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THE AINSLIE UPDATE

DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 4 2026
5th Oct - 18th Dec

23rd Nov - CURRICULUM DAY (student)
25th Nov - Foundation Transition
1st Dec - Foundation 2027 Information Evening
3rd Dec - Year 6 Big Day Out
8th Dec - WholeschoolTransition
10th Dec -Yrs 3-6 Oasis Day Camp
11th Dec -Christmas Carol Night
15th Dec - Year 6 Graduation
17th Dec - Volunteers Morning Tea
18th Dec - End of Term 4 Early Finish 1:30pm

Welcome

Term 4

This term is already past the halfway mark, and the end of the year celebrations and goodbyes are just around the corner!

We have so much on. Our day camp, two circus incursions with Ruccis and the grade six celebrations to name a few.

We have several key community events coming up- Grade Six Graduation Ceremony, Christmas Carols and BBQ and Foundation Information Night too.

Please check dates and Compass regularly.



With all this going on, it's easy to forget just how far we have come this year! It's important to stop and reflect what a fabulous year it has been.

The annual student opinion survey run by the Department, asks our students questions about learning, connection and safety, and this year our school has some of the strongest results in the state: our students are experiencing higher student satisfaction and safety results than surrounding schools!

Other data is showing a corresponding improvement- our NAPLAN data for Maths and Reading is excellent, above the state in growth, and student achievement in literacy across our own school assessments is showing amazing results! I am so proud of the academic growth of our students. Across every measure this year, we have made the biggest improvement to date. This is down to our new curriculum approach and the hard work of every teacher and education support staff member, keeping our students focused on their learning goals and providing a challenging and interesting curriculum for our students. Thank you to our hard-working staff, students and families for making this one of the best schools in Maroondah!

The next months will be filled with goodbyes, lots of 'lasts' and a few 'firsts'.
I look forward to celebrating all of these milestones with our wonderful students, staff and families.

Birthday Wishes

NOVEMBER

9TH NOV	JEMIMA MARC
15TH NOV	NAYRI
16TH NOV	ZACK LINCOLN
22ND NOV	CHARLOTTE
24TH NOV	KENZI
28TH NOV	MILES





School Uniform and SunSmart

Wearing our school uniform helps build a sense of pride, belonging and connection to our Ainslie Parklands Primary School community. When students wear their uniform, they are showing pride in their school and being part of something special. We encourage all families to support their children in wearing the correct school uniform each day.

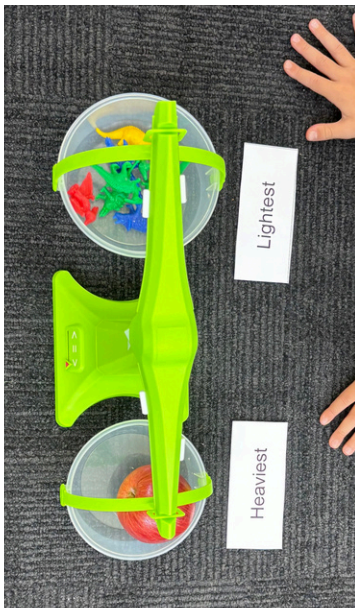
As we head into the warmer months, it is also important that all students remember to wear and bring their school hat every day. In line with our SunSmart policy, students are required to wear a school hat when playing outdoors during Term 4. Having a hat at school each day ensures students are ready to enjoy outdoor activities safely and stay protected from the sun.

Thank you for your ongoing support in helping us maintain our school pride and keep our students SunSmart!



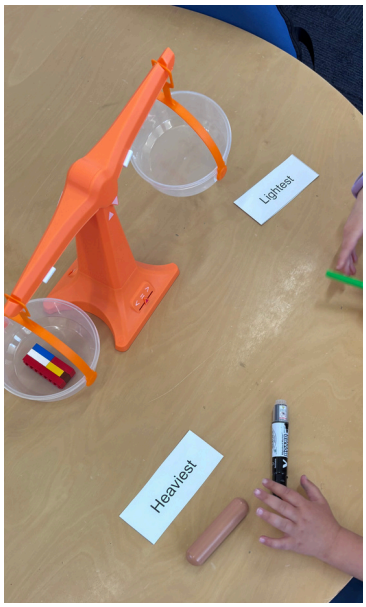


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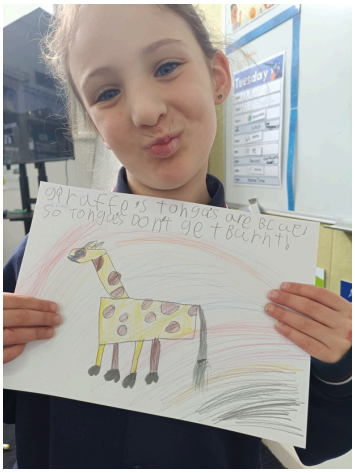
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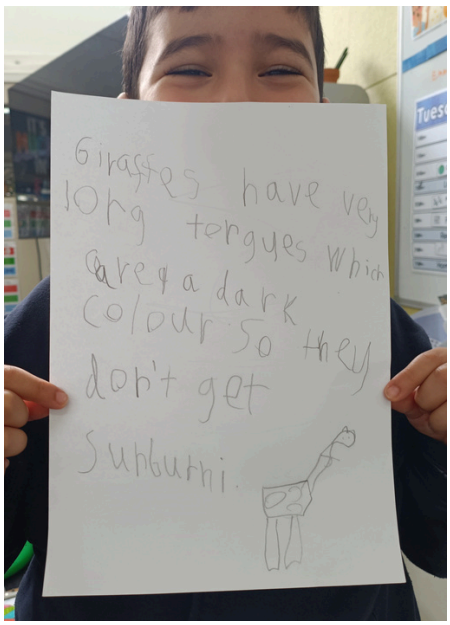
In Maths this week, the F/1s have begun exploring measurement. They have been using hefting and balance scales to compare the weights of different objects, and have begun to order them from heaviest to lightest based on their findings.

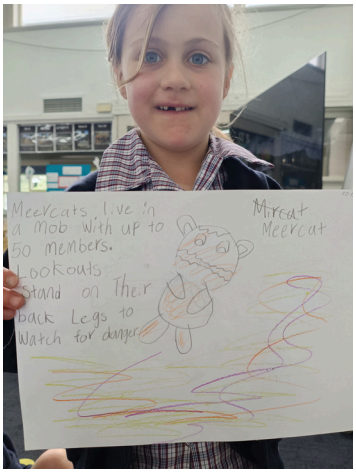


GEOGRAPHY

In Geography this term, we have been learning about each of the continents in turn. This week, our focus was on Africa. We learnt that the smallest country in Africa is Seychelles, while the largest is Algeria. Our F/1s were particularly fascinated by the animals native to Africa, which led us to complete a mini research project. Each student chose an animal and recorded an interesting fact about it.







YEAR 2

It's the end of Week 7 and as usual the Year 2s have been busy! As a school all students voted for a Free Choice afternoon for their Whole School Reward. Each classroom chose different activities and the Year 2s chose crafting. We had a lovely time, chatting and making bead bracelets to take home. Then, in the middle of what was already a great afternoon, we had a visit from Henrietta's birthday present...her chickens! (pictures of these adorable chicks below). They were so friendly and patient, happily perching on many hands.

In Literacy, we have been busy building our vocabulary and studying poetry, learning about synonyms and investigating how prefixes and suffixes can change the meaning of words. We have also been putting our imaginations to work, writing narratives and lists for what we would pack to travel to a tropical island.
In Maths, we have been investigating patterns. These activities are helping us develop our algebraic thinking.
Tuesday and Thursday we have Specialist classes where new skills and creativity are built. There has been singing in Performing Arts and also in the classroom. We've been practising our two Christmas songs for the upcoming concert. We can't give too much away though, they're a surprise!











Thank you so much to Natalia and Henrietta for our lovely Friday afternoon with your chicks. We really appreciate you taking the time to share them with us, they were so cute!

3/4A

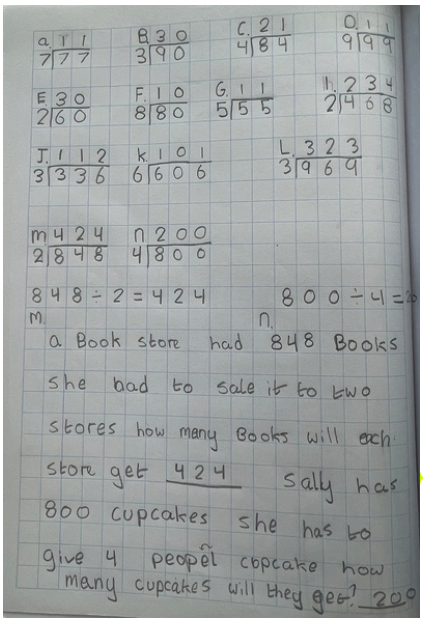
It's been a busy fortnight in 3/4A! In Literacy, we've begun exploring persuasive writing. Students have been learning how to state an opinion clearly, back it up with reasons and choose words that will connect with their audience. They're putting these skills into practice by writing and rehearsing speeches as if they were applying for a Middle Leader role. It's been lovely to hear students talk about the qualities they would bring to a leadership role and how they could help others at school.

In Maths, we've continued our arithmetic sequence, moving from subtraction to division. Students have been exploring how to share quantities equally and make equal groups. Some have even come up with their own worded problems! We'll finish the term with multiplication and look at how it connects to the division strategies we've been practising.

On Remembrance Day, we took time to honour those who have served and remember those who lost their lives in service. Students made their own poppies and reflected on what the poppy symbolises. We've also begun rehearsing our song for the end-of-year concert, and it's been fun hearing it come together as the students grow more confident.

As we get closer to the end of term, we're noticing that students are starting to feel tired. We're revisiting what our school values of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience look like on a busy day. Listening when someone is speaking, looking after shared equipment and giving a tricky task another go are small ways we can help everyone finish the term well.



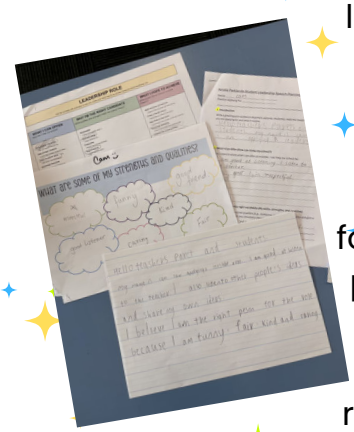


4/5 NEWS





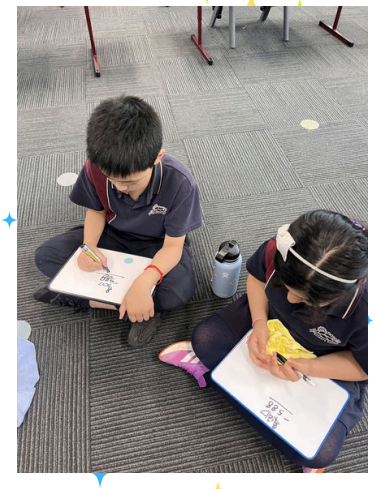
It has been a busy fortnight across the classes! Grade 4/5 have been working hard through new units in literacy and mathematics, while completing assessments as the year comes close to an end.

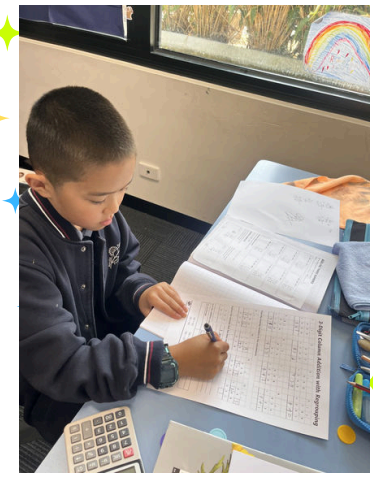


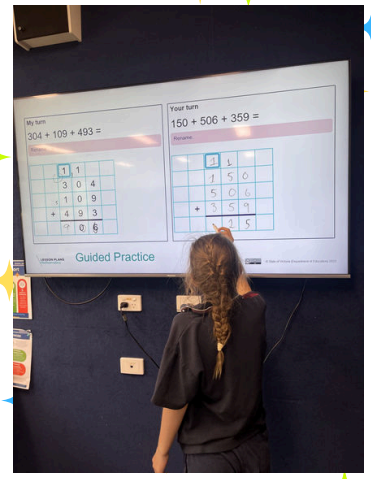
Literacy has seen students develop and apply their persuasive writing skills, as they begin drafting and forming their leadership speeches. Students identified their personal strengths and qualities, exploring what it means to be a leader.

Students further demonstrated independence and resilience, working together through arithmetic sequences of subtraction and division in mathematics. It has been great to see the teamwork and collaboration in the classroom.

Lastly, Kitchen Lab! Following their design process, grades 3-6 made their healthy sandwiches and wraps, building independence and essential skills. It was impressive to see everyone making sure to include nutritious ingredients from the 5 food groups to meet their design briefs. Students shared they felt more confident preparing their own lunches for school which is great to hear. Well done everyone!







5/6 News

As the year begins to wrap up, Year 5/6 students have been working very hard on their leadership and graduation speeches.

It's been an emotional journey reading over the Year 6 students memories of their time at primary school.

Meanwhile, the Year 5 students are putting together their final pitch to be elected as either School Captain, Vice Captain or Middle Leader. Students will share their speeches to students and staff from next Friday 27th November, and a ballot will be conducted afterwards to deetermine the successful nomination.





Leadership roles will be shifting slightly next year as we introduce a Student Representative Council (SRC), where students can nominate to be a student representative and help organise charity events and fundraisers at school Stay tuned for more in Term One. Students will also assist running lunch clubs during the week, as part of leadership opportunities.

As it's report writing time, we have been busy completing a number of assessments in core areas of the curriculum. Students have shown resilience and determination in getting through some of these longer assessments, however, it has been very worthwhile to see the progress they have made in the last 10 months.



We've also got a lot of really fun and exciting events to look forward to over the next few weeks.

SWPBS and Wellbeing News

Breakfast Club is on Mon, Wed & Fri in the Wellbeing Hub @ 8:30am

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www.maggiedent.com.au

The countdown is on, Summer Holidays here we come! Here are some fun things to plan for and look forward to...



Things to do these holidays



SWPBS NEWS

Looks like our students will be decorating Christmas cookies soon!
Well done displaying our values to earn the next school wide reward for positive behaviours!







Community Assistance (food relief and financial assistance)

Useful Links & Resources

Maroondah Youth Services

Maroondah Events Calendar

Emerging Minds - Families

Student Wellbeing Hub

Food Bank Victoria

Parentline Website

Raising Children Network

Body Bright Families

Raising Children Network

Raising Children Podcasts

ParentZone Podcasts

Triple P Parenting - Positive Parenting Program



Embrace Multicultural Mental Health

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STATE ELECTION DAY BBQ FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY 28TH NOV 2026

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
BETWEEN 8AM-3.30PM (2 HOUR SHIFTS)

CHOOSE WHAT TIME YOU CAN HELP VIA THE LINK HERE

HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/APPSELECTIONBBQ

AS A SMALL SCHOOL, WE TRULY VALUE ANY TIME YOU CAN DEDICATE TO HELPING US RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR FACILITIES.

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CAN'T VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME?
PLEASE DONATE SOME SAUSAGES!



WOOLWORTHS MARKET VALUE 8 OR 26 PACK THIN PORK BBQ SAUSAGES

COLES SIMPLY BBQ SAUSAGES 8 OR 24 PACK



OR YOUR PREFERRED VEGETARIAN OPTION.
PLEASE BRING THESE TO SCHOOL ON WED 25-FRI 27TH NOVEMBER.

REMEMBER TO COME AND VOTE AT THE SCHOOL!


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Kindergarten Information Night

Maroondah City Council

Do you have a young child and want to know more about kindergarten in Maroondah? Join us to find out more!

There are over 60 kindergarten programs across Maroondah in a variety of settings. Learn about the options and what might work for your family.

What to expect:

- Presentations by Maroondah City Council and the Department of Education.
- Gain an understanding of what kindergarten is and the programs available.
- Learn about registration and enrolment processes in Maroondah.

Suitable for parents and carers. We kindly request that children do not attend the event if possible.

Free event
For parents and carers



Tuesday

23 February 2027

Karralyka

6.30pm to 8pm

Event registration

www.maroondah.vic.gov.au/Kindergarten-Information-Night or scan the QR code.

For more information

Contact Children's Services Project Officer. Phone 1300 88 22 33 or email childrens.services.events@maroondah.vic.gov.au

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