

ISSUE #1 | FRIDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2026

# THE AINSLIE UPDATE

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### Term 1 2026

16 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	- 3-way Conferences
24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	- Sports Gala Day, 5/6
4 <sup>th</sup> Mar	- NRL Incursion
18 <sup>th</sup> Mar	- School Captains at Leadership Conference Melb
25 <sup>th</sup> Mar	- Dream City Incursion F-6

## Welcome

Welcome to the 2026 school year!

I hope the break provided time to rest and recharge.

We are excited to welcome all students, families and staff back, and extend a warm greeting to those joining our community for the first time.

This year, we remain committed to providing a safe, inclusive and engaging learning environment where every child feels known, valued and supported to achieve their best. Strong partnerships between home and school continue to be central to our success. Thank you to our staff for their dedication, and to our families for your ongoing support. I look forward to a year filled with learning, growth and celebration.

Thank you to the families who came to our Meet the Principal afternoon tea. I will continue to get to know the community and I really appreciate the warm welcome! See you at the week 4 assembly!

Warm regards,  
Angela Tough  
Principal



**Values Award winners**

## **Congratulations to our Award Winners!!**

### **resilience, respect and responsibility**

**Values Award: Given for consistent demonstration of all of our school values at all times:**

Tait, Mia, Beatrix, Harper

**Principal's Award: Given for an outstanding demonstration of a value**

Marshall, Daniel, Xander, Sienna

## **The APPS School Council WANTS YOU!**

All Victorian government schools are required to have a School Council with parent representatives to oversee certain aspects of the running of the school. In fact, there must be more parents on the School Council than staff. We truly could not run our school without our fabulous community-driven parents on School Council.

If you have wanted to know more about how schools are run and/or would like your voice heard on matters close to your heart, why not nominate to be on School Council? Nominations are now open. Forms to self nominate, or, to nominate someone else, can be collected from the office and must be returned/ submitted by 27th March 2026.

School council meetings are typically held at 6pm on a Monday evening, twice per term. You can attend online.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me - I can answer questions and/or put you in touch with a parent on council.

Please consider nominating for School Council, and making a difference in your child's school!

# GARDENING STUFF

**Our Sustainability Leaders, Arman and Jay, were joined by Aaron, Daniel and Dawson to help water our very thirsty trees this week. Our gardens are looking a little crispy lately.**

**If any families would like to donate some Seasol, hoses (with attachments), or spray nozzles, it would be greatly appreciated and would help us to re-green our gardens after this long, dry summer.**



## Student Leaders for 2026

Congratulations to our new school leaders!

Captain: Tait

Vice-Captain: Hugo

Auslan: Jayden and Sophie

Art: Amber and Savannah

Wellbeing: Liam

Performing Arts: Miles and Tilly

Sustainability: Jay and Arman

Sports: Dawson

We look forward to seeing them grow in their roles this year!



NOVEMBER

GIDEON

DANIEL

ELIA

SEAN

# F/1

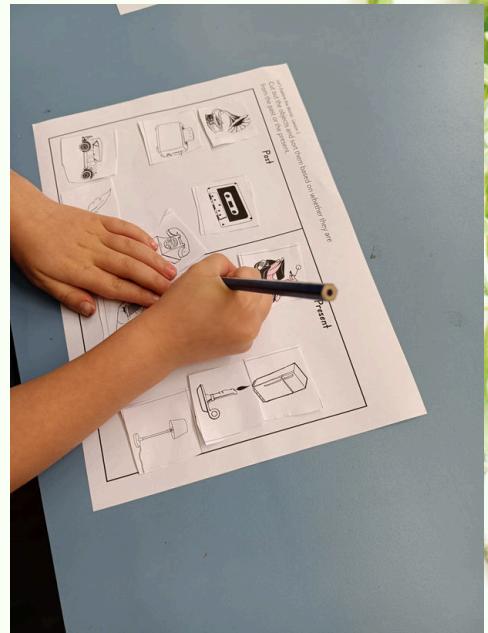
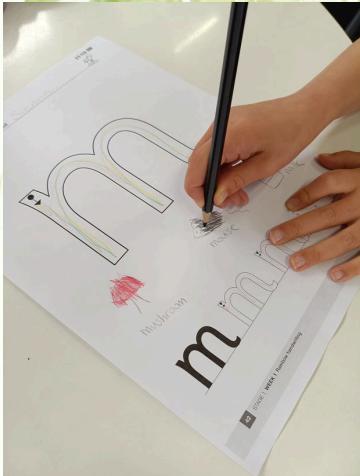
The F/1 students have hit the ground running with their learning this year! After spending time establishing expectations for our school and classroom and unpacking our school values and how these guide our behaviour, we have now turned our attention to introducing our learning topics.

In Literacy, our Foundation students have begun learning their first sounds and have shown great enthusiasm for each learning task. The Year ones have been reviewing the sounds that they learnt last year and putting their learning into practice with opportunities to read and write together.

In Maths, we have spent time exploring what maths is and why it is so important in our everyday lives. This week, the Foundation students worked together to count collections and represent numbers to ten, while the Year 1 students demonstrated their ability to count larger collections and work with bigger numbers.

This week, we also began learning about our Humanities topic, History. We learned the meanings of the words past and present and spent time sorting items based on whether they belong to the past or the present.

We are looking forward to a wonderful year of learning and growing together!

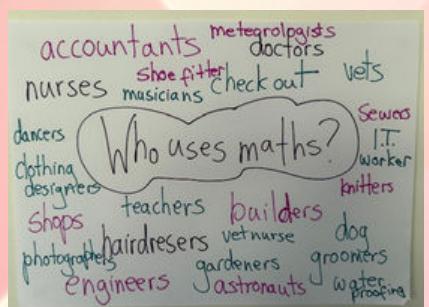
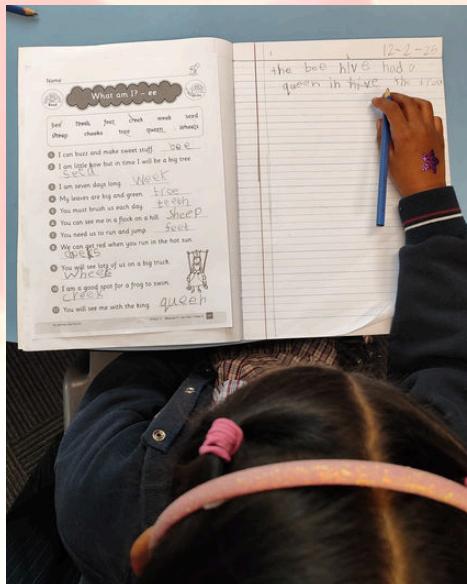
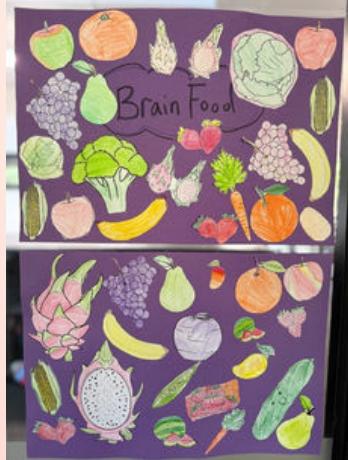


# 2A

What a wonderful start we have had to the 2026 school year! Together, we have created our Classroom Promises and have been intentionally building a positive, supportive learning community. Samar and I are so proud of the students' efforts and teamwork.

They have already earned the most tokens in the whole school, which is a fantastic achievement as it shows their commitment to the school values and being their best. In

Maths, we have begun rich conversations by sharing our existing knowledge and exploring how mathematics is part of our everyday lives, no matter what career we choose in the future.



We have also enjoyed caring for our garden, participating enthusiastically in our specialist classes, and filling our classroom library with a wonderful range of fiction and non-fiction texts. Students are excited to begin borrowing their first take-home books. It has been a joyful and productive beginning to the year, and we are all looking forward to the learning and growth we will share in this wonderful class.



# Year 3/4



Year 3/4A has been settling into their new routine and getting to know each other. We've been focusing on the school values and putting in place our new daily routine.

During the week we were given a Resilience challenge where we had to make towers with marshmallows and wooden skewers. This was a great test of our resilience as we had to see if our tower would survive a 10 on the richter scale (with a bit af teacher improvisation!).

A great start to the year! Well done 3/4A.





# SUPER YEAR 5/6

Welcome to the first Year 5/6 Newsletter report for the year! What an amazing start to the year!

Students have been relearning and rediscovering the three school values: *Respect, Responsibility and Resilience*. We've also been establishing consistent and predictable routines, including our morning circle, positive primers and brain breaks.

As of Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February, students have met their Foundation/Year 1 buddies and school captains have received their badges at assembly.

Congratulations to the amazing effort you have all put in this fortnight Year 5/6!

Melissa, Chantal, Laura and Mel





# JOIN THE 2026 TEAM!

**AINSLIE PARKLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT & FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE WANTS YOU!**

Volunteer Your Way. Where You Can. For What Interests You!

Works in the Pipeline for 2026:



- Friday Family Fun Night
- Picture Plates
- Fruity Fridays
- Family Games Night
- Apple Drive
- Sushi Lunch Order Day
- Mother's Day / Father's Day / Special Person Day Market
- Pizza Lunch Order Day
- Fashion Parade
- Pumpkin Drive
- Bunnings BBQ
- Dim Sim Lunch Order Day
- Trivia Night
- Silent Auction
- Election BBQ & Bake Stall
- Mango Drive
- End of Year Teachers Thank-you Lunch

Our upcoming fundraiser events rely on the amazing support  
of our volunteers to make them happen.

**OUR SCHOOL. OUR KIDS. OUR COMMUNITY.**

Thank you for your support  
APPS Community Engagement and Fundraising Team 2026

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT EITHER:  
STEPHANIE (0421-238-521) - PARENT OF ZOE (F/1)  
NATALIA (0408-037-070) - PARENT OF HUGO (5/6) AND HENRIETTA (2)





# MELBA COLLEGE ENROLMENTS OPEN FOR 2026

## OPEN NIGHT

**WEDNESDAY 26 MARCH  
5.30 PM - 7.00PM**

## COLLEGE TOURS

Wednesdays at 4:00pm - 5.15pm

Fridays at 9:15am - 10.15am

Booking via College Website

### CONTACT US

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# COME & TRY CLINICS

ALL  
SKILL  
LEVELS

FOR WINTER 2026 SEASON

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

## GIRLS

**TUESDAY 17TH MARCH**

**TUESDAY 24TH MARCH**

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

## BOYS

**WEDNESDAY 18TH MARCH**

**WEDNESDAY 25TH MARCH**

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

**Please RSVP Peter Cunningham on 0400 577 476**

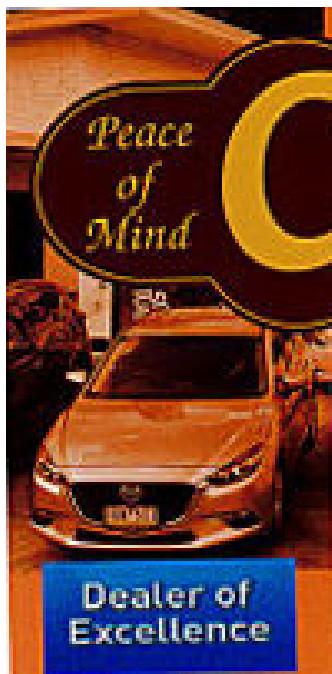
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- email below

Enquiries:

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## RINGWOOD CENTRAL TENNIS CLUB

Jubilee Park, Gardini Avenue, Ringwood

### OPEN DAY

Sunday 8th February 2026  
11.00 am - 2.00 pm

FAMILY FUN DAY | EVERYONE WELCOME

All Ages and Abilities

Hot Shots Tennis | Ball Machine | Giveaways

Food and Drink available throughout the day

Free Hitting on the courts 11.00 am - 2.00 pm!



COME ALONG AND JOIN THE FUN

For any enquiries contact e: info@rctennisclub.com

## CROYDON RANGES



## JUNIOR REGISTRATION NIGHT

9TH FEBRUARY

6PM-8PM

SILCOCK RESERVE

BBQ

COME AND TRY SOCCER ACTIVITIES

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U7-U16 BOYS AND GIRLS

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Softball  
So will you!





AINSGLIE 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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