

THE AINSLIE UPDATE

DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 2 2025

- 30th June - AFLW Hawthorn Players visit
 - 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**
- 25th July - 3pm Assembly
- 28th July - 100 days of school (Foundation)
- 30th July - Minikids
 - Circus in PE
- 2nd Aug - Snip & Sip Grown Ups fundraiser
- 6th Aug - Circus in PE
- 8th Aug - 3pm Assembly
- 14th Aug - Minikids
- 18th Aug - 6pm School Council
- 20th Aug - Whole School Athletics
- 22nd Aug - 3pm Assembly
- 27th Aug - Book Week begins
 - Minikids
- 29th Aug - Book Parade and Special Person's Morning
- 30th Aug - Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser
- 5th Sep - 3pm Assembly
- 9th Sep - District Athletics
- 11th Sept - Minikids
- 15th Sept - Swimming commences
 - 6pm School Council
- 19th Sep - End of Term 3
 - 2pm Assembly
 - 2.30pm dismissal

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

Winter Solstice Celebration!

On Friday 20th June, we came together to celebrate the Winter Solstice. Families and staff enjoyed eating together, and then watching the students participate in a lantern parade. Thanks go to Jo and the Community Engagement Team. (Please see further information below). Thanks also to **Marathon Foods** for their generous donation of dim sims to help with our fundraising efforts!



We (still) need YOU!

Parent/grandparent Reading Program

We are still looking for 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!

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!

Winter hats

We have certainly had some chilly mornings! Our F/1 class has commemorated this with some very cute artwork, featuring the winter beanie – essential at this time of year!



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.

Well done Tait!

Tait did a brilliant job of playing "The Scientist" by Coldplay on keyboards at assembly last week - he is so talented! Thank you Tait!



Refugee Week

Recently in Art lessons, students discussed Refugee Week and created a colourful "Welcome" display at the front of our school.



The DASH program by Blue Light

DASH is a fun and interactive 9-week program for classrooms of students in Years 5 and 6. It deepens community connections and belonging for young people, increasing their awareness of and trust in local services, supports and each other.

At the heart of DASH is the development of a student-led community project. This sees students, police, emergency services and other local stakeholders come together to raise awareness or resolve a local community concern.

APPS students in Years 5 & 6 were sponsored by Bank Victoria to take part in this program. On Monday, students presented their community proposal, and delegates from Victoria Police judged the winning project. Congratulations to all groups on their presentations - there was clearly some critical and creative thinking involved as to how our students could help our local community - anti-bullying, anti-racism, reducing litter to name a few. Congratulations to Jay's group, whose proposal to support the homeless, was the selected project. With financial and planning support from Blue Light, this project will be brought to life. Jay presented on his own, and did an amazing job! Thanks to Bank Victoria and Blue Light for their support.



AFLW – Hawthorn

On Monday 30th June, we will be very lucky to have some AFLW players visit our school! It will be a great opportunity for our students to talk directly to some professional footy players (even if they are not from Collingwood! 😊) Students will be meeting in the hall at 9.30am to ask some questions and take some photos.

Interschool Sport

We have now wrapped up our Winter Interschool Sport competition. Our students showed great sportsmanship in Hotshot tennis, Volleybounce, Netball and Soccer. Well done to our students in Years 4, 5 and 6 who represented our school!



Reading Superstars

The momentum is definitely building across the school – more and more students are completing their Reading homework, which is fabulous to see, as evidence tells us how much this adds to their academic success. Congratulations to all students (including those Foundation students dressed up for Milo's birthday party), and also to Scott, who was awarded a Silver Certificate by his students!





Winter Solstice celebrations

On Friday 20th June, we gathered together to enjoy heartwarming food and drink, before a twilight lantern parade. Students from Foundation through to Year 6 created their special luminescent works of art, using unexpected mediums such as grated crayon, wax paper and autumn leaves, where tissue paper, paddlepop sticks and string art forms reigned in the older year levels. Thankyou to Emma, our Art teacher, for helping craft a magical evening.

We'd also like to thank everyone involved in set up, food preparation, serving, lantern set up and marketing; Lisa, Mel F, Tegan, Natalia, Sueli, Helen, Elissa, Mel, Suzy, Steph, Emma A, Jo-Anne T, Jodie, Ash K, Laura A and Joanne – as together we were able to enjoy another successful community event socialising and seeing our students shine.





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



WELLBEING

Welcome to APPS Wellbeing news!

Introducing Eldon!

We are very excited to have Eldon the Blue Tongue Lizard join us at APPS.

Name: Eldon (we don't know why he was named this!)

Age: 10 years (ish)

Favourite Foods: Crickets, worms, tomatoes and berries, as a treat

Favourite Activity: Hiding in his cave

Lives: STEM room (previously lived at Wendy's house)

Dislikes: Loud noises and cold weather

Everyone has enjoyed getting to see Eldon in the STEM room. Some have had the opportunity to hold him! He will be with us indefinitely, so everyone will get to know and learn about him throughout the year.



Milo's Birthday Surprise

As part of our literacy program, we use Little Learners Love Literacy and work through the story Milo's Birthday Surprise. In the book, each character brings something to the party that starts with the same letter as their name. Some of the characters include Milo the Monkey, Ally the Alligator, Leo the Lion, Jack the Jellyfish, and Zoe the Zebra.

We had a fantastic day revising our letters through a variety of fun activities! These included a letter scavenger hunt, creating hats with hearts (just like the one Harry the Hippopotamus brings to the party!), and making colourful kites—just like Kylie the Koala brings!

A big thank you to all our families for supporting our literacy program by reading with your children at home each week. Your involvement makes a big difference!



From 1-2

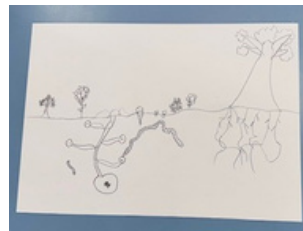
This week, we have been studying time in our Maths classes. Through hands-on activities and discussions, students have deepened their understanding of both short and long durations of time, while also developing key vocabulary such as before, after, hour, minute, days of the week, and months of the year. To connect learning with the real world, students have reflected on their own daily schedules, what they do in the morning, how long lunchtime lasts, and what activities take a whole day or just a few minutes. They've explored how long it takes to brush their teeth compared to a weekend away and even sorted events into those that take a second, a minute, or an hour. Choosing the appropriate measure of activities such as seconds for a race, or hours for a long journey. These rich experiences not only support numeracy but also foster independence and time management. By integrating real-life examples with the mathematical language of time, students are developing the foundational skills they need for life both inside and outside the classroom.

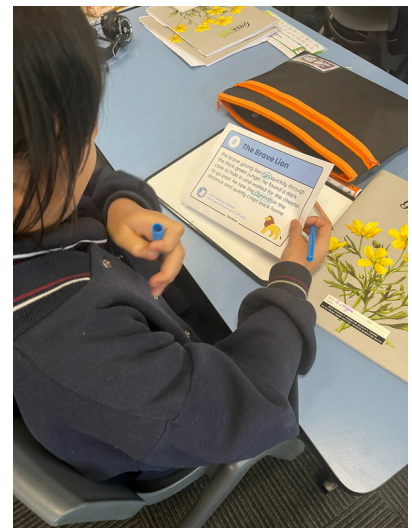
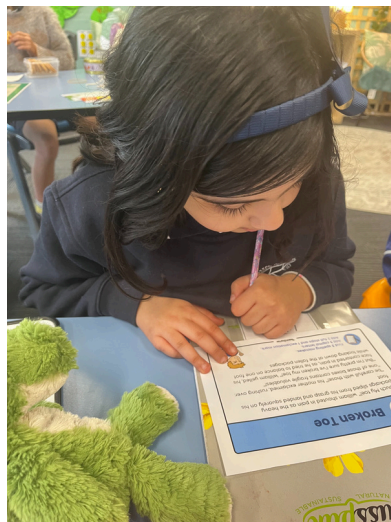


From F-2 – Kitchen Garden

At this time of year, the weather can be a little unpredictable. With the ground often wet underfoot, the Orchard isn't always available for gardening. However, there is always something to do in Kitchen Garden. While things may appear quiet above the ground, beneath the surface there is a world full of life and movement. Charles Kovacs once compared the earth to a galaxy of stars, filled with seeds and living things, all waiting for the right moment to grow. This week, students explored this hidden world, inspired by the beautiful picture book *Above and Below*. As part of our learning, students created detailed drawings of many fascinating creatures that live underground, worms and beetles. This creative activity helped them reflect on the important role these organisms play in keeping our soil healthy.

As gardeners, we know that healthy soil is the foundation of everything we grow.





What a busy fortnight we have had! Is it really holidays in one week?
We can't believe it! This term has gone so fast!

In Writing, we have been finishing off our Information Reports. Our focus has been on writing the 'main idea' in paragraphs and then tying it all up with a strong conclusion. We have also learnt the purpose and distinct differences between proofreading and editing. We have also been looking at contractions and how to use apostrophes to join component words.

In PhOrMeS we have learnt the FSZL rule - or the 'Floss Rule', which is where we double the F, S, Z or L at the end of words when it contains a short vowel. Because those short vowels need extra protection.



1 Lunchtime

"i absolutely cannot stand cheese sandwiches!" Nat muttered in frustration as he opened his lunch box, c displeased

"What did you bring today?" he asked taylor, his tone with hope for something more appetizing.

"Peanut butter," Taylor replied casually.

"do you think we could split it?" Nate proposed eage eyes liting up at the possibility of a trade



Find 3 spelling mistakes.
Add 3 capital letters.
Add 2 full stops and 1 question mark.

TeachStarter



1 It's My Party

were having a partie for my birthday today
my partys today but my birthday was
yesterday ive invited all my friends from
skool to come were going to watch
a moovie and make popcorn



Find 3 spelling mistakes.
Add 4 capital letters.
Add 4 full stops and 4 apostrophes of contraction.



TeachStarter

Writing - Information Reports

This past fortnight in Writing students presented their information reports to the class. Topics ranged from natural disasters, animals and famous singers, including Rick Astley.



Ben

Otters

Otter's part of the weasel family. Otters are mammals.

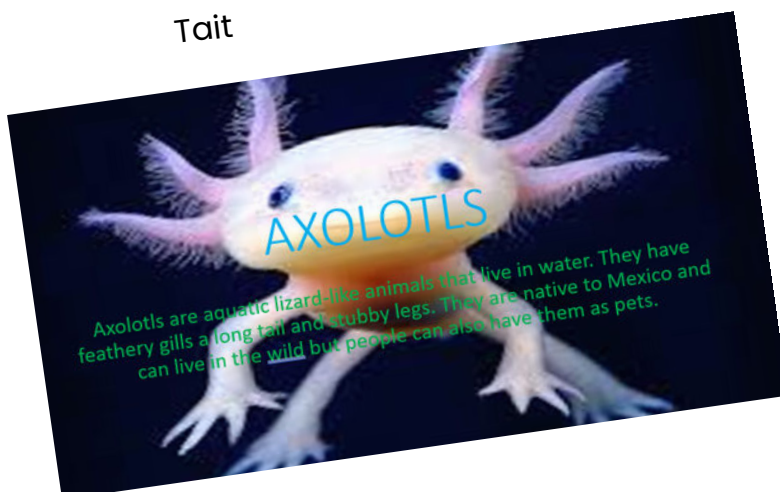
Diet

unlike other animals otters are not picky eaters. They eat slow moving fish and invertebrates. Like sea urchins, crabs, abalones, clams, mussels and snails.

Life cycle

Otters exhibit a varied life cycle with gestation period of about 60-86 days and offspring typically stay with their family for a year. And they can live up to 16 years.

Tait



Hugo

WHAT ARE PLATYPUSES



Platypuses are a type of unique Australian species of amphibian that have a duck bill as well as webbed talons and a tail like a beaver.

Volleybounce and Chips

By Jacob and Mia

Today, we went to our last Interschool Sports games at Marlborough Primary School. During the volleybounce game, Daniel A asked Scott if he could get them chips on the way home. At the time, the team were behind. Scott said "if you win, I'll get you some chips." Daniel A and Scott were both joking around. But the team turned it around, and ended up winning in straight sets. So... Scott stuck to his word and bought the team chips and got enough for the rest of the people involved in the interschool sports. It was amazing. Thank you, Daniel A for asking Scott for the chips.





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*



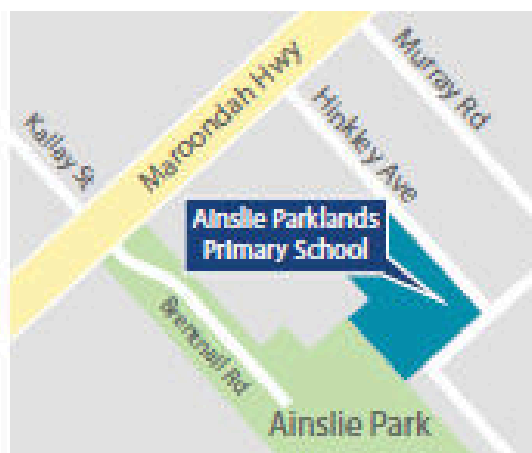
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treehouse

Each

Does your child worry about making a mistake
or being
embarrassed in front of others?

Does your child worry about fitting in with
peers or experience friendship issues?

Does your child sometimes sit alone at
lunchtimes/avoid
interacting with classmates?

Treehouse is a therapeutic program for primary-
school aged children, who need extra support with
social skills, self-esteem, managing strong feelings
and developing resilience.

In **Treehouse**, we use art, play-based and
mindfulness activities to explore worries, feelings,
supports and coping strategies.

Children will:

- ✓ Participate and share with others
 - ✓ Play games
- ✓ Do art/craft-based activities
- ✓ Complete their own written and illustrated
story book

Only one child from each school is accepted into
the program, providing space and opportunity for
children to safely explore strong feelings.

For more information or to register your interest,
please email:

youthandfamilyvic@each.com.au

This program is funded by the City of Whitehorse

Who: Grade 2 & 3 children

Where: Nunawading Community Hub
96-106 Springvale Road,
Nunawading

When: Term 3, 2025

Dates: (8 sessions in total)

Tuesday 22nd July - *Get to know you*

Tuesday 29th July - *Strengths*

Tuesday 5th August - *Supportive people*

Tuesday 12th August – *Worries & feelings*

Tuesday 19th August– *Coping with worries*

Tuesday 26th August – *Playing with Others*

Tuesday 2nd September – *Friendships*

Tuesday 9th September - *Celebration*

***Please note – participants are to attend all 8
sessions.**

Time 4.15pm – 5.45pm

**Please note: Parent/carer involvement is scheduled
at the end of each session from 5.30pm (Sibling-
minding provided by facilitators)*

Facilitated by:

EACH Youth & Family Counselling Team:

- Melanie Fearn (0427 525 946)
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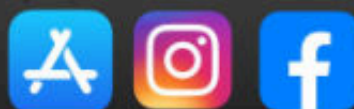
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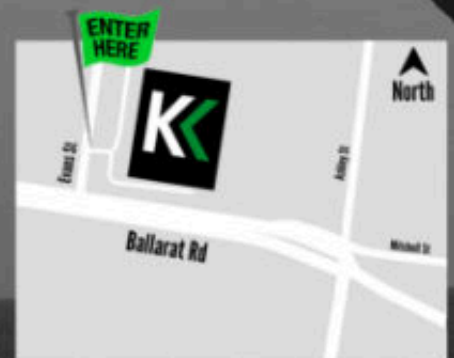
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Team Kids Sacred Heart Primary

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6:15 PM END

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ON EXCURSION DAYS



IN-HOUSE



INCURSION



EXCURSION

MON - 7th JUL	TUE - 8th JUL	WED - 9th JUL	THU - 10th JUL	FRI - 11th JUL
African Drumming	Bounce!	Slime Masters	Croc's Play Centre	The Outdoor Challenge
Drum roll, please! The fun won't be beat at TeamKids today because a high energy, action-packed African Drumming session is waiting for us. We'll be taken on a musical journey of rhythm & imagination.	The sky's the limit at BOUNCE! We'll be bouncing off the walls as we explore this adrenaline-inducing playground full of trampolines, awesome adventure features & soft padding. *Height restrictions apply & socks reqd.	Is there anything more gooey or glorious than slime? Together we'll make not one, not two but three different types of slime! Get ready to have a slippery, sticky, stretchy, and positively sublime time with TeamKids!	TeamKids is set for a tonne of fun at Croc's Play Centre! Today, we'll zoom down the endless slides, bounce high on the inflatables & crawl through the maze of tunnels. *Socks required.	Today we're taking on the Great Outdoor Challenge! Get ready to breathe in the fresh air, create your very own adventure sash, and enjoy a day full of fun, creativity, and exploration in the great outdoors! ***Cooking Allergy Alert- Nut Free, Gluten Free Options.
Daily Fee \$108	Daily Fee \$134	Daily Fee \$108	Daily Fee \$128	Daily Fee \$94
After Max CCS* \$10.80	After Max CCS* \$13.40	After Max CCS* \$10.80	After Max CCS* \$12.80	After Max CCS* \$9.40

MON - 14th JUL	TUE - 15th JUL	WED - 16th JUL	THU - 17th JUL	FRI - 18th JUL
Dragon Trials	Flip Out	Elio	Indigenous Discovery	Stellar Planetarium
Today we're diving into a dragon-filled adventure inspired by How to Train Your Dragon, with epic games, challenges, and fun fit for a true Viking rider	Bounce, climb, and flip at FLIP OUT—where the fun never stops! Jump into action in our trampoline park, conquer the rock climbing walls, and navigate the ninja course. It's a playground paradise for all ages.	Elio, a creative underdog, is accidentally beamed into the Commiverse and mistaken for Earth's ambassador. Among alien worlds, he finds friendship and begins to discover his true self. *Rated PG *Allergy Alert	Join us today as we explore the vibrant traditions of Indigenous culture. Whether you're here to learn, connect, or be inspired, this is a journey you won't want to miss.	Today we are traveling out of this world! Join Team Kids as we explore the wonders of space through our very own planetarium! Get ready for an amazing adventure filled with stars, planets, and cosmic surprises!
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*Child Care Subsidies may apply. \$5 Admin Fee per family. \$5 Late Fees apply within 7 days per child. Payment plans available.

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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

ainslie.parklands.ps@education.vic.gov.au