

THE AINSLIE UPDATE

DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 2 2025

2nd June - School Nurse visit for Foundation

2nd June - Smile Squad

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**

2nd Aug - Snip & Sip Grown Ups fundraiser

27th Aug - Book Week begins

29th Aug - Book Parade and Special
Person's Morning

30th Aug - Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser

9th Sep - District Athletics

19th Sep - End of Term 3

Term 4 2025

12th-14th Nov - 5/6 Camp

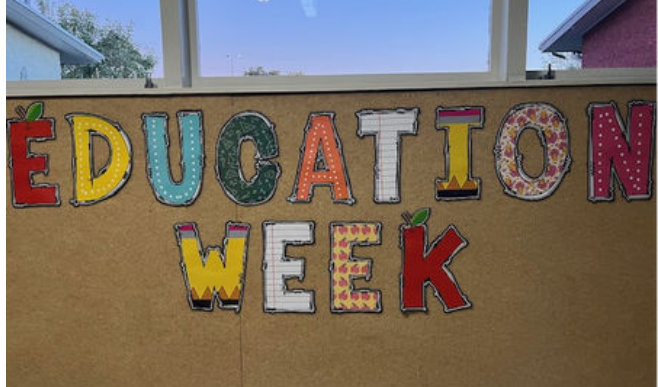
27th-28th Nov - 3/4Camp

1st Dec - STUDENT FREE DAY

9th Dec - Statewide Transition Day

19th Dec - End of Term 4

Education Week

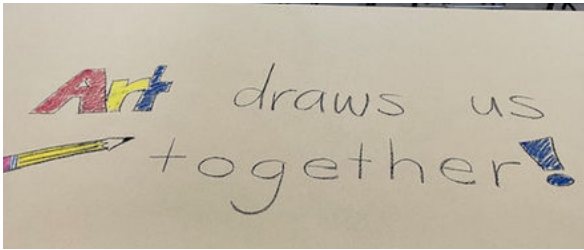


Last week was Education Week, and we hosted a range of activities. We hosted an Open Evening for our APPS students to show their parents around their classroom and school, as well as visiting our bunnies and participating in a range of activities! Thank you to our staff for staying back to share our learning with our families.

We also participated in the National Simultaneous Storytime. This year, the selected book was "The Truck Cat", and Jane H read this to our school, at the same time as the rest of the country.

Thank you also to Elicia for setting up our Education week display, to feature some amazing student work!!





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!

PE on Wednesdays

All students have PE every Wednesday. Please ensure all students are wearing appropriate uniform and shoes. Thank you!

Piano

If anyone is interested in taking the piano that is currently in the hall, please contact the office.

No Working Bee this term

We have decided, due to a busy calendar, that we will not be having a Working Bee this term. Stay tuned for next term's date!

Beautiful Artwork!

Arlo is one of our Art Captains, and it is easy to see why. Well done, Arlo!



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.

Celebrating our fabulous Education Support Staff!!

The 16th May was World Education Support Staff Day. This is a day when we acknowledge and celebrate our wonderful team. We are incredibly lucky to have some highly skilled ES staff working in our classrooms, supporting teachers and students. Students and teachers made lovely cards and gifts, showing their appreciation, and we also celebrated with a Morning Tea. Thank you to Laura A, Georgie, Elicia, Samar, Andy & Simone - we could not do it without you!



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!



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:

Coming to
APPS Mon
2nd June



<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

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



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



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



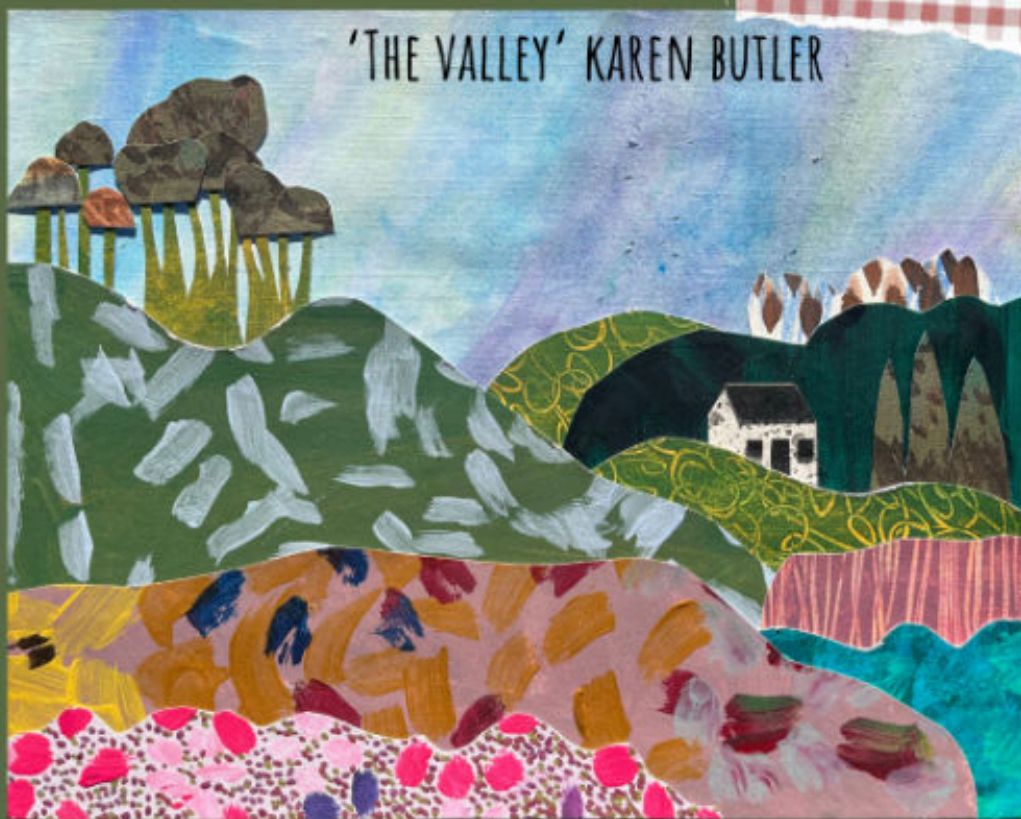
BUNNINGS BBQ
FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY
AUGUST 30TH 2025

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



SNIP & SIP 'GROWN UPS' ART EVENING



ANNA BLATMAN INSPIRED COLLAGE WORKSHOP
WITH ARTIST KAREN BUTLER

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

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Physical Education

Congratulations to our APPS cross country team who competed in the Warrandyte South District Cross Country last week at Quambee Reserve, Ringwood. The students showed great determination and team spirit. Thank you to our parent helpers – we couldn't have done it without you!

In F–2 PE classes, we have been working on Fundamental Movement Skills. The students have been developing their ball skills, including bouncing a basketball with their fingertips, using different parts of their feet to manoeuvre a soccer ball, and exploring various ways to throw and catch. Teamwork is an important part of PE – working together as a group and encouraging each other. We have been exploring teamwork through parachute games and relays. The students can practise their skills at home by throwing or kicking a ball into a bucket or target.

The Grade 3–6 students have been continuing with athletics in preparation for our whole school and District Athletics. We have been learning the techniques for sprinting, long jump, triple jump, discus, and shot put. I have encouraged students to visit the local athletics track to practise their skills. We have also been discussing what it means to be coachable in sport. Interschool sport continues for our older students. The dates can be found in the School Calendar.

Please remember that PE is on Wednesdays. If it isn't raining, we will be outside, so dress warmly and remember to wear appropriate shoes for running and jumping.

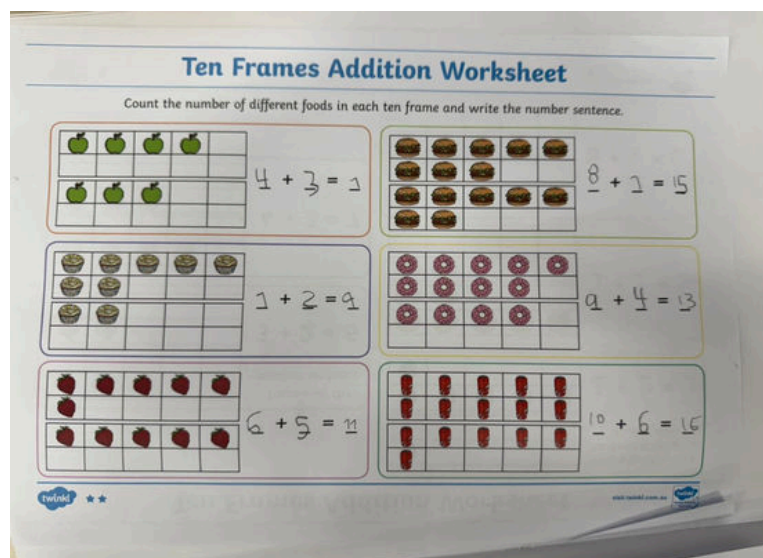
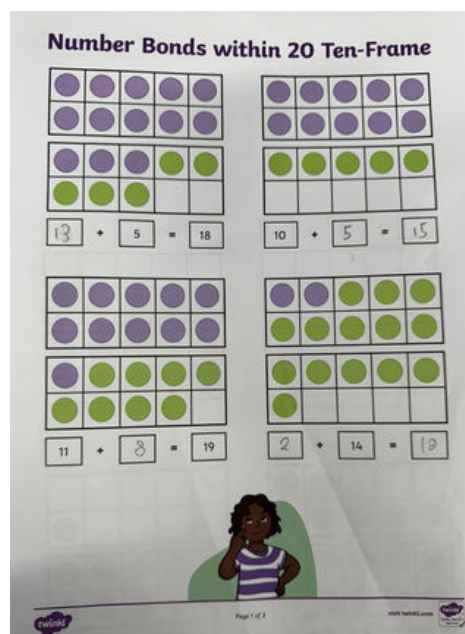
Community sport is beneficial for all children. Please email Jane B if you would like assistance finding a local sporting club for your child: jane.bennetts2@education.vic.gov.au



From F1A

In Foundation and Year 1, students have been exploring the concept of addition. Our Foundation students have been focusing on 'Friends of Ten' (pairs of numbers that add up to ten) building a strong foundation for mental maths strategies. Meanwhile, our Year 1 students have been working with more complex addition problems involving numbers up to 50 and have recently begun exploring the connection between addition and subtraction.

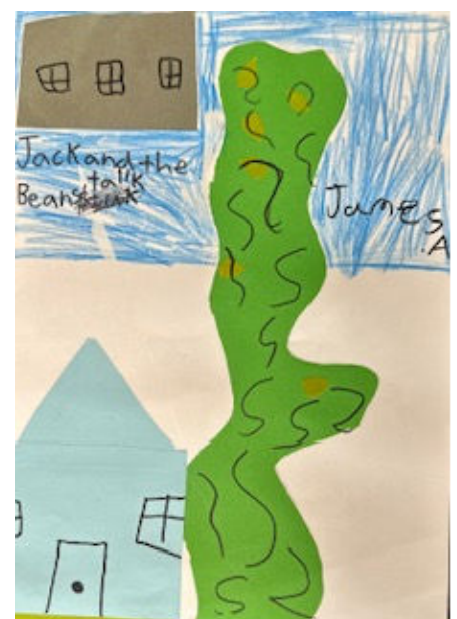
You can support your child's learning at home by encouraging incidental maths practice during everyday activities, such as adding prices while shopping or counting objects around the house. These real-life examples help reinforce classroom learning in fun and meaningful ways.



From 1/2A

In the past weeks, we have been focussing on narrative writing in our Literacy lessons. We have been having lots of fun exploring fractured fairy tales. A fractured fairy tale is a story that starts with a traditional fairy tale but is changed in a fun and surprising way. The children began by planning their stories—thinking about how to change the characters, setting, or ending. What if the Big Bad Wolf was actually kind? What if our story was set in space (Luke Skywalker And The Three Sith?)

Once their ideas are ready, the students move on to draft their stories. After writing, we move onto developing our skills in editing – checking for correct use of uppercase letters, punctuation and reading through to check for word choice and sentence fluency. Finally, the best part: sharing their wonderful stories. We are so proud of the creativity, effort, and imagination shown by our young writers.



From 3/4A

We've had some wiggly fun in 3/4A! We now have some permanent residents who have made themselves quite at home at school!

Big welcome to our new worm friends and our new worm farm from Compost Revolution. We were very fortunate to get this generous donation from Each (Eastern Access Community Health) and Maroondah Council who have been working with us for the Healthy Eating program.

The students all contributed to put together our new worm farm and we're looking forward to seeing how the worms transform our food waste into vermicast, or worm tea, for our beautiful kitchen garden!



Literacy

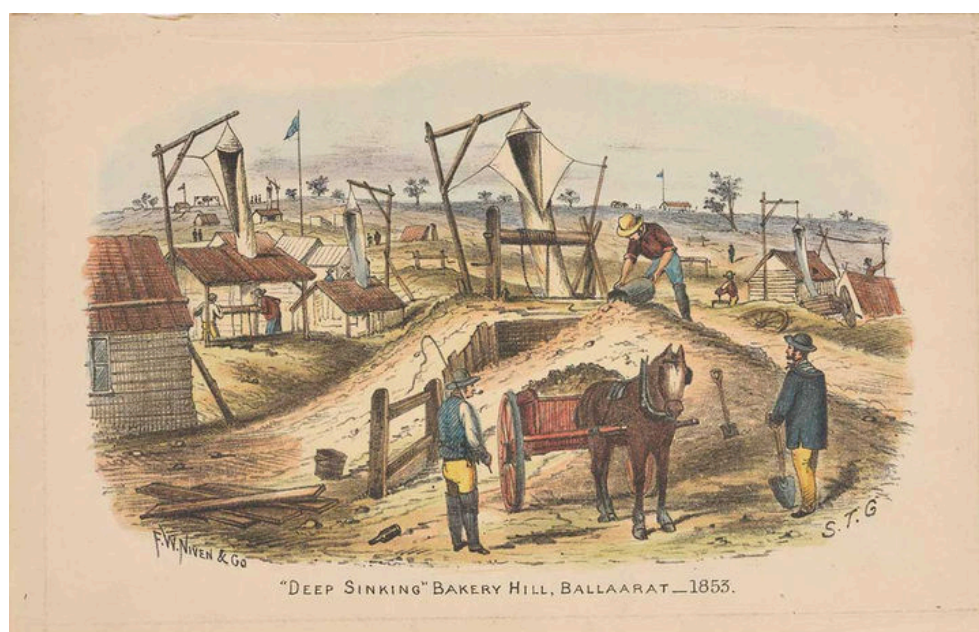
This term in Literacy, students have taken a journey back in time to explore key moments in Australian history. They've investigated the impacts of colonisation during early settlement and followed the timeline through to the Australian Gold Rush. These rich discussions help students build their understanding of how the past has shaped present-day Australia.

Writing

In Writing, students have been developing their skills through the creation of information reports. They've chosen topics of interest, formulated their own research questions, and are now working to gather and organise relevant facts. This process supports critical thinking, curiosity, and independent learning.

Numeracy

In Numeracy, students have been practicing a variety of strategies to solve multi-digit addition and subtraction problems. By exploring different methods, they're becoming more flexible and confident mathematical thinkers, capable of approaching problems in ways that make sense to them.



PhOrMeS

Our new spelling program

Our school has adopted a new spelling program this year for 3-6 levels - PhOrMeS.

PhOrMeS stands for:

Phonology - the sounds (codes) letters and combinations of letters make

Orthology - spelling rules and patterns

Morphology (and Etymology) - the meaning of the parts of words and their history

Semantics - the part of language involved in meaning

PhOrMeS takes a more holistic approach to spelling and reading words. Through it we look that English isn't crazy - it's complex.

Over the last week, the Year 6 class have covered the Greek morpheme *bi*, meaning *life*. Students have worked with different prefixes and suffixes to get words like biography, bioluminescent, and autobiographical.

This week we've been looking at the Latin morpheme *rupt*, meaning *break/burst* from which we can build words like rupture, erupting, and interruption.

Ask your students about morphemes!



Autobiographical



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*

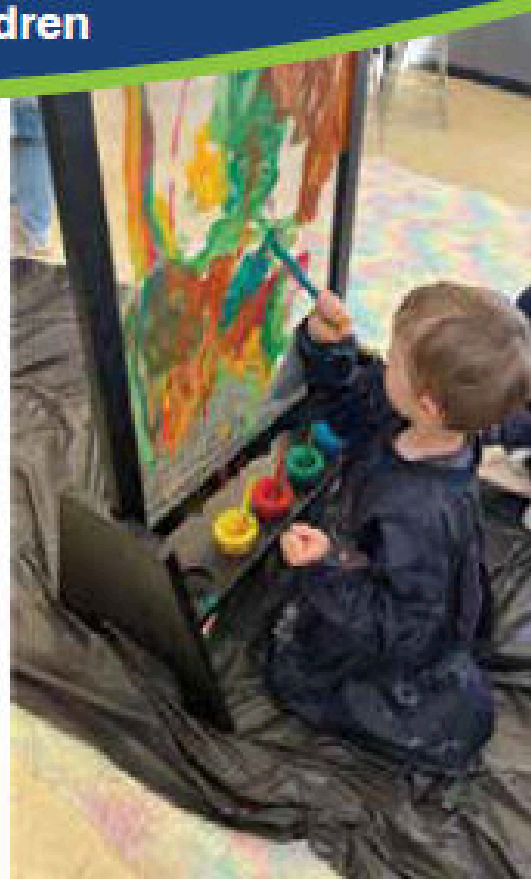
Term 3

Wednesday 30th July *Play and story time*

Thursday 14th August *Gym play*

Wednesday 27th August *Literacy*

Thursday 11th September *Numeracy*



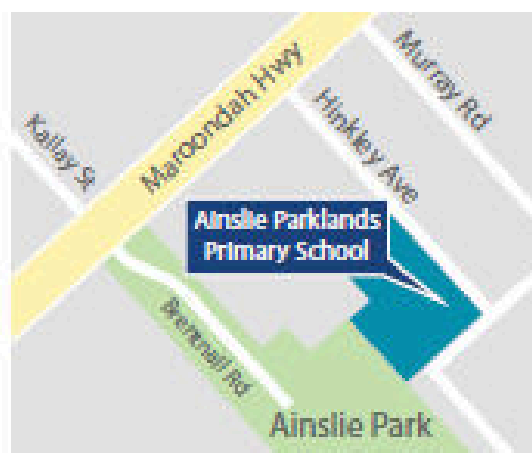
MiniKids is open to all 3 and 4 year
old kinder-aged children, regardless
of which school they will attend.

**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



www.ainslieparklandsp.vic.edu.au

Understanding and supporting students who experience 'school can't'

**Wednesday
4 June**

7pm to 8.30pm
Online event

For parents
and carers

**Free
Bookings
essential**

Hear from School Can't Australia about:

- Identifying early signs of distress.
- Why we need to reframe School Refusal as School Can't
- How to support your child / teen when they are distressed about attending school
- Learn about common stressors and the autonomic nervous system
- The relationship between chronic stress and wellbeing
- Looking after yourself as a parent/carer

How to book

Scan the QR code or visit www.maroondah.vic.gov.au/school-cant

For more information contact Cathie Wills, Children's Services Project Officer,
Phone 9294 5740 or email childrens.services.events@maroondah.vic.gov.au

This webinar is presented in partnership with Boroondara, Knox, Whitehorse and Yarra Ranges Councils.



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2023

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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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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