

THE AINSLIE UPDATE

DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 2 2025

- 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

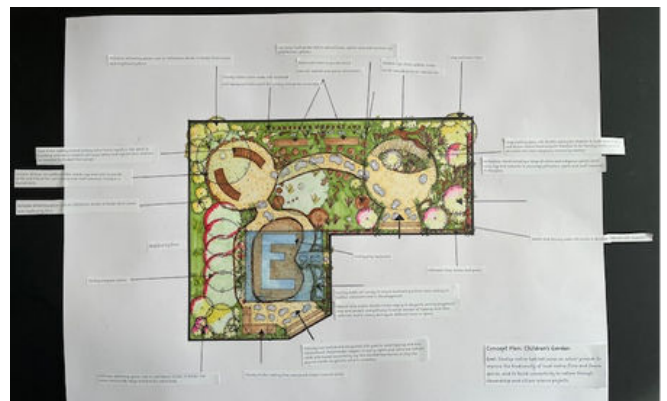
- 21st July - **STUDENT FREE DAY**
- 2nd Aug - Snip & Sip Grown Ups fundraiser
- 20th Aug - Whole School Athletics
- 27th Aug - Book Week begins
- 29th Aug - Book Parade and Special Person's Morning
- 30th Aug - Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser
- 9th Sep - District Athletics
- 19th Sep - End of Term 3

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

Successful Garden Grant

If you have been into our foyer, you would have seen the garden plans put together by Chantal in her application for a Landcare Grant to rejuvenate our gardens at the front of the school along Hinkley Avenue. We are pleased to announce that we were successful in receiving a grant of \$5000 for this project - Indigenous Garden and Wildlife Nature Trail. We sincerely thank Chantal for the thought, time and effort that she has put into the application. Our children will benefit in their participation in the development of the new garden and the school will enjoy them for years to come!



We (still) need YOU!

Parent/grandparent Reading Program

We are still looking for three more parents/grandparents to help with our student reading program. 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!

Smile Squad

Smile Squad are currently visiting our school. If you have any queries, please contact the office.

Climbing Trees

As you may know, APPS has previously allowed students to climb trees up to teacher shoulder height. As a result of our most recent OH&S audit and recent events across the state, we will unfortunately not be able to continue with this practice. This is inclusive of before and after school times, as well as during school hours. We thank you for your cooperation.

Scooters and Bikes

It is great exercise to ride scooters and bikes to school - wearing a helmet, of course! But once on school grounds, please be sure to walk scooters and bikes, to avoid any collisions. Thank you!

Congratulations Jags!

Congratulations to Jags, who has gone on to represent APPS at the SSV Eastern Metro Regional Cross Country, and came first in his division. Well done, Jags!



Second Hand Uniform Shop



The APPS Uniform Shop will next be open late 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.

Apple Fundraiser

Thanks to all the families that contributed to our recent apple fundraiser, we made roughly \$100 from orders thanks to competitive pricing from our grower.

We hope you all enjoyed the farm fresh locally grown apples and pears.



Good news and bad news

Over the past six weeks, Smudge and her babies Oreo, Coco, Muffin and Milkshake have become part of the Ainslie family. The bad news is that we said goodbye to our bunnies Smudge, Oreo and Coco today.

The good news, however, is that Muffin and Milkshake will be remaining with Elicia, who has promised that they will be frequent visitors to APPS!

Oreo and **Coco** are still available for purchase in **the next week only**. If you are interested to purchase one or both bunnies, please contact Animals on the Move on 1 300 760 354.



Goodbye Smudge, Oreo and Coco



Thank you Elicia, for making sure Muffin and Milkshake can still come to visit!



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

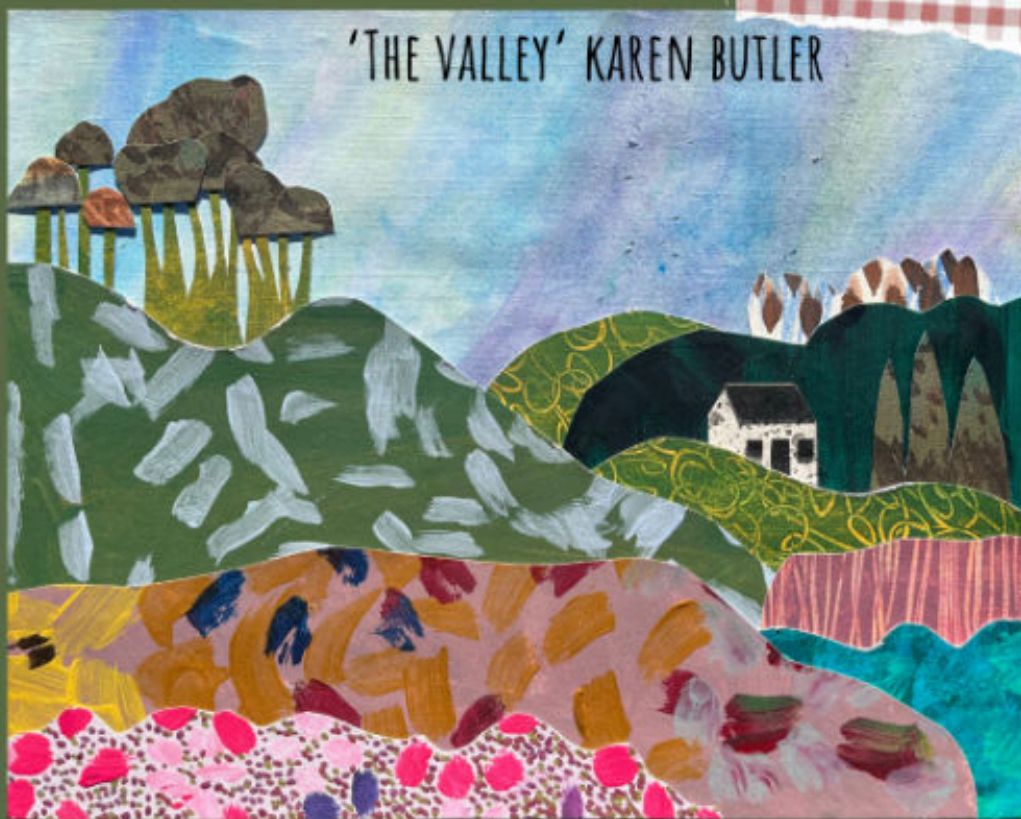
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

 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

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Physical Education

We're incredibly proud of our runners who took part in the Divisional Cross Country at Yarra Glen on the 3rd of June. Aidan set a personal best of 13.40 minutes for the 3km course and Jag's claimed first place in his division, and will go on to Region. Well done to both!

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



Physical Education

Circus!

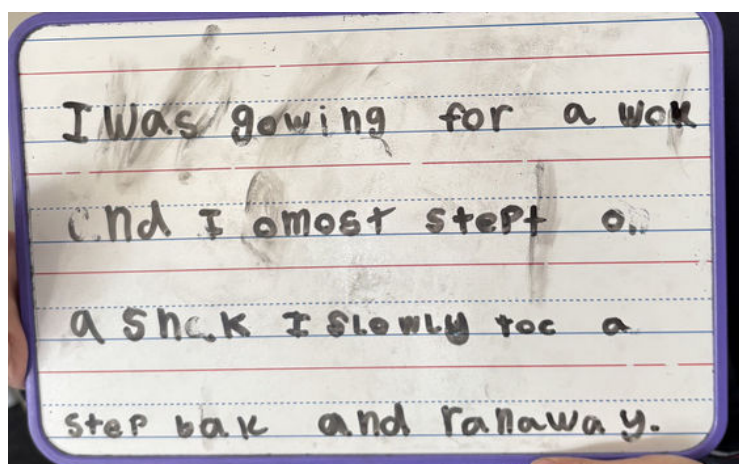
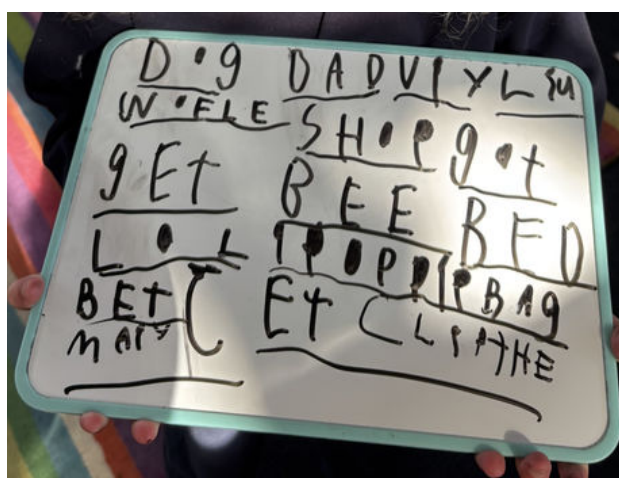
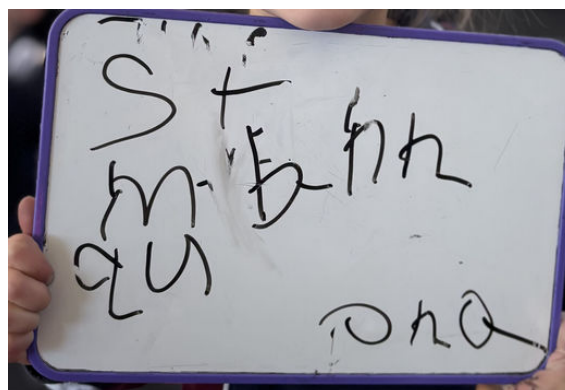
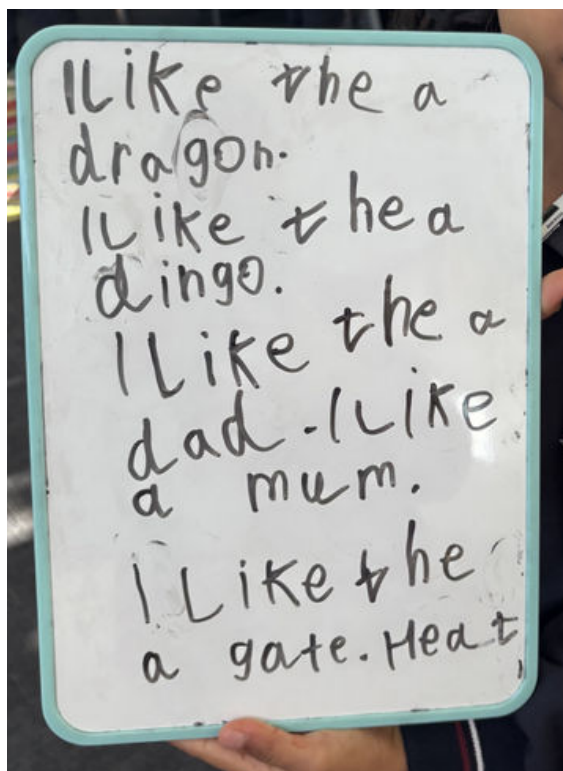
We are excited to welcome Ruccis Circus to APPS to run two circus workshops as part of our PE program. Circus is a fun and engaging way for students to develop fine and gross motor skills, strength, flexibility, and teamwork in a non-competitive environment.

The circus workshops will take place during regular PE lessons on 30th July and 6th August. There will be a small cost associated with the incursion; further details will be provided via Compass Events.



From F1A

We have introduced the concept of "wild write" to our students. A few times each week, they are encouraged to spend five minutes writing about whatever they like. Our Foundation students are focusing on different skills—some are practising letter formation, while others are exploring the sounds they can hear in words. Year 1 students have begun writing simple stories. It's wonderful to see their writing develop as they grow more confident in putting their ideas onto paper! We look forward to seeing their skills progress as the year continues.



From 1/2A

This week in the 1-2 classroom, we started our unit on procedural texts; where students learn the skills to give clear step by step instructions on how to perform a task. We tuned into our new topic with the mentor text, “I Don’t Want to Wash My Hands” by Tony Ross. The story follows the Little Princess as she learns why washing your hands is important—especially after sneezing, going to the toilet, and playing outside.

The students had fun instructing me in how to wash my hands step by step and found that organisation and being very specific is really important in this kind of writing. We then wrote a step by step procedure as a class. We’re looking forward to writing individual procedures next week.



From 3/4A

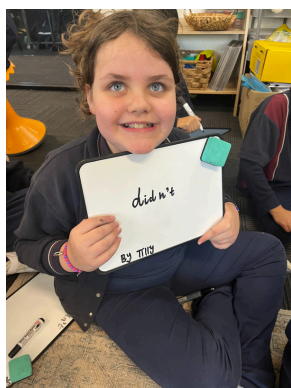
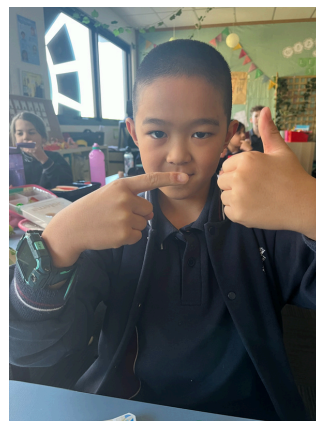
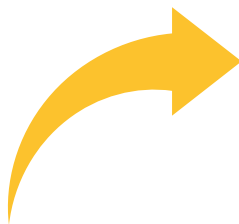
Over the past fortnight, the 3/4A team have been refining the classroom's practice of the Berry Street Education Model (BSEM). This means we start every day with a morning circle. This is a time for students and staff to start the day on a positive note and a sense of belonging.

Our morning circle consists of:

- mindfulness practice (first five minutes of the day)
- announcements (including the roll, birthdays, the daily learning program)
- school values and expectations (student and teacher based)
- positive primers (fun games that get everyone moving)

Throughout the day, we look for 'micro moments' to connect with each other – moments of kindness or connection, so we show our appreciation of one another. We also incorporate brain breaks regularly, so that students can reset and regulate themselves and get Ready To Learn!

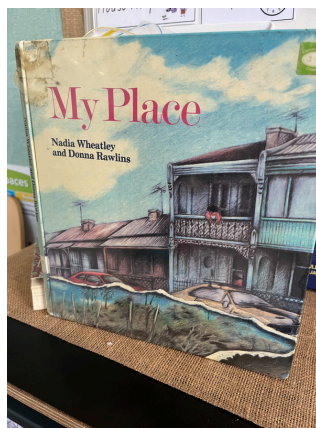
Here's Lele demonstrating one of our tricky Brain Breaks where you have to swap hands quickly, while changing index fingers and thumbs. This uses the left and right hemispheres of the brain, and requires focus and attention.



The class has been focusing on the 'ar' code in PhOrMes lessons, after a big few weeks on igh/ough. We have also been studying word contractions so we know where to put apostrophes in our writing, as demonstrated by Tilly (left). In maths we have been consolidating operations and working through daily Maths Talks on a series of different mathematical concepts.

We have been working our way through the book and ABC series 'My Place' by Nadia Wheatley.

The story is presented as a historical timeline, with each character's story demonstrating a different era in Australia's history.

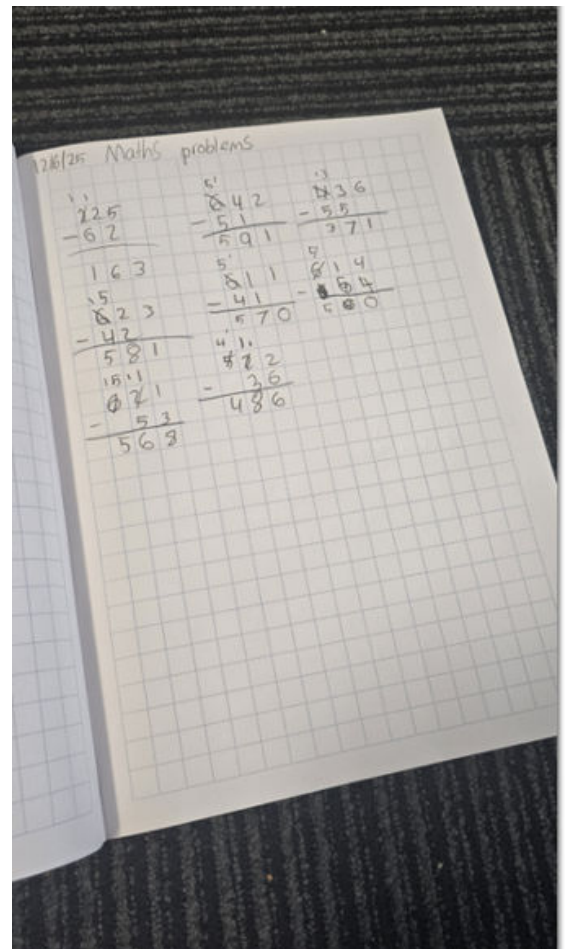
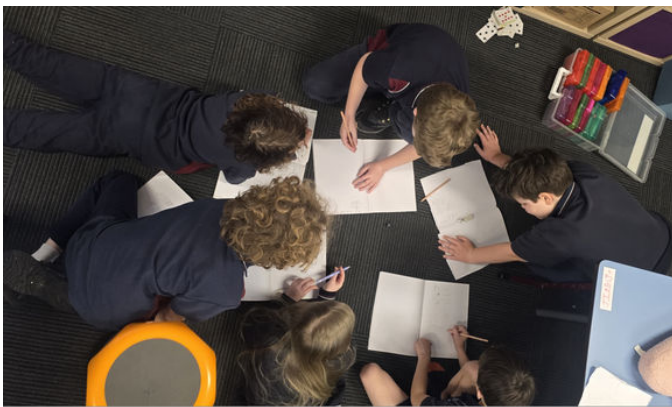


From 4/5A

This past fortnight in Reading, students have been exploring Latin base words, focusing on 'rupt'. They have learned to read, spell, and explain the meanings of various 'rupt' words. Students also enjoyed reading about different mining techniques used during the Australian Gold Rush and learning about the life of Peter Lalor.

In Writing, students have been drafting, editing, and publishing information reports on topics of their choice. They also focused on writing clear and effective conclusions to wrap up their reports.

In Numeracy, students have been practising the vertical algorithm to solve both addition and subtraction problems. They have also been using dice and playing cards to generate their own number problems. This hands-on activity encouraged students to use their agency by choosing to create slightly easier problems to build confidence or more challenging ones to stretch their thinking.



Information Reports

By Rose

Over the last few weeks the year 6 class learnt about information reports and then wrote our own.

We learnt how they're structured, the kind of language we use, research skills, organising our thoughts, and we wrote some information reports.

Here are some of the topics students picked: carpet, the history of the Olympics, koalas, snow leopards, WWI, and WWII.

Our next writing unit is News Reports.



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*

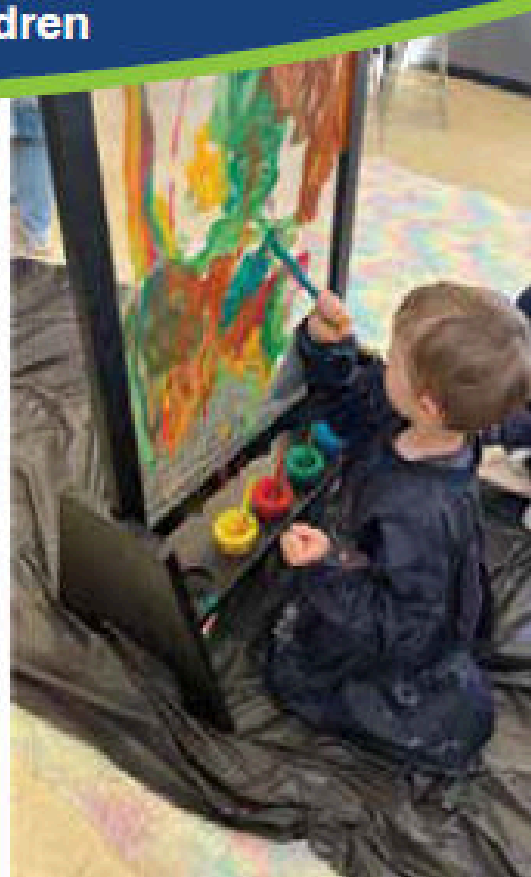
Term 3

Wednesday 30th July *Play and story time*

Thursday 14th August *Gym play*

Wednesday 27th August *Literacy*

Thursday 11th September *Numeracy*



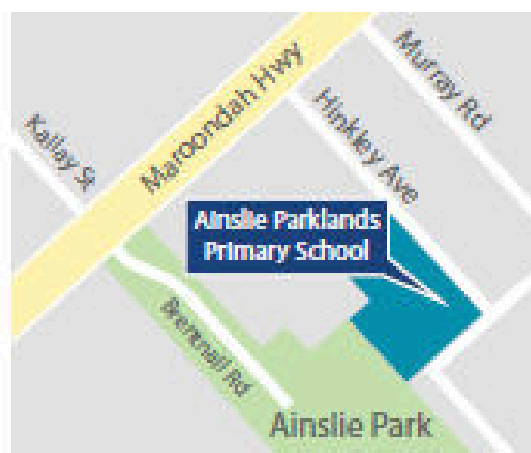
MiniKids is open to all 3 and 4 year
old kinder-aged children, regardless
of which school they will attend.

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

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Art Competition

What does family
mean to you?

What does family mean to you?

Use your creative and artistic skills to be part of
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The National Families Week Art Competition is open to
children and young people under 18, who live in Victoria and
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Entries close 30 June 2025

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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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