

THE AINSLIE UPDATE

DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 2 2025

- 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
- 4th June - Apple Fundraiser delivery date
- 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
- 20th June - Winter solstice Celebration
- 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
- 30th Aug - Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser
- 2nd Aug - Snip & Sip Grown Ups Art
- 9th Sep - District Athletics
- 19th Sep - End of Term 3

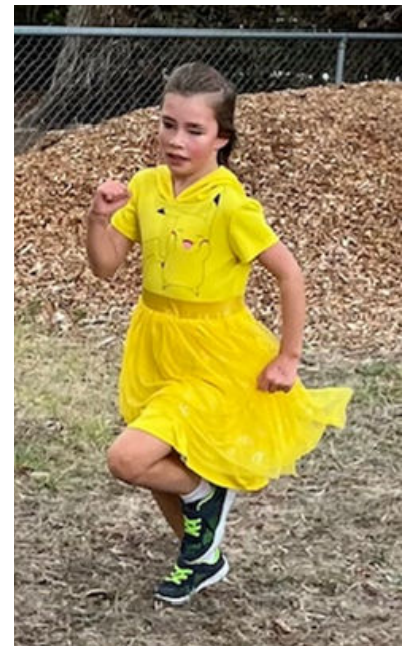
Term 4 2025

- 12th-14th Nov - 5/6 Camp
- 27th-28th Nov - 3/4Camp
- 1st Dec - STUDENT FREE DAY**
- 9th Dec - Statewide Transition Day
- 19th Dec - End of Term 4

Whole School Cross Country

On Wednesday 7th May, our school participated in our first House event, the Whole School Cross Country. Students from Foundation through to Year 6 put on their fastest running shoes, harnessed their school spirit and did their very best in the marathon event - despite some drizzle. Well done to the Red Kangaroos, who are currently sitting on top of the leader board. A special thank you goes to Lumi, Arohi and Izzy who helped set up and run the event. Thanks to Jane B for organising the event and to Damon for providing all students with oranges.





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!

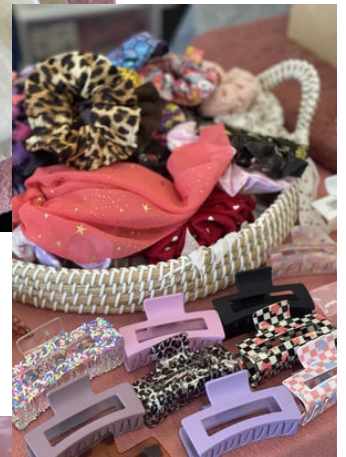
Farwell Lynne!

We are sad to say that Lynne will be leaving the 1/2 classroom to focus on her growing extended family. However, we are happy to say that we will still see her around as she will be coming in as a replacement Education Support staff when needed. Thank you Lynne!!



Mother's and Special Person's Day Stall

Once again, our amazing community has provided our students with the opportunity to purchase something special for some important people in their lives. Thanks to all involved, and to Mums Lisa and Stephanie for organising the event.



Second Hand Uniform Shop



The APPS Uniform Shop will next be open 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.

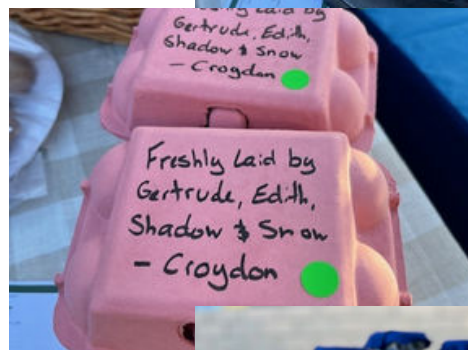
Red Kangaroos, Blue Echidnas and Yellow Platypuses!!!

Please see the tally board below:



Election Day Cake Stall

Thank you to all APPS families who made a contribution to our cake stall. According to the first hand reviews, the produce was delicious! We very much appreciate the work that Natalia and Jo put into the event, and a big thank you to those who helped out on the day. The stall raised just under \$1000.00, which was a great result!



Maroondah Positive Education Network (MPEN)

Ainslie Parklands Primary School has been working in collaboration with the Maroondah Council Positive Education Network for some years now, and when MPEN approached us to help them with a video, we were happy to talk about this wonderful support on camera.

We have benefited from working with MPEN and have appreciated their support and expertise, which includes specialist teachers delivering wellbeing units to our students, and MPEN experts upskilling our teachers in delivering a strong Wellbeing curriculum, and, in particular, support with the Friendology program.

On Wednesday, students participated in a Wellbeing lesson with Wendy, which was filmed, and some of our students talked about what Wellbeing meant to them. Andrea Jackson wrote: *We were so impressed by the way the children were able to articulate their wellbeing knowledge*

We will let you know when the video is complete.



Reading superstars!

Congratulations to students who are regularly completing their reading homework. More students across the school are being recognised for their consistent effort – well done!



Thank you Arlo!

Arlo was kind enough to perform “A Million Dreams” for us at assembly last week. A Grade 1 boy was heard to say “Arlo has a great voice – it was actually very beautiful”. We agree with him!



Smile Squad is coming to this school



What is Smile Squad?

The Victorian Government free school dental program – Smile Squad – is visiting this school soon.

This means all students can get a free dental check-up, preventive services, and treatment at school.

How to access free dental care

We need your consent before we can provide services. Consent is usually provided by a parent or guardian.

Sign up to Smile Squad:



<https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic>

Let us know if you need a paper form to complete. We look forward to seeing you soon!





APPS Junior Landcare

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP NATURE?

CREATE HABITATS

Support local wildlife by helping to create habitat spaces for lizards, birds and pollinators.

We will be building:

- possum nesting boxes
- pollinator gardens
- bee hotels
- rock gardens



HOW TO JOIN

Come and talk to Chantal in 3/4A to discuss why you are interested in being a Landcare member.



BE A MEMBER OF APPS JUNIOR LANDCARE

The APPS Junior Landcare Group will get together during lunchtimes to work on different projects to help the environment. We will meet 3 to 4 times each term.

LOOK AFTER PLANTS AND ANIMALS

Learn about local animals and plants and ways you can help them.

We will learn about food webs, habitats, sustainability and lots of different things that are important for nature.

We are looking for your ideas too. So make sure you come to a Landcare meeting to share your thoughts.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

APPLE FUNDRAISER

FRESH LOCAL APPLES

Order forms & payment (office)
Wednesday 28th May 2025.

Apples for collection from school
Wednesday 4th of June 2025.



SNIP & SIP 'GROWN UPS' ART EVENING

COLLAGE WORKSHOP WITH GUEST ARTIST
KAREN BUTLER (WYREENA)

SATURDAY 2ND AUGUST 2025
5:30PM - 7:30PM

BYO DRINKS, DINNER OPTION AVAILABLE FOR PRE-ORDER



WINTER SOLSTICE LANTERN PARADE A RELAXED FAMILY NIGHT

WITH SOUP, DIM SUM & WARM DRINKS

FRIDAY 20TH JUNE 2025

4PM - 5:30PM

BEGINNING IN THE COURTYARD



BUNNINGS BBQ FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY
AUGUST 30TH 2025

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



From F1A & 12A

Our Foundation to Year 2 students participate in weekly rotations that cover both STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Maths) and Kitchen Garden. This term in STEM, students have been exploring the fascinating world of living animals, focusing on their life cycles and what they need to survive. To bring this learning to life, we've had the pleasure of observing our rabbit, Smudge, and her four kittens.

We've watched these tiny, pink 'jelly beans' grow into fluffy, curious bunnies, gaining fur and taking their first hops out of the nest. Students have also had the chance to see Smudge's nurturing side as she cares for her kittens, providing a real-life example of animal parenting.

In Kitchen Garden students are observing the gradual changes in the garden that come as the weather cools. We always see creatures at work in the garden but students note that flying insects are less often seen at this time of year.

We also have to change our planting to winter plants that prefer winter conditions. During winter, crisp greens abound. We have planted peas, rainbow chard, globe artichokes and garlic. We discuss the time it takes for these different crops to be ready for harvest. They found it hard to believe that we'd be harvesting garlic near Christmas!

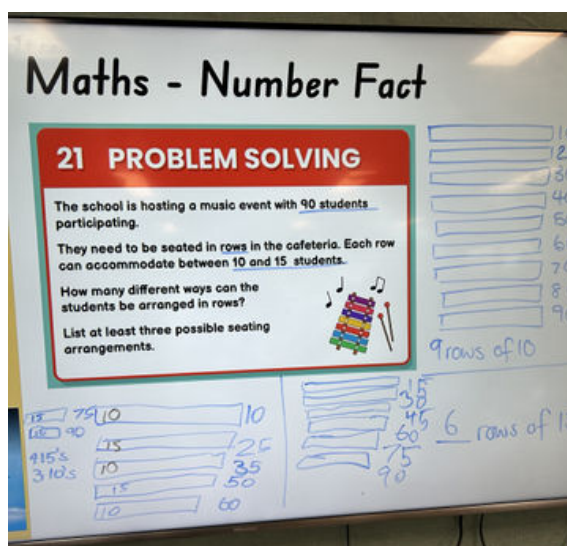
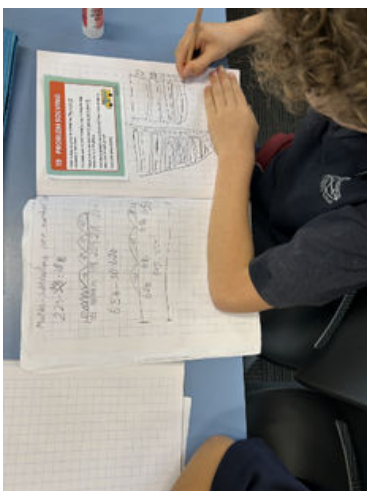


From 3/4A

3/4A students have been very busy during the past fortnight. In our daily PhOrMeS sessions we have consolidated our focus on the ee/ea spelling code and have moved into igh/ough. Each day we spend 15 minutes completing the Daily Review where we revisit what was covered in previous lessons. This ensures students store spelling rules and patterns into their long term memory, and can retrieve them with automaticity. Technically called 'retrieval practice', this strategy is directly related to the Science of Learning and Science of Reading.

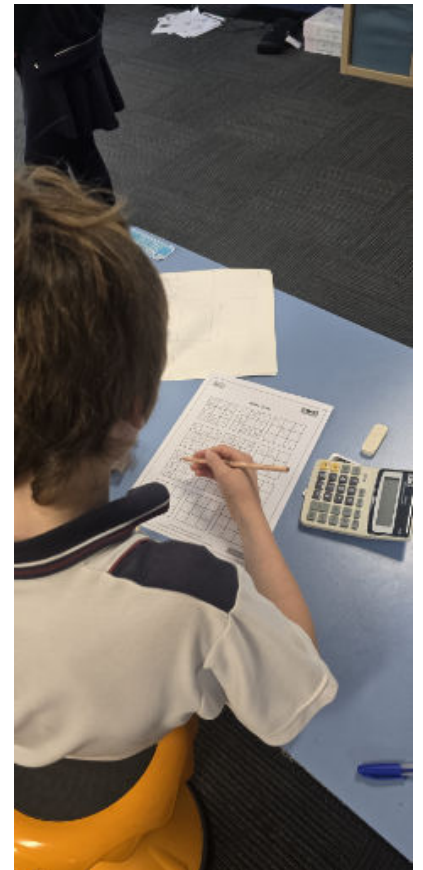
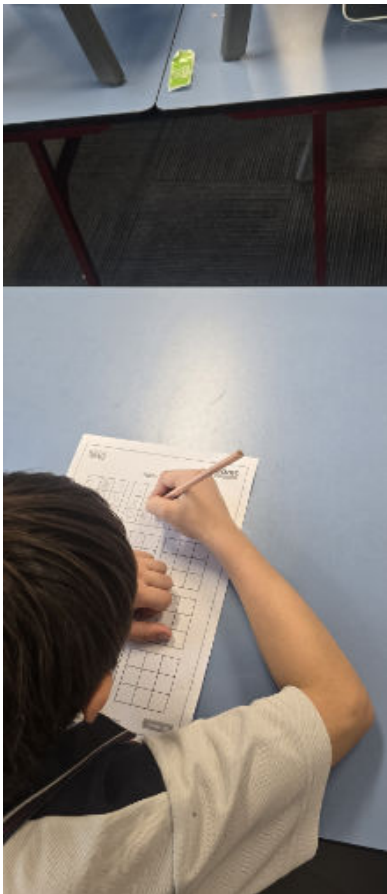
In combination with our writing and reading sessions, we have been learning about Australian History and watching the ABC series 'My Place' to learn about the experiences of children through different times in history. Students have been working through persuasive texts and learning how facts and opinions can be used to sway readers to a specific point of view. We are now moving into Information Reports and this will continue for the remainder of the term.

In Mathematics we have been working on addition and subtraction problems by using open number lines. Students have also been working on solving various number problems using a wide variety of strategies. First, we present a specific problem they have to solve, then work with students to articulate what it is they are trying to work out and the best ways to do this.



From 4/5A

This week in Maths, the Year 4/5 students focused on addition and subtraction. They deepened their understanding through a variety of engaging games and by practicing their strategies using number lines.



Lord Somers Camp

Over the last fortnight, several of our 5/6 Students went on Lord Somers Camp. Here are some of their reflections...

Siena:

At Somers School Camp we had lots of fun activities including high ropes. At high ropes we had tight ropes and nets you had to climb. It was pretty high up and scary, but it was really fun. Only one person on each obstacle, so we had to wait. My teacher got stuck up on one of the obstacles, which was funny. I got stuck on a few obstacles, but I was fine.



Aidan:

The challenge swing was so fun! (And scary at the same time) after you got harnessed up you got given a number and that was the order of who was going to go first, I got number 15. After the first 14 people went, it was my go. I got clipped onto the rope and all the other people pulled me up once I got to the top, I pulled the cord that let me swing. For the first $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way down it felt like nothing was going to stop me from hitting the ground! Then I swung the other way again and again until it stopped. (the giant swing is 17 meters high).

Keziah:

On Somers camp we did a bush dance. We danced in groups to country music. We learnt dances. On one of the nights we did acting performances that we learnt beforehand. I did one called 'the ugliest person in the world'. There was a ringmaster and there was someone sitting on a chair with a blanket over them. We got people from our group to come out and 'say surely they can't be uglier than ____', when the blanket was removed, they were green.

And all the teachers were nice and supportive.



Ainslie Parklands Primary School

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Open Night

Tuesday 20th May 5:30PM – 6:30PM

Open Morning

Saturday 24th May 10:00am – 11:30am

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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*

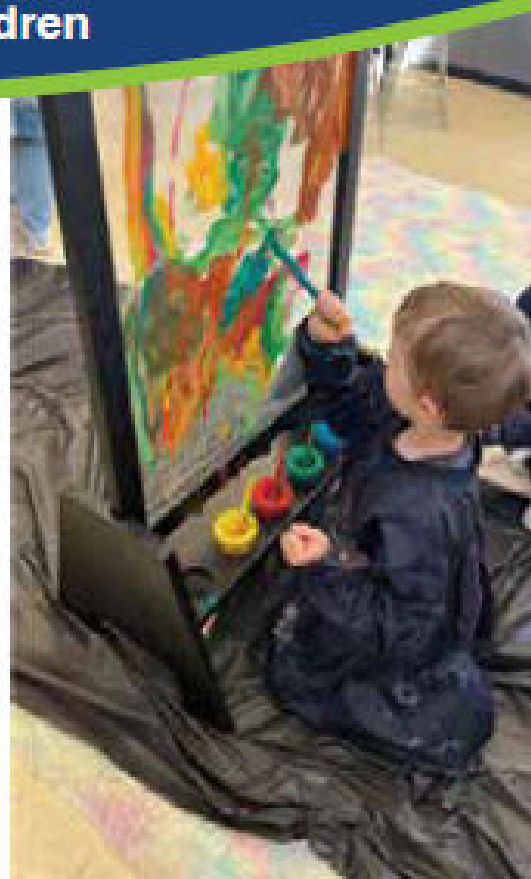
Term 3

Wednesday 30th July *Play and story time*

Thursday 14th August *Gym play*

Wednesday 27th August *Literacy*

Thursday 11th September *Numeracy*



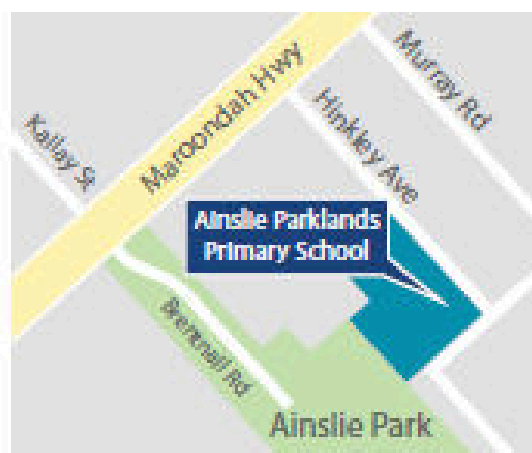
MiniKids is open to all 3 and 4 year
old kinder-aged children, regardless
of which school they will attend.

**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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Oban Preschool OPEN DAY

Saturday May 31, 10.00am - 12.00pm
6A Holyrood Crescent, Ringwood

Visit us
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learn, grow
and play

Meet our
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teachers

Experience
our indoor
and outdoor
spaces

Registrations are now open!

Enrolment registrations are now open via Maroondah Integrated Kindergartens Association. Register at mika.org.au

Oban Preschool
p: (03) 4329 0446 w: ykinders.org.au
e: oban@ykinders.org.au





Kinders

GLEN PARK OAKS COMMUNITY GARDEN PRESENTS

GREEN THREADS: DIY PLANT TIES






Join us for a hands-on workshop with Claire and learn how to turn old t-shirts into practical and eco-friendly plant ties!

What to Bring:

- An old t-shirt (if you have one)
- A sharp pair of scissors for easy cutting

A limited number of t-shirts will be provided, bringing your own ensures you can make as many ties as you like.

Perfect for gardeners of all experience levels, this workshop is a great way to learn a useful skill while giving old textiles a second life.

SATURDAY, JUNE 7TH 2025
TIME: 10:30

LOCATION: GLEN PARK OAKS COMMUNITY GARDEN
GLEN PARK ROAD
BAYSWATER NORTH



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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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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

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