



Ainslie Parklands Primary School The Newsletter



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Key dates for Term 4

- 3rd Dec – Maroondah Carols (Choir and Music Performance)
- 5th–7th Dec – Year 5/6 Camp
- 5th Dec – School Council
- 9th Dec – Assembly
- 12th Dec – Year 6 Fun Day
- 13th Dec – Year 6 State-wide Transition Day
- 13th Dec – 9.15am Foundation 2023 transition session 4
- 15th Dec – Year 6 Graduation
- 16th Dec – Final assembly for the year
- 16th Dec – 5-7pm - Family picnic and End of Year concert (performance starts at 5.30pm)
- 20th Dec – Last Day Term 4 –1.30pm finish

From the Principal

Dear APPS Community,

The Twilight Market is here!

Preparations have been in full swing this week for our fantastic Twilight Market! Our amazing parents have pulled together an awesome event to celebrate our wonderful school community and raise funds for the benefit of our students. A

huge thank you to all of the parents involved, but particularly to Jane Bennetts for co-ordinating the event.



Congratulations, Carlyne!!

Carlyne has been part of the APPS community for many years and in that time has done almost everything that can be done in a school in the role of a parent, teacher and an educational leader. It therefore follows that she would be looking for further leadership roles, and this year, she moved across to St Andrews Primary School as Acting Principal. Next year, she will move across in a full-time capacity, continuing her Acting Principal role, with some teaching hours as well. Although we will all miss you, Carlyne, we know that this is the next step in your journey, and we know that you will be amazing! We also know that you will be a regular (and very welcome) visitor to APPS!

However, the Foundation – Year 2 team next year has been left in very good hands with much loved teachers Jane Humphrys, who has been working in the F-2 space two days per week this year, and Jess Smith, who has been part of establishing our F-2 program with Carlyne over the past 9 years. We would also like to introduce a new member of this team, Laura Weatherall. Welcome Laura – we look forward to getting to know you!



Jane H



Jess



Laura

Information about the 3-6 studios will be announced soon.

Election Day BBQ

Once again, a huge thank you to our fantastic parents for their help at our Election Day Democracy Sausage BBQ. Big thanks go to Alison Turner, Asha Manoharan, Jason Mullenger, Elissa Tanner, Emma Morgan, Jacqueline Schliebs, Jodie Taylor, Jess Edwards and her Dad Norm, and much gratitude to Tracy and Evan Coutts for organising the roster, the food and the BBQ. We have such a great parent community at APPS!



Somers Camp for Years 5 & 6 2023

Our school has been offered a very limited number of places at the Department of Education and Training's Somers School Camp. Our allotted time is from 21/02/2023 until the 01/03/2023, making it a nine-day commitment.

Children who gain selection from our school will join with 160 Grade 5 and 6 children from our school district in this very special Outdoor Education and Personal Development program.

The activities are mainly physical and outdoor and include High and Low Ropes Courses, Boating, Rock Climbing, Abseiling, Challenge Swing and Initiative Activities which require a

reasonable level of physical fitness. All children are also required to take part in the following activities: Archery, Art, Drama, Environmental Studies, Bush Cooking, Orienteering, Bike Education, Flying Fox, Bush Dancing, Disco Night, Singing and Diary Writing. Separate boys and girls living arrangements are provided but all activities are done in mixed groups.

The fee for the camp is \$260.00 and must be paid in full before children can attend. The fee includes transport, accommodation, meals and pocket money.

This is a great camp and provides children with the opportunity to accept challenges, improve their self-esteem, meet and mix with others from our local area, have fun and learn at the same time.

If interested, please contact the office for more information by Friday 9th December.

Unexpected visitors

We had some unexpected visitors this week. We are happy to say that they have been moved on!



Helping our school community

Times have certainly been tough over the past couple of years, and it goes without saying that these tough times have touched our community, too. If anyone knows of available and affordable 2-bedroom accommodation, please contact the office.

Please put hats in school bags

The new SunSmart Policy indicates that hats should be worn on days where the UV rating is 3 or above. We have already had some days where this is the case. So please make sure that your **child has their hat in their bag every day**.

Compass Update

At the end of the year, **reports** can be accessed on Compass. We will be sending out a letter with login details to new families, or families who have not yet logged in. If you have any queries, please contact the office.

If you are coming onsite as a visitor to help in the classroom, the Compass Kiosk is now asking you to add in your **Working With Children's Check** (WWCC) number. Thank you for your help with this!

Planning for 2023

To assist with our planning for 2023, we would like to hear from families who are moving. If you have children who are not returning to APPS in 2023, please let the office know as soon as possible.

We can't do it without you!

At APPS, we are so lucky to have a wonderful parent community to support our children. If you have always wanted to be involved, but not quite sure where to start, please contact the office.

There are lots of ways to help our school – even if you have limited time.

Have you visited our Facebook Page?

The Ainslie Parklands Primary School Facebook page has regular updates and information about events and celebrations occurring across the school. Along with Compass, it is a great way to see what is happening. [Ainslie Parklands Primary School | Facebook](#)

Have you thought about being on School Council?

School Councils are vital in any school and are responsible for particular aspects of the running of the school. Every school in Victoria holds school council elections at the March School Council meeting, through a prescribed process. Next March, due to their children finishing at APPS this year, there will be some positions vacant. If you are interested in being on school council, or would like some further information about the roles and responsibilities of the School Council in the running of the school, please see [School Council — Powers and Functions: Policy | education.vic.gov.au](#)

Mobile Phones – reminder – Repeat

As per the current Ministerial Order, students are NOT permitted to have a mobile phone at school. If phones are deemed necessary by parents for travel to and from school, they must be stored at the office on arrival and can be collected from the office at the end of the school day. Students will have privileges removed if they refused to surrender their phone. For more information, please see our Mobile Phone policy at: [Mobile-Phones-Student-Use-Policy-.pdf \(ainslieparklandsp.vic.edu.au\)](#)

Rapid Antigen Tests - Repeat

Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) will continue to be available from school. We have a huge supply which must be distributed by the end of the school year. The ongoing supply of RATs to families in our school will ensure that parents and carers will have them should they need them if their child is a household contact or has symptoms. **Should you require more RATs, please do not hesitate to contact the office.**

As always, if you would like to contact me directly, please catch me in the yard or email me directly on Jane.Capon@education.vic.gov.au

Regards, Jane.

LEVEL F-2 STUDIO

The F-2s have been enjoying the change of season and the opportunities some warmer and drier weather have afforded them. As a part of their 'Changes Changes Everywhere' unit, students spent time in the Orchard observing and recording things that have changed with the season.



LEVEL 6 STUDIO

The grade six students made some great advertisement designs for the market stall at our Twilight Market.



MUSIC STUDIO

Information for the three musical performances this term:

Event: Maroondah Carols by Candlelight

Where: Croydon Park, Hewish Road Croydon

When: Dec 3rd

Time: 6:00-6:20 pm (please arrive at 5:30 pm)

Who: Choir, and 3,4,5 students

What to wear: School uniform

Event: End of Year Concert (Picnic 5-7pm)

Where: At school

When: Dec 16th

Time: 5:30 pm performance starts

Who: All grades

What to wear: Casual / Christmas clothes

“Friendology” at APPS

URSTRONG’s whole-school friendship strategy has improved the social climate in schools around the world, connecting over a million kids, parents, and teachers with a common language of friendship. We are in week two of introducing URSTRONG and Friendology to our students at APPS and are committed to empowering your children with friendship skills.

You are invited to take advantage of a [FREE Parent Membership](#) to access hundreds of resources – including an 8 session video series. This will allow you to learn the same language & strategies being taught in the classroom through the Friendology 101 curriculum. We hope that, as a URSTRONG Family, you will reinforce the important messages of empowerment, self-compassion, & kindness at home.

As a next step, we would recommend:

- [Click here](#) to view an overview of URSTRONG.
- Activate your [FREE Parent Membership](#) and explore all the resources available to your family.
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We believe that empowering our students with these skills will create a culture of kindness at our school and we hope that, together, we can support your children to have healthy, feel-good friendships.



If you have any queries about the Friendology program at APPS, please contact Fiona.

Transition from Primary to Secondary

Free information session for parents, carers and young people



Presented by Kate Wilde from the human development Workshop

Transitioning from primary to secondary school is a significant change for all students. Learn how to help your child prepare for secondary school and make a positive and smooth transition.

Details

Tuesday 6 December 2022
7pm – 8.30pm
Online via Zoom

Bookings are essential

[Register here](#)

For more information contact:
Michelle Pascoe, Community Youth
Worker,
Knox Youth Services
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The webinar includes:

- Getting ready for secondary school: The 'easy' stuff - routines, public transport, homework and more.
- Getting ready for secondary school: The 'tricky' stuff - friends, bullying, anxiety and more.
- A Parent/Carer only session will be available for the last 30 minutes on managing technology, anxiety and supporting your child's resilience.

Help us raise the wellbeing of our children, young people and families

**Consultation
Closes
Friday 9
December**



Council is developing two new Action Plans to support our Children and Families Strategy and Youth Strategy.

We want to hear your ideas on how we can raise the wellbeing of children, young people and families in Maroondah to help shape the plans.

Visit the online engagement hub to discover the different ways you can have your say.

Go to: www.yoursay.maroondah.vic.gov.au/youthandchildren or scan the QR code.



FROM THE OFFICE

Groove FOUNDATIONS

Music School



Have you ever wanted to learn a musical instrument or singing?
Ainslie Parkland's instrumental teachers engage with the music you love, new musical styles, the foundations of music reading, and theory.



Drums

Singing

Piano

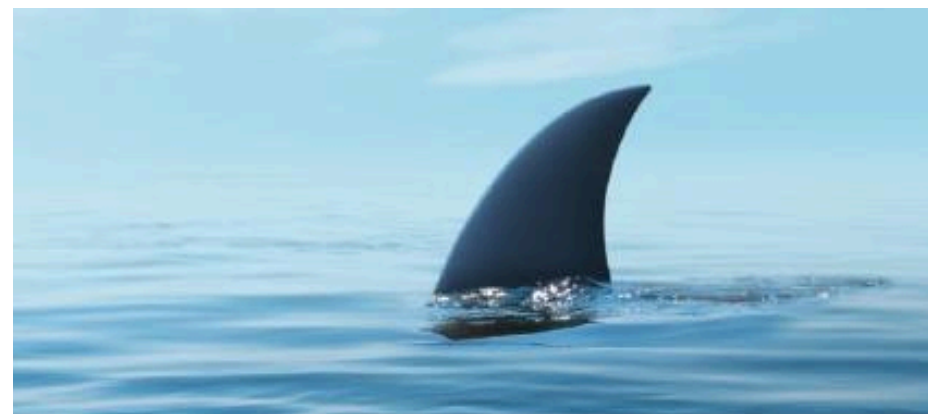
Guitar

Ukulele

Bass

To book your free trial lesson, contact Jordan at Groove Foundations.

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



HUNTING SEASON OPEN FOR 2023

U8- Colts and Youth Girls Boys and Girls

REGISTRATIONS OPEN NOW

DON'T MISS OUT  **SCAN QR HERE**



PARISH JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB
sharksjfc.org.au

