

THE AINSLIE UPDATE

DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 3 2025

- 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

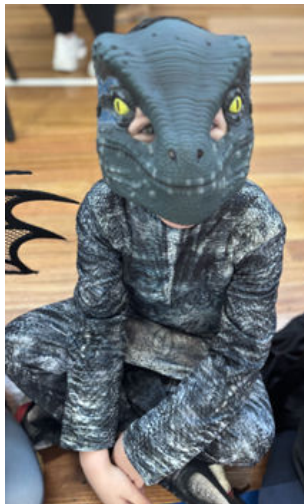
- 9th Oct - Whole school & Graduation photos
- 12th-14th Nov - 5/6 Camp
- 19th-20th Nov - Glasses For Kids Visit
- 27th-28th Nov - 3/4Camp
- 1st Dec - STUDENT FREE DAY**
- 9th Dec - Statewide Transition Day
- 19th Dec - End of Term 4

Book Week - Parade and Grandparents/Special person's morning!

Book week has always been special on the Ainslie Parklands Primary School calendar, and today was no exception. Today, students (and staff) impressed us with a range of fabulous book week outfits! Congratulations to the costume winners! We enjoyed showing our grandparents and special people our classrooms and sharing book week activities with them. Thank you to Laura A for coordinating the events.



Book Character Day (continued..)



Breakfast Club

After a long time on the waitlist, we have finally started our Breakfast Club, with the support of Foodbank. We have started with Monday mornings at 8.30am-8.50am. This means children must have finished eating by 8.50am - unfortunately, we will not be able to serve children who arrive after 8.40am, as they won't have time to eat before they head into the classroom. Huge thanks to Wendy for her coordination of this service.



APPS Survey - hamper winners!

Thank you to the Hutchison family for completing our recent APPS parent/carer survey. The responses were overwhelmingly positive, with some suggestions for us to take on board. We appreciate everyone who took the time to complete the survey and assist in progressing our school. Enjoy the hamper, Hutchison family!



Whole School Athletics Day!

The weather was kind to us for our whole school House Athletics Day last Wednesday.

Students in Years 3–6 competed in qualifying events for District Athletics, as well as some fun activities, and our Foundation, Year 1 & 2 students also joined in the fun! The Kangaroos (Red House) was victorious on the day, with a great effort from the Echidnas (Blue House) and the Playtpuses (Yellow House). Thank you to our wonderful parent community, who assisted on the day, and thank you to our PE teacher, Jane B, for the great organisation!



Silent Auction

The Community Engagement team recently hosted a Silent Auction for our school community – and what a fantastic event it was! With exciting prizes up for grabs, including circus vouchers, coffee beans, gift hampers, family passes to theme parks and ninja parcs, a “Mexican & Movies” experience, even the coveted will kit – there was something for everyone to enjoy.

A heartfelt thank you goes to Nikki Kempton, Natalia Guaraldo and Joanne van den Broek for organising such a successful event.

We also extend our sincere thanks to all the generous sponsors listed below who donated prizes and helped make this fundraiser such a success.

To our lucky winners – we hope you thoroughly enjoy your prizes!

Reading Superstars

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



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.

APPS Principal from 2004 TO 2017.



It is with great sadness that we share the passing of Mr Alan Baker.

Mr Alan Baker was a beloved and respected Principal at Ainslie Parklands Primary School. The legacy he leaves behind is the way he engaged with everyone, leaving an indelible mark on the APPS community and his students.

As a Principal, “Mr Baker” was a leader who connected with everyone. His leadership was marked by a deep commitment to the well-being of his students, his staff, and the broader community. His ability to listen, to empathise, and to inspire made him a figure of respect and admiration in the educational community. His approach wasn’t about enforcing rules from a distance; rather, it was about fostering an environment of trust, care, and mutual respect.

Alan’s life was equally rich in passions and pursuits. One of Alan’s deepest passions was his admiration for Indigenous art. He had an immense respect for the cultural richness and history that this art form represents. It wasn’t just an aesthetic appreciation; for Alan, it was an understanding of the stories, the traditions, and the wisdom embedded in each piece. Alan would often share his passion for Indigenous art, sparking conversations about history, culture, and the importance of preserving these traditions.

While many might have considered Tasmania a short trip within Australia, for Alan, it was a journey “overseas.” He had a love for this particular destination which was close to his heart. Whether it was the rugged landscapes, the rich history, or the peaceful atmosphere, Tasmania held a special place in Alan’s adventures.

Every great leader has a passion outside of their work, and for Alan, it was his unshakeable love for the Geelong Cats. Every time you’d stop by his office to say goodbye at the end of the week, without fail, he’d smile and share his thoughts on the upcoming game.

Alan was also a registered Justice of the Peace, a role that further exemplified his commitment to service and fairness. He approached this responsibility with the same care and thoughtfulness that he brought to all areas of his life.

He remains in the thoughts and hearts of those who knew him. From his leadership in education to his love of art, sport, and adventure, Alan’s life was a rich tapestry of passions, relationships, and service to others.



Department
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WE WANT OUR PARENTS / CAREGIVERS / GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting the annual Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey offered by the Department of Education and is seeking your feedback. The survey is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. The survey is optional, but we encourage and appreciate your participation.

Our school will use the survey results to assist in identifying areas for improvement and professional development needs in the school, to target school planning and improvement strategies.

The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open online from Thursday 28 August to Friday 19 September 2025.

All families are invited to participate in the survey- Please refer to Compass Post for login details.

The survey will be conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

The online survey will be available in English and 10 other languages. Resources are also available in additional languages to assist parents / caregivers / guardians who speak a language other than English at home. Please reach out to your child's teacher, or the school directly for survey guides in your language



♥ 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).





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BUNNINGS BBQ FUNDRAISER

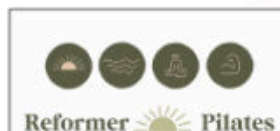
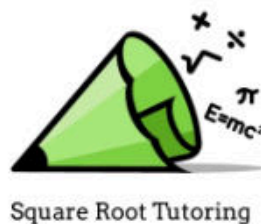


THIS SATURDAY
AUGUST 30TH 2025



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

SILENT AUCTION THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS



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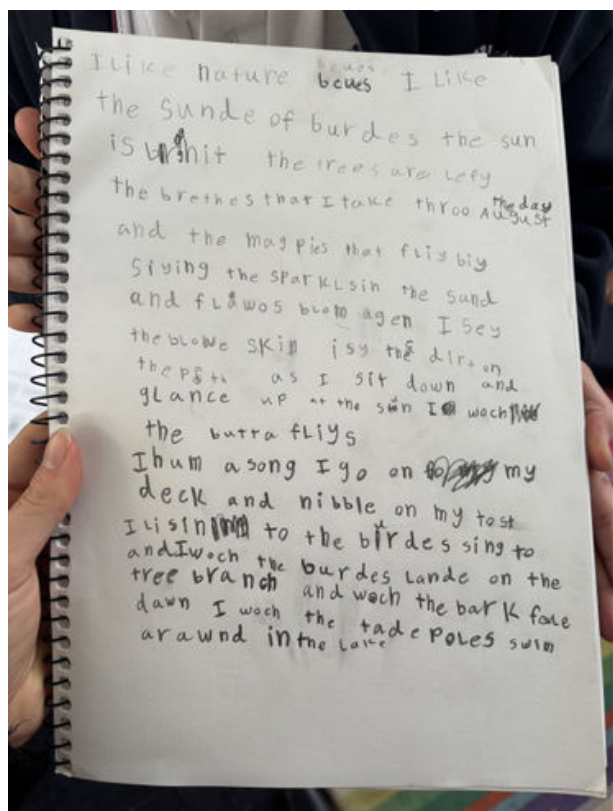
We've been making the most of the beautiful weather here in Melbourne by taking some of our lessons outside!

In Writing, we enjoyed doing our Wild Writes outdoors. Wild Writes are a special time where students can write freely about anything they choose. Being outside sparked creativity for many students, with nature providing wonderful inspiration for their ideas.

In Maths, our warmup focus has been on writing numbers with correct formation and understanding their place value. Taking our learning outside, we had fun using chalk to practise writing our numbers on the pavement.

In STEM, we've been exploring the planets. We learned about the distance of each planet from the sun through a hands-on scale activity, helping us better understand the vastness of space. We've also been learning about how planets orbit the sun.

In Art, this week's lesson focused on en plein air painting. Students learned about the technique of painting outdoors, using the natural environment as their inspiration. It was a wonderful opportunity to observe and capture the world around us through art. There has been so much fantastic learning happening in the F/1 space!

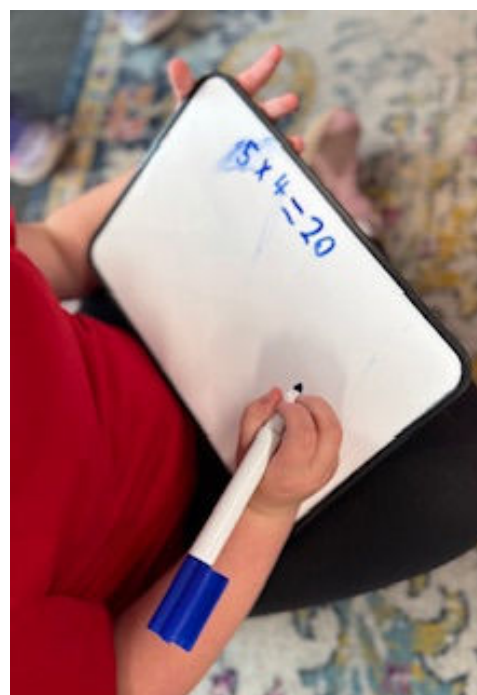
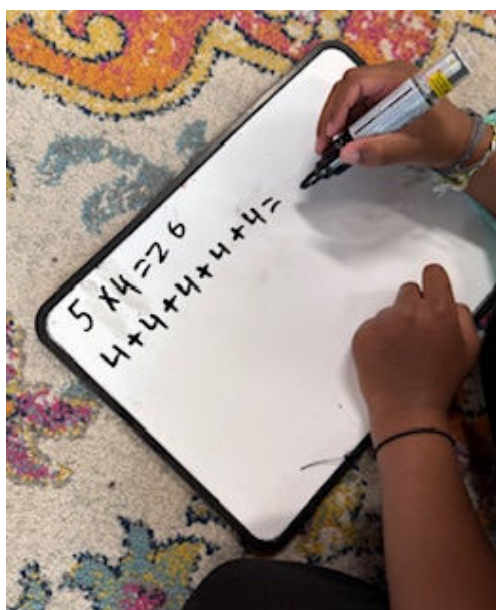


From 1/2A

This week, Year 1 and 2 students are finalising their unit on multiplication. They have explored a variety of strategies to deepen their understanding of this operation. Students have enjoyed working with arrays, repeated addition, number lines, and concrete materials to make their learning hands-on and engaging.

They have also been developing their confidence in solving worded problems, which helps them expand their mathematical vocabulary and apply their knowledge to real-life situations.

Across the unit, students have demonstrated flexible mathematical thinking through a balance of group tasks, individual challenges, and activities using digital devices. These experiences have not only built their skills but also encouraged collaboration, creativity, and problem-solving in their maths learning.



From 3/4A

Book Week was a raging success in our classroom. Class 3/4A had an amazing morning dressing up as our favourite characters.

We were also very excited to have our Special Persons visit us for a morning of Book Day themed activities.

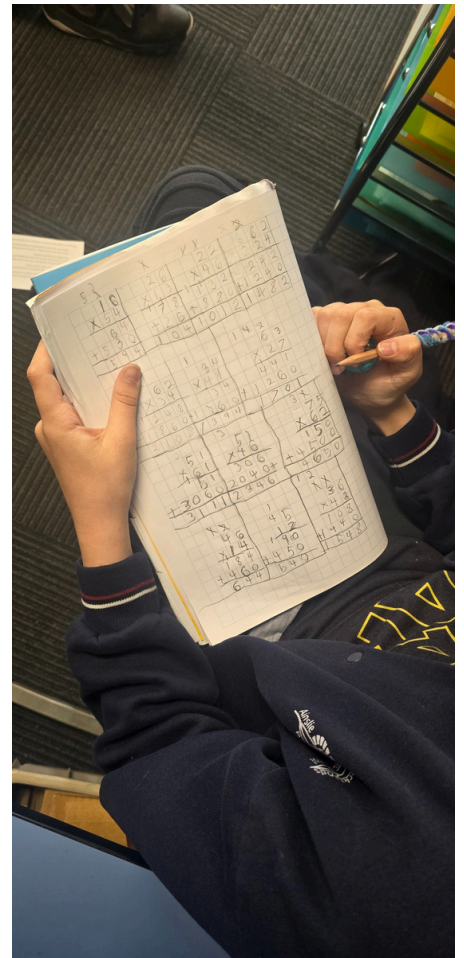
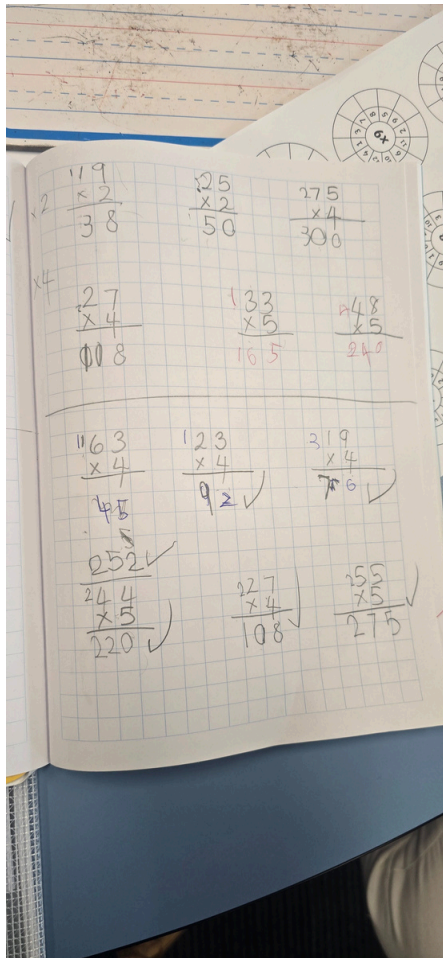
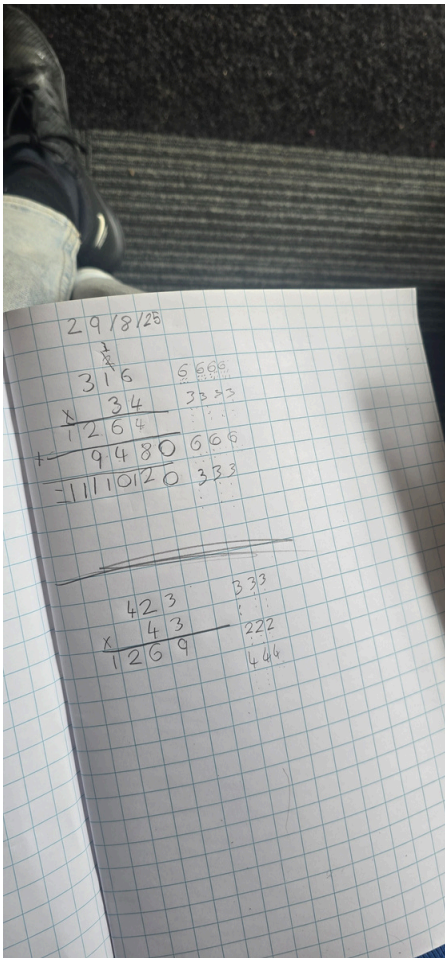
As a class we read Freya Blackwood's Garden of Broken Things. We then completed a range of activities based upon the book!



Literacy: Students reviewed common homophones and explored morphemes linked to the Latin base 'form' (form/shape/appearance/structure). We also practised reading aloud with a focus on accuracy and fluency. For comprehension, students used text clues and their prior knowledge to predict what might happen next in a story.

Writing: Students drafted both factual and imaginative recounts, strengthening detail by using figurative language, 'wow words', adjectives and emotive language.

Maths: Students applied multiplication strategies to support the vertical multiplication method. We also discussed why regular practice matters and how multiplication connects to real-world tasks.



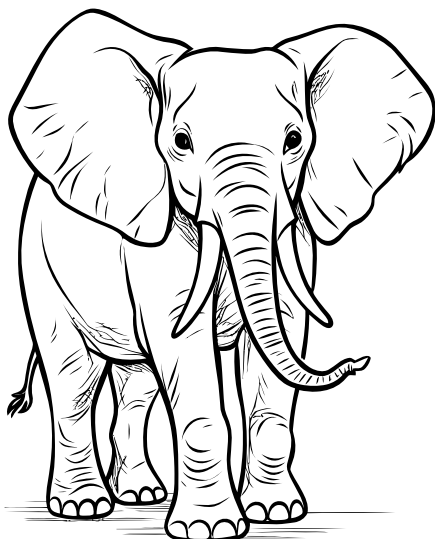
Elephant Ed.

Collaboratively Written by 6A

On Thursday, the 6s and 5s were visited by Jules from Elephant Ed to participate in a workshop. It was about how our bodies undergo changes as we get older.

We played a game where we named synonyms for body parts. We learnt about how our bodies change when we get older and some of the normal things they do. We know that everybody's body is a bit different and learnt about when and where we should get help for different things.

We are looking forward to having another session next week. Next week's session will focus on body safety.





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 _____
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Ainslie Parklands Primary School

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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*

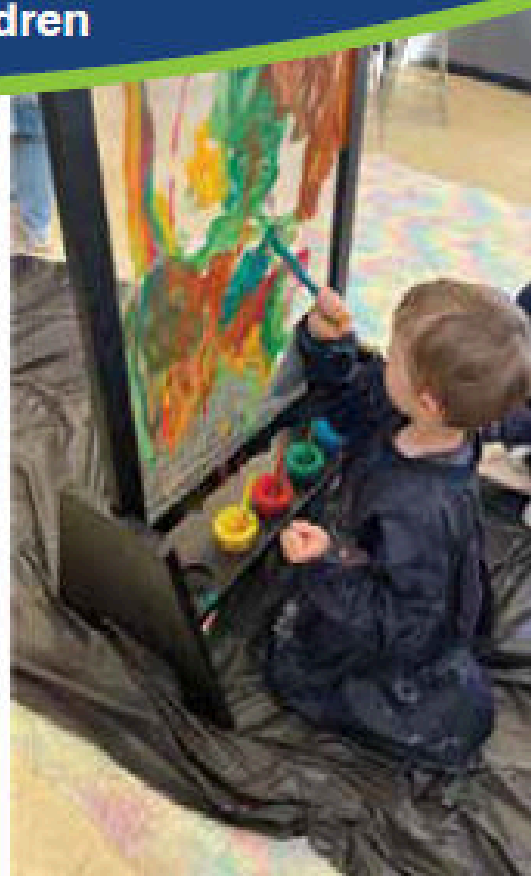
Term 3

Wednesday 30th July *Play and story time*

Thursday 14th August *Gym play*

Wednesday 27th August *Literacy*

Thursday 11th September *Numeracy*



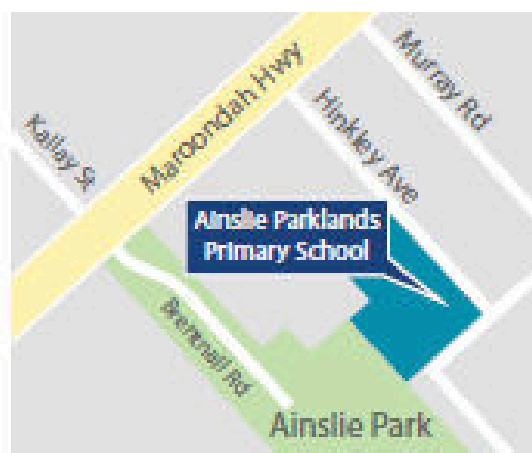
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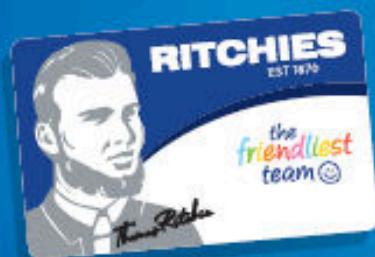
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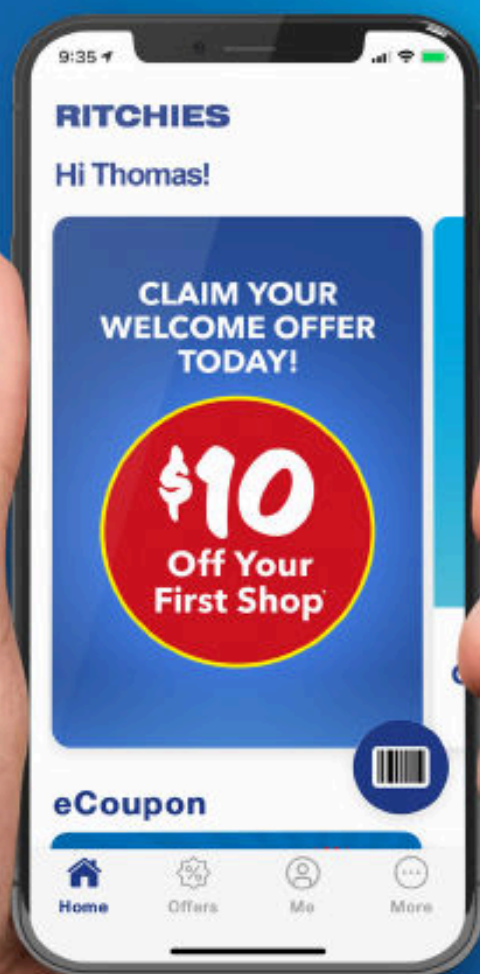
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Contact: 98701566

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