

THE AINSLIE UPDATE

DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 3 2025

- 15th Aug - Brickworks incursion (F-2)
- 18th Aug - 6pm School Council
- 20th Aug - Whole School Athletics
- 22nd Aug - 3pm Assembly
- 25TH Aug - Maths group to Melba
- 27th Aug - Book Week begins
 - Minikids
- 28th Aug - APPS Tree Planting Day, Garden incursion and Garden Network meeting at APPS.
- 29th Aug - Book Parade and Special Person's Morning
- 30th Aug - Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser
- 3rd Sep - DASH Foodbank Drive
- 4th Sep - Father's Day/Special Person's stall
- 5th Sep - 3pm Assembly
 - Working Bee
- 8th Sep - Maths group to Melba
- 9th Sep - District Athletics
- 11th Sept - Minikids
 - RU OK day
- 12th Sep - STEM incursion
- 15th Sept - Swimming commences
 - 6pm School Council
- 18th Sept - Token Shop
- 19th Sep - End of Term 3
 - Footy Colours Day
 - 2pm Assembly
 - 2.30pm dismissal

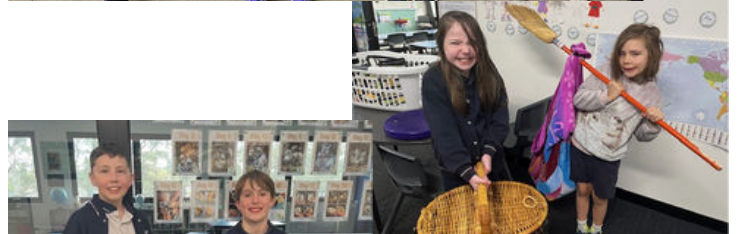
Term 4 2025

- 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

Anything but a backpack day!

As part of the School Wide Positive Behaviour program, students are recognised with a token when they demonstrate our school values of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience, with student voice adding the Kindness token.

Students can use their tokens to vote on a whole school reward. Today, students were very creative in bringing their items to school in anything but a backpack, which won the vote!



Snip 'n Sip

On 2nd August, as part of our fundraising activities, the Community Engagement Team organised a "Snip 'n Sip" event, where Karen Butler was engaged to teach us about the art of collage. Thanks to Jo and the team for organising a great night.



It's not OK to be away...(even if it is your birthday!!)

At APPS, every day at school counts! So to encourage students to come to school – even on their birthday – at APPS, students coming to school on their birthday can come in free dress!



100 days of learning

Our Foundation, Year 1 & 2 students celebrated 100 days of learning, with a multitude of engaging and fun activities. Thanks also to Elicia, who has organised some wonderful displays around our school, including this one!



Student Voice Project - Healthy Eating

Last year, our Student Voice Team produced a Healthy Eating Cookbook, with input from our community. In collaboration with EACH, this year our Student Voice Team will visit each classroom to tally the amount of different fruits and vegetables in student lunch boxes. Every different vegetable will be worth 2 points and every different fruit will be worth 1 point. At the end of Term 3, the Student Voice Team will tally up points to find the winning house – Echidnas (Blue), Platypus (Yellow) or Kangaroo (Red). Each student from the winning house will win a Boost Juice! Make sure you pack your fruit and vegies!



APPS is now connected with Foodbank!

We are pleased to announce that APPS has been added to the number of schools on the Foodbank program. Each classroom now has a constant supply of fruit (apples, pears, bananas). We are looking at adding a breakfast club, starting one morning per week. We are asking for parent feedback as part of our parent survey (QR code available in this newsletter)



Second Hand Uniform



A reminder that pricing is \$5.00 for branded uniform items and \$2.00 for unbranded items. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

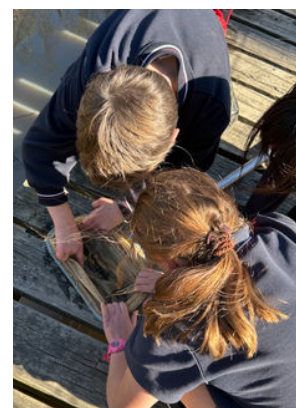
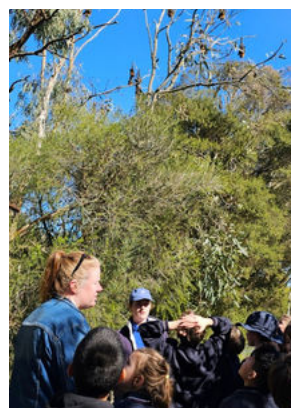
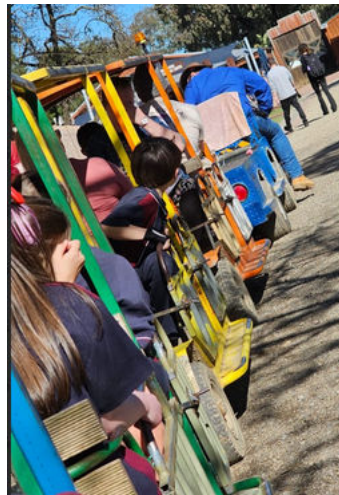
Reading Superstars

once again, congratulations to our Reading Superstars who received their certificates at assembly.



Myuna Farm Excursion

Yesterday, our Year 3 & 4 students went on an excursion to Myuna Farm. Students learnt about Sustainability, as well as enjoying the interaction with many animals. More photos further down in the newsletter.





♥ Father's & Special Persons' Day Stall – Volunteers & Creators Needed! ♥

Our wonderful Father's & Special Persons' Day Stall is happening on Thursday 4th September (Term 3) during school hours (9am–11:30am) – and we'd love your help to make it extra special!

This much-loved tradition is all about handmade gifts, lovingly crafted or baked by our amazing school community. Items are priced affordably between \$1 and \$10, giving every child the chance to choose something meaningful.

🛒 Want to get involved? There are two ways:

Be one of our 3 stallholders on the day

Contribute something homemade to our Family & Friends Stall – whether it's baked goods, crafts, or small handmade gifts!

To help your child take part in this special tradition, please make sure they come to school on the day with:

💰 Some money (in a named zip-lock bag or envelope)

👜 A small bag to carry their chosen gift home

If you have any questions or need more info, feel free to reach out to Stephanie Somerville (stephanie.somerville@gmail.com) or Lisa Kanto (play.learn@outlook.com).



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

HOT FOOD TUESDAY
DIM SIM LUNCH



AUGUST 12TH, 19TH AND 26TH

PRE-ORDERS WELCOME
\$2 EACH ON THE DAY



AINSLIE PARKLANDS

ONLINE AUCTION

LOCAL & FAMILY FRIENDLY GOODIES UP FOR GRABS
ITEMS TO BE PAID FOR PROMPTLY AT THE OFFICE

STARTS FRIDAY 08/08/25 AT 12PM

FINISHES SUNDAY 24/08/25 AT 12PM

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BUNNINGS BBQ FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY AUGUST 30TH 2025

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

1 HOUR SHIFTS FROM 8AM - 4PM



SIGN UP
HERE



From F1A & 1/2A

Today's incursion was an exciting opportunity for our F-2 students to immerse themselves in creative, hands-on exploration as part of our ongoing STEM unit on space, Earth, and community.

Students worked collaboratively to design their own communities and landscapes, using construction materials, dress-ups, and critical thinking skills. Working with others, they followed specific task briefs to build models. Students used their imagination to make models and demonstrate teamwork and creativity.

A highlight of the day was designing and building vehicles suited to different environments whether for land, space, or community transport.

The incursion was lots of fun and also supported our learning, reinforcing problem-solving, design thinking, and communication skills in an exciting way.



From 3/4A

On Thursday, the 3/4s went on an excursion to Myuna Farm. We began the day by exploring sustainable gardening and the benefits of compost over chemical sprays. We learnt where our waste goes and how to recycle properly. We then got to visit the baby animals in the nursery, including day-old emu chicks!

We finished the day with our favourite activity, a train ride out to the wetlands, where we sampled the water to test its health. Then, a very exciting train ride back to the main part of the farm!

More photos will be released on SeeSaw and Facebook!



Students in 4/5 have been exploring different types of figurative language and creating their own examples. We have focused particularly on similes and metaphors, and have applied these skills to writing ode poetry.

Ode to cat

Playing like little children.
As lazy as a doctor.
Sleeping and snoring.
Mows around.

As greedy like a raccoon.
Ferry and cute.
Loved and cared.
Scratches around.

By Jay

Ode to Nuggets

A top layer that is golden like the sun
A surface that is crispy as French fries
Tomato sauce drizzled over the top
Crunching as you bite down

Crumbs spilling down your front
Sneaky fingers trying to steal one or two
Hot on the roof of your mouth
Bite sized oily goodness

Ode to chickens

By Arlo

Fat and greedy stealing others food
Effortlessly trying to fly out of the pen
Delouses when served on a golden plate
Running around on hunger searching for food

Crazily running like headless zombies
Speedy like a mouse running throw the house
Dirty like me after school
Lazy like cat after chasing birds

By Hugo

Ode to poppies

Older than time

Red like blood oozing from a cut
Flowers planted from fields to fields
Stems like arms and legs

Battle fields coved red
Pollen in the air
blooming from souls of the ones we lost
Black stigma like an antenna

By Billie

ODE TO PUPPIES

They are small like ants
They are a waking disaster
Their paws are like sand paper verry rough
Eating like pigs so verry messy spreading food all over

Playing all day until they get sleepy
Scratching on the couch and biting everything
Cheeky ones ripping up your teddys
So cute jumping in your bed at night

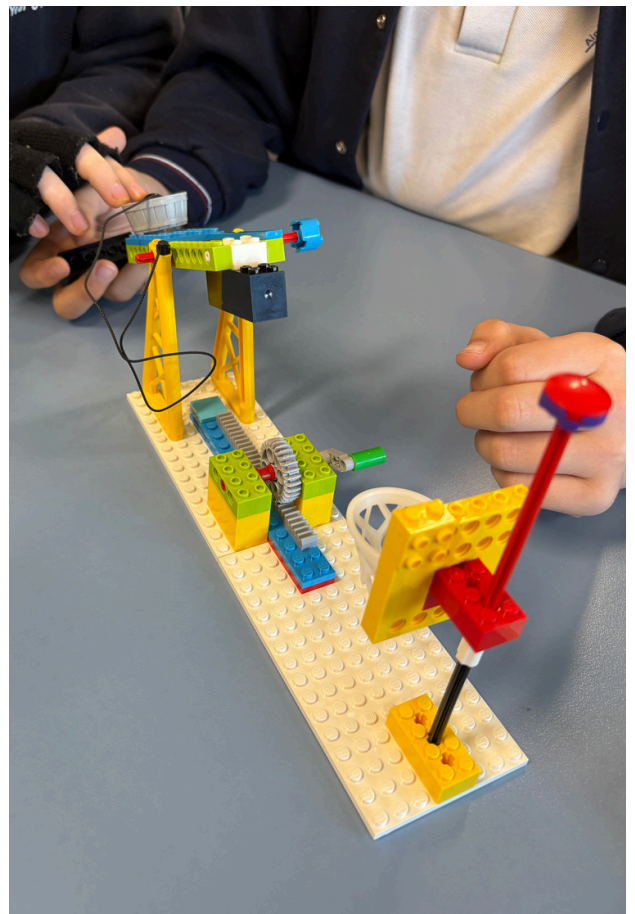
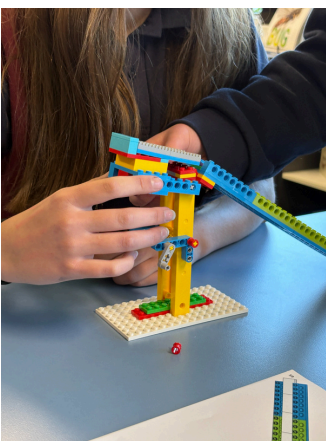
By Savannah



STEM in Year 6

This term in STEM, the year 6 class are learning about forces and inventions. Students have examined the needs people have and inventions to meet them.

As a part of this engineering process, students have been using Lego to collaboratively build different contraptions. This week, students followed instructions; next week, they will be designing their own. Students in year 3-5 will get a turn later in the term.





PARENT / CARER SURVEY



Please take a few moments to complete this short survey. We are using this data to help improve our programs and services within the APPS community. By completing this survey you will go into the draw to win a prize hamper!

Thank you, your input is valued.

Respect

Responsibility

Resilience



GLASSES FOR KIDS SIGN UP TODAY!

The Glasses for Kids program will be visiting this school to provide Foundation (Prep) to Year 3 students with **FREE** vision screening, then testing and glasses (as required)

Visit Date/s **19th + 20th NOV**
School Contact _____
Consent Form Due **3rd SEPT.**



Scan this QR code to find out more on the GFK website



A Victorian State Government and State School Relief Initiative
Questions? Please contact the GFK team via info@glassesforkids.com.au



COME & TRY FREE CLINICS

ALL
SKILL
LEVELS

FOR SUMMER 25/26 SEASON

NEW 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11 YEAR OLDS

GIRLS

TUESDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER
TUESDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER

MELBA COLLEGE STADIUM COURT 4 4:30PM- 5:30PM

BOYS

THURSDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER
THURSDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER

MELBA COLLEGE STADIUM COURT 4 4:30PM - 5:30PM
OR
5:30PM - 6:30PM

Please RSVP Peter Cunningham on 0400 577 476

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National BOOK WEEK Party

DATE
AUG 21st
& 22nd

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celebrating together to
celebrate BOOK WEEK!

- Scavenger Hunts
- Arts & Crafts
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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*



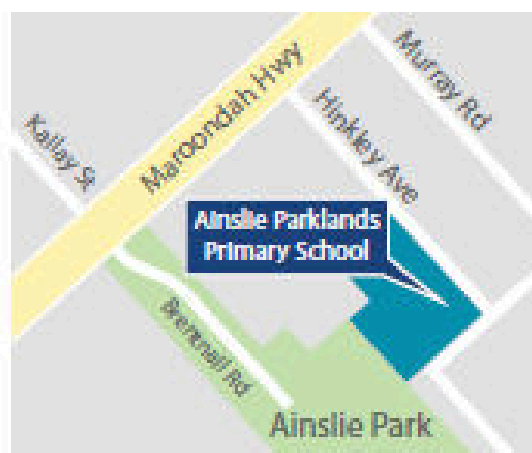
MiniKids is open to all 3 and 4 year
old kinder-aged children, regardless
of which school they will attend.

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

Hinkley Ave, Croydon Vic 3136

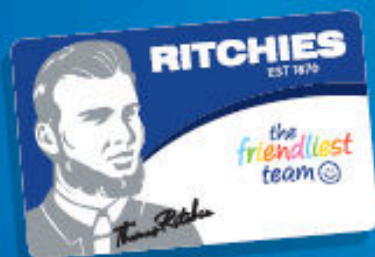
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AINSLIE PARKLANDS
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Playgroup

When: Friday 9.15am-10.45am
during the school term

Where: 24-36 Hinkley Ave,
Croydon (in the hall & new
playground)

Contact: 98701566

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