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THE AINSLIE UPDATE

DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 3 2025

- 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
- 10th Oct - 3pm Assembly
- 15th Oct - Olympian visit
- 16th Oct F-2 & 3-4 incursions
- 17th Oct - Free dress as (native) animal to support Wildlife Victoria (Student Voice)
- 20th Oct - Dress rehearsal
- 21st Oct - Production of "Zoom"
- 24th Oct - 3pm Assembly

4th Nov - Melbourne Cup Day

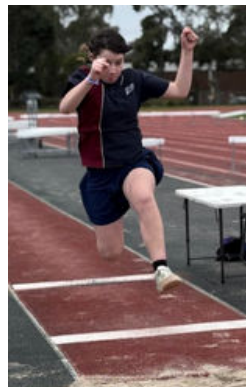
- 7th Nov - Living safely with dogs incursion
- 12th-14th Nov - 5/6 Camp
- 19th-20th Nov - Glasses For Kids Visit
- 27th-28th Nov - 3/4Camp

1st Dec - STUDENT FREE DAY

- 5th Dec - 3pm Assembly
- 9th Dec - Statewide Transition Day
- 16th Dec - Volunteers thank you morning tea
- 17th Dec - Year 6 graduation
- 19th Dec - End of Term 4

District Athletics

The weather did not dampen our spirits at District Athletics on Tuesday. Students had a great day, competing against other schools, demonstrating our school values of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience. Thank you so much to our fabulous parents who assisted at the event, and of course our amazing staff - especially Jane B. Go APPS!!



Thank you to those who helped with the Bunnings BBQ

We would like to thank parents who assisted at the Bunnings BBQ on Saturday 30th August to raise funds for our school – we appreciate you! Thanks also to Jo for organising the event.

Working Bee – Thank you!!!

Last Friday, Jane H organised a working bee. Thank you to Flynn's, Zoe's, Beau's, Will's, Hugo & Henrietta's, Jacob & Astrid's, Marshall & Charlotte's, Lucas & James' families for all of their help!!!

Green Hat STEM Workshop

Students from Foundation through to Year 6 enjoyed the Green Hat STEM incursion held today. With the purchase of STEM equipment from our fundraising money, to the variety of STEM opportunities such as this, students are receiving a very robust Science Technology Engineering and Maths experience at APPS!



Acknowledgement of Country

We thank our Koorie Engagement Support Officer (KESO), Vanessa, for working with our Student Voice team this term to develop an original acknowledgement of country for our school. We look forward to hearing it at assembly once it has been finished.



DE Parent Survey

We encourage parents to complete the Department of Education's Parent Opinion Survey, that closes at the end of this term (next week). Please see further down in this newsletter for details about how to access the survey. Thank you!

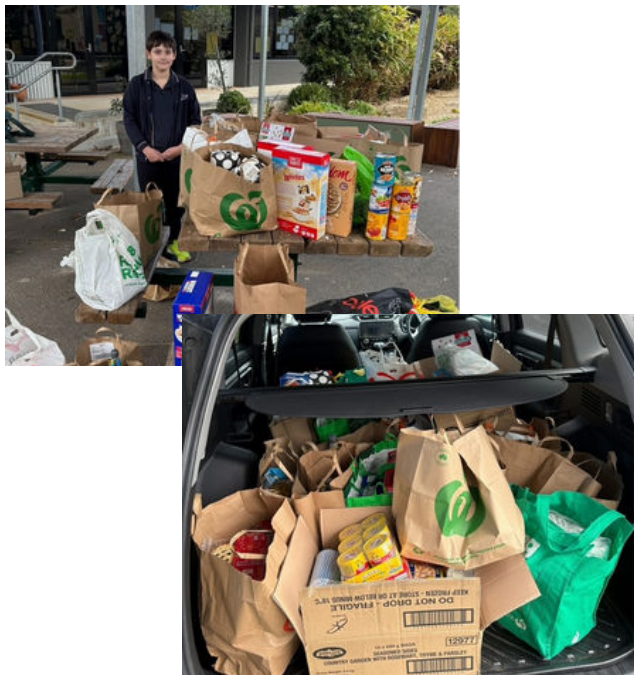
Father's / Special Person's Day Stall

Once again, APPS has offered the children the opportunity to buy something special for their Dad or special person on Father's Day, which is something that all students look forward to. Big thanks to the Community Engagement team, and our deepest appreciation to our stall holders, who donated their takings back to the school. (And hopefully, these cookies made it home!)



DASH program

In Term 2, Bluelight ran the DASH (Dynamic, Active, Safe, Healthy) program with Year 5 & 6 students. Students developed a community project and presented their ideas to a judging panel. The panel selected Jay's group idea as the one they would bring to life. This culminated in a food drive in conjunction with Helping Hand. Thank you so much to our wonderful community, who made a significant contribution with food and toiletries



RU OK?

Yesterday was RU OK? Day. Students learnt about this concept with Sophie in Wellbeing last week, and contributed to a display about how we can support the people around us and check-in to make sure that everyone is OK.



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.



Wear your favourite colour

When students display our school values of Respect, Responsibility, Resilience (and kindness), they are acknowledged with a token. They use these tokens to vote for a whole school reward. This time, they voted for a "wear your favourite colour" day, which they all enjoyed.



Thank you.

This will be my last newsletter as principal of Ainslie Parklands Primary School. It goes without saying that the decision to leave this school has been an extremely difficult one, because I love this community – the students, the staff and our families. And I am so proud of the collective progress that has been made over the past four years. In that time, I can honestly say that right now, the school has never been more focused on learning (academic and wellbeing outcomes) in a caring, calm and orderly learning space that is responsive to the needs of all students.

This is due to the incredible professionals that work with your children every day. Whether Teachers or Education Support staff, the APPS team go above and beyond to ensure that every child has the best educational experience possible. Staff sacrifice their evenings, their early mornings, their weekends, sometimes their dollars and holiday time for the benefit of this school and its students. Significant school resources have been allocated to ensure that staff are trained and up to date with the latest evidence-based strategies for the most efficient and effective ways to ensure students get the very best academic outcomes, while ensuring student wellbeing is nurtured. Should a student go through a tough time, this team does not give-up on them. They and their families are supported, and all students learn about compassion and kindness, which is often lacking in our current online and in-person world. I have always believed that kindness is underrated and am so thrilled and proud that we have students who recognise this too.

This is also due to the communication and relationships we form with families. We are committed to working in partnership with families for the best outcomes for our students.

There are times when we have to sift through an incident, work out what happened and apply consequences. For us it is similar to having a large family, where parents have to sort out which child did what – when we care about and advocate for them all.

In any kind of interaction with our community, I have always aimed for a positive outcome for all. Sometimes it has not been perfect. There have been times when I have been unable to do what is asked of me, and I have been unable to please all of the people all of the time, despite always aiming for a win/win solution. But our recent parent survey had more parent respondents than any other, with overwhelmingly positive feedback, which affirms the school is definitely on the right path.

But at the end of the day, our core business is ensuring that we support our students to be the very best they can be. I have poured my heart and soul into that journey over the past four years, and I am incredibly proud of the progress that our students have made, in large part due to our talented and caring staff and the partnership with this incredible community. Ainslie Parklands Primary School is simply a great school, a hidden gem that students should be proud to attend. And going forward with Wendy and the team, I know that this will not change. I am confident that the new principal will continue this journey with the community. I thank you all for your support and I will be back to visit whenever I can. I wish you all the very best and know our students will do themselves proud. Take care! Warm regards, Jane.



APPS featured in "Find Maroondah"
Thank you Liz, and thank you Chantal!

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AUGUST 2025 | FIND MAROONDAH 5

OUR YOUNGEST EARTH CARERS

Find NATURE & CONSERVATION

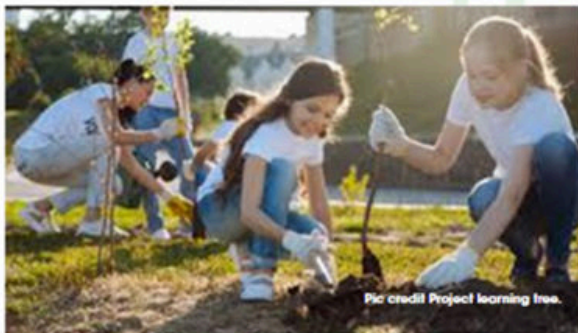
By Liz Sanzaro

Any hope for the future lies with the young people. It is exciting to know that a local school plans for its grounds to become a vital habitat and refuge. The children understand how important it is for the creatures that are losing homes due to the significant number of native trees and native plants removed due to land clearing for development.



With the new developments being streamlined, without Council approval, there is no room for trees. This is wreaking havoc on the percentage tree cover for municipalities, which should achieve 30% cover.

A primary school in Croydon is taking on a substantial project with the help of a teacher who has put in a significant amount of work to obtain \$5000 grant from the Education Department's Sustainability grant, supported by Sustainability Victoria. <https://www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/>



Pic credit Project learning tree.

This project requires several resources to get underway. Maroondah Council will provide mulch and some plants. Croydon Conservation Society is supporting this through the tiny forest project. This school has chosen to re-invigorate part of the school land to become a significant future habitat and wildlife refuge.

The school hopes to create nature trails and corridors within the school grounds. The small grant will not go far, so they are looking for donations such as

- hardwood sleepers and posts to make bench seats
- large granite rocks for lizard sunbaking
- rio-steel mesh sheets for screens to grow native creepers and provide shade
- marine grade stainless steel rope for arbours.



Pic. Australian Geographic



Pic credit to Lloyd Khan



Pic credit to TK Tables

If you think you have anything to donate that would help them with their project, you can contact Croydon Conservation Society and we will pass on your information to the teacher who is coordinating this amazing project. We are all looking forward to seeing this revegetation learning space created where children will be immersed in Nature.

No treated pine to be used, since the chemicals it is treated with are unsuitable for children. Originally Chromium Copper Arsenate. CCS was first in the world to get these tests done and found the wood to be toxic. Now treated with Alkaline Copper Quaternary, which is a skin irritant.

CCS contact.... President@croydonconservation.org.au



**CROYDON
CONSERVATION
SOCIETY**

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Department
of Education

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



Bunnings BBQ

Thankyou to everyone who supported our recent fundraiser at Bunnings BBQ Chirnside (30th August). It was a very successful event, raising funds for STEM resources. Shout out to Dave vanderWolf (BBQ captain), Elissa Roszak, Lisa Kanto, Joanne van den Broek and all the other volunteers who assisted on the day, doing one or double shifts!

Thank you again to the Crimmins, Davis, Hammen, Jenkinson, Kanto, Lluna, Markham, Roszak, Taylor, Turewicz, Vamplew, van den Broek, Vanderwolf and Weatherson families.

BUNNINGS BBQ FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY AUGUST
30TH 2025

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP





Father's Day Special Person's Stall

A busy morning for the foundation to grade 6 students, choosing from a selection of DIY gifts, herbs/spice mixes/morning tea/cookie/jam & chutneys for the foodies, plant lovers to builders, and those who rock!

We hope everyone enjoyed a lovely day on Sunday with their special people. Special thanks to our APPS Community, the parents and grandparents who helped make these goodies for the students to gift to their special person (Jo-Anne, Jo, Steph, Lisa and Elissa).



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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FRESH LOCAL APPLES

COMING SOON

VARIETIES AND PRICES
RELEASED TERM 4



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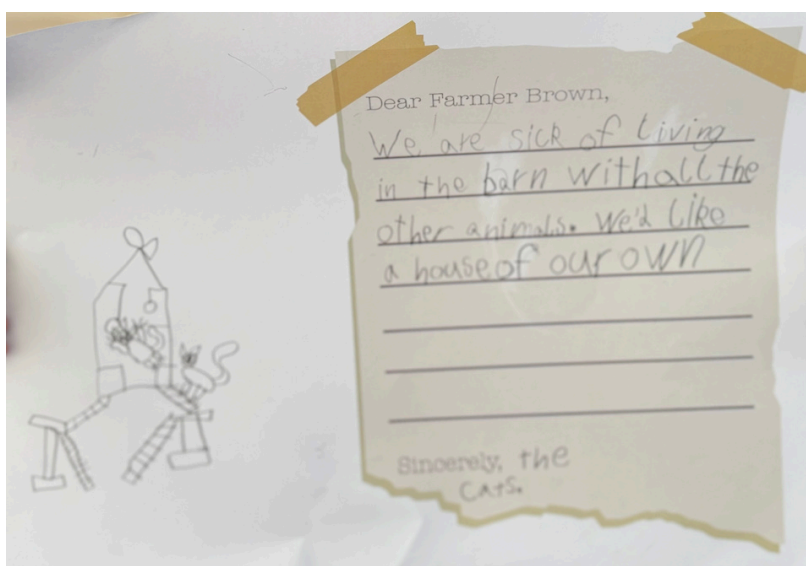
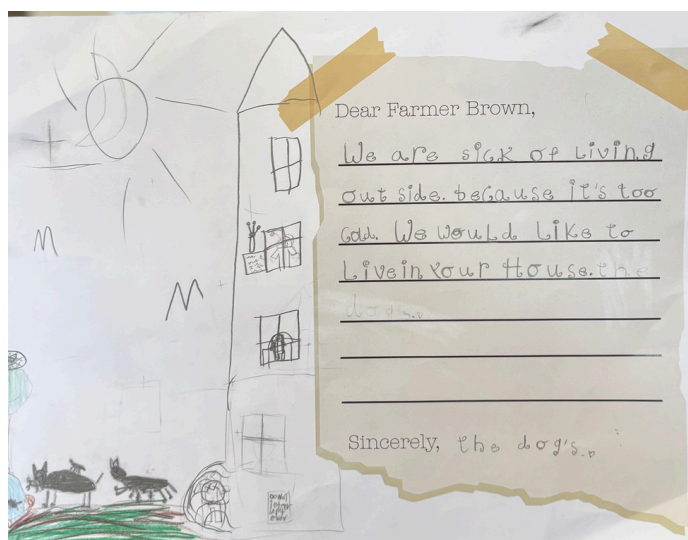
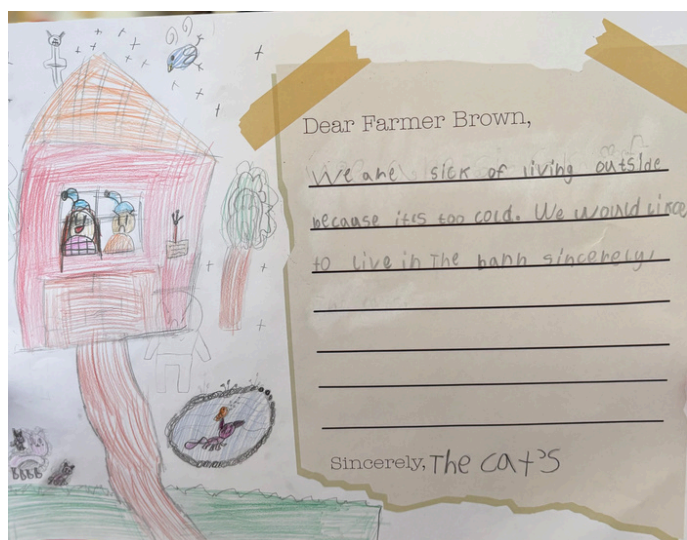
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MANGO'S

FRESH OFF THE TREES IN NOVEMBER
DETAILS TO COME



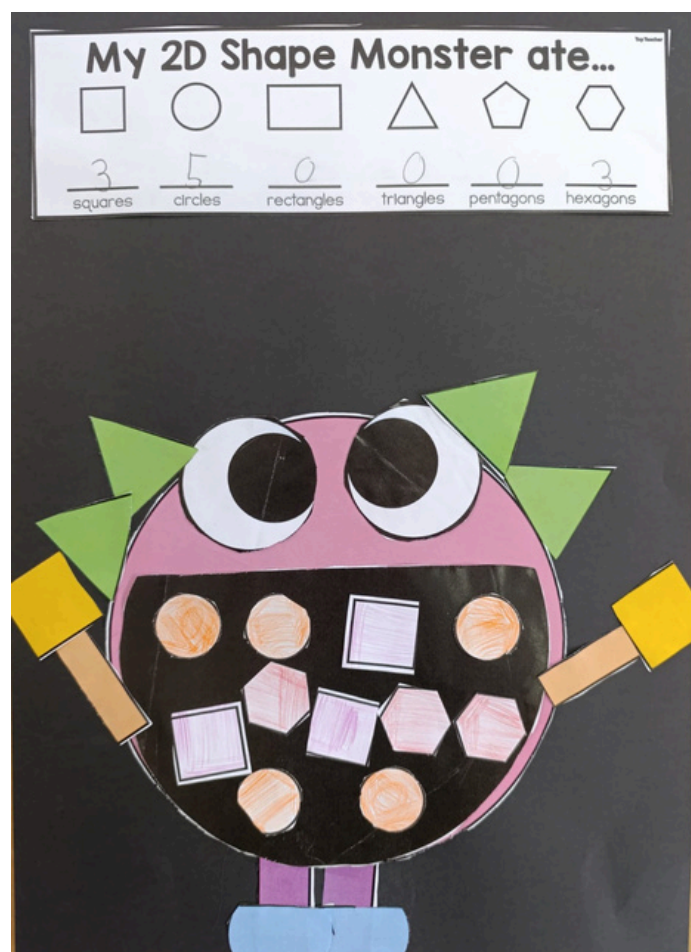
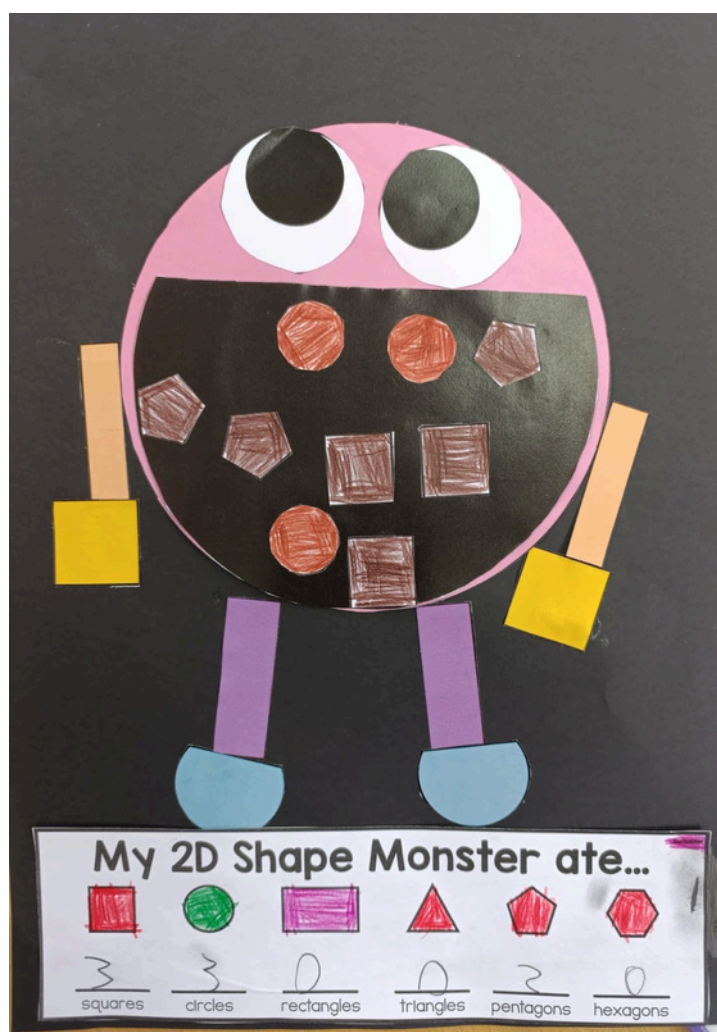
From F1A

Last week in Literacy, we learnt about writing letters. We read the book *Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type* by Doreen Cronin, a story in which the farm animals wrote letters to Farmer Brown to negotiate better conditions on the farm. Inspired by the animals' persuasive writing, our students had the opportunity to write their own letters to Farmer Brown, expressing what changes they wanted to see on the farm. We then compiled all of their letters into a special class book, which the students were very proud to have shared with each other.



From FIA

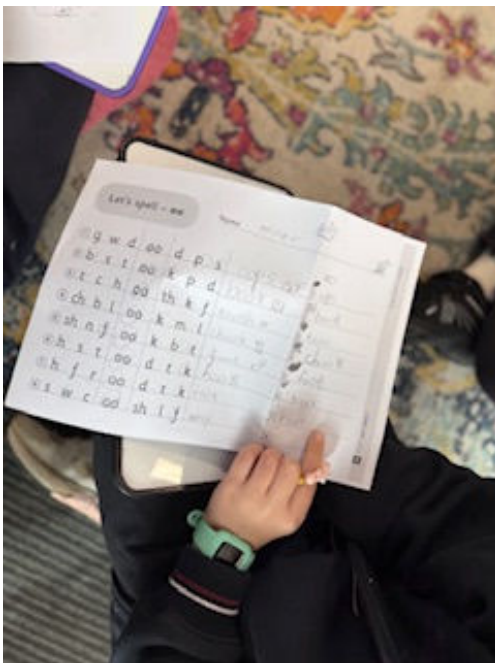
In Maths, we focused on exploring 2D shapes, learning to identify and describe them by the number of sides and corners. To put this learning into action, students created their very own Shape Monsters using a range of 2D shapes. This hands-on activity not only reinforced their shape knowledge but also gave them a great opportunity to practise and strengthen their fine motor skills through cutting, arranging, and gluing the shapes.



From 1/2A

Each week, our students continue their Science of Reading journey with the Little Learners Love Literacy program. Every Monday, we introduce a new focus sound, and students practise reading and writing words that use this sound. This helps them build strong links between letters, sounds, and meaning.

As the week goes on, students consolidate their learning through handwriting practice, spelling tasks, and reading activities. The program is carefully designed to be fun and engaging, while also supporting children to learn in small, manageable steps. It's wonderful to see their skills and confidence grow as they practise these important foundations for reading and writing.



From 3/4A

Recounts:

Over the past fortnight, 3/4s have been finishing off their recounts. We have been revisiting the structure of a recount, and how to write our paragraphs correctly. We have been had a closer look at the features of recounts such as writing in past tense, using time connective and ensuring our information is presented in chronological order. Students have then had the opportunity to review and edit their work and publish on the computer. Here are some student examples:

Myuna Farm

Cameron

On Thursday 14 August we went on a bus to go Myuna farm. We came to school and we went to the bus to go Myuna farm. When we got there, we eat snack and had a play. We learnt about what they we with animal poop. We played sort rubbish game. There was lots of animals. We got to pat bunnies, goats and guineapigs. Then we saw a longneck turtle and baby emus. Then we eat lunch.

After lunch we went on a tractor to go to a wet land. We went fishing and I caught lots of little fish and insects.

We put the fish b ack in the wetlands. We went back to the farm on the tractor. Then we went home on the bus.



CAMPING AT WARRANDYTE

My family and I love camping. On the weekend, mum, zack and I went to curve kiln.

First we had to drive there it was long we listed to music and looked out the window it was dark.

When we got there we Had to setup we slept in a caravan.

In the morning I had breakfast we had bacon and gee it was good.



Going to Minigolf

Have you ever been to minigolf?

On the weekend, my family and I went to minigolf to have a fun day together. This text will tell you how fun it was. Mum decided to go to mini golf because it looked like fun.

I scored a hole in one on the forth hole. The next hole I got two shots. Then My Mum Got The highest Score and won the Game.

After we played minigolf we had lunch. I had party pies with sauce. Lincoln got party pies. Mum had party pies and chips. Then we went home.



From 3/4A

Perimeter and Area:

Students have been learning the difference between perimeter and area by designing the dream house or making a robot. Students have learnt the relationship between area and multiplication by using the concept of arrays to calculate a shape's area.

Green Hat incursion:

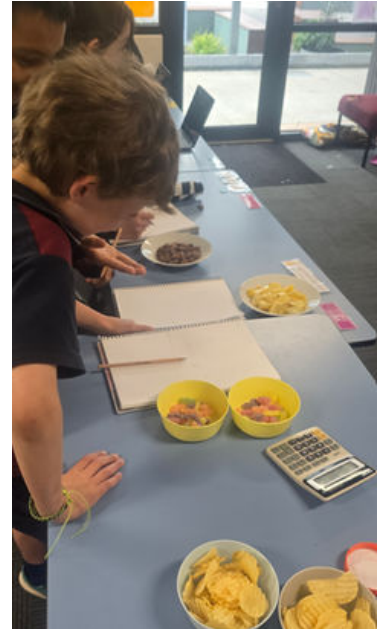
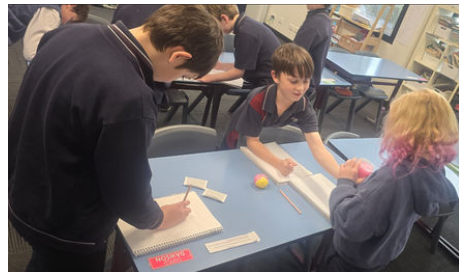
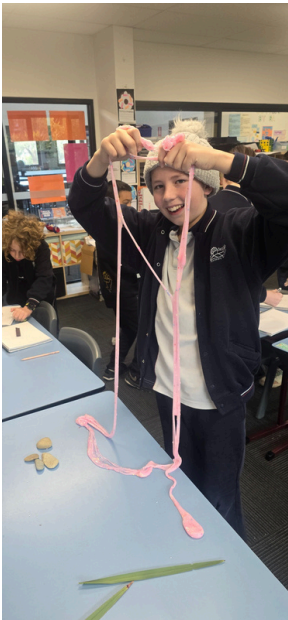
We had a wonderful morning with Cam from Green Hat incursions. We learnt about the importance of friction, symmetry, balance and the role of gravity when building structures of varying height, length and weight. It was amazing to see the creativity and perseverance students used when completing their creations. Our school value of Resilience was truly put to the test when things didn't work out as planned, but everyone did a great job.



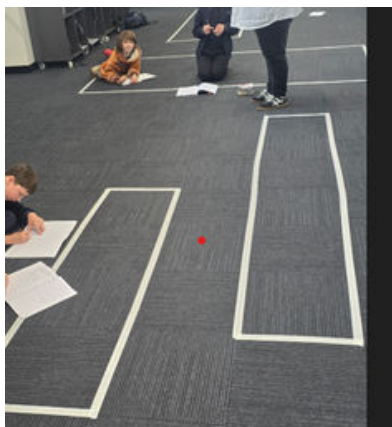
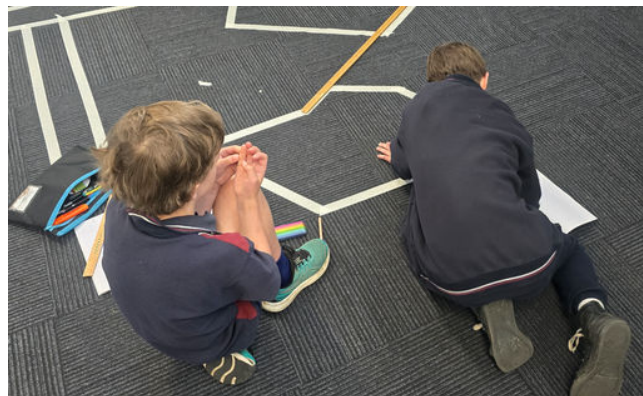
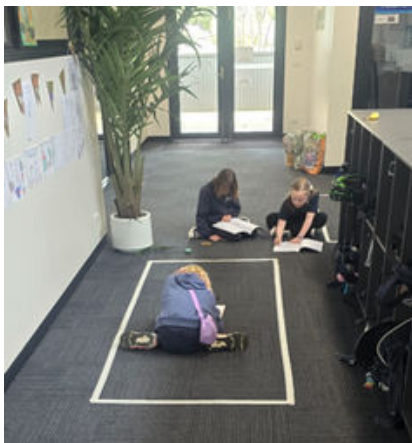
From 4/5A

To improve detail in their writing, students explored a range of sensory stations—touch, sound, taste, smell, and sight—and then crafted descriptive responses.

For example, Tait wrote: *"The marvellous creations chocolate was like popping balloons on my tongue."*



In Maths, students explored area and perimeter by constructing their own 2D shapes, then measuring and calculating their dimensions.

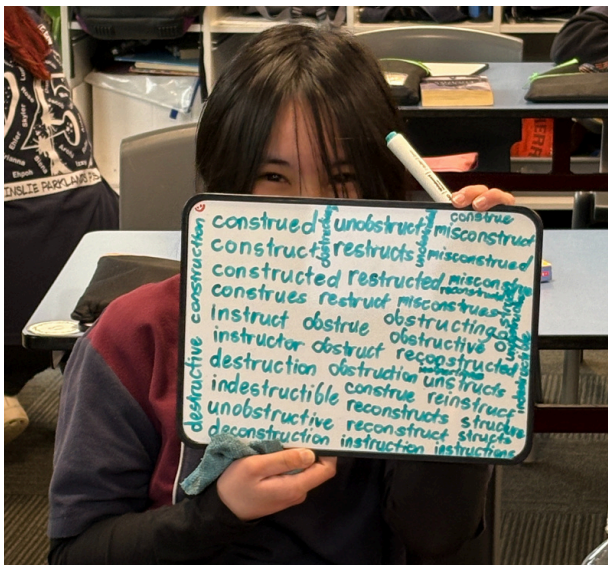


Literacy in Year 6

It's been a busy few weeks in the Year 6 class. In Literacy, we have looked at:

Reading:

We have been learning about lakes around the world. We have read about lakes in North America, South America, and Africa.

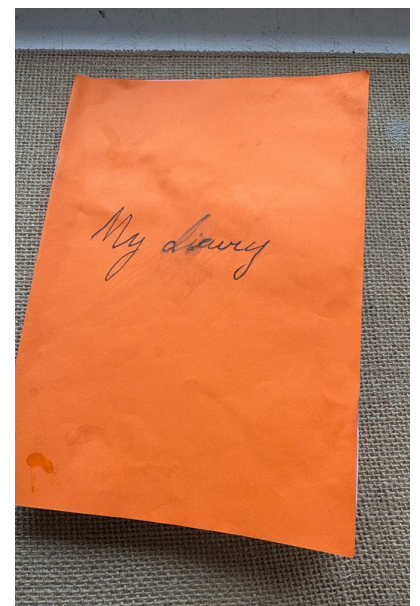
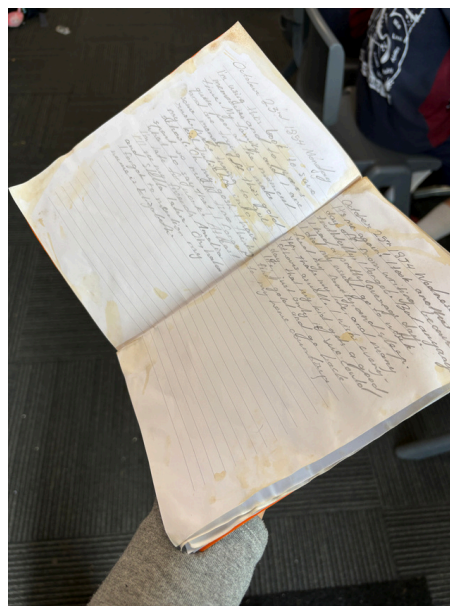


Spelling:

We have learnt about the Latin morpheme *strue/struct* as in to build. Here's a picture of Mia with soooo many *strue/struct* words that she made using different prefixes and suffixes.

Writing:

In Term 2 we learnt about the Gold Rush. This term, we revisited some of what we learnt and wrote creative historic recounts. These recounts were diaries from the point of view of someone living on the gold fields. We then made them into real journals.





6:30 AM START
6:00

PLEASE ARRIVE BY 9AM ON EXCURSION



IN-HOUSE



IN-CURSION



EXCURSION

FRI 19th

Asian Adventure



Pack your passport—today we're off on an exciting Asian Adventure! We will journey through parts of Asia's diverse cultures, discovering the beauty, colours, sounds, and traditions of countries like China, Japan, India, Thailand, and more.

Daily Fee Alert \$9

After Max \$9.

MON · 22nd SEP	TUE · 23rd SEP	WED · 24th SEP	THU · 25th SEP	FRI · 26th SEP
Magic Journey	Pickle Ball Battle	Robotic Innovators	The Bad Guys 2	
Get ready for a magical adventure! Today, we're diving into the world of fairy tales where our talented actors will need your special touch to help weave the stories together.	Get ready to paddle up and have a blast because today we're living into the world of Pickle Ball Battle, a game that combines elements of fun, making it a thrilling experience for everyone!	Calling all innovators! Today, we're tackling real-world problems and solutions using Nerf battles, an inspiring and creativity-fuelled session to help save our oceans!	Today, you are off to the movies to witness The Bad Guys struggling to go to live as Good Guys, when they are pulled out of retirement and forced to do "one last job".	
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*Child Care Subsidies may apply. \$5 Admin Fee per family. \$10 Late Fees apply within 7

**Expendable Activity Fee Programs available subject to change. Third Party Payment Fees apply. See Terms and Conditions for cancellation policy

FIND A VENUE

CHOOSE YOUR ADVENTURE

BOOK TODAY!

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TK Spy Academy	Inflatable World	Blockhead Mania	Kangaroo	Pizza Party
Today we are turning into spies to crack codes, uncover mysteries, and complete top-secret missions! Get ready to test your sneaking skills and solve hidden puzzles. Your mission begins now, Agent – do you accept the challenge?	We're jumping for joy because TeamKids is going to In atable World, the home of some of the biggest indoor in atables in Aus! We'll climb, leap & crawl through all the thrilling obstacles. *Socks required.	Inspired by 'The Block' – it's time to put your sleeves up and let your creativity shine! We'll get to choose our own mini house, manage your budget and pitch your creation!	It's time to test your growing wild with Rolling In Dough! Let's get to choosing our toppings to enjoy! *Allergy Alert. Please inform us of any allergies before booking. Please inform us of any allergies before booking.	Let's get to choosing our toppings to enjoy! *Allergy Alert. Please inform us of any allergies before booking. Please inform us of any allergies before booking.
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Team Kids

=SCREEN FREE FUN

FUN CLUBS

EPIC EVENTS

HOLIDAY FUN

YUMMY SNACKS

AWESOME PARTIES

FUN ZONES & GAMES

MAKE NEW FRIENDS

AND MORE...

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SCHOOL
HOLIDAY

FOOTY FRENZY

22 – 25 Sep

10am – 2pm

Near Aldi

Celebrate Footy Fever with fun workshops, footy-themed crafts, gingerbread decorating and face painting!



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

FLY INTO SPRING

29 Sep – 3 Oct

10am – 2pm

Near Aldi

Enjoy spring themed crafts
and face painting!





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SOFTBALL

REGO and COME AND TRY DAY

Pre-Season starting
Sun 31st August
Sun 14th Sept
9 – 11 am
Pinks Reserve
Junior and Senior team training
sessions will follow!

25/26 Season
Starting October

Register via QR code or
email
ejays.softball@gmail.com

REGO LINK



PRESIDENT-Annette-0408 332 871
Pinks Reserve, 123 Liverpool Rd, Kilsyth

**SEPTEMBER
SCHOOL
HOLIDAY
PROGRAMS**

COME & PLAY!

Multiple venues around
Victoria, check out our website
via the QR code or link below
for venues, dates and times!

4 hours of Softball fun for
children and teens aged 7-14,
delivered by experienced
coaches. Develop new skills
through fun activities, make
new friends and finish the day
with games of Softball!

Cost: \$50.00pp

ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED

REGISTER HERE:



<https://www.softballvic.org.au/events/307005>







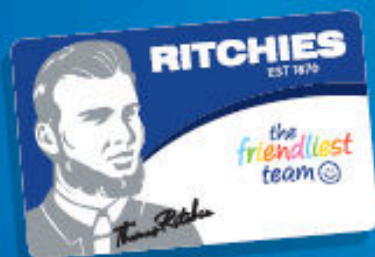
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Teams available from **Miniball to Under 23s**
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AINSLIE PARKLANDS
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

