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THE AINSLIE UPDATE

DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 1 2026

27th Jan to 2nd Apr

- 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

- 29th Apr - 2027 Foundation Open Day
- 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

Uniform

As families begin to shop for winter wardrobes, please choose navy blue. We would like to see our students showing pride in belonging to our wonderful school and following our uniform expectations. Further down in the newsletter is the APPS uniform supplier range. Second-hand uniform is available through our parent volunteers on some Friday afternoons.

Toys

Thank you for your support! We have seen a big reduction in toys coming to school and we are aiming for no toys in classrooms. Ideally, we are encouraging special items to stay at home as we have seen some huge upsets around broken toys, missing toys or toys not treated respectfully by other students.

HarmonyDay

Will be celebrated at assembly next week. Students can dress in orange colours on Friday to show support for our inclusive school community where everyone feels welcome and safe.

Compass

Please check regularly and look for updates. Families can see the calendar on the front page of the app and we are starting to use this as the main communication channel for our families.

Easter Assembly

Thank you to the families who have already returned raffle tickets! The raffle this year is full of hampers, AFL tickets and other goodies. We have some amazing donations being offered by the community. Extra tickets are available at the office, On the last day of school, 2nd of April, we will have a special assembly and BBQ for students. We will finish at 2.30pm with our traditional easter egg hunt. We are asking for donations for the hunt with small eggs to be dropped off at the office.

External supports

Please remember that external supports are to be organised by families and the providers (OT, Speech Pathologists etc). We are providing the venue, so all other requests need to be organised by families.

NAPLAN

This week has run as smoothly as possible with only a few glitches on the first day. Our students are doing an admirable job and we look forward to examining the data. The NAPLAN data is just one part of the story for our students, and we use our assessment data to make decisions for our students learning.

Families considering enrolling their child are warmly invited to our Open Day. Current families are encouraged to share the invitation with friends.

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Join us for coffee and a tour
Coffee van on-site

Leading little learners to big futures
Meet our new Principal

OPEN DAY

Wednesday 29th April
9.30am - 11.30am

All families welcome



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Long Sleeve Polo Shirt



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EASTER EGG HUNT and DONATIONS PLEASE!

One month till Easter (and end of term) and this year we are again holding an annual easter egg hunt on the last day of term.

On Thursday 2nd April, following the Assembly, the students will have the opportunity to hunt for chocolate eggs.

We are taking donations of 1 small bag of chocolate eggs per family, to be dropped off at the office between now and Wednesday 1st April.

If your child has food sensitivities, please donate the best eggs in a named zip lock bag for them to enjoy.

WE'RE GOING ON AN
EGG HUNT!
THURSDAY 2ND APRIL
WHOLE SCHOOL EASTER EGG HUNT
AFTER ASSEMBLY



PICTURE PLATE FUNDRAISER

CAPTURE A MOMENT IN TIME. TINY ARTISTS. BIG MEMORIES.

Cost: \$30 each

Due Date: Thursday 2nd April (Last Day of Term)

Payment: Cash / EFTPOS

Students are welcome to return completed artwork and payment to the office.

Andy and Simone won't bite!

Parents are also welcome to visit the office during business hours.

If you need extra templates, they will be available from the office.

*For more information, please contact:
NATALIA - PARENT OF HUGO (5/6) AND HENRIETTA (2)*

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**SCHOOL
BREAKFAST
CLUBS PROGRAM**

BREAKFAST CLUB

**MONDAY &
WEDNESDAY**

8:30AM - 8:40AM

ALL STUDENTS WELCOME

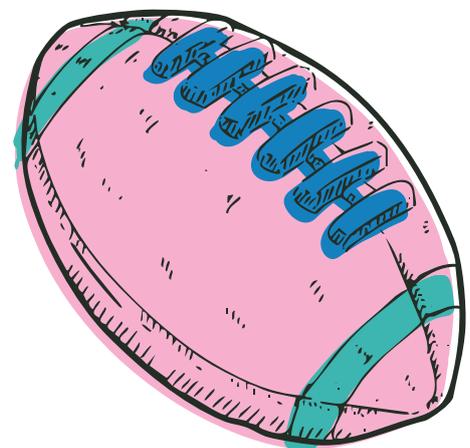
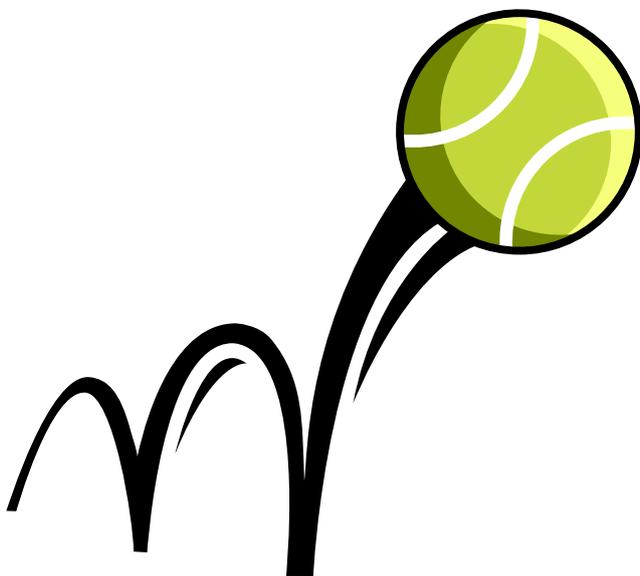
P.E.

We've had a busy few weeks in PE!

Last Wednesday, students participated in an NRL incursion. They took part in a variety of drills and games to learn more about the sport and develop their rugby league skills. A prize will be presented at our next assembly to the student who was able to provide feedback on last week's Melbourne Storm game.

All students are currently taking part in three weeks of tennis workshops as part of the Sporting Schools Grant. Tyson and Jane B have been working with the students, guiding them through a range of drills and tennis games to help develop their skills and confidence.

Next week, as part of our Health and Wellbeing program, all year levels will have a visit from Healthy Harold. Further information has been shared with families via Compass



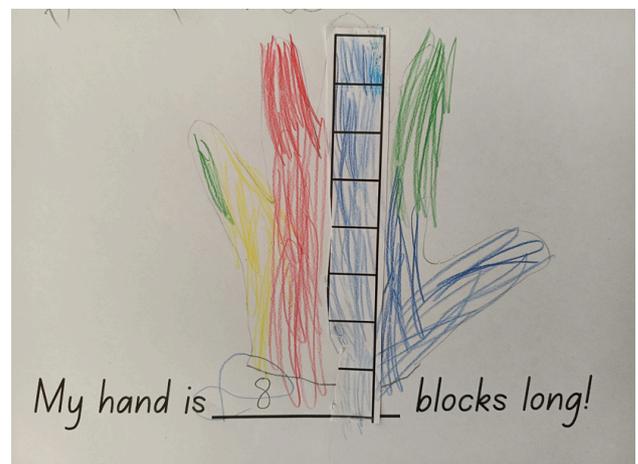
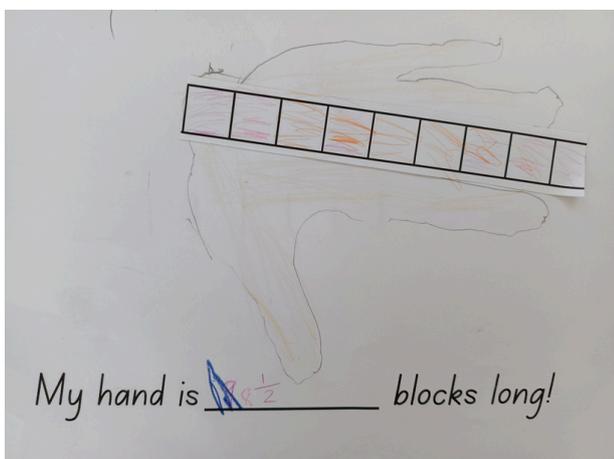
F1A

It's hard to believe we are over half way through the term! Students have been learning and growing so much this term!

In Maths this week, the F/1 students began learning about measurement by exploring non-standard ways of measuring length.

Through hands-on investigations, they discovered that when measuring, it is important to use an item that stays the same size and to place the items end to end in a straight line without any gaps or overlaps. The students particularly enjoyed measuring the length of their hands and recording their results.

As part of our History unit this term, the F/1 students have been exploring their own history by learning about their families. They have been identifying and describing immediate and extended family members and sharing some of the traditions and celebrations that are special to their families. We have also been learning about different celebrations from around the world and discussing how every family is unique in the way they celebrate.



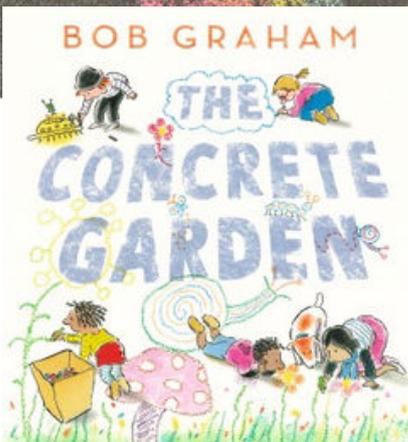
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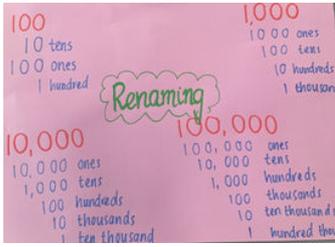
Our Year 2 students have enjoyed a busy and varied fortnight of learning inside and outside the classroom. In Literacy, our Year 2 students have been enjoying exploring the stories and illustrations of Bob Graham. We have noticed layout, use of colour and explored prediction and visualising. We also noticed how Graham uses colour, small details and clever page layout to show characters' feelings and guide the reader's eye.

We especially loved reading *The Concrete Garden*, *Greetings From Sandy Beach* and *How the Sun Got to Coco's House*, which sparked some great conversations.

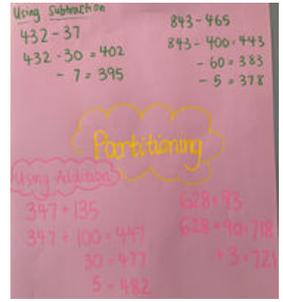
Inspired by these stories, students created their own chalk garden.

Year 2s have had a blast in STEM, making their own ice cream and learning about the science behind it. They also enjoyed an exciting NRL workshop, practising skills and teamwork.





Year 3 / 4



This term in Maths we have been exploring numbers with Place Value!

Students have been learning to analyse and model large numbers using place value patterns and to solve addition and subtraction problems through estimation and reasoning.

Our learning focuses on:

Understanding our number system and the repeated use of Hundreds, Tens, and Ones (HTO).

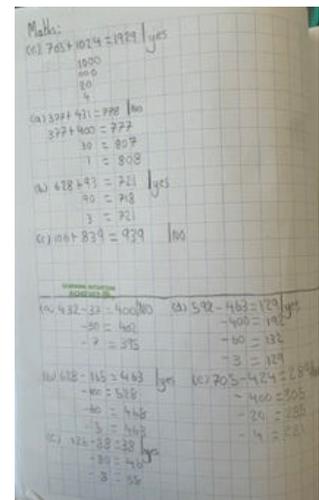
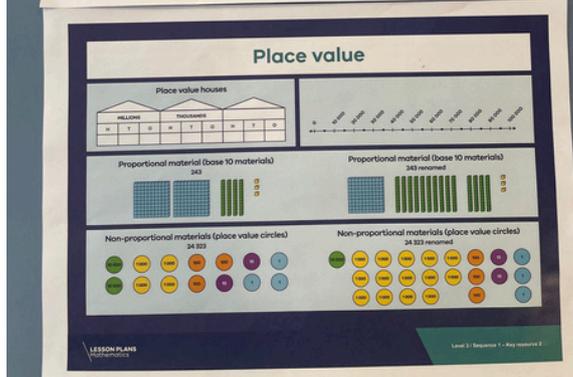
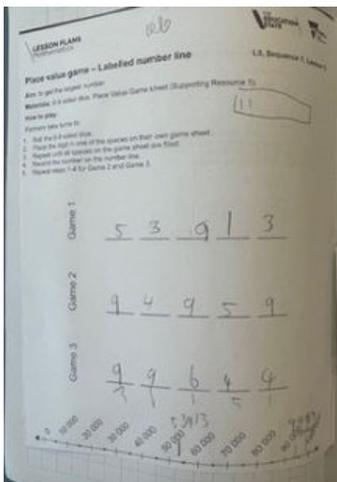
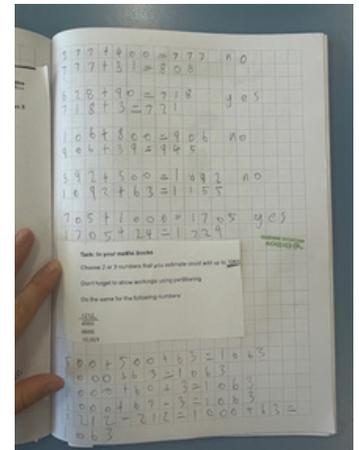
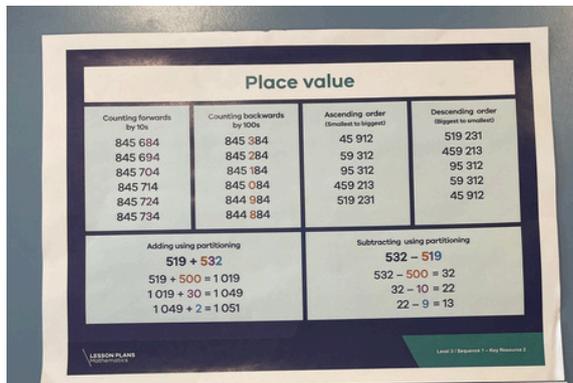
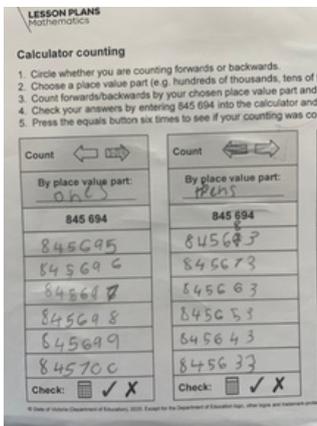
Working with numbers beyond 10,000, including counting forwards and backwards.

Using proportional and non-proportional models to represent numbers.

Ordering, renaming, and partitioning numbers with tools like number lines.

Solving addition and subtraction problems accurately by applying their place value knowledge.

You can support your child at home by exploring numbers in everyday life—reading large numbers, comparing amounts, and talking through strategies for adding and subtracting. These experiences help students build strong mathematical reasoning and confidence.



From 5/6A

What's Up in 5/6A

School is too long

Students have been writing 'exposition' texts over the past fortnight. Their task was to write a law or rule that should be changed. In true student fashion, they chose to persuade the reader why school days should be shorter! Check out Sophie's colourful exposition.



Have you ever wanted the school day to be over?

When we think about school, we see tired, bored, and sad kids who miss their family and don't learn. The school day is 6 and a half hours long everyday .it is just to long for young kids to stay away from home. And young children cannot be expective to concentrate for that long. read on to learn why these this long day should be banned.

6 and a half hours for 5 days a week is just too long to be spending in a prison -like building surround by grumpy adults. Children do not deserve to be stuck in side, they should be outside playing and enjoying fresh air.

A school day is too long, and it is unfair to expect children to be away from their safe and cozy homes for that long. At home you have more of a chance to relax and sleep and do the things you love. You cannot build endless Lego sets at school they would never allow it, therefore it is not fair for teachers to put up with grumpy kids not wanting to learn. If students do go home after 4 to 5 hours of school work yeah their wont be a big amount of education but then again its not fair to little kids for be at school for a whole 6 hours so yeah I definitely think that school should be finished at 2:10 instead of 3:30 because it is much more fair for little kids



Students have been helping to add native plants around our garden areas.



Mika has planted a very special Jacaranda in our meadow, which will be a beautiful feature for everyone to enjoy!



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