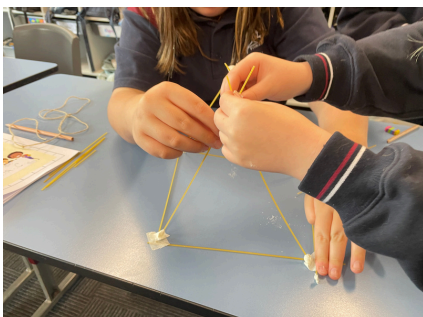
DASH

By Izzy and Skyler

On Monday 28th, the year 6 and 5s started doing a program called DASH! Lots of different people came to help us, including 2 police officers, the bank manager from Bank Vic, and the Bluelight facilitators.

In our first session we did some activities. These activities included building a tower out of spaghetti, tape, ropes, and marshmallows, and the winner of it with the highest tower was Lumi, Ehpoh, Keziah, and Skyler. We also were able to ask the police and bank manager some questions that they could answer for us. It was very interesting our class is so lucky we get to the experience with the dash program.

This term, we will have weekly DASH session where we will learn about community and begin making our own community program idea. The best idea will get up to \$1000 to make the community program happen.



WELLBEING

Welcome to APPS Wellbeing news!

Each edition we will bring you an update from the Wellbeing team, including School Wide Positive Behaviour information, updates from the Student Voice team, as well as a range of wellbeing links and resources from in and around our community.

Community Links & Resources



[Maroondah Council Parenting Information Sessions](#)

[Maroondah Children's Activities and Programs](#)

[Maroondah Youth Support Sessions](#)

SWPBS Snapshot

The Zones of Regulation is a helpful visual used to categorise the different ways we feel as we move through the four coloured zones. Students refer to the zones as they become increasingly aware of their emotions. They are encouraged to recognise when their feelings are rising towards to 'red zone' and guided to self-regulate towards the 'green zone' with calming strategies discussed during class time.



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Student Voice Snapshot

The Student Voice Team have completed the selection of Australian animals to represent our House groups.

Blue House – Echidnas
Red House – Kangaroos
Yellow House – Platypus

Students have been allocated a House and families will be notified shortly.

Our first whole school sporting event in our house colours will be Cross Country – Wednesday 7th May. Students can wear their house colour t-shirt, socks, ribbons etc. to support their house at the cross country event.

TENNIS LESSONS

AINSLIE PARKLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

TERM 2 START DATE:
Monday 28th April

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 Monday at lunch time in the hall

Grades Prep - 6:
1:45 - 2.15PM



7 WEEK PROGRAM = \$125.00

GST INCLUSIVE

Payment of \$125 required by Monday 28th April

Please scan QR code or follow the link at the bottom of this document to enrol.

Please make payment via 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)

Mobile: 0421 498 110

Email: matchpoint.tenniscoaching@gmail.com

<https://forms.office.com/r/TqJGuZw3Hd>





Ainslie Parklands Primary School

MiniKids 2025

Free and fun school preparation sessions
for 3-5 year old children

2025 MiniKids Sessions

All sessions from 9.30-10:30am

Term 2

Wednesday 30th April *Play and story time*

Thursday 15th May *Art and craft*

Wednesday 4th June *Fun with music*

Thursday 26th June *Messy play*

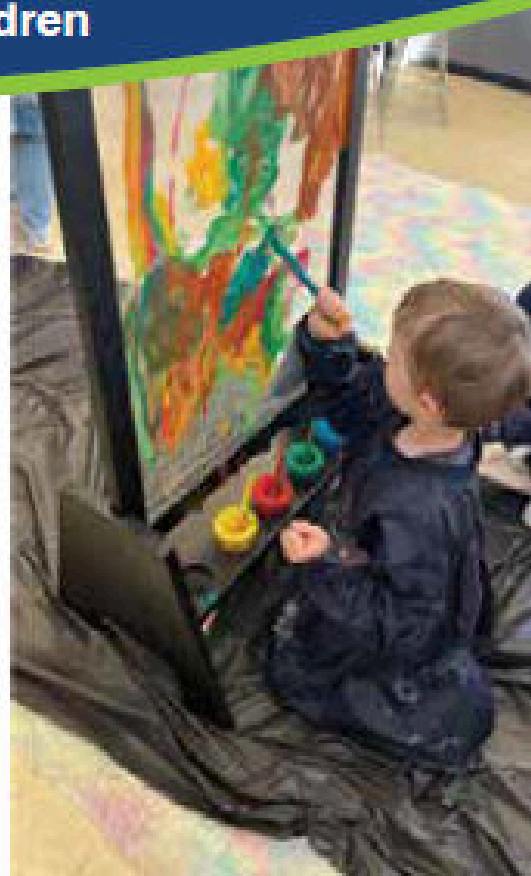
Term 3

Wednesday 30th July *Play and story time*

Thursday 14th August *Gym play*

Wednesday 27th August *Literacy*

Thursday 11th September *Numeracy*



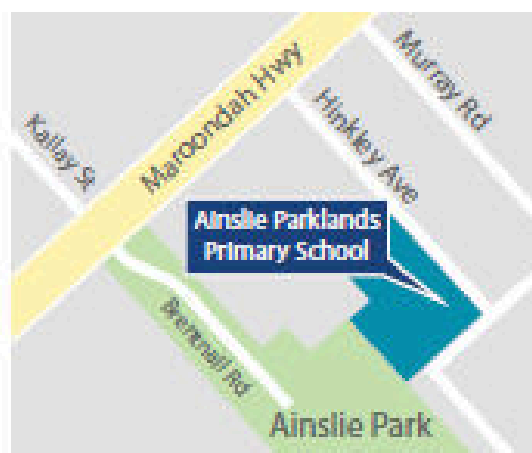
MiniKids is open to all 3 and 4 year
old kinder-aged children, regardless
of which school they will attend.

**Call 9870 1566 to secure
a place for your child.**

Hinkley Ave, Croydon Vic 3136

Phone: 03 9870 1566

E-mail: ainslie.parklands.ps@education.vic.gov.au



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Born 2015 (Under 10s)	OPEN
Born 2016 (Under 9s)	OPEN
Born 2017 (Under 8s)	OPEN

Registration includes

- Home Playing Strip
- Away Playing Strip
- 140 contact hours with trained coaches



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OUR CLINICS:

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- MANCHESTER PRIMARY SCHOOL
- BIRMINGHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

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woolworths **NET SET GO!** **FLAMES NETBALL CLUB**

TERM 2 REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

- Where: Cheong Park Netball Court, Sth Croydon
- When: Thursdays 4 - 4.45pm Starting 1st May
- Cost: \$120 (10 Week program across term 2) — Includes Netball Vic Annual Fee & NetSetGo Merchandise pack (T-Shirt, Ball, Etc)

Are you ready? Let's NET SET GO!

Why join?

- ★ Learn new skills in a fun, supportive environment
- ★ Make friends and build confidence
- ★ Smaller groups means more learning and more laughing
- ★ Aged-based stages, which are welcoming of all experience levels - everyone can join!

Join Woolworths NetSetGo, Australia's leading netball program for kids aged 5 to 10. It's where netball begins but the fun never ends!

SIGN UP NOW

For registrations & enquiries for the Term 2 NetSetGo Program email:
sthcroydonflamesnetsetgo@gmail.com

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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WANT TO KNOW MORE?

Joanne appscommunity1@gmail.com



Ainslie Parklands Primary School Menu Term 1 2025

- Please ensure their lunch orders are written on a paper bag with the exact money enclosed (if paying for multiple siblings then please indicate clearly)
- Please note: a charge of 10c will be added to your lunch order if no paper bag supplied
- Whilst every endeavour will be made to provide exactly what is ordered there maybe occasions where this is not possible- the closest possible alternative will be provided.
- We will make every effort to cater for dietary requirements. Please ring Larissa on 0437005554 or Brad 0414257524 if you have any questions.

Sandwiches & Salads

Salad	\$2.50
Ham or chicken & Salad	\$3.50
Ham or Chicken & Cheese	\$3.00
Sweet Chilli Sub (w lettuce, chicken tender)	\$3.00
Salad Tray (meat \$1 extra)	\$4.00
Fruit Salad (term 1 & 4)	\$3.50
Ham/Cheese Croissant	\$4.00
Extras:	
50c bread roll/wrap or extras: egg, avocado	
20c Toasted	

Burgers

Cheeseburger	\$4.00
Chickenburger	\$4.60
Parma burger	\$5.20
Egg & Bacon	\$4.00

Snacks

Crunch Pack (Carrot, apple, cheese, Biscuits)	\$2.00
Popcorn	80c
Hot Jam Donut	\$1.50
Homemade Slice of the week	\$2.20
Jelly Tub	\$1.20
Choc Balls (3)	\$1.20
Giant Choc Chip/M&M Cookie	\$2.50

Hot Food (20c extra for sauce)

4n20 Pie	\$3.50
Chicken Snitzel Wrap	\$3.20
Party pies	\$1.20
Sausage Roll - Jumbo	\$3.50
- Regular	\$2.00
Pizza - Ham & Pineapple	\$2.60
- Margherita	\$2.60
Dim Sim (Steamed)	\$1.20
Corn on the cob	\$1.30
Hot dog (cheese extra 20c)	\$3.20
Puppy dog (cheese extra 10c)	\$1.80
Garlic Bread (cheese extra 20c)	\$2.00
Nachos	\$3.50
Chicken nuggets (4)	\$2.40
Vegetarian spring roll	\$1.20
Bolognaise Pasta (w/cheese) small	\$3.00
Large	\$4.00

*owned sealed container 20c discount. Where possible we use sustainable and recycled packaging

Drinks (Inc state recycling tax 10c)

Bottled Water	\$1.10
100% Juice (Apple, Blackcurrant, Orange)	\$2.00
Oak Milk (Chocolate, Strawberry)	
Small	\$3.50
Large	\$4.50

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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

