

# THE AINSLIE UPDATE

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### Term 1:

- 17th Feb - Family Fun Night
- 20th Feb - School Council
- 21st Feb - Community Coffee
- 24th Feb - 5/6 Sport Gala Day
- 24th Feb - 3pm Assembly
- 27th - 1st Mar - Parent interviews
- 8th Mar - Hot chips lunch**
- 10th Mar - 3pm Assembly
- 13th Mar - Labour Day (no school)
- 20th Mar - NAPLAN commences
- 18th Mar - Celebrate Mooroolbark**
- 21st Mar - Harmony Day
- 24th Mar - 3pm Assembly
- 25th Mar - Bunnings BBQ**
- 27th Mar - School Council AGM
- 31st Mar - Twilight Working Bee**
- 6th Apr - Thursday - Last day  
Term 1. Assembly at  
2pm for a 2.30pm finish

### Term 2:

- 24th Apr - School Resumes
- 25th Apr - ANZAC Day
- 8th May - Curriculum Day
- 17th May - Whole School Photo
- 22nd May - Education Week
- 12th Jun - King's Birthday holiday
- 23rd Jun - Last day Term 2  
2.30pm finish

Learning has commenced in earnest for 2023, and the students are doing a great job of settling back into school routines and becoming accustomed to their new classes/teachers. Teachers have provided new opportunities for our students inside and outside of the classroom - our new lunchtime film and dance clubs have proved very popular! Our fabulous Community Engagement committee has also wasted no time in organising new opportunities for our wonderful APPS community - a new playgroup, Family Fun night and a special lunch day for the students this term, just to name a few.

There is really a lovely feel around the school and we look forward to a fantastic year!



## New Displays

As is usual for a new year, new displays are starting to go up around the school. The Foundation - 2 studio has a gorgeous new birthday chart going up (and there is a new staff photo chart in the office, too!)

## Thank you!!!

Typical of our wonderful school community, a parent noticed that the pathway vegetation needed a bit of a trim to allow easy access, so offered to do it for us. Thank you, Dan!



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## Community Coffee

Each term, we make sure that we have at least one date to have "Community Coffee" with our amazing school community. If you would like to meet other parents, chat to the principal, and have a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit, please come along to the staffroom on Tuesday 21st February at 9.15am.

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## Virtual Tour Video

Thanks to Scott Huddleston, our APPS Virtual Tour video is now up on our school website. Believe it or not, the video is completely unscripted, and our students are the star performers!



## From our Year 5/6 students...

### 5/6 Act Of Kindness

*This year, 5/6 students have come up with the idea to make a sponsorship run (laps of the oval), with all the money going to the Make a Wish Foundation. All the people from 3 to 6 have the opportunity to join this run. Year 3 to 6 students will rack up sponsorships per lap, so every lap or so they get money to donate to Make a Wish, or you can donate your money that wasn't from running laps to Make a Wish. If you don't know the Make a Wish foundation, it's a charity that gets money to make sick or diseased children's' wish come true. So, we would very much appreciate it if all family members or friends could help to find people to sponsor your child per lap, however much money you want to give. Thank you for your time.*



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### Thank you!!!

A huge thank you to Jane B and her Dad for oiling our Merindale Furniture - it looks amazing!

Once again, thank you to The Paint Place in Croydon for donating the oil.



## School Council Nominations

The February meeting signifies the end of the current term for some of our school council representatives (parents). We have four positions available for a two year term and are calling for any nominations for school council. If we have the same number of vacancies as nominations, an election will not be required, however, if there are more nominations than available places, we will hold an election. Nomination forms will be available from the office. Please see the information about School Council further down in the newsletter.

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## From our fabulous Community Engagement Team...

Hello and welcome to 2023 at Ainslie Parklands. We look forward to building on our lovely school community this year.

We are looking for new ideas and new faces **to join the Community Engagement Committee**. If you would like to be involved, we can work with the time you have available. Involvement may mean helping with things like food days, bbqs, contacting books and other fundraising events, including the Ainslie Twilight Market.

We'd love your input.

To express an interest or make some suggestions please email:

**[janebennettsbrown@gmail.com](mailto:janebennettsbrown@gmail.com)**

## Annual privacy reminder for our school community

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' (DET) Privacy Policy on our website.

information is also available in ten community languages:

- \* Amharic
- \* Arabic
- \* Dari
- \* Gujarati
- \* Mandarin
- \* Somali
- \* Sudanese
- \* Turkish
- \* Urdu
- \* Vietnamese

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## Student Voice Team

The Student Voice Team gives students a leadership opportunity to have a say in their school environment, activities and curriculum. This year, we have had elected student members, as well as those who have applied via an application letter.

This year, our Student Voice Members are:

Billie, Keziah, Charlotte R, Jay, Lucas, Savannah, Rose, Siena C, Jacob, Sam & Vivienne, with School Captain, Isaac, filling a position automatically.

Congratulations to all!

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## Somers Camp

This year, we have three students who applied to go to Lord Somers Camp next week. We know you will have a great time and can't wait to hear about your adventures! Have fun!

## Student Leadership

At our assembly on Friday 24th February, our student leaders will be presented with their badges by Aaron Sykes, principal of Melba College. As announced in last year's final newsletter, our student leaders for 2023 are:

School Captain – Isaac

Sport Captains – Arlo and Jiah

Art Captains – Maeve & Sarah

Music Captains – Max and Sam

Sustainability Captains – Adrian and Aidan

Auslan Captain – Illy

Congratulations!

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## Parental/ Carer Home-School Communication

At APPS we are committed to effective communication and ensuring that appropriate opportunities exist for parents to raise any concerns and ask questions related to their child's education, wellbeing and progress.

Typically, parents will need to make an appointment to meet with their child's teacher, especially if the matter needs an in-depth discussion. A meeting such as this is best done at a mutually convenient time (usually before school is not a good time, as teachers are preparing for the day), where there is enough time to have a proper discussion. Please contact the classroom teacher or phone the office if you wish to make an appointment with one of our teaching staff.

We will soon be having parent "Meet and Greet" meetings on **Monday 27th Feb (Year 5/6), Tuesday 28th Feb (All levels) and Wednesday 1st March (Foundation - Year 4)**. Stay tuned for booking details via Compass.

## **Attendance**

Attendance every day at school is important. There is a 'pile' of research that shows how regular school attendance significantly improves students' long term outcomes, not just in learning, but in all aspects of life: career, financial, relationships, health (including mental health), etc.

At APPS, we track the attendance data of every student closely. Follow up conversations with parents / carers and plans for students with concerning attendance patterns are part of our approach to support high levels of student attendance across all year levels.

Parents/Carers are required to provide an explanation for every day, or part day, that a student is absent. This can be done via Compass, or through a written note to the teacher/office.

The math on student attendance across Victoria, is frightening - the average student absence in Victorian schools is currently 15 days a year. This means that when the 'average' student completes Year 12 they will have missed 195 days of school - in other words, one full year of schooling!

We are aiming to reduce the number of absence day significantly in 2023,. We are committed to working with families to try and get all students to school on time, everyday.

## **Compass**

The Compass parent portal is a key communication tool, which provides parents with access to information about their child's academic progress, attendance, key dates, reports, upcoming events, payments, teacher interview bookings and newsletters. Please ensure that you are able to access this portal, as information is regularly shared through this service. A link to the Compass portal is on the school website.

## School Council Nominations

*What is a school council and what does it do?*

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the broad direction of a school, in accordance with Ministerial Order 1280 Constitution of Government School Councils, and the Education and Training Reform Act 2006. In doing this, a school council may directly influence the quality of education for students.

*Who is on the school council?*

For most primary school councils, there are several possible categories of membership:

- A mandated elected parent member category – more than one-third of the total members must be from this category according to Ministerial Order 1280. Department employees can be parent members at their child's school providing that they are not engaged in work at the school.
- A mandated elected school employee member category – members of this category make up no more than one-third of membership. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- An optional community member category – members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experience. Department employees are not eligible to be community members.
- A small number of school councils have nominee members.

For all schools with a Year 7 and above cohort, there is an additional category of membership:

- A mandated elected student member category, two positions.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

*Why is parent membership so important?*

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills and a range of experiences and knowledge that can help inform and shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

*Do I need special experience to be on school council?*

Each member brings their own valuable skills and knowledge to the role, however, in order to successfully perform their duties, councillors may need to gain some new skills and knowledge. It is important to have an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

## School Council Nominations (cont.)

### *Code of conduct for school councillors*

School councils in Victoria are public entities as defined by the Public Administration Act 2004.

School councillors must comply with the Code of Conduct for Directors of Victorian Public Entities issued by the Victorian Public Sector Commission. The Code of Conduct is based on the Victorian public sector values and requires councillors to:

- act with honesty and integrity – be truthful, open and clear about their motives and declare any real, potential or perceived conflict of interest and duty
- act in good faith in the best interests of the school – work cooperatively with other councillors and the school community, be reasonable, and make all decisions with the best interests of students foremost in their minds
- act fairly and impartially – consider all relevant facts of an issue before making a decision, seek to have a balanced view, never give special treatment to a person or group and never act from self-interest
- use information appropriately – respect confidentiality and use information for the purpose for which it was made available
- exercise due care, diligence and skill – accept responsibility for decisions and do what is best for the school
- use the position appropriately – not use the position as a councillor to gain an advantage
- act in a financially responsible manner – observe all the above principles when making financial decisions
- comply with relevant legislation and policies – know what legislation and policies are relevant for which decisions and obey the law
- demonstrate leadership and stewardship – set a good example, encourage a culture of accountability, manage risks effectively, exercise care and responsibility to keep the school strong and sustainable.

### *Indemnity for school council members*

School councillors are indemnified against any liability in respect of any loss or damage suffered by the council or any other person in respect of anything necessarily or reasonably done, or omitted to be done by the councillor in good faith in:

- a. the exercise of a power or the performance of a function of a councillor, or
- b. the reasonable belief that the act or omission was in the exercise of a power or the performance of a function of a council.

In other words, school councillors are not legally liable for any loss or damage suffered by council or others as a result of reasonable actions taken in good faith.

## School Council Nominations (cont.)

*How can you become involved?*

By participating in, and voting in the school council elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might consider:

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

*What do you need to do to stand for election?*

The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for nominations in Term 1 of each year. Council elections must be completed by 31 March, unless varied by the Minister for Education.

If you stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or, you can nominate yourself in the parent member category. You can only be nominated by another member of the same category that you are eligible for (e.g. a member of the parent electorate may only nominate another parent of that electorate).

Department employees with a child enrolled at a school where they are not engaged in work, are eligible to nominate for parent membership at that school.

Return your completed nomination form to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt via post, email or by hand delivery.

Generally, if there are more nominations than vacancies a ballot will be conducted in the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Remember

- Consider standing for election to school council.
- Ask the principal for instructions if you are not sure what to do.
- Be sure to vote if the election goes to ballot.
- Contact the principal if you are unsure about what is required at any stage of the election process.



## The Foundation - Year 2 Studio

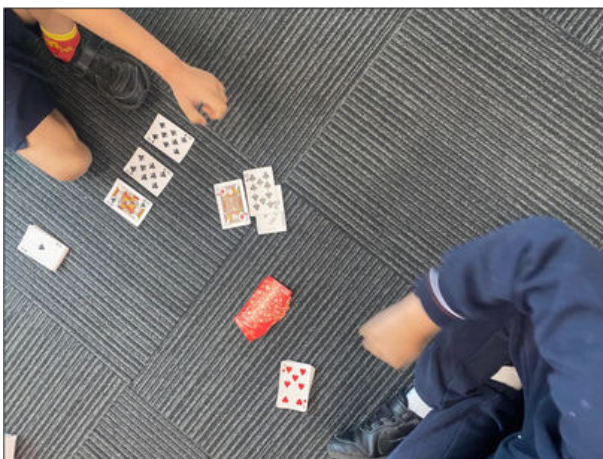
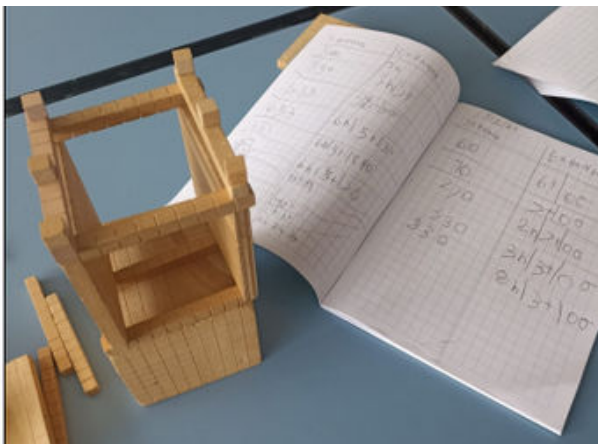
We love messy maths in the F-2 studio. Students gathered objects, categorised, sorted and discussed how they reached their decisions. We also enjoying our lovely new amphitheatre, our newest outside learning space. It's a great space now and will even better when a beautiful new shade sale arrives.



## The Year 3 & 4 Studio

Our 3/4 students have been busy settling in to our Term 1 timetable. We have seen regular examples of our school values, respect, responsibility and resilience being demonstrated, which is great to see. We have been developing our Positive Attitudes to Maths through number and place value. We have completed a number of outside activities and used our playing cards and MAB to create numbers up to 10,000 – ordering and sequencing in ascending and descending order. Students also practised writing their numbers in worded and expanded format.

We have commenced weekly library sessions on Mondays. Students have been developing their reading stamina with good fit books, non-fiction, fiction and just for fun texts. There has been a great deal of interest in reading about reptiles, insects and spiders!



## The Year 5 & 6 Studio

Sadly, Scott's fighting fish, Worf, who had graced classes with his presence since 2020, passed away over the summer holidays. This means that there's an empty tank in the 5/6 Studio, ready to be filled. As the 5/6s established their Writers' Workshop and the writing process for 2023, they created their first major piece of writing. This involved researching, planning, drafting, revising, editing, and publishing a persuasive/informative hybrid piece about what pet the class should get next. In the coming weeks, preparations will begin to house a new animal in the studio. Here are some of the sample pieces.

### FIGHTING FISH

By MAEVE (year 5)

Fighting fish are calm and easy to care for. They have lovely fins. They have an option of amazing different shades.

#### Size

Fighting fish can get up to 2.25 or 5.7cm. It's rare for them to get to 7.6cm. So, in other words they are real small, they are super easy to care for

#### Diet

Fighting fish can eat.

Beta pellets, Betta flakes, Blood worms, Brine shrimp, Daphnia, misses shrimp, Tubifex worms and mosquito larvae. They have a verity of foods to choose from. I would say beta pellets are the best option

#### Things they like

Fighting fish love to have a few plants, caves and driftwood. They need soft round edges and nothing too rough or sharp it could injure them. They enjoy caves to swim through and soft places to rest.

#### Why we should get one

They are elegant and their fins are one of a kind. They are soft and gentle creatures, and they are easy to care for. In my opinion the class will love it. They are different to other fish like, everyone in this classroom is different to each other so I think everyone will love the fish.



## **SEA MONKEYS**

By Adrian (Year 6)

Sea monkeys. One of the easiest pets to have. I believe our class pet should be sea monkeys and I'll tell you why.

Firstly, sea monkeys only need to be fed every five days. So we don't have to feed them on the weekends. You barley have to look after them so why wouldn't you want them as our class pet?

Secondly, we can decorate the tank. We could decorate the tank in so many different ways. For example: a pet rock, fake grass, pebbles, mini castles, treasure chests and even sponge bob characters.

Lastly, they're not even that expensive. You can get sea monkeys for \$9.00-\$35.00. And not only are they cheap, you can buy them at Kmart.

In conclusion, we should get sea monkeys because you only have to feed them every five days. We can also decorate the tank and they're affordable. So why wouldn't you want them?

## **WHY WE SHOULD GET A YABBY**

By Jiah (Year 6)

Getting a Yabby is awesome, cheap and easy to look after. And they are cool.

It's cheap

A yabby only costs 10 to 20 dollars! And we already have a tank, filter and wood. The only other thing we would need is gravel and food. In total it would only cost 30 to 40 dollars!

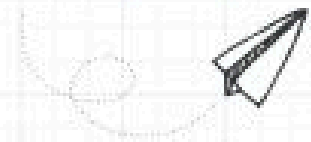
Easy to look after

All it would need is food, gravel and wood. Food wouldn't cost much; you would just need veggies and some worms. Seems pretty easy, doesn't it?

It's cool

In my opinion Yabbies are really cool. They have big nippers like a crab, can never go forwards and they could survive out of water for several days.

Having a cheap, easy to look after pet that only eats veggies and worms seems pretty good. Especially if it's very cool.



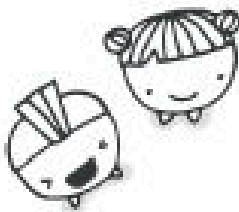
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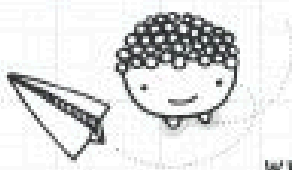
Thursday 23 February  
6.00pm to 7.15pm

at the

EASTLAND SHOPPING CENTRE

This workshop gives kids, parents, and teachers a common "language" for talking about friendships. Through interactive parent-child activities, parents will learn strategies to support their child in fostering healthy, feel-good friendships.

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# SPECIAL LUNCH DAY

# Hot Chips

POTATO CAKES & DIM SIM

WEDNESDAY 8TH MARCH

HOMEMADE POTATO CAKES \$1.20

SMALL CHIPS \$2

LARGE CHIPS \$3

FRIED DIM SIM \$1.20



FORMS NEED TO BE  
RETURNED BY 2/3/23



# Family Fun Night

DATE: FRIDAY 17TH FEB  
TIME: 5-7PM

SAUSAGES \$2

CAN OF DRINK \$2

ICY POLES \$1

GF & VEGAN AVAILABLE



Save The Date

BUNNINGS BBQ  
FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY THE 25TH OF MARCH

MORE INFO TO COME





# Newsletter



## A message from your Coordinator

Hello families!

It has been lovely getting to know all of the parents and children over the last couple of weeks, I am really enjoying my new school!

The children have been having a great time over the last few weeks playing board games, Cluedo and potato pirates are our 2 favourites at the moment! Potato pirates is a fun card game of coding and planning attacks on the enemy, great for teamwork and maths skills. And Cluedo is the classic game of mystery and investigation.

We have been very creative with paint and exploring different colour combinations, we will be exploring lots of different creative mediums over the next few weeks.

Any feedback or questions, feel free to come and see me in the OSHC room (beside the canteen) between 7-9 or 3.30-6 Monday Friday, otherwise I will be attending assemblies each fortnight to answer any questions.

Thank you,

Christine

## Activities coming up

- Making playdough
- Painting & creative expression
- Handball competition week of 13-17 March
- Cricket and ball games outside

## What's on the menu

- Popcorn
- Orange & Cinnamon muffins
- Homemade Pita bread chips & Salsa

## 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.



## Visit our blog

New articles are added each week for parents and cover various topics to help families.

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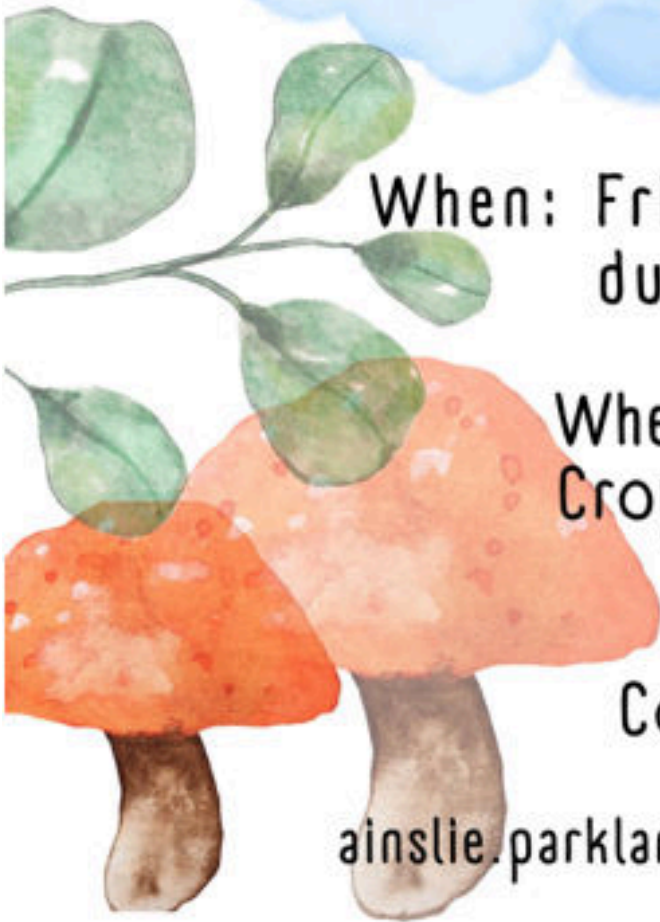
# Playgroup

When: Friday 9.15am-10.45am  
during the school term

Where: 24-36 Hinkley Ave,  
Croydon (in the hall & new  
playground)

Contact: 98701566

[ainslie.parklands.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:ainslie.parklands.ps@education.vic.gov.au)





# COME & TRY CLINICS

**NEW** 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6 & 5  
**YEAR OLDS**

**ALL SKILL LEVELS**

## **GIRLS**

**TUESDAY 7TH, 14TH, 21ST & 28TH MARCH**

**MELBA SECONDARY COLLEGE**

**COURT 4**

**4:30PM - 5:30PM**

## **BOYS**

**WEDNESDAY 8TH, 15TH, 22ND & 29TH MARCH**

**MELBA SECONDARY COLLEGE**

**COURT 4**

**4:30PM - 5:30PM OR 5:30PM - 6:30PM**

**Please RSVP Peter Cunningham on 0400 577 476**

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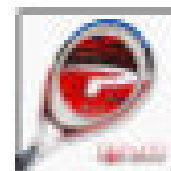
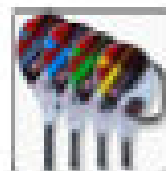
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# TENNIS LESSONS

## AINSLIE PARKLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

**TERM 1 START DATE:**  
**Monday 6th February 2023**  
 (7 week program)

Every **NEW** Term 1 enrolment receives a **FREE** junior tennis racquet



### WHAT DO THE LESSONS INVOLVE?

Each lesson will vary, incorporating different skills, activities and games

Children will learn a range of basic tennis techniques:

- Footwork
- Forehand
- Volley
- Balance
- Backhand
- Serve

Learn tennis skills in a fun environment with friends!

### LESSON TIMES

EVERY MONDAY AT LUNCHTIME IN THE HALL

Grades Prep – 6: 1.45 – 2.15PM

\* PLEASE NOTE - LESSON DAY HAS CHANGED FROM FRIDAY TO MONDAY

### 7 WEEK PROGRAM = \$120.00

INCLUDES

Please complete the form below and return to school office in an envelope with \$120 by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February. Alternatively, screenshot the form once filled out and send to Daniel - 0421 498 110.

Cash and bank transfer accepted.

Please address cheques and bank transfer to

MATCH POINT TENNIS COACHING

BUS: 063 885

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 1033 5576

Payment description: Child name\_APS

Enrolment only accepted once payment has been received.

For further information please contact Daniel Kittelty (Club Professional coach)-0421 498 110



### Ainslie Parklands Primary School Tennis Enrolment Form Term 1, 2023

Student's full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's first names: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's grade and room: \_\_\_\_\_

Any allergies/health conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact number: \_\_\_\_\_



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