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THE AINSLIE UPDATE

DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 1 2026

27th Jan to 2nd Apr

- 4th Mar - NRL Incursion
- 9th Mar - LABOUR DAY
- 12th Mar - Tennis Workshop
- 17th Mar - Health Harold Incursion
- 18th Mar - School Captains at Leadership Conference Melb
- 19th Mar - Tennis Workshop
- 20th Mar - Harmony Day (wear orange)
- 25th Mar - Dream City Incursion F-6
- 26th Mar - Tennis Workshop
- 2nd Apr - Easter Egg hunt
- 2nd Apr - Last day of Term 1
2:30pm finish

Term 2 2026

20th Apr - 26th June

- 30th Apr - Cross Country
- 7th May - Cross Country
- 19th May - District Athletics
- 20th May - School Photos
- 2nd June - Divisional Cross Country
- 5th June - CURRICULUM DAY

Term 3 2026

13th July - 18th Sep

- 6th Aug - Wholeschool Athletics
- 7th Sept - CURRICULUM DAY
- 8th Sept - District Athletics
- 11th-18th Sept - Swimming

Term 4 2026

5th Oct - 18th Dec

- 4th Nov - Melbourne Cup Day
- 23RD Nov - CURRICULUM DAY
- 8th Dec - Wholeschool Transition

Welcome

It has been a busy two weeks, and it is amazing to think we are nearly halfway through the term! 😊

Play times or “Lunch Play” and “Recess Play”

We have been busy continuing the upgrades to our play spaces. We have a beautiful native garden space to explore, developed with our Junior Landcare students. The rain has certainly seen this space take off. The sand play areas are seeing some more love. We have had a mud kitchen upgrade and two market stalls added to the space enhance the shop play. Our mulch in the play spaces is topped up, and we will continue to focus on providing the best play experiences. Play is an important part of a child’s development.

Lunch time clubs are a huge hit! Tennis, board games and sports; as well as art and gardening are well attended and provide a more structured play time. Our school captains are busy planning and running the clubs. They are showing strong leadership as buddies and as club leaders. We congratulate them on this work!

NAPLAN is coming up for our grade 3 and 5 classes. Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns. Please see the recent Compass attachment for more information.

AEU The Australian Education Union has flagged a potential teachers' strike on Tuesday, 24th March. At this stage, nothing has been confirmed, as members are yet to vote. We will keep the community updated as soon as we have further information.

**Congratulations to
our Award Winners!!**
**resilience, respect
and responsibility**

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

Ryan, Harry, Sophie, Ethan

Principal's Award: Given for an outstanding demonstration of a value
Sansha, Evamariya,
Lincoln, Hugo



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After School Care (ASC)	3:15 PM - 6:00 PM	\$35.00	\$3.50
Pupil Free Day	7:00 AM - 6:00 PM	\$85.00	\$8.50
Holiday Program***			

*Standard fee costs before Child Care Subsidy | ** Standard fee costs after maximum Child Care Subsidy | *** Standard fee costs excluding incursions/ excursions

No Late / Cancellation Fees for Term 1 2026.

Cancellation Fees

(No Child Care Subsidy applied to Cancellation Fees)

- BSC/ASC** within **24 hours** of session start time: **\$4.00**
- Holiday Program** within **5 days** of session start time: **\$10.00**
- Same day cancellation fee is out-of-pocket session fee.**

Late Booking Fees

(Child Care Subsidy is applied to Late Booking Fees)

- BSC/ASC** within **24 hours** of session start time: **\$4.00**
- Holiday Program:** book less than **5 days** from the session start time fee is **\$10.00**

Late Pick-up Fees

(Child Care subsidy does not apply to Late Pick-up Fees)

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- 2 the type of childcare you use
- 3 the age of your child
- 4 the hours of recognised activities you and your partner do

Additional Child Care Subsidy

This is **extra support** for some families including:

- 1 grandparents / great grandparents
- 2 families moving from an income support payment to work
- 3 those experiencing temporary hardship

Claim these subsidies via **myGov**

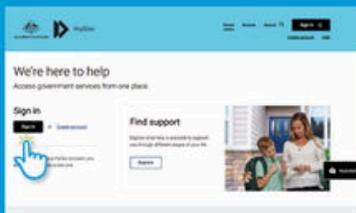


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For more information, call Theircare on 1300 072 410

A Guide for Families: The steps to claiming Child Care Subsidy

STEP 1: Sign into myGov



1. Go to **my.gov.au**
2. **Sign in** or **Create account**
3. Go to **Centrelink** and sign in to complete the next step

STEP 2: Centrelink - Activity Test



1. Roll over **My family** in the main navigation
2. Under 'Child care' click on **Activity Test**
3. On the 'Activity Test' page, click on **Update Activity Test**

STEP 3: Update the Activity Test table



1. In 'Your Activities', update the table with your activities and work information
2. Click on **Next** to Review & Submit
3. If you need help, call Family Assistance on **13 61 50**

STEP 4: Check the Summary



1. Roll over **My family** in the main navigation
2. Under 'Child care' click on **Child Care Subsidy summary**
3. This will take you to a summary for you to review and make sure all is correct

STEP 5: Book with TheirCare



1. Go to **www.theircare.com.au**
2. Click on **Book Now**
3. **Sign in** or **Register Now***
*To register, have this info handy: Centrelink CRNs / bank details / emergency contacts / doctor, Medicare & immunisations details / diagnosed allergy, asthma, anaphylaxis & dietary requirements

STEP 6: Centrelink - Confirm enrolments



1. Go to **Centrelink**
2. Roll over **My family** in the main navigation
3. Under 'Child care' click on **Enrolments** and check all enrolments have been confirmed*
*If not confirmed, view details and follow the prompts to confirm

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For any assistance, call Theircare on 1300 072 410





**SCHOOL
BREAKFAST
CLUBS PROGRAM**
BREAKFAST CLUB

**MONDAY &
WEDNESDAY**

8:30AM - 8:40AM

ALL STUDENTS WELCOME

P.E

Last Thursday, our Grade 1–6 students participated in an engaging workshop with Hockey Victoria.

During the session, students were introduced to the basic rules of hockey, learned how to correctly hold a hockey stick, and practised manoeuvring the ball with control and confidence. It was wonderful to see students across all year levels actively involved, building new skills and enjoying the experience.

A big thank you to Karen from Hockey Victoria for generously sharing her time and expertise with our students. The workshop was a fantastic opportunity to develop skills, teamwork, and enthusiasm for the sport.

On Wednesday the 4th March all students will have the opportunity to participate in an NRL Incursion.



F1A

It's been a great start to the term! Each week, our students participate in a Kitchen Garden and STEM rotation.

In Kitchen Garden, students work with Jane H to learn how to plant, water, and weed. They develop an understanding of tool safety and, when produce is in season, they also have the opportunity to harvest the food that has been grown.

Our other rotation is STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). This term, students are exploring how materials can be physically changed through different actions without changing their composition. They are also learning how materials can be combined in a variety of ways for specific purposes.

Last week, we investigated how water interacts with sand to understand how erosion occurs. This week, students experimented with different items to see how they could be bent, stretched, and folded while observing that the materials themselves did not change.

Students thoroughly enjoy participating in these hands-on learning experiences each week.



2A

Year 2 has had a busy and exciting fortnight of learning. In Maths, we've been exploring place value through lots of hands-on activities, building and breaking apart numbers using concrete materials to really see how thousands, hundreds, tens and ones work together. Students have enjoyed explaining their thinking and showing different ways to represent numbers.

In English, we've been learning about information texts, looking closely at features like headings, labelled diagrams and facts. Our spelling sessions continue to build confidence as students practise useful patterns and strategies they can apply in their everyday writing.

We've also loved our STEM rotations and Kitchen Garden rotations, and lunchtime clubs, including Art, Sport and Gardening, where students have been creating, moving, designing and working together. Our morning circles and wellbeing check-ins remain an important part of each day, helping us stay connected and support one another as we learn, laugh and grow together.



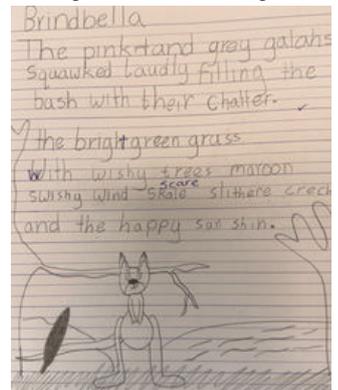
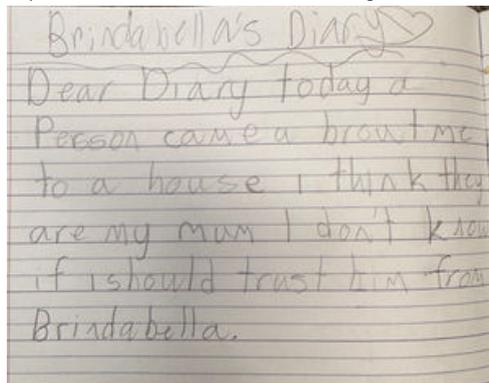
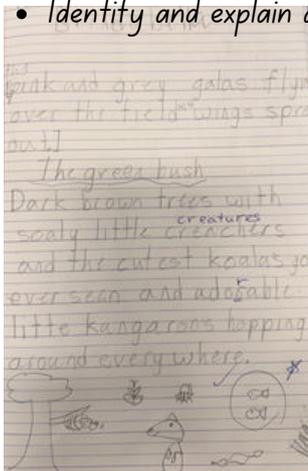
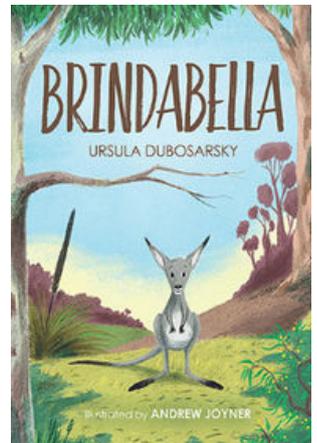
Year 3 | 4

Literacy - Brindabella

This term, students have been engaging in a rich English text study of Brindabella. Students have been building their understanding of narrative writing, character development and key messages within the text.

So far, students have been learning to:

- Use descriptive language to write about settings and understand how word choices create mood.
- Analyse the relationship between setting and character, particularly exploring Pender's connection with nature.
- Understand narrative perspective and how the story is told from Pender's point of view.
- Compare characters' relationships with wild and domestic animals.
- Identify and explain anthropomorphism — how the author gives animals human thoughts and feelings.



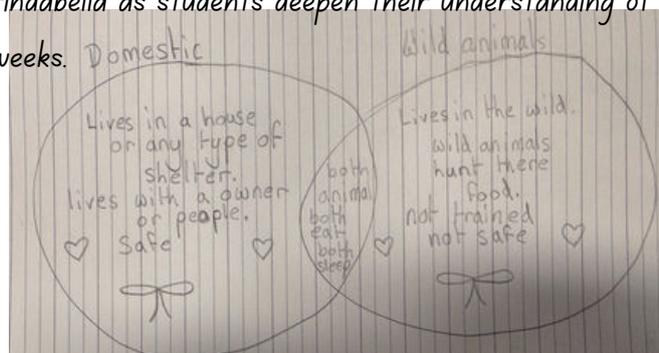
Through reading, discussion and written responses, students are practising important comprehension strategies such as predicting, visualising, questioning and making connections. They are also learning to support their ideas with evidence from the text, building strong foundations for analytical and persuasive writing.

Our discussions have focused on themes of friendship, belonging, courage and freedom, encouraging students to thoughtfully share and justify their opinions while listening respectfully to others.

We look forward to continuing our exploration of Brindabella as students deepen their understanding of character choices and key messages in the coming weeks.



Well Done 3/4's



From 5/6A



5/6 States of Matter Project

On February 25th, the 5/6s did a states of matter project in STEM.

Method

We mixed ice and salt in a bag and mixed vanilla essence, cream, milk and sugar in another bag. We put the small bag into the bigger bag.

What was happening?

By adding salt to the ice, there is a reaction that causes the ice to get colder and absorb the heat around it. We saw this by the liquid cream and milk becoming a solid, and the condensation forming on the bags.

Results

After a bit of shaking, the ice melted and the ingredients in the small bag mixed into some ice cream. Some people's bags broke, and the ice cream got salty.

Bye!- Ben, Hugo, Marshall and Melissa





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Crisis can impact anyone

Financial difficulties can affect anyone in our community. Food insecurity can occur for a variety of reasons. At Hope City Mission, we help empower those experiencing financial hardship to become financially stable, develop life skills, and become secure.



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OUR SERVICES

Drive-Thru Food Relief

Drive-Thru Food Relief is a contactless program where our team places pre-packed parcels in your car, consisting of pantry items, fruit and vegetables, perishables, and hygiene products.



Food Home Deliveries

Hope City Mission provides a food home delivery service for those who have no access to transportation or are unable to leave their home due to illness.

The home delivery service provides the same pre-packed provisions as our Drive-Thru service.



Community Garden

Hope City Mission has partnered with Melbourne Water to build an organic community garden, which produces table-ready vegetables for our food relief recipients. The fresh produce is picked for our Drive-Thru and Home Delivery parcels.

Wellness Centre

At Hope City Mission, we believe that providing food relief is just the start of someone's journey to financial stability.

Hope City Mission has established a range of onsite wellness programs that are available to all our clients, whenever they need them.

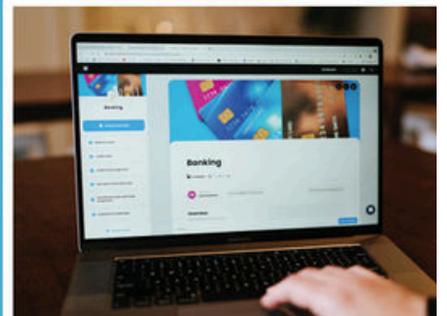
We have a counselling service, that provides emotional support, a free optometry service with subsidised glasses, and a free clothing shop.

We are always looking to add new wellness programs to help empower our clients.

Fines Relief

Hope City Mission is a sponsor with Fines Victoria.

We provide a non-financial means of paying down fines through volunteering or our Online Learning Portal, which provides participants with financial education.



Financial Education

We believe in long-term solutions, rather than temporary fixes, to regain control over your financial situation. Our Online Learning Portal has financial literacy and life skills courses to provide you with the practical knowledge and tools to be empowered.

Financial understanding is key to getting out of debt and towards recovery. At Hope City Mission, we provide food for immediate relief as well as financial education to help our recipients step towards a more hopeful future.