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THE AINSLIE UPDATE

DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 3 2026

13th July - 18th Sep

20th Aug	- Starry Starry Night
28th Aug	- Book Fair Dress Up Day
4th Sept	- Fathers Day /Special Person Breakfast
7 TH Sept	- CURRICULUM DAY
8 th Sept	- District Athletics
11 th -18 th 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
27 th Oct	- Ringwood SC Band visit
4 th Nov	- Melbourne Cup Day
23 RD Nov	- CURRICULUM DAY
27th Nov	- Ringwood SC Band visit
8 th Dec	- Wholeschool Transition
18 th Dec	- End of Term 4 Early Finish 1:30pm

Welcome

Happy Week 5 of term 3!

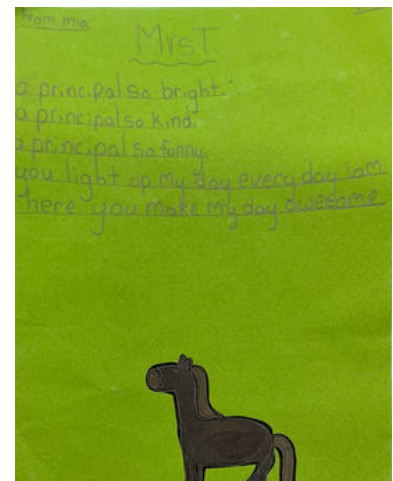
It's been a bit cold and miserable, so it's quite fitting really that today is our cozy day for sleeping bags and slippers. I for one will be rocking my Ugg boots and Oodie.

We have had a lot on, and there is more to come! However: Spring is around the corner and I can't wait to see our lovely gardens come to life!



Principals Day

A highlight for me was the celebrations for Principal's Day. The staff were very kind and there was cake! The best part was the amazing cards, poems and illustrations the students made. I have included one below, but I have a whole folder of keepsakes that are going straight to the pool room! We have the best students in the world at Ainslie Parklands PS!





Science Week

Coming up we have Science Week. Every day we will be giving students the opportunity to enjoy the wonders of the scientific world. Our numeracy and literacy program will be blended with science content, and we have guest speakers everyday for different grade levels to enjoy. We will have a daily quiz with prizes and a special science focus for our assembly.



Book Week

Book Week will follow, with a Book Fair, Grandparents Afternoon and the much-anticipated costume parade.

Fathers/Special Person Day

We are also hosting a special person/Father's Day breakfast before school on the 4th of September.



Swimming

And we can't forget the swimming program in the last week of school too. Please keep on top of Compass for all the details!

Parent/Carer Opinion Survey

We will also be opening the 2026 Parent/Carer Opinion Survey for families to give the school feedback. You will receive an email with the login details, the link will be open on Monday. We really value the feedback from our families as it gives us the data to help shape the future direction of the school. So please consider filling this in when the link is sent to you.

Strike Action

There may be a staff strike day next Wednesday, but we will keep you informed as much as possible as we head into next week. Thank you for your support.

Birthday Wishes

August

21ST JAYDEN

23RD ZOE

30TH MIA





August Newsletter

It's been another busy and fun month at Ainslie Parklands Their Care. The children have enjoyed spending time with their friends, trying new activities and having lots of laughs together, at before and after school care. It has been wonderful to see everyone join in and including everyone into the play and different games.

Creative Play and Games

This month the children have really enjoyed playing with clay, using their imagination to create all sorts of fun models and designs. They have also been learning some new board games, including Scrabble, Ludo and Snakes, and Ladders. It has been great to see the children helping each other learn the rules, taking turns and encouraging their friends as they play.

Magic, Music and New Foods

Magic tricks have been a popular activity, with children enjoying learning simple tricks and putting on little performances for their friends and educators. Music time has also been lots of fun, with everyone sharing different music choices and enjoying singing and dancing together.

At afternoon tea, the children have been trying some new foods, including vanilla banana muffins, mi goreng, and veggie sticks with hummus. These have been a big hit and have given everyone a chance to relax and chat together after a busy school day.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to another month of fun, learning and making great memories at Their Care. If you see Monique, feel free to stop and say hello we're always happy to have a chat!

Fathers Day/Special Person Breakfast



YOU ARE INVITED!

4TH OF SEPTEMBER 7.30-8.30AM



Father's Day breakfast



Let's celebrate our wonderful dads and other special people that make our lives so awesome! Come along and enjoy a bacon and egg roll and a cuppa with your favourite little people. Come through the Front Office at 7.30am. We hope to see you there!

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

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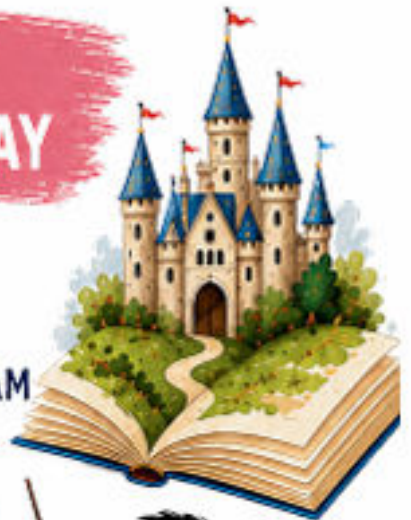


BOOKWEEK

**DRESS UP /
BOOK CHARACTER DAY**



**& GRANDPARENT /
SPECIAL PERSONS DAY**



 **9.00AM**
— *till* —
11.30AM

This year's theme:

SYMPHONY OF STORIES



**CELEBRATING STORIES, CONNECTIONS
AND THE PEOPLE WHO INSPIRE US.**



The C&E team will be bringing the second-hand school uniforms out for a swap after the School Assembly on Friday 21st August from 3.30–3.45pm. Bring your excess (washed, clean and fair condition) uniform items to swap for the next size up or donate a gold coin for items that you need. If successful, we will run this again at the end of Term 3. See you there!



APPS SECOND HAND SCHOOL UNIFORMS AVAILABLE

FRIDAY 21ST AUGUST 3:30 – 3:45PM
AFTER SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

BRING YOUR OLD (BUT STILL IN GOOD
CONDITION) UNIFORMS AND SWAP FOR THE
NEXT SIZE!

SIZES 4-10 AVAILABLE, LIMITED SIZE 12+

APPS Athletics Day



Our whole-school Athletics Carnival was a huge success last Thursday! Students enthusiastically participated in a range of field events, including discus, shot put, long jump, vortex throw and frisbee, as well as a number of running events.

Congratulations to every student who participated. The sportsmanship displayed throughout the day was exceptional, with many parents and staff commenting on the incredible encouragement, teamwork and support students showed one another. It was wonderful to see everyone trying their best, celebrating each other's achievements and demonstrating our school values.

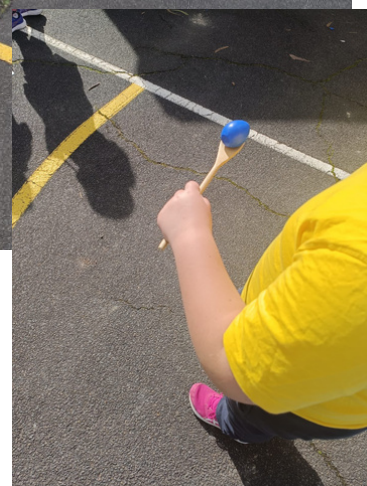
Congratulations to Yellow House, who were crowned the overall Athletics Carnival champions!

As part of our celebrations for National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day, students also participated in three traditional Indigenous games from the Yulunga resource. They enjoyed playing Woomera, Pirbu-Pirbu (from the Mallanpara people of the Tully area) and Kalkadoon Kee'an (from the Kalkadoon people of north-west Queensland). These activities provided a fun opportunity for students to learn about and celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures through movement and play.

A special thank you to all of our parent helpers and staff who generously gave their time to ensure the day ran so smoothly. Your support made the event possible.

We now look forward to the District Athletics Carnival on Tuesday, 8 September, and wish all of our qualifying students the very best of luck.

APPS Athletics Day



F-2

Local Walking Excursion - Geography

Last Monday, our F-2 students, staff and some hardy parent helpers, rugged up to take a walk around our neighbourhood. We are studying Geography for our Humanities unit this semester, beginning with an exploration of maps. Though the weather was chilly, it was dry and so with maps in hand we walked along local streets. Students identified local landmarks and other markers that we may take for granted when driving past them in a car. The students collected stamps as we progressed pausing to consider pedestrian crossing, street signs, road works, speed bumps and even a lost cat poster. We also used map keys and compared them to what we saw on the ground. After a picnic with yummy treats, and play at the park, we continued our loop, along the Maroondah Highway which was 'Very noisy!' past a daycare, past the vet where we waved to some patients. Sometimes the simplest excursions can be lovely. We think we'll request some sunshine next time!



Year 34A

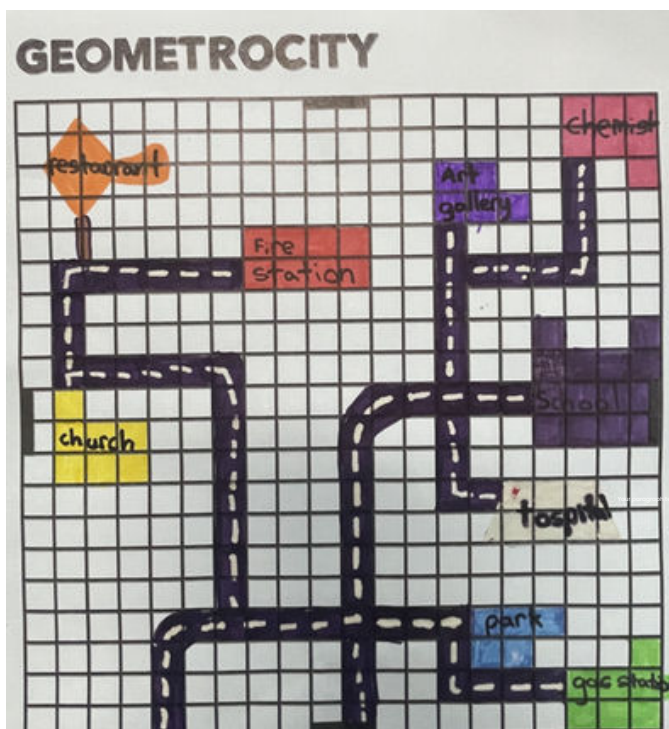
Class news

We have been busy putting the finishing touches on our poetry unit. Students have explored the work of T. S. Eliot and used his poems as inspiration to create their own imaginative and creative poems. It was a wonderful moment when some students had the opportunity to read their poems aloud to Mrs T, proudly sharing their ideas and creative writing.

We have also been exploring the poetry of Robert Louis Stevenson, comparing poems and thinking carefully about the mood they create. Students have been learning how poets use words and descriptions to help their readers visualise scenes, places and experiences. They have enjoyed noticing how different poems can make us feel and imagine completely different worlds.

Line from Poem	Mood/Feeling	Colour	Image Why?
"The moon has a face like the clock in the hall"	Calm, still, peaceful	Soft yellow/silver	The image of a quiet house and the moon feels calm and gentle.
"She shines on thieves on the garden wall"	Mysterious, worried	Dark green, Black, Silver/white	I can see thieves on a garden wall climbing it to rob a luxury house
Till up in the morning the sun shall rise	Sleepy, calm, slow	Dark orange, copper	5:15 am in a adoption centre or boarding school
Cuddle to sleep to be out of her way	Sleepy	Dark purple	A little girl/noddler holding a teddy

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"The moon has a face like the clock in the hall"	Calm, still, peaceful	Soft yellow/silver	The image of a quiet house and the moon feels calm and gentle.
"She shines on thieves on the garden wall"	Sneaky, calm, still	Black/white/red/green	The image of a garden with sneaky thieves wandering around.
"And flower and children close their eyes"	peaceful, still, quiet	pastel blue/yellow/white/green/purple	The image of a girl and a boy sleeping in their beds and flowers closing their petals.
"The squalling cat and the squalling mouse"	loud, annoyed	Grey/black/white	The image of a cat and mouse at your neighbour's porch being loud.



Our Maths Shape unit is really beginning to take shape! Students have been working in partners to plan and draw their own 3D cities, thinking carefully about the shapes and structures they will include. Now, the exciting building phase has begun! We can't wait to see our classroom transform as these creative cityscapes come to life.

Next week is Science Week, and we are very excited for a week full of curiosity, exploration and discovery. We can't wait to see where our scientific investigations take us and what exciting things we will discover together!

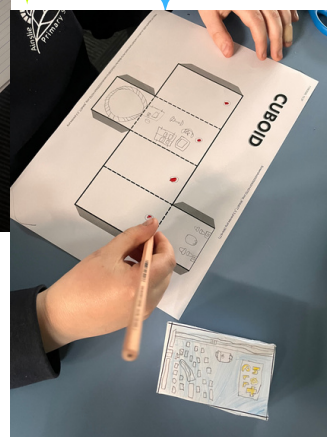
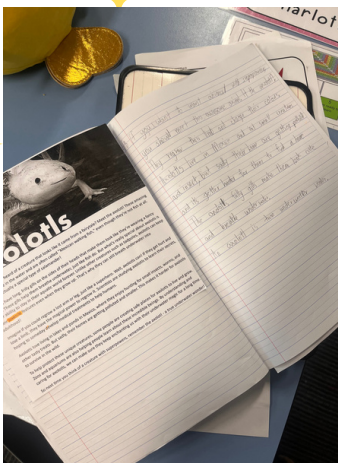
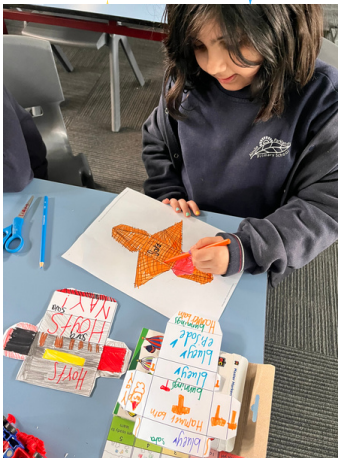
4/5 NEWS

Grade 4/5 are looking forward to an exciting week next week, Science week! Our days will be filled with investigating, experimenting and being inspired by guest speakers and learning as scientists. In preparation, this week students enjoyed creating glow in the dark alien themed artwork for our Starry Starry Night art installation on Thursday the 20th.

As we have progressed through our 3D shape and spatial reasoning unit in mathematics, students learnt about shape perspectives, spatial language and locating landmarks on grid maps. They extended their knowledge by continuing their 3D Geometrocities creations, working collaboratively to build their incredibly creative 3D building designs!

Beyond continuing their class novel, exploring character motivations, students have been practicing their handwriting and comprehension skills in literacy. With a focus on punctuation and vocabulary, students learnt through topics of interest such as axolotls.

Great work team :)

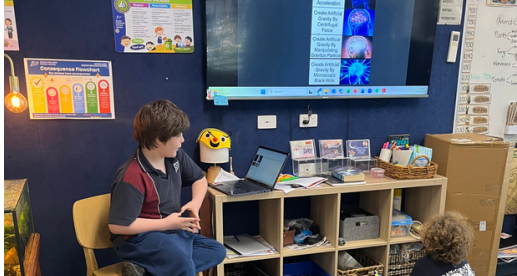


5/6 News

We are now half way through Term Three! It's so hard to believe our Year 6 students are less than 6 months away from secondary school!

However, while time is ticking away we have a jam-packed term and a half coming up! Next week we have the launch of our first National Science Week extravaganza! With guest speakers, science quizzes, problem solving real world science problems, a showing of Scinema, and of course our showcase "Starry, Starry Night" it's set to be an incredible week!

Then it's straight into Book Week! With our annual dress up parade and special persons day! Swimming soon to follow and so much more in Term 4!

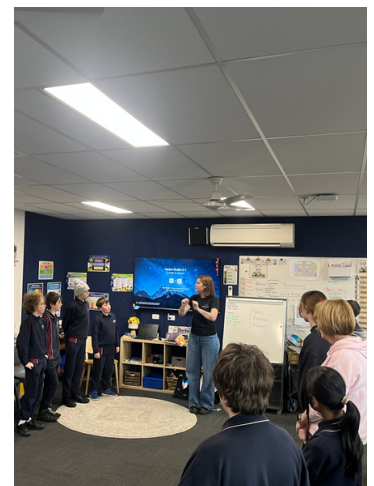


Special mention to Professor Miles who presented his own TED style talk to the class about artificial gravity! Very impressive!

Over the last fortnight we have also had lots of activities going on! On Friday 7th August, Year 5/6 students completed their second and final workshop with Elephant Ed for the year.

The focus this term was 'Body Safety'. We learnt about the importance of consent and how to ensure both we and others feel safe.. We also learnt how to respect each other's personal space and how to assert when we feel uncomfortable.

Students identified their 'safety network', which is five people who they can trust to share information with if they need to. Our work in Respectful Relationships will continue this work.



In preparation for Starry, Starry Night, Year 3/4 and 5/6 teamed up to make their own art work for the glow-in-the-dark art installation. The students took to this task brilliantly, and we know their work is going to be out of this world!

Exploring Space through Science!



Our space unit has been off to an exciting start! We have been learning all about our solar system and discovering just how incredible the universe around us is.

So far, we have explored the planets, including their size, order and distance from the Sun. Pictured, you can see us comparing the sizes to our basketball 'Sun'. Earth was only the size of a chia seed!

We have also investigated which planets are rocky planets and which are gas giants and the students have been developing a growing understanding of just how vast our solar system really is!



To spark our curiosity and excitement about our space topic, we also conducted some fun science experiments in the classroom.

Milky Way Experiment:

Using milk, food colouring and dish soap, the students saw the surface tension of the

The students added drops of different colours to the milk before carefully adding the soap. As the soap interacted with the milk, the colours began to move, swirl and spread across the surface, creating a spectacular galaxy-like effect.



This experiment was a wonderful way to capture the students' imagination and get them thinking about the swirling stars, colours and movement we can find in space. It also gave us an opportunity to practise our skills as scientists by making observations, asking questions and discussing what we noticed.

Rocket Experiment, with vinegar and bicarb soda:



By combining these two materials, we created a chemical reaction that produced gas and built-up pressure, helping our rocket launch into the air. This was a fantastic way to introduce the idea of forces, reactions and propulsion while connecting our learning to the rockets that are used to explore space.

There were plenty of excited faces as we counted down and watched our rockets blast off!



These experiments have helped us spark our curiosity about space and get us thinking like scientists. We are excited to continue investigating our solar system and discover more about space exploration, stars, galaxies and the amazing universe beyond our planet.

Sophie Souter

Useful Links & Resources



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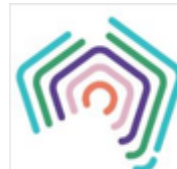
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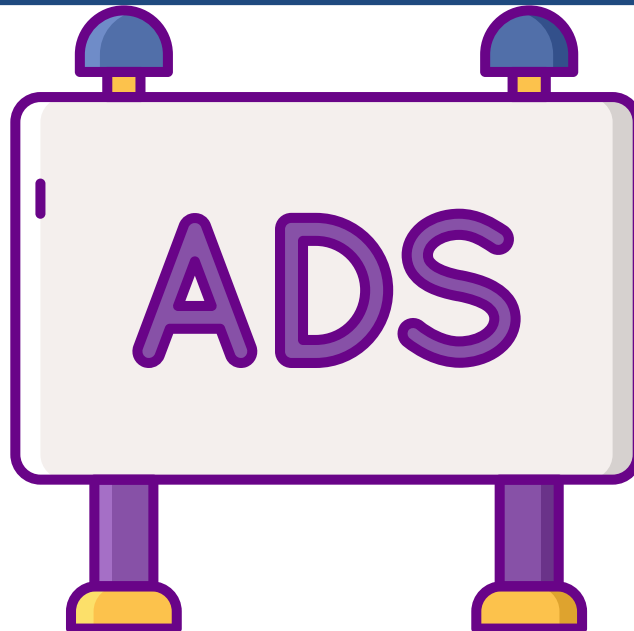
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Does your child experience any of the following?

- Difficulties sleeping at night due to worries
- Fears and phobias
- Difficulty separating from you or worrying about parental safety
- Trouble sleeping alone in their bed
- Fear of the dark
- Scared of lifts, trains, and people
- Fear of dogs and other animals
- Excessive worry and constant reassurance seeking
- Fear of germs and other health problems

The One Step at a Time Program involves:

- Comprehensive psychological assessment of your child's anxiety
- Seven sessions of online counselling through video conferencing
- Parent-focused cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) skills to help you manage and support your child's anxiety
- Two combined parent-child sessions
- Reflective parenting strategies
- Access to a website with self-help materials to supplement therapy.

Cost

\$20 per session/assessment.
Treatment consists of seven therapy sessions plus one assessment session.

Contact us

Referrals and enquiries can be made by contacting the Swinburne Psychology Clinic at:

Telephone: 03 9214 8653

Email: psychprojects@swin.edu.au

OR, by accessing the online registration form by using the QR Code or the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/r/kxjje5YcM>





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Wednesday 17 September @ 6.00pm

Tuesday 29 September @ 12.30pm

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