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THE AINSLIE UPDATE

DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 3 2026

13th July - 18th Sep

6th Aug	- Wholeschool Athletics
7th Aug	- Elephant Ed Yrs 5/6
20th Aug	- Starry Starry Night
28th Aug	- Book Fair Dress Up Day
7 TH Sept	- CURRICULUM DAY
8th Sept	- District Athletics
11th-18th Sept	- Swimming
18th Sept	- End of Term 3 Early Finish 2:30pm

Term 4 2026

5th Oct - 18th Dec

2 nd Oct	- Graduation Photo day
27th Oct	- Ringwood SC Band visit
4th Nov	- Melbourne Cup Day
23 RD Nov	- CURRICULUM DAY
27th Nov	- Ringwood SC Band visit
8th Dec	- Wholeschool Transition
18th Dec	- End of Term 4 Early Finish 1:30pm

Welcome

What a great few weeks we have had!

We have been enjoying our visits to the local kinder with our 5/6 volunteers reading to the little ones. We even got to use play dough this week as the little ones showed our students their favourite activity. Our students were so engaged and kind it was a pleasure to see them being such great role models for the kinder kids.



Today is our 100 days of Foundation celebration! What a privilege to have seen them grow and enjoy the beginning of their years with us! One of the best parts of working in a small school is getting to know the children so well. It really does feel like a family, especially at these times, when we can stop and look back at how far they have come from their first steps through our classroom door. I am looking forward to the next 100!

Student Support Meetings

We have been enjoying the family Student Support Group meetings. It's always a good opportunity to share progress and celebrate achievements. If you have attended this session, you need not come along to the Family Interviews. The students are working on a reflection of their learning and this will be sent home if you are unable to attend. Please making booking through Compass and if the times are not suitable, please email the teacher to make an alternative.

Activities

The rest of the term is shaping up to be a lot of fun and learning! Science Week, Book Week, Athletics and Swimming. Please stay well, stay warm, and stay awesome!



Birthday Wishes

August

21ST JAYDEN

23RD ZOE

30TH MIA





July Newsletter

We're now into the third week of Term 3, and it's been great to see all the children settled back into the routine at Ainslie Parklands TheirCare. Everyone has come back ready to play, learn and catch up with their friends. It's been a fantastic start to the term, with lots of smiles and plenty of fun each morning and afternoon.

Games and Fun

Board games have been a big hit, with Monopoly, UNO and Chess being the favourites. The children have enjoyed playing together, learning new strategies, taking turns and showing great sportsmanship. It's been lovely to see everyone including others and having fun with their friends.

Tasty Snacks and Outdoor Play

Afternoon tea has been another highlight, with the children enjoying nachos, honey joys, and hummus with crackers. These shared snack times are always a great chance to relax, chat and refuel after the school day.

Outside, the children have been keeping active with lots of cricket and basketball. They've loved practising their skills, working as a team and cheering each other on. It's been wonderful to see everyone getting involved and enjoying being active.

We're looking forward to another great term full of fun, friendships and exciting activities. Come and say hello to Monique and see what's happening at TheirCare—we'd love to welcome you!



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Bunnings BBQ Volunteers

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of the wonderful members of our school community who generously volunteered their time and support on the day.

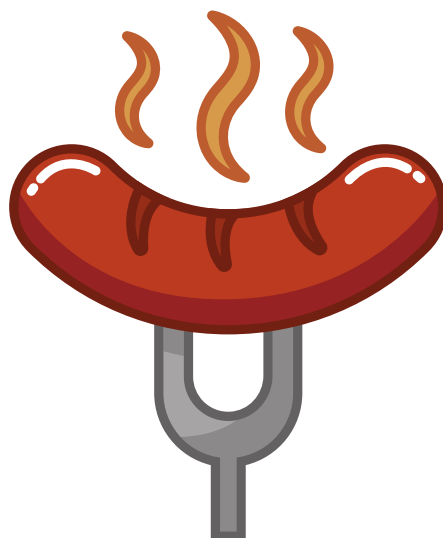
A special shout-out goes to the Somerville, Vanderwolf, Stojanovic, Roche, Turewicz, Markham, Weatherson, and Taylor families for all their help—it truly made a difference.

Thank you also to everyone who donated sausages and contributed behind the scenes to make the event possible.

We would also like to acknowledge the generous support of **Burnt Bridge Bakehouse** and **Bakers Delight Croydon** for donating bread on the day.

It was a huge day, but an incredibly successful one, and we couldn't have done it without the support, generosity, and community spirit shown by so many.

Thank you for helping make the event such a memorable occasion!



JOIN US AT
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Starry, Starry Night

To celebrate **National Science Week**, we are hosting
a night of stargazing with Mornington Peninsula
Astronomical Society (MPAS).

**Thursday 20th August
6.30-8.30pm**

Ainslie Parklands Primary School
24-36 Hinkley Avenue
Croydon VIC 3136



\$5.50 (+ booking fee) per person

Scan the QR Code or visit
<https://www.trybooking.com/DNIZX> to
reserve your spot! Places are limited, so
book early!

F/1 Celebrating 100 Days Brighter

Today our F/1 students recently celebrated 100 Days of School with the theme "100 Days Brighter!" It was a fun-filled day of learning, laughter and celebration as we reflected on how much we have grown over the past 100 days.

Throughout the day, students took part in a variety of activities centred around the number 100. They challenged themselves with 100 mini sports activities, completed a 100 Number Scavenger Hunt, and enjoyed a range of reading and writing activities inspired by the number 100.

One of the highlights of the day was spending time with our wonderful buddies. Together, the students made fairy bread covered in hundreds and thousands before teaming up to complete a scavenger hunt. A big thank you to Jane B, who also delighted the students with face painting on their arms.

We are so proud of everything our F/1 students have achieved in their first 100 days of school. We are so excited to watch our students continue to learn, grow and shine even brighter throughout the rest of the year!



YEAR 2

The Power of Maths Games

Maths games are a fantastic and fun way to build speed, efficiency and automaticity while encouraging flexible maths thinking and a deeper understanding of how operations are connected.

Through games, hands-on activities and problem-solving challenges, our Year 2 students are developing confidence with key number facts and learning to apply a range of strategies.

As we explore multiplication and division, students are developing their skills and understanding through grouping, sharing, repeated addition and arrays. They also continue to strengthen their understanding of addition and subtraction, making important connections between all four operations.



Year 3/4

Class news

What an exciting fortnight we've had in Year 3/4!

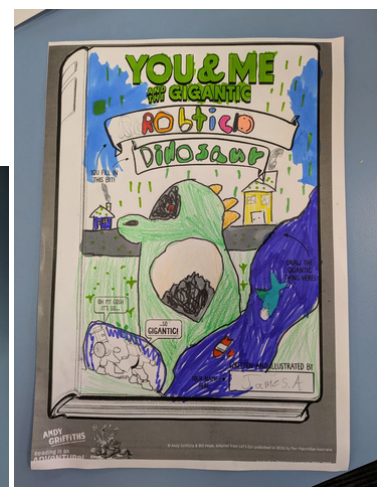
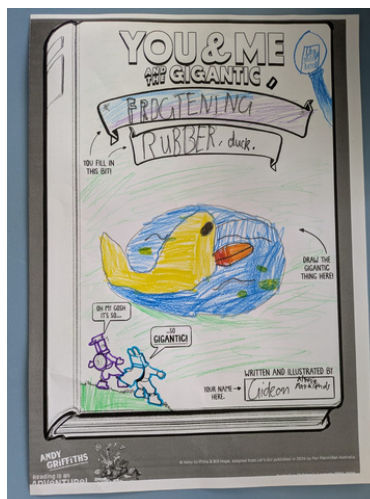
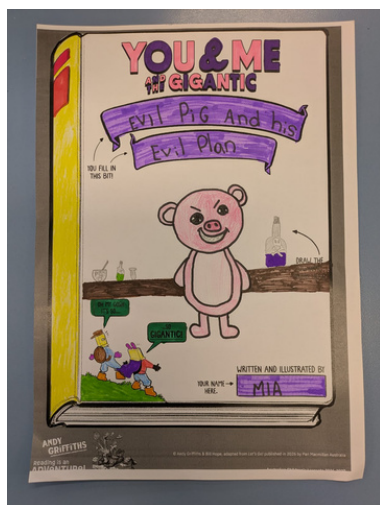
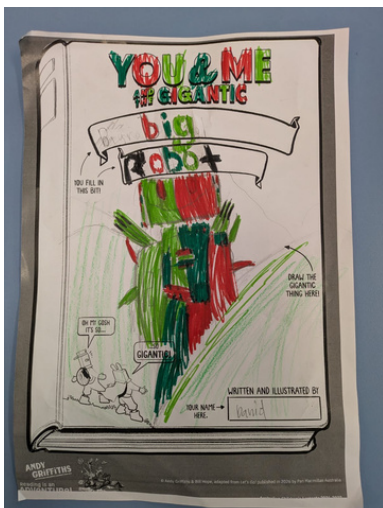
In Literacy, students were fortunate to take part in a live-stream event with renowned Australian author Andy Griffiths. During the session, Andy shared where he gets the inspiration for his much-loved stories, offered creative tips for inventing memorable character names, and introduced his exciting new book, *You & Me and the Giant Knucklehead*.

Following the event, students had the opportunity to enter a national competition by designing their own front cover for the new book. Winning entries will receive one of the very first copies of *You & Me and the Giant Knucklehead*! We have been so impressed by the creativity and imagination shown in our classroom, and you can see some of the wonderful designs below.

In Mathematics, we have begun our new unit exploring 3D shapes. Students are learning to identify and describe the properties and features of a range of three-dimensional objects, including their faces, edges and vertices. Later in the unit, students will investigate nets and use them to construct their own 3D shapes before applying their learning in an exciting hands-on project—creating their very own 3D Shape City!

To help bring this project to life, we would *greatly appreciate any donations of empty cereal boxes or shoe boxes*, which students will use as the foundations for their city buildings. If you have any suitable boxes at home that you no longer need, we would be very grateful if you could send them into the classroom over the coming days.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. We look forward to sharing our finished Shape Cities with you soon!



4/5 NEWS

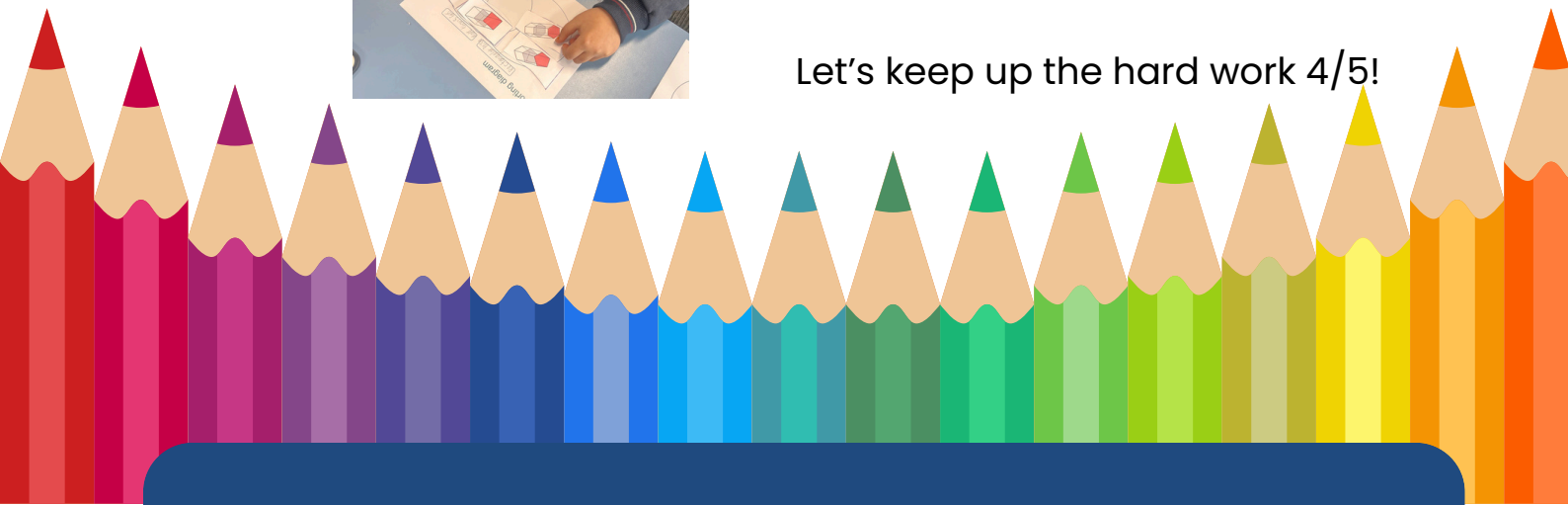
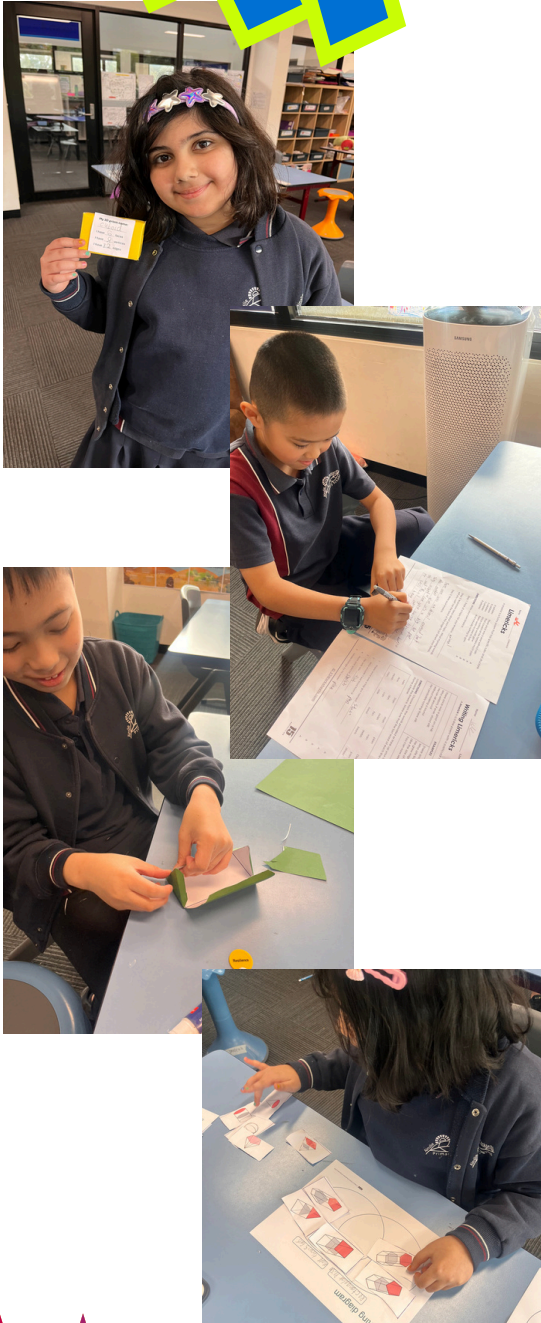
This week grade 4/5 enjoyed a live-stream read from Andy Griffith's new book- *You & Me and the Giant Knucklehead*, where they designed their own 'You, Me and the Giant...' book front covers. The ideas were awesome and they looked great!

In Mathematics, students have been enjoying their new unit- Properties of shapes and objects. They have been exploring features of 3D shapes, while connecting learning to real life surroundings. Students worked really well collaboratively as they engaged in hands on learning, creating and labelling prisms for future use.

Literacy has seen our reading of 'The Tale of Despereaux' continue as students further explored character motivations and perspectives. They have also been enjoying learning to write limericks while expanding their vocabulary knowledge in grammar.

As a class, we have been continuing to build our positive connections and involvement in learning through daily reviews of our school wide values and our classroom agreement.

Let's keep up the hard work 4/5!



5/6 News

**"STARRY STARRY
NIGHT...COME
YOU SHALL..."**



or atleast that was the message from our amazing 5/6 performers, who put on their own stage show at assembly last week, to advertise our upcoming stargazing night on 20th August at 6.30pm!

Students volunteered to write the script, create characters, design costumes and props, and include some 'cheesy one-liners' to encourage families to celebrate National Science Week.

Visit trybooking.com/DNIZX to book your tickets today!



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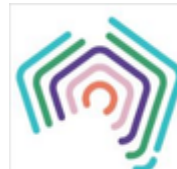
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9.45 - 11.45AM

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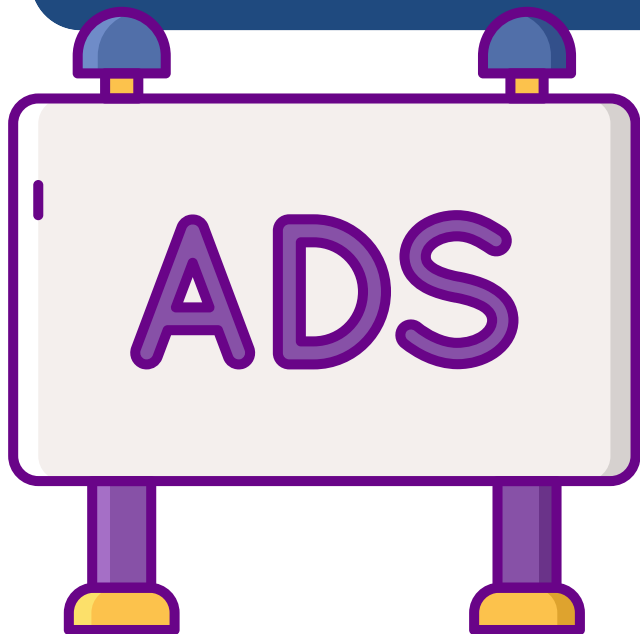
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Sarah Lacy - Facilitator

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Age Range: 5 to 10

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Meeting Time: 6:15 pm - 8:00 pm
Age Range: 10 to 17

OR

Heathmont/Ringwood Guide Hall -Rosewarne Lane,
Bedford Park

Meeting Day: Thursday
Meeting Time: 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Age Range: 6 to 10

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Age Range: 10 to 14

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TERM 3 2026
START DATE

Mon 20th July

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Each lesson will vary, incorporating different skills, activities and games

CHILDREN WILL LEARN BASIC TENNIS TECHNIQUES:

- Footwork
- Balance
- Forehand
- Backhand
- Volley
- Serve

LEARN TENNIS SKILLS IN A FUN ENVIRONMENT WITH FRIENDS



Every new Term 3 enrolment receives a **FREE** junior tennis racquet

When and where?

MONDAY RECESS ON THE BASKETBALL COURTS

**GRADES PREP-6:
11:00 - 11:30AM**

SEVEN WEEK PROGRAM = \$125

Payment required by
Monday 20th July

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT DANIEL KITTELTY (CLUB PROFESSIONAL COACH)

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Ear infection or just another virus?

Why the symptoms can look so similar - and when an ear check may help.

If your little one has a fever, isn't eating well, seems tired, or just isn't acting like themselves, it's natural to wonder whether it's "just a virus" or an ear infection. The tricky part is that both can look very similar, especially in babies and toddlers who can't tell us their ear hurts.



What might suggest an ear infection?

Most coughs, colds, and fevers are caused by viruses and improve with rest, fluids, and time. An ear infection may be more likely if your child has:

- persistent fever or ongoing irritability
- ear pain or ear tugging
- poor appetite or low energy
- disturbed sleep
- or simply seems unlike their usual self.

Sometimes the only way to tell the difference is by looking in the ears.

If you're worried, don't guess.

A GP can examine your child's ears, determine whether it is a viral illness or an ear infection, and recommend the right treatment - whether that's reassurance and supportive care or antibiotics when they're truly needed.

General health information only. If you are concerned about your child, seek medical advice.



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