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THE AINSLIE UPDATE

DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 3 2026

13th July - 18th Sep

11th-18th Sept - Swimming
18th Sept - End of Term 3
Early Finish 2:30pm

Term 4 2026

5th Oct - 18th Dec

16th Oct - Metro Incursion
22nd Oct - Graduation Photo day
27th Oct - Ringwood SC Band visit
4th Nov - Melbourne Cup Day
PUBLIC HOLIDAY
23RD Nov - CURRICULUM DAY
27th Nov - Ringwood SC Bandvisit
3rd Dec - Gumbuya World Incur
8th Dec - Wholeschool Transition
10th Dec - Yrs 4-6 Oasis Day Camp
18th Dec - End of Term 4
Early Finish 1:30pm

Welcome



Welcome to Spring!

I can see the bulbs in the Orchard blooming, the seedlings the kids have planted starting to move and the air has had a little more warmth in when I'm on yard duty!

A couple of recent events have given me pause to stop and reflect on what a fantastic bunch we are!

Firstly, there was the Father's Day breakfast. It was so good to see families enjoying the bacon and eggs and playing down ball together. From the feedback I think we will make this a yearly event and do something similar for our mums. It was great to see families here; dads, grandads and other special people who support our students. Thanks for having a chat with me and sharing a special morning.



Student Free Day!

Our student free day started with a look at our data. Our students are growing above the expected levels and the data from our attitude to school student survey data is very high! We are awesome! It's official! The staff spent the day working on our school improvement goals and planning for 2027. I am so proud to work alongside our fantastic staff!

Athletics Day

Our Athletics Day was a beautiful sunny day and the students were superbly behaved! I loved the reports back from our staff and families who attended. Our students were great ambassadors for our school, and we even snagged a ribbon or two! Congratulations everyone! Have a fantastic last week of term and don't forget our assembly will be at 9.10 next Friday morning.

Book Week

Thank you to all our families that visited our book fair during Book Week and supported the school by making a purchase. We were able to choose \$500 worth of books for our library due to your generosity.

Take a look at some of the wonderful photos from last week's celebrations, featuring our fantastic Book Week characters and some very special people!

BOOK WEEK





Birthday Wishes September

2ND EVELYN

7TH ARMAN

9TH CHLOE

12TH JAY

21ST WILL
BRAXTON



Wellbeing Hub

Fruit and Pantry items will be available for families to take home for the holidays on Thursday 16th Sept at 3:15pm & Friday 17th Sept at 8:45am. Please head to the Wellbeing Hub opposite the staffroom.



Wowee it's September!

As we are two weeks into September now, we will continue providing opportunities for the children to explore their interests, be creative, try new activities and, most importantly, have fun together. It has been wonderful watching the children build friendships, include one another in their games and activities, and show kindness and encouragement to their friends.

Thank you to all our families for your continued support of Ainslie Parklands Their Care. We are looking forward to another Term filled with fun, laughter, and great memories!



Special Person Father's Day Breakfast

We had a wonderful morning celebrating our Special Person Father's Day Breakfast on Friday, 4 September.

It was lovely to welcome our children and their special people to Their Care for breakfast and some quality time together. The morning was filled with smiles, conversations, delicious food, and plenty of special moments.

Thank you to all the families and special people who joined us and helped make the morning such a lovely celebration. We hope everyone enjoyed starting their day together and celebrating the important people in our children's lives.

Curriculum Day - We Were Still Open!

Ainslie Parklands Primary School had a Curriculum Day on Monday, 7 September, and Their Care remained open to support our families.

The children enjoyed a fun-filled day with a variety of activities, games, and creative experiences. It was a great opportunity for the children to spend extra time together, enjoy the Their Care program, and make the most of their day with their friends.

We loved seeing the children getting involved, having fun and making the most of our Curriculum Day!

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APPS SECOND HAND SCHOOL UNIFORM SWAP

FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER

AFTER SCHOOL

WE NEED MORE SIZE 8 AND ABOVE!
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(BUT STILL IN GOOD CONDITION) UNIFORMS
AND SWAP FOR THE NEXT SIZE!

PERFORMING ARTS

It has been a busy and exciting time in Performing Arts, with students across the school developing their musical skills, creativity and confidence.

Grades 5–6 – Ukuleles & Bucket Drumming

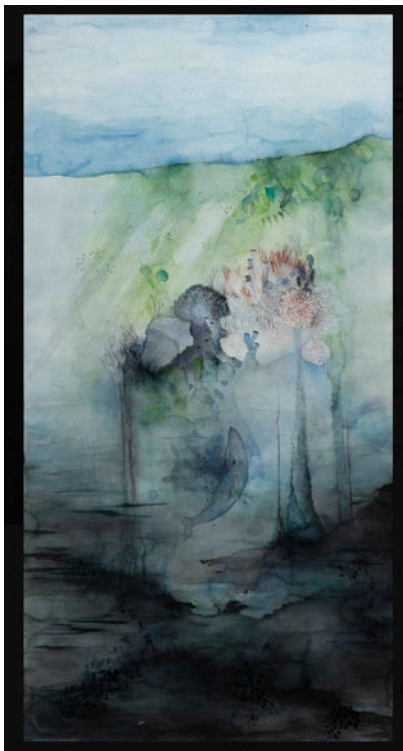
Our Grade 5 and 6 students have been working hard on their ukulele skills and are preparing for a performance at an upcoming assembly. Students have been practising regularly and are looking forward to sharing what they have learned with the school community.

The Grade 5–6 students have also begun a bucket drumming unit, where they are creating a 30-second performance. Their performances will incorporate choreography, different speeds, rhythms and volumes. Students will soon perform their creations for their peers in class.

Grades 3–5 – Ukuleles & Composition

Our Grade 3–5 music students have recently completed their ukulele unit, developing their skills in playing chords, rhythm and playing together.

They have now moved on to exploring composition and musical creativity. Students have free choice of instruments as they work in small groups to create their own pieces of music inspired by the artwork 'Deep Sea Carbon' by Aviva Reed (below). They are experimenting with sounds, rhythms and musical ideas to create music that reflects the image.



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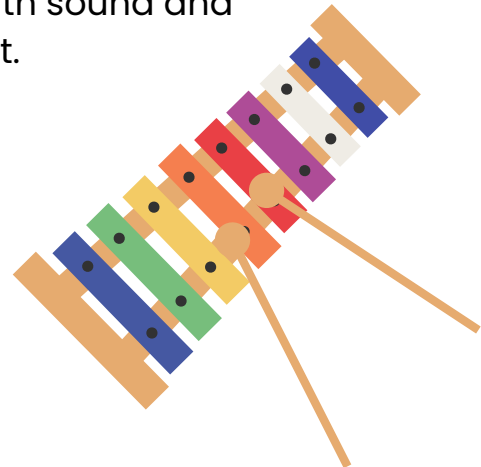
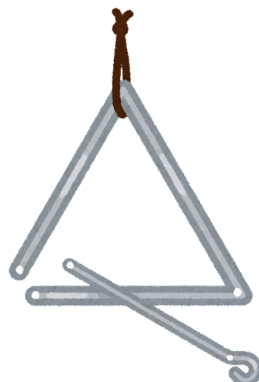


Grade 2 – Preparing for Assembly

Grade 2 students have been developing their skills on a range of percussion instruments, including xylophones and glockenspiels. They are working towards a special performance for assembly and have been practising together to develop their timing, listening and ensemble skills. We will let families know the date of the performance once it has been confirmed.

Foundation – Grade 1 – Exploring Sound

Our Foundation and Grade 1 students have been learning about the musical concepts of loud and quiet, fast and slow. They have been exploring these ideas through a variety of percussion instruments, including drums and glockenspiels, as well as using their voices and movement through dance. It has been wonderful to see students experimenting with sound and expressing themselves through music and movement.



P.E. NEWS

Warrandyte South District Athletics

We were incredibly proud of our students who represented Ainslie Parklands at the Warrandyte South District Athletics Carnival at Bill Stewart Reserve in Burwood. Throughout the day, students competed in a range of track and field events and demonstrated our school values of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience. It was wonderful to see students cheering each other on, showing patience while waiting for their events, encouraging their teammates and celebrating each other's achievements. Their positive attitude, sportsmanship and willingness to support one another made the day a fantastic experience.

Congratulations to Jags and Dawson, who demonstrated fantastic effort and resilience and have qualified to compete at the Maroondah/Manningham Division Athletics Carnival on Thursday 8 October. We wish them all the best as they take on this next challenge!

Thank you to our wonderful parent helpers, Suzy, Tegan and David, for giving their time to support our students throughout the day. Your help and encouragement were greatly appreciated.



IN PE:

Grade 3–6

Grade 3–6 students have recently completed a PE unit on netball, where they developed their understanding of the game and practised a range of fundamental skills. They are now beginning a unit on volleyball, participating in skill-based drills and modified volleyball matches during PE lessons.

Grade 2

Grade 2 students have been developing their coordination, flexibility and fitness through obstacle courses, round-robin activities and a variety of engaging games. As part of their learning, students have been skipping each week and developing new skipping skills, with great progress being seen in their coordination and confidence.

Foundation and Grade 1

The Foundation and Grade 1 students have been enthusiastically participating in a range of activities designed to develop their fundamental movement skills. Each week, the classes have been using skipping as part of their warm-up, and significant improvement in coordination, rhythm and confidence has been observed. Students have also been developing their balance, throwing and catching skills through a variety of fun activities.

LEARNING IN F/1

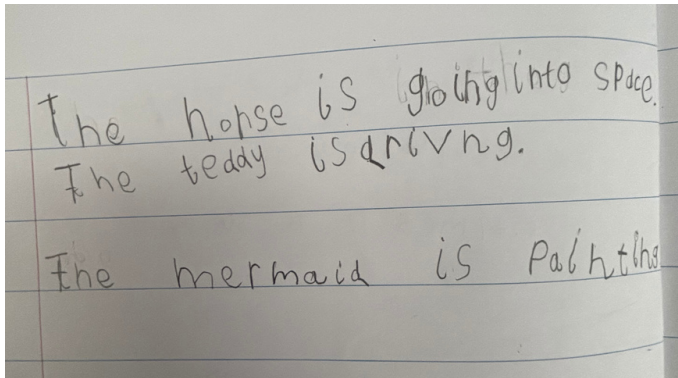
Maths

Students are learning to identify and name common 2D shapes, including circles, squares, triangles and rectangles. They are exploring the properties of each shape, such as the number of sides and corners, and identifying 2D shapes in everyday objects.



Literacy

In Literacy we have been learning to write interesting and detailed sentences by including what, when and where. We have been focussing on starting with a capital letter, using finger spaces and ending with a full stop.



Wellbeing

In wellbeing we had a look at different character strengths and the type of people we wish to be. We wrote these character strengths on paper and made a paper chain. Some of our strengths are: I am kind. I am brave. I am joyful.



YEAR 2

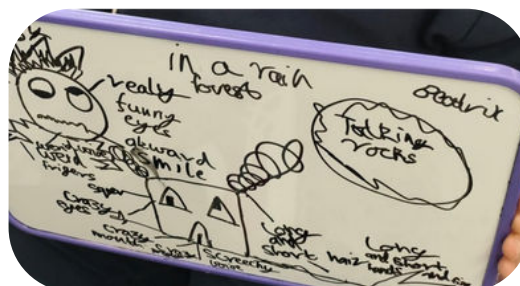
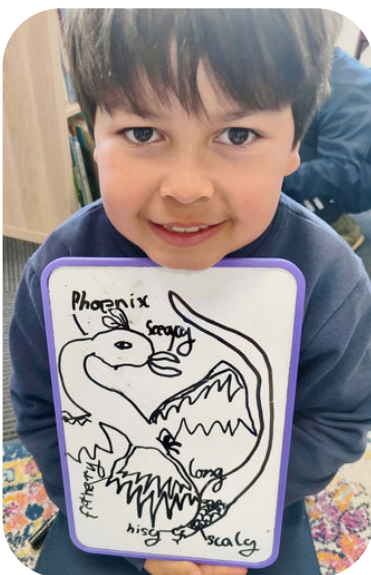
Book Week

We had a fantastic time at the Book Character Parade. Students were so excited to share their costumes inspired by much loved stories. They also shared their love of books with their grandparents and special people who filled our classroom with so much industry and enjoyment.



Writing

Our love of books is also inspiring our writing. Students have been building their skills at unpacking writing prompts. Today, students created their own creatures, described them using rich vocabulary and imagined the rules they would need if their creature lived at home. Our grammar learning and phonics focus gives us the tools to turn imaginative ideas into wonderful creative writing.



4/5 NEWS



As the term comes to an end, grade 4/5 have been achieving goals and building their skills across many areas. We had a successful athletics day, an enjoyable Book Week and a memorable Fathers day/Special person's morning.

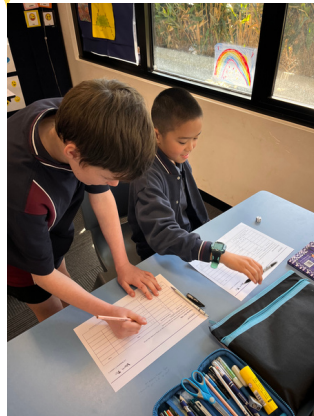
In mathematics, students completed their Geometrocities and began their unit on data and statistics. They have been learning how to collect and interpret data, tally results and represent outcomes across different graphs. Through class surveys and hands on learning tasks such as chance dice rolls and making their own spinners to predict outcomes, students have shown confidence in this unit.

We had a great time during the Book Week parade and everyone's costumes looked amazing! Students enjoyed exploring different books throughout the week and last week, completed our class novel- The Tale of Despereaux.

Kitchen Lab saw the grades 3-6 further develop knife safety skills in chopping vegetables and fruit, moving from the bridge hold to the claw grip. Students worked hard building their independence and confidence, preparing healthy lunch box snacks.

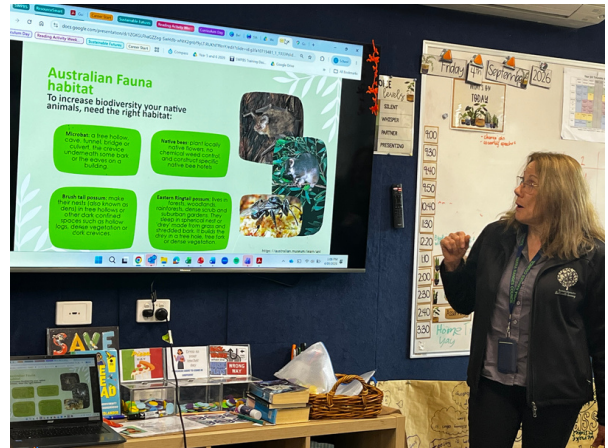
Well done everyone!

Looking forward to an exciting week of swimming next week!

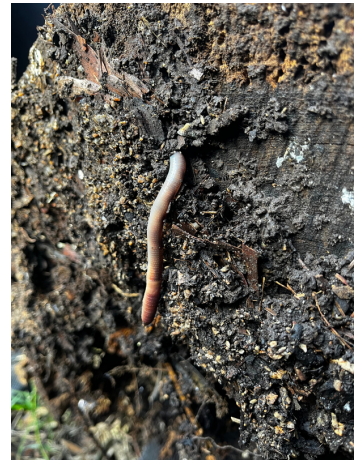


5/6 News

The end of the term is here and we have so many great memories to reflect upon. Over the past fortnight alone we've had our Father's Day and Special Person morning bbq, district athletics, and a visit from ResourceSmart. It's been a very productive term and we are so proud of the Year 5/6s and everything thing they have achieved so far, with another big term to come!



Cindy and Ash from ResourceSmart visited the 5/6s last week to conduct a biodiversity audit, as we work towards becoming certified as a ResourceSmart school! Watch this Space!

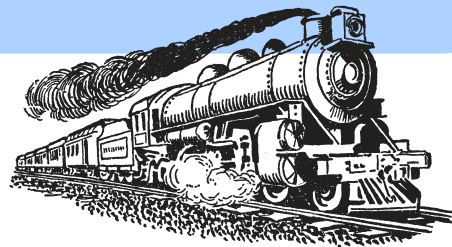


We have been spending some time in the garden to photograph our 'Biodiversity Icons' as part of our entry to ResourceSmart's 'Sustainability Through Our Lens' photography competition. Students have loved seeing the many beneficial pollinators in the garden thanks to the magnificent spring blossoms on show in our orchard and grounds.



We hope all the dads, grandpas and special people in our students lives had a great day last Sunday! We hope everyone had a great time! It was a lovely start to the day!

A quick throwback to...



APPS Science Week

This term, the students in Years 3-6 undertook a research project on how steam trains work. This was to enter the 2026 STEMatagories challenge run by the Puffing Billy Railway.

We spent weeks investigating words that would fit into the following categories. On the day we were given the letter 'P' and our students came up with a wonderful range of answers.

STEMatagory
A source of energy that can be burnt and used to heat water.
Something living that could be found along the Puffing Billy corridor.
A material that can be found within a Puffing Billy carriage (includes any part of the carriage or passengers and their belongings).
A part of a steam train. (Any part of the train from the locomotive to the Guard van).
A role or task that is required for the successful operation of Puffing Billy Railway.
A feeling (physical or emotional) that could be experienced by a passenger during a ride on Puffing Billy.

Pinus sylvestris

The Pinus sylvestris, more commonly known as a Pine tree, provides wood to be burnt for Puffing Billy.

Pinewood

The engine burns pinewood to make energy.

Pobblebonk Frog

The pobblebonk frog loves to jump in the water as the carriages of Puffing Billy pass.

Pineapple Juice

The passionate pineapple perfectionist plucked a pineapple to eat on his Puffing Billy pilgrimage, causing pineapple juice to mark the seats.

Polyester

You can find polyester on people's clothes as they ride Puffing Billy.

Pin

A pin is used to hold the leather on the seats of Puffing Billy.

Project Manager

A very important role on Puffing Billy is the Project Engineer, whom make sure promotional activities run smoothly.

Pipeline Engineer

A pipeline engineer is a very important role on the Puffing Billy line.

Panicking

The passenger was afraid of the train and panicked when he got on.

Pleased

The passengers felt pleased that they made the choice to travel on Puffing Billy.



To our ¾ Class who won their division!

SWPBS and Wellbeing News

Sleep Hygiene & Nutrition

Healthy Mind Platter for the Holidays

School Age Sleep



Nutrition Guide for Children

Information is relevant for children aged

2-17 years

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NSW
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Fresh fruit and pantry items will be available in the Wellbeing Hub (opp. the Staff Room) on Thursday 16th @3:15pm and Friday 17th Sep @8:45am. Come along with your shopping bag!

Useful Links & Resources



[Maroondah Youth Services](#)

[Maroondah Events Calendar](#)

[Emerging Minds - Families](#)

[Student Wellbeing Hub](#)

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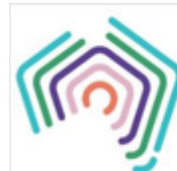
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Youth Road Safety

Fact Sheet



Whether you're biking or riding an e-scooter, follow these simple road safety tips to stay safe and have fun on the move!

MODIFIED OR PETROL POWERED BICYCLES

- Illegal.



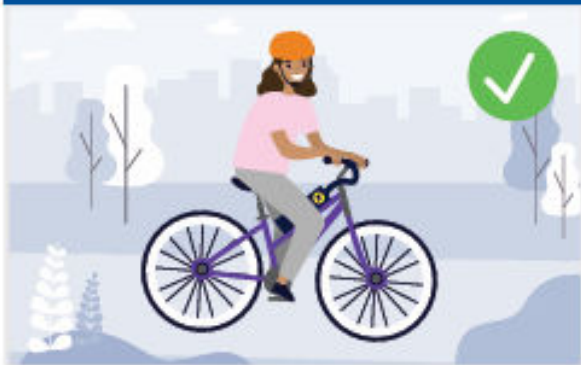
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- To ride on or off-road it must be registered with a full or recreation registration
- Helmet must be worn at all times.



E-BIKES

- 25 km/h MAX speed
- Motor cannot provide power at speeds higher than 25km/h
- Helmet must be worn at all times
- No passengers
- Cannot be ridden on footpaths.

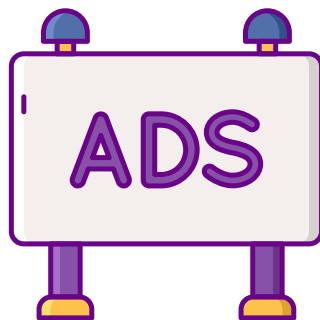


E-SCOOTER

- Be aged 16 yrs or over
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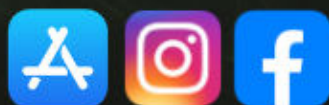


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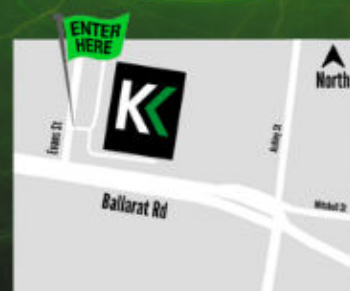
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Sunday 4th October

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