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THE AINSLIE UPDATE

DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 4 2025

16th Dec - Volunteers thank you morning tea

17th Dec - Year 6 Graduation

19th Dec - End of Term 4 Early Finish 1:30pm

Reminder:

No after school supervision on Friday 19th December.

2025 WRAP UP

What a huge term it has been! I'm not sure I have ever seen a schedule as busy as Ainslie Parklands Primary School's 2025 Term 4 calendar. I would like to acknowledge the efforts of the staff and engagement from the students in what has been an action packed end to the school year. Well done, everyone!

Here is an overview of the extra-curricular events from this term:

- Whole school production
- Foundation Transition program
- F-2 Pevan and Sarah excursion
- Green Hat and Lego incursions
- 3/4 and 5/6 camps
- Anna Cripsey visit
- Glasses for Kids
- Living Safely with Dogs incursion
- 3 information evenings
- Mango fundraiser
- National Tree Planting Day
- Breakfast Club
- Foundation Transition & Transition Day
- Backyard Bee incursion
- Slime a Teacher
- Clubs
- Volunteers Morning Tea
- Graduation

Staff farewells

As is the case in Education, staff often move in and out of schools. This year we have three teaching staff moving schools:

Scott Huddleston

Scott began at Ainslie Parklands in 2020. He has shown his dedication by being extremely versatile and teaching most year levels from F-6. He is incredibly talented and his optimism has been such an asset to our school over the past 5 years. We wish him all the best as he steps into the high school sector joining Lilydale High School as an English teacher.

Damon Crossley

Damon joined our team this year and has worked with our Year 4s and 5s. He brings a lot of joy and laughter to our school and has formed a dynamic duo with Georgie this year. We wish him all the best as he begins his leadership journey as the Wellbeing Leader back at his base school, Strathaird Primary School.

Natalie Palmer

This year we were lucky enough to have Natalie join our team as our Music teacher. I'm sure her highlight was seeing the school production come together back in October. We wish her all the best for her next project in 2025.



New staff

APPS is very excited to welcome our new Principal and Year 3/4 classroom teacher. You can find a message from them in the following pages.

Thank you

On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank the 18 parents who contributed to the enormous staff lunch last week. It was absolutely delicious! Staff were spoilt with an incredibly generous spread that filled us for two days! Thank you so much!

Volunteer's morning tea

A reminder that staff will be putting on a morning tea for all volunteers in the staffroom on Tuesday. Please join us in the staffroom at 11am. See the flyer in the following pages.

Christmas Concert

Ainslie Parklands sure know how to put on a performance! Thank you for your support and attendance on Wednesday evening. Our annual Christmas Concert was such a joy! Well done to our little performers who, again, brought smiles and laughter to our entire community. Thank you to our staff for volunteering their time, and to Santa for fitting us into his very busy schedule!

Transition Day

Well done to all of our students for their participation in our 2025-26 Transition Day. It was great to see everyone working in their new classrooms with their 2026 classroom teachers. Everyone enjoyed the games and BBQ that TheirCare put on for everyone at recess. Everyone is set for a smooth start to the 2026 school year!

Graduation

We look forward to the final function on the school calendar - the 2025 Year 6 Graduation. This is always such a special evening where we come together to celebrate the first 7 years of school. Thinking back to when our Year 6s were in Prep, and all they have achieved, it's set to be a great night. Thank you to the group of parents who are working hard behind the scenes to make this a night to remember!

2026 Student Free Days

The following dates are the 2026 Student Free Days as approved by School Council:

Term 1: Tuesday 27th January and Wednesday 28th January

Term 2: Friday 5th June

Term 3: Monday 7th September

Term 4: Monday 23rd November

All students begin the 2026 school year on Thursday 29th January. Foundation students have the 4 Thursdays off for the month of February.

All other dates for the 2026 calendar will be set by Angela and communicated at the start of the year.

Thank you for allowing me to step into your school throughout Term 4 whilst the principal selection process was underway. I wish you all the best for 2026 and am excited for all that is ahead for APPS. Please have a safe holiday break and enjoy some well earned rest and relaxation. I am looking forward to many slow mornings, time with my children and in my garden. All the best - Maree Magnabosco

A collage of Christmas gifts in the top left corner, including two red glittery boxes with white snowflake patterns and a brown box with a gold ribbon. The background is a light-colored, distressed wood texture.

Merry Christmas





Angela Tough

Hello Ainslie Parklands Families!

I am excited to be joining your wonderful community in 2026. I have been learning a lot about the school, and I am so impressed with the school's values. Respect, Responsibility and Resilience are important values to develop in the primary school years, and I aim to lead by example and work together with your school community to continue to build on the culture.

I am really looking forward to getting to know you all next year and I hope you have a great summer break filled with lots of sleep-ins, yummy food and cozy moments with loved ones. I will be moving houses with my husband and two children to nearby Mooroolbark. We currently live on a farm in Northeast Victoria so it's a big change. Please wish us luck packing up all the kids' toys!

Merry Christmas and happy holidays to the Ainslie Parklands families!

Here are some pictures of me with my dogs, Jonjon and Tilly-burger (try and guess which one is the 'top dog' Hint: It's not me!).



CHEERS

TO OUR AMAZING

Volunteers!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

Thank You Morning Tea

**TUESDAY, 16TH DECEMBER
AT IIAM**

(IN THE STAFFROOM)



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Second Hand Uniform



PLEASE NOTE THE SCHOOL IS NO LONGER ABLE TO ACCEPT SECONDHAND UNIFORMS.

Families wanting to distribute their secondhand uniform, we recommend families communicate with the School Community via Facebook – see QR code for Happy Folk in the Community Engagement section of the Newsletter.

The APPS 2nd hand Uniform Shop will be open on:

**Tuesday 9th Dec-12.15pm-12.45pm
(Statewide Foundation Transition Day)**



Our School Students are now able to access Smile Squad Services

Dear families,

The Smile Squad team from Each will provide dental services to our school from the Smile Squad Hub at Lilydale, 18-22 Lakeview Drive during the month from 15th-24th December 2025 and 12th - 23rd January 2026

Smile Squad is the Victorian Government free school dental program.

This means all students can get a free dental check-up, preventive services, and treatment at the Smile Squad Hub

How to access free dental care

We need your consent before we can provide services. Consent is usually provided by a parent or guardian.

Sign up to Smile Squad at:
<https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic>
OR use the QR code:



<https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic>

JOIN OUR COMMUNITY FB GROUP!

WE HAVE A LOVELY COMMUNITY FACEBOOK GROUP THAT WE ENCOURAGE ALL FAMILIES TO JOIN

THIS IS A GREAT RESOURCE TO

- FIND OUT IF CANTEEN IS RUNNING
- SHARE SCHOOL EVENTS
- MEET AND CONNECT WITH OTHER FAMILIES AMONG OTHERS!



USE THIS QR CODE TO REQUEST TO JOIN THE GROUP. CANT WAIT TO SEE YOU IN THERE!



AINSLIE PARKLANDS PS, CROYDON
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TEAM





PE & Performing Arts Programs Ahead at APPS



I'm excited to continue at APPS as the PE teacher and to take on the new role of Performing Arts teacher next year. I'm looking forward to working with our students, staff, and school community.

In Term 1, alongside the regular PE program, we are incredibly fortunate to have secured an NRL incursion for the whole school, giving all students the chance to participate in a fun, high-quality sporting experience. APPS is also a recipient of the Sports in Schools Grant, which will allow students to take part in a number of free tennis workshops. We have also been lucky enough to secure a Hockey Road Show. Students will also be visited by Healthy Harold as part of our health and wellbeing program.

In 2026, our Year 5–6 students will have the opportunity to represent the school in both Summer and Winter Interschool Sports. All students will have the opportunity to participate in our whole school Cross Country and Athletics. Students aged 9 years and over will also be able to participate in Interschool Athletics and Cross Country events throughout the year. There are also opportunities for strong, competitive swimmers—please let me know if your child (9+) would like to compete in interschool swimming.

I am also thrilled to be stepping into the role of Performing Arts teacher. I can't wait to share lots of dance, drama, puppetry, and music with our students, and to support them in building creativity and confidence through performance and behind-the-scenes roles.

As part of this role, Ainslie Parklands has also been successful in applying for a Music in Schools Grant for 2026, which will be used to purchase new musical instruments and further strengthen our school music program.

It's shaping up to be an exciting year ahead, and I can't wait to get started!





Welcome to Year F/1 for 2026

We are very excited to announce the Foundation/Year 1 Team for 2026!

Next year, Laura, Emma, and Elicia will be leading learning in the classroom. We look forward to welcoming our new Foundation students to the school and to continuing to strengthen the relationships we've built with our current students.

We will begin the year by establishing strong, predictable routines using the Berry Street Model.

We are also eager to continue our Literacy program, following the Little Learners journey.

In addition, our students will be paired with a Year 5/6 buddy as part of our Buddy Program.

It's going to be a fantastic year ahead!



Laura
F/1 Teacher
Auslan Teacher
Disability Inclusion
Coordinator
Available: Tues, Wed,
Thurs and Fri



Emma
F/1 Teacher
Art Teacher
Available: Mon, Tues
and Thurs.



Elicia
F/1 Education
Support
Available: Mon,
Tues, Wed, Thurs
and Fri



Year 2, 2026



Having taught at APPS for many years, I continue to feel very fortunate to be part of such a vibrant and supportive school community. My name is Jane Humphrys and Samar Shaltout and I are the teacher and ES team for Year 2 in 2026.

This week Samar and I were delighted to welcome next year's Year 2 students to their new classroom. Student Voice is vitally important to connection and learning. This week during our Transition Day, we began to make plans as a class. We pictured our classroom space with things that will make us feel at home and get us ready to learn next year.

In Year 2, students will continue to build confidence, independence and joy in their learning. So, here's to a fantastic 2026 filled with wonderful discoveries.

Year 3/4 in 2026

Dear Families,

My name is Sarah Bishop and I am so excited to welcome you to Grade 3/4 and working with you and your family in 2026! I am excited about the learning program and all the great experiences we will have together. I absolutely love teaching, especially helping students grow in their reading and writing.



At my previous school BNPS -I've taught across many different year levels and have also worked in literacy intervention, so supporting every learner—no matter where they're at—is something I am truly passionate about! I will be with you on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. On Wednesday I will be looking after my two littlest rugrats Elijah and Theodore (Teddy).

A little about me: the beach is my happy place, and I love going on walks with my boys and exploring new parks and playgrounds. I enjoy discovering new books, to read or to share with my class and I like to cook and experiment with baking new things. I love the AFL, Tennis and Basketball.

Part of what I love most about teaching is helping students find these strengths and shine. In our classroom, we will focus on kindness, teamwork, and helping one another learn. We will also focus on our school values of - Respect, Responsibility and Resilience.

My goal is to create a space where everyone feels safe, respected, and proud of their efforts. I can't wait to get to know you, learn about your interests, and make next year full of joy, growth, and memorable moments.

I look forward to meeting you soon and beginning a fantastic year together!

Warmly,
Sarah Bishop



Jacqui
3/4 Education
Support



Georgie
3/4 Education
Support

Welcome to Year 5/6 for 2026

We are very excited to welcome our new Year 5/6 students into their new classroom! We had our transition day earlier this week where we practiced some getting to know you activities, made our bag space labels and played a few games.

Next year, we are going to have a strong start using the Berry Street Education Model, to establish positive and consistent routines. We will be working on developing our knowledge and skills in English and Maths, and looking forward to introducing a new focus for our weekly rotations.

Buddies will be continuing with our F/1 students, and we will complete the Student Voice 'Healthy Eating' program with EACH!

As we will be gearing the students towards their next journey to secondary school our expectations will be high to make sure every child has the best chance at success!

Please feel free to come see us if you have any questions or queries!
Thank you, Melissa, Chantal, Laura and Mel



Melissa

Year 5/6 Teacher,
Curriculum
Learning Specialist
Available: Mon, Tues,
Weds, Thurs



Chantal

Year 3-6 Teacher,
SWPBS Learning
Specialist
Available: Mon,
Tues, Weds, Fri



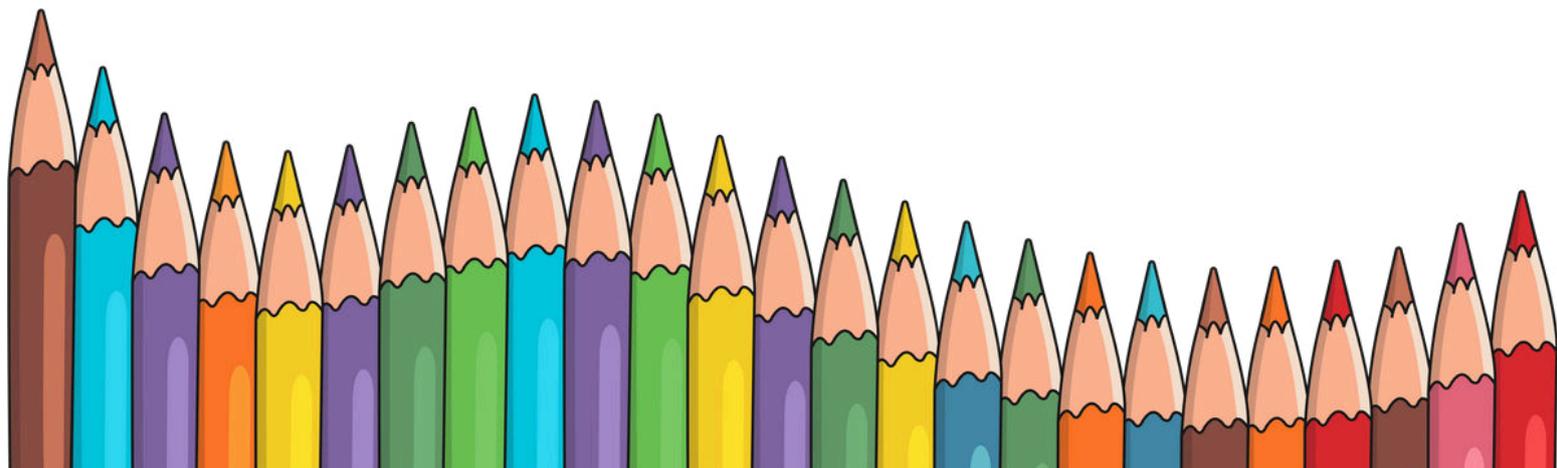
Laura

Year 5/6 Education
Support
Available: Mon,
Tues, Weds, Thurs
and Fri



Mel

Year 5/6 Education
Support
Available: Mon,
Tues, Weds, Thurs
and Fri



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Are you or your child looking for a fun, family focused small sporting club to get involved in for 2026?

KILSYTH EAST NETBALL CLUB WANTS YOU!!

We are looking for new players and coaches in all of our age groups – from age 7 and up of all abilities are welcome!

Interested?

For more information:

email: kilsytheastnetballclub@gmail.com or connect with us on Facebook or Instagram!

We train on Thursday nights from 6.30pm and play Saturdays at Pinks Reserve in Kilsyth
New season starting early 2026!



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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