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THE AINSLIE UPDATE

DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 1:

8th Mar - Hot chips lunch

10th March - Yr 5/6 laps for Make a Wish Foundation

10th Mar - 3pm Assembly

13th Mar - Labour Day (no school)

15th 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

Sports Gala Day - Yrs 5 & 6

Over the last couple of weeks, the 5/6s played sport against three other schools. We played Hotshots, Kanga Cricket, and Basketball. Hotshots won all their games, cricket had strong batting and won two of three games, and basketball lost their games but we tried our best. We are looking forward to playing more interschool sport later in the year. Thank you for reading.

By Arlo and Charlie

Thanks to Melba College for the use of their basketball stadium.

CONGRATULATIONS - We are the Hot Shots Champions for this division! Well done!!



Family Fun Night

On the 17th February, we had our first event for the year - Family Fun Night.

This was an opportunity for our community to gather together in a relaxed atmosphere, have something to eat and enjoy each others' company. It threatened to be a really hot night, but right on cue, the cool change came through and dropped the temperature to something much more pleasant! We had lots of our wonderful community cooking sausages and selling icy poles and drinks, while the children had a wonderful time playing games and running through the sprinkler. Thank you to Daniel S and Jodie T for organising the evening, to all those who came, and especially those that helped with food and drink.



Friendology at Eastland

Our students were introduced to Friendology last year in Wellbeing classes. Friendology gives students the language to navigate their friendships. Through the 4 Friendship facts, they learn that no friendship is perfect, and that friendships change, and that's OK. They also learn how to put out "friendship fires" and what to do if they encounter "mean on purpose" behaviours. This program was developed by Dana Kerford, from the U R Strong organisation in Canada. We were lucky enough to have Dana come to Australia, to visit the Maroondah network of schools who have adopted this approach, giving a talk at Eastland to 600 + members of the local community. APPS was very well represented by four of our fantastic students who assisted any children attending the event with bracelet making. Thank you to parents who brought them along, and to Fiona, who also came along to support our students. They were also lucky enough to meet Dana, too!



Community Engagement Team

We are incredibly lucky to have such an amazing Community Engagement Team. To express an interest in being part of the team, or to make some suggestions please email:

janebennettsbrown@gmail.com

Student Leadership - badge presentation

At last Friday's assembly, our student leaders were presented with their badges. We were privileged to have the Melba College Principal, Aaron Sykes, come and present our leaders with their badges.



School Council

At the close of nominations for School Council, there were four nominations to fill four vacant positions, therefore, an election was not necessary.

Congratulations to:
Katherine Szymanski
Catherine Litchfield
Jess Edwards
Sandra Fawcett

These parents join Jo Van Den Broek and Querida Seip on our new 2023 School Council. We thank these parents - our school could not run without parents who are prepared to assist in the running of our school. Thank you!!!

NAPLAN

This year, all Victorian Year 3 & 5 students will be commencing NAPLAN in March. The dates for APPS are:

Wed 15th March - Writing

Thurs 16th March - Reading

Mon 20th March - Lang. Conventions

Tues 21st March - Numeracy

As we know, NAPLAN results do not contribute to end of semester/year results, and provide good practice for online testing.

We encourage all of our Year 3 & 5 students to "give it a go" and do their best.

Student Voice Team

The Student Voice Team met for the first time yesterday, and we discussed the role of the Student Voice Team in the School Environment, as well as student voice in learning.

Student Voice Team badges will be presented at our next assembly on 10th March.

It's cool to be at school!

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 absent days significantly in 2023. We are committed to working with families to try and get all students to school on time, everyday.



Random Acts of Kindness... From the 3/4 Studio

The 3/4 Studio voted to support the Royal Children's Hospital, donating funds raised during an Out of Uniform Day. The 3/4 Studio is proud to announce that APPS raised \$131 for the hospital. We would like to thank our amazing community for your support!



Can you help us??

It is no secret that the past two years has been tough on families, and with rising interest rates and high cost of living, we have some families in our community who need our help.

We will be accepting food donations for anyone who is able to give, to provide support for any families in our community who need a helping hand.

If you have a food donation, or if receiving some extra food would be a big help, please contact the office.



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 critically ill 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.

Icy Pole Day

Thank you to Jodie who organised an icy-pole day for the students on Wednesday, to celebrate the first full week for our Foundation students. Thanks also to Jane B and Jess for coming along and helping out on the day. Our students VERY much appreciate it!!

Mobile Phones Policy

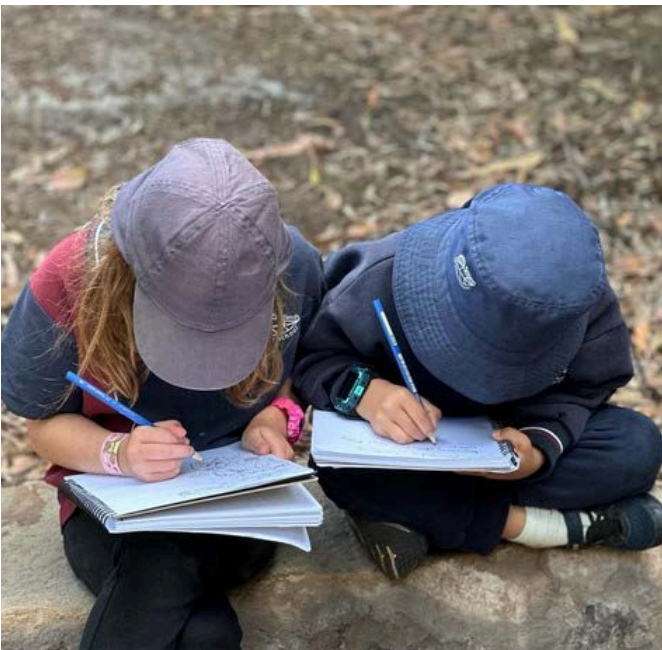
All students at APPS are aware that student mobile phones (and other personal mobile devices, such as smart watches) are not to be taken into the classroom, playground or any events during school hours. The Department of Education has provided schools with policy information to ensure all students' privacy and property is protected. Students who have mobile phones or other personal mobile devices when they arrive at school are expected to hand their device at the office before school commences at 9am and collect after the bell at 3.30pm. Please see the Mobile Phone Policy on our website for more information.

Year 6-7 Transition

Over coming weeks, many secondary schools will be providing opportunities for students to attend open afternoons, school visits and tours. These visits are an important step in our transition process and allow all students in year 6 to understand the various opportunities and programs different schools have to offer. Parents of Year 6 students who are unsure about the available opportunities are encouraged to talk to their child's year 6 teacher, or alternatively contact the secondary schools directly.

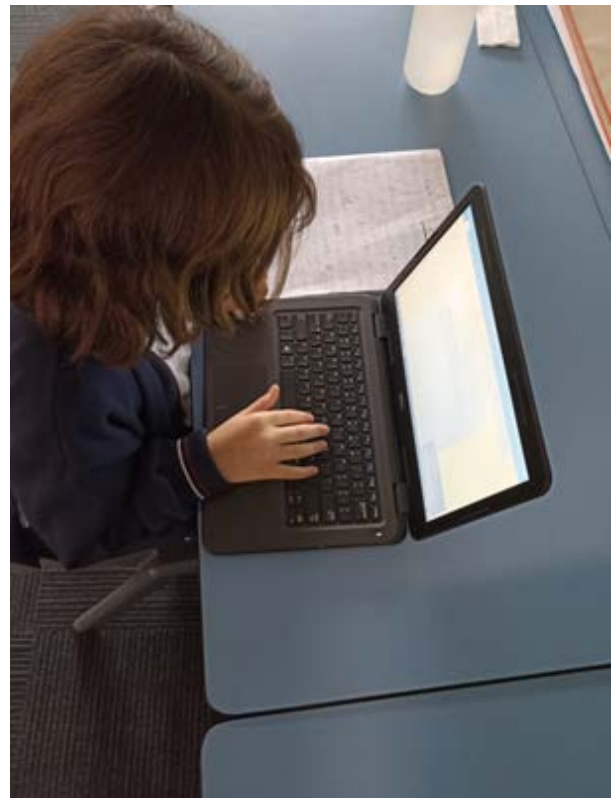
The Foundation – Year 2 Studio

On Friday we took our Writer's Notebooks out to the amphitheatre. Our 1-2s wrote the beginning and 'uh oh' for their narratives. With time and space to share, there was plenty of inspiration.



The Year 3/4 Studio

Our Year 3 and 4 students are really engaging in their Narrative Writing Unit. They are working their way through the Writing Process – ideas, planning, drafting, revising, editing and publishing. We have been revising our work with the help of the 6+1 Traits of Writing, with particular focus on Word Choice and Sentence Fluency. Some students have also begun using our laptops to create their published written pieces. We can't wait to share our finished narratives!



The Year 5/6 Studio

Over the past two weeks, we have had three APPS students from the 5/6 Studio attend Somers Camp. Lord Somers Camp is an outdoor camp run by the Department of Education, and has been running for many decades. Max, Maddy and Charlie had a fantastic time at camp, participating in many activities and making new friends. Maddy won a badge for Hut Making and loved the archery. Charlie thinks that the Flying Fox was the best activity, and Max says "Somers Camp was so much fun! I recommend that if you get the chance, you should go!"



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

celebrate mooroolbark²⁰²³ festival



18-19
March 2023

10:00am – 4:00pm

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SATURDAY THE 25TH OF MARCH
MORE INFO TO COME





March 13-17

For your chance to compete, book into Your OSHC at no additional cost to your session fee.

A message from your Coordinator

Hello Ainslie Parklands Families!



We have been very busy having a lot of fun over the last 2 weeks.

The children had shown an interest in the garden and how things grow, so we created some mini solar powered greenhouses and planted some sunflower seeds. We have been enjoying watering them each day and watching the progress they make, even if it is very slow. We also did a science experiment with a crystal tree growing kit. These were a lot of fun, the children enjoyed colouring in the little cardboard trees, and then we added the solution and next time they attended, the trees had grown crystals! Lots of discussion around the way they worked and the different colours and how everyone's looked different.

Coming up the week of the 13th we have our handball Championship, where all of the children will have the chance to compete in a round robin style of handball, with the total points earned at the end of the week awarded a trophy and the chance to compete state wide against other schools.

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 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.



Activities coming up

- Cheer posters
- Making pom poms
- Award ceremony



What's on the menu

- Popcorn
- Pita bread pizza
- Pancakes



Visit our blog

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

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AINSLIE PARKLANDS
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

Play Rugby League



Mixed teams ages 4 - 12
Male & Female teams ages 13+



We are a small, family-friendly club.

No experience required.

Training Tuesday & Thursday from 5.30pm

Games on Saturday between April & August.

For more information go to easternraptors.com.au or
email secretary@easternraptors.com.au

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EAST RINGWOOD JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

NEW PLAYERS WELCOME

It is not too late to register for the following age groups:

AUSKICK

Saturday 9:00-10:30am at East Ringwood Reserve

For enquiries, please contact our Auskick Coordinator - Peter - M: 0409 94

Under 8 (Mixed)

Under 9, Under 10 and Under 11 Boys

Under 10 and Under 12 Girls

For all enquiries including training times and locations, please contact our

Registrar - Renae - M: 0417 508 365

Under 8's Register Free and all new players to the junior club will receive a New Player Kit.



Home of the Mighty Roos - www.erjfc.com.au