



Views over Ainslie Park

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**Key dates for Term 2**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April** - Term 1 commences

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April** – Whole School Photos

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April** – Earth Day

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April** – ANZAC Day Activities

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May** – Minikids

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May** – Mother's Day

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May** – NAPLAN

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May** – Outdoor Classroom Day

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May** – Minikids

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June** – Queen's B'day Public Holiday

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June** – Curriculum Day

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June** – Minikids

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June** – End of Term 2 (2.30 finish)

**School Playground Supervision times**

Please be reminded that the playground is supervised from **8.45 -9.00** before school and **3.30-3.45** after school each day

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support throughout the first term of the year. It has been most heartening to see how well the new students and families have settled into the APPS Community, but also the way they have been welcomed and supported.

I also wanted to share some thoughts regarding our approach to this school year. During a principal meeting earlier this year, a visiting specialist reminded us that recovery from a trauma/crisis can be compared to a diver coming up after a deep dive. To avoid getting the bends, the diver needs to come up slowly and in incremental stages, not rush too quickly to the surface.

We have made a pleasing start to the year, however we must stay mindful of the varied impact recent times have had on all members of the community. The expectations we have on ourselves and others should reflect this.

**Easter Raffle – Thank you**

A very special thank you to all families who donated items to our Easter Raffle this year. I would also like to pass on an enormous thank you to Tracy Coutts and the Community Engagement team for their organisation.

**Working Bee – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May**

Our first working bee for the year will be held on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2021** from **9 to 11.30am**.

During that time we'll be working near the Hinkley Avenue entrance, in the Orchard the courtyard and the basketball court. There will be plenty of opportunities for families to work together.

We would love you to join us for:

- Mulching around the little playground and across the front of the school
- Removing/renovating seating next to the basketball court
- Top ups for:
  - Sand in the courtyard sandpit
  - river rocks in the dry creek bed
  - mulch in courtyard garden beds
- Mulching the Orchard
- Cleaning the wall on front of the canteen
- Moving large logs from bike shed area (straps or heavy-duty trolleys would be very helpful)

It would be greatly appreciated if you could bring your own gloves and tools. We have some equipment in the shed, but want to ensure there is enough for everyone to get involved. Extra spades and wheelbarrows would be extremely helpful.

To help us order enough materials, please indicate on the slip below if you can help out and return to the school office.

With the generous support of Coles Croydon there will be a sausage sizzle to enjoy after your hard work. Please detail any special dietary requirements below to help us with catering.

### **Minikids**

Minikids is a program we offer at Ainslie Parklands Primary School for children presently in 3 and 4 year old kindergarten.

The focus of the session is on giving prospective students and families an opportunity to experience our school before committing to enrolment.

If you are a current family with 3 or 4 year old child, or you know some families who may be interested in joining us, please contact the office on 98701566 to register your attendance. There is no cost involved.

The next session will be held on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May from 2.00-3.15.**

Further sessions will be held on:

- **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May**
- **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June**
- **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> July**
- **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> August**
- **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September**

### **Instrumental Music at APPS**



### **Instrumental Music Lessons**

Drums - Guitar - Piano - Singing - Ukulele - Bass

To book your free trial lesson, or for more information, contact:

Jordan Scotney - 0408 881 395 - groovefoundations@gmail.com

### **NAPLAN 2021**

From **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May**, students from **Year 3 and Year 5** will be engaged in reading, writing and maths assessments as part of the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (**NAPLAN**).

As many of you would be aware, the decision was made to not run the NAPLAN assessments in 2020 due to the impact of COVID-19. In 2021 the process will run in a very similar fashion as it has in previous years. More information will be shared with families after the Easter break, at which time I will be happy to answer any questions or concerns you have directly.

### **Community Engagement at APPS**

We are a group of volunteer parents and carers who organize and run events that are about engaging the school community and the wider

community socially as well as supporting the school financially through special events and fundraising. We plan for and organise these events and activities as a team.

Getting involved offers many benefits, for the children, the school and for you. You get to know other parents with children in different year levels, with different perspectives, with great ideas and thoughts about their experiences at APPS. Our aim is to build and maintain a strong sense of community and we'd love to have you join our team.

### **Events we run/hold:**

Canteen days (twice a term), Easter Raffle, Mother's Day Stall, Father's Day Stall, School Disco, Trivia Night, Bunnings BBQ, Twilight Market etc. We welcome new ideas too. We appreciate parents giving up their time to help us to run these events and activities, their help is crucial to the success of the events ... and the children love seeing their parents involved at their school too!

### **How can you be involved?**

It's really up to you. Everyone has different levels of involvement depending on their own circumstances. We always need more people who can help out at different times - doing whatever they feel comfortable with, you won't be pushed into anything. Some levels of support we seek are:

- Joining as a full committee member.
- Offering your support in organizing and running certain events
- Helping with something specific
- Helping out on the day.
- Informal support of any kind.

### How do I join?

Email [appscommunity1@gmail.com](mailto:appscommunity1@gmail.com) to register your expression of interest or to find out more. We will hold a meet and greet morning tea (time, venue, and date to be advised) so that everyone can meet.

We look forward to running some great events in 2021!

Tracy Coutts  
Mum of James in Grade 5.  
Community Engagement Coordinator

### From the Office



Just Brass will be starting up again on Monday afternoons at Ainslie Parklands.

If your child has always wanted to learn to play an instrument, this is a fantastic opportunity as all lessons are free and include the loan of an instrument.

This opportunity is available for students in Year 3 – 6.

For those that are interested, please fill out the expressions of interest form located at the office.



### BEFORE SCHOOL CARE HAS BEEN LAUNCHED!

Before School Care begins at 7:00am until the School Bell rings! Breakfast is provided plus a range of daily activities including Craft, Construction, Games, Quiet time and more daily fun! We encourage you to come along and meet our Morning Coordinator – Christine.

Childcare Subsidy applies.  
Register and Book now at [campaustralia.com.au](http://campaustralia.com.au)

# Newsletter



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Every child that attends receives a FREE merchandise pack including T-shirt, Badge and Booklet!

### A message from your Coordinator

Hi from Janet,

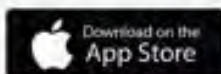
I would like to thank all the children from Ainslie Parklands School for our time together. I have enjoyed all the fun, laughs and creativity.

Take care and always do your best.



### It's free to register

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at [pp.campastralia.com.au](http://pp.campastralia.com.au) or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.



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