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# THE AINSLIE UPDATE

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### Term 1:

18th Mar - Celebrate Mooroolbark

21st Mar - Harmony Day

**24th Mar - Free Dress Day**  
**(SWPBS Reward Day)**

**24th Mar - Footy Clinics**

24th Mar - 3pm Assembly

25th Mar - Bunnings BBQ

27th Mar - School Council AGM

**28th Mar - Minikids at 2.30pm**

31st Mar - Hotshots (tennis) final  
at Croydon PS

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

2nd May - Minikids at 2.30pm

8th May - Curriculum Day

16th May - Minikids at 2.30pm

17th May - Whole School Photo

22nd May - Education Week

30th May - Minikids at 2.30pm

12th Jun - King's Birthday holiday

13th Jun - Minikids at 2.30pm

23rd Jun - Last day Term 2  
2.30pm finish

## SAVE THE DATE!

### Term 3:

6th Sept - Music Themed Concert!  
Melba College Theatre 7:00pm

## Year 5 & 6 - Raising money for the Make a Wish Foundation

On Friday 10th March, the Year 5&6 students chose to raise money for the Make a Wish Foundation through being sponsored to run laps of our oval as their kindness project for "Random Acts of Kindness" Day. This is also part of our school value Respect: "using kind words and actions to myself and other". We are now in the process of collecting sponsorship money, so if you could forward to the office as soon as possible, we can get the money to the Make a Wish Foundation.





## Playgroup

Every Friday morning, APPS has a playgroup running, either in our hall or on our playground (dependant on the weather).

This has been a wonderful connection to our local community, which has been extremely well received. Huge thanks to Jane Bennetts for her development and organisation of this valuable service.



## Presentation of badges

Last Friday, badges were presented to our final student leadership team and to our Student Voice Team. The students were very proud to receive their badges and have already started work!

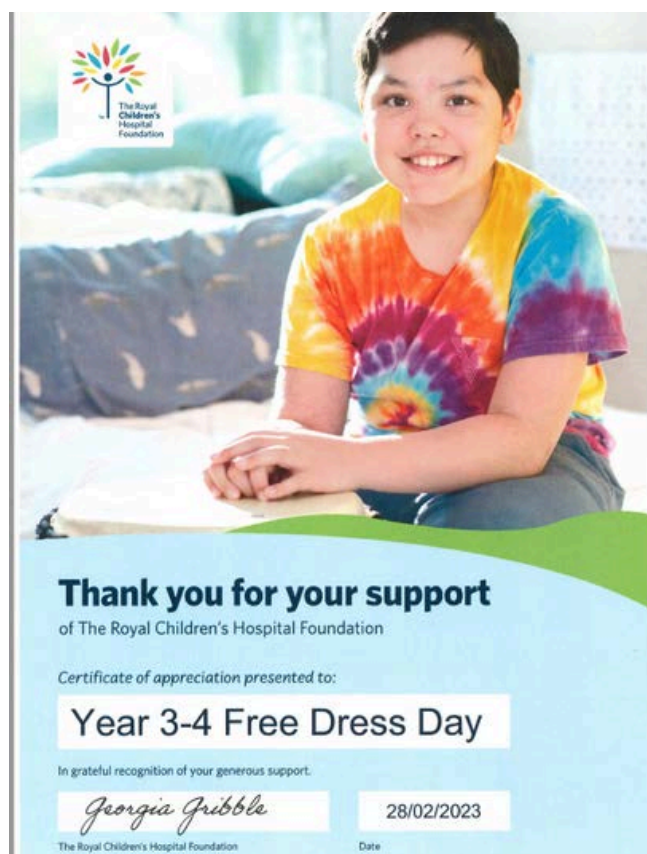
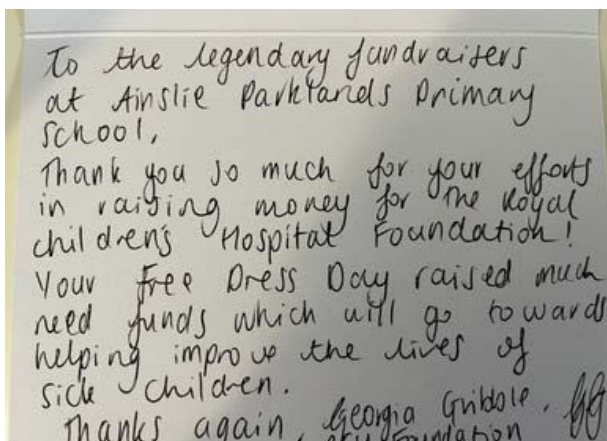




## Year 3/4 Free Dress Day for the Royal Children's Hospital

At APPS, student's having a say in their learning (student voice) is important to us. We were very happy to support the Royal Children's hospital through a Free Dress day at the suggestion from Year 3/4 students for Random (well, in this case, planned!) Acts of Kindness Day.

Students were thrilled to receive this certificate and letter of appreciation from the hospital. Well done, team!



## Sustainability Incursion

Last Friday, all studios were involved in a sustainability incursion, run by the Maroondah Council. Students learnt about recycling and compost, and about sustainable management of rubbish in our community.



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## 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](mailto:janebennettsbrown@gmail.com)

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## Celebrate Mooroolbark Festival

If you are attending the Celebrate Mooroolbark Festival tomorrow, APPS will have a pop-up stall. Please come by and say hello! More details later in the newsletter.

## Hot Lunch on Wed 8th March

A very big thank you to our parents & grandparents who organised a hot lunch for our students on Wed 8th March - the children absolutely loved it. Thanks to Jodie T for doing all of the pre-preparation, ordering, advertising, etc. A thank you also to other wonderful members of our community who helped on the day: Daniel, Fiona and Tegan.



THANK  
YOU

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## Lost Uniform

We all know that school uniform is expensive. We request that all uniform items are clearly labelled with your child's name. Please also check the names on your child's uniform, and return to school if you find an item that belongs to someone else. Thank you for your cooperation.

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## NAPLAN

So far, we are part-way through our NAPLAN testing. We have completed Writing and Reading, with students showing great resiliency and a "have a go" attitude

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, but provide good practice for online testing.

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

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## Studio Sharing at Assembly

We love to give our students the opportunity to share their work at assembly through Studio Sharing. Studio sharing can be organised by the teachers, or the students themselves, and they have the option to participate or not. Studio sharing is usually organised on the day, or the day before assembly, and unfortunately we are not always able to let parents know within this timeframe. When we have notice that your child will be presenting (or is being presented with an award, etc.) we will endeavour to ensure that parents are aware and can make arrangements for someone to attend.

## **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.

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## **Bunnings BBQ - can you help?**

We are running a Bunnings BBQ fundraiser on Saturday 25th March.

We are very much in need of helpers in the afternoon session. If you are able to help out for an hour or two, please contact the office or scan the QR code later in the newsletter.

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## **The APPS Foodbank**

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 from anyone who is able to give, to provide support for any families in our community who need a helping hand.

The foodbank cupboard is located in our breezeway (near our uniforms). Please feel free to leave food in the cupboard, or collect food from there.

We have an amazing and generous community, who just wants to lend a helping hand. Thank you!





## **Smoking and Vaping**

Parents, carers, schools, and community all play an important role in protecting children and young people from, and educating them about, the harmful effects smoking and vaping.

Research from the Royal Children's Hospital shows many parents and carers are not aware of the harmful effects or how their views about smoking and vaping can impact the likelihood of a young person taking up smoking or vaping.

The Department of Education and Training has developed resources to help you learn more about the health risks of smoking and vaping, and some suggestions about how to talk to children and young people about vaping, and where to get support. To access the resources, go to **<https://www.vic.gov.au/smoking-and-vaping-advice-parents>**

You can also view a video on smoking and vaping from experts at the Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne for health advice and tips for starting a conversation with young people: **[https://www.rch.org.au/kidsinfo/factsheets/E-cigarettes\\_and\\_teens/](https://www.rch.org.au/kidsinfo/factsheets/E-cigarettes_and_teens/)**

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## **Does your child like soccer?**

We are seeking to gauge interest from parents about weekly soccer training after school. This would be run by an outside company, and would be a parent-pay service.

Please contact the office if you are interested.

## **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.

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## **Student Voice Team Project**

The Student Voice Team have identified a need to assist students in the playground who have difficulty finding friends or difficulty with unstructured play. They have proposed a "Student Voice Activity Tub" to be taken outside at recess and lunch to provide activities for students. This would be run by the team, who would also be engaging with these students. The Student Voice Team are looking for donations of jigsaw puzzles with all pieces (no bigger than 100 pieces) and / or games to go into the tub. If you are able to help, please contact the office.

## Appointments with teachers

At APPS, we strongly believe in good communication between parents and teachers to ensure the very best outcomes for our students. Talking to teachers in the morning without an appointment will impact the teacher's ability to set up the learning for the day. We encourage parents to make an appointment to see teachers whenever the need arises. If you have any difficulties making an appointment, please contact the office.

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## Minikids

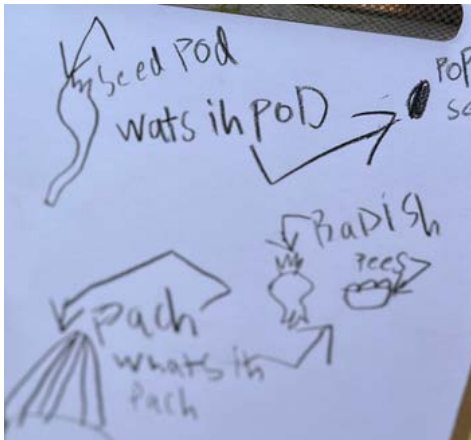
Jess has facilitated another amazing Minikids experience this week for our local three and four-year-old Kinder kids. They had an wonderful time reading stories, practicing fine motor skills with dinosaurs on ice and making play dough. Thanks also to our students who assisted with the session!





## The Foundation – Year 2 Studio

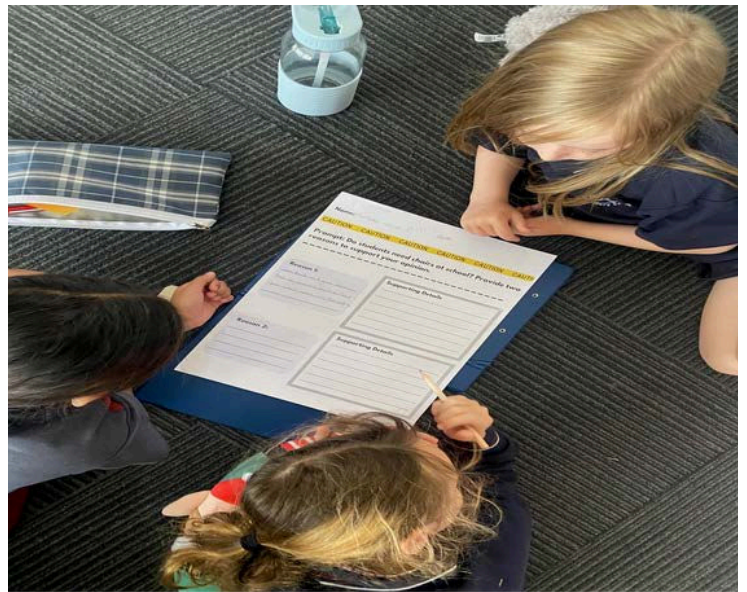
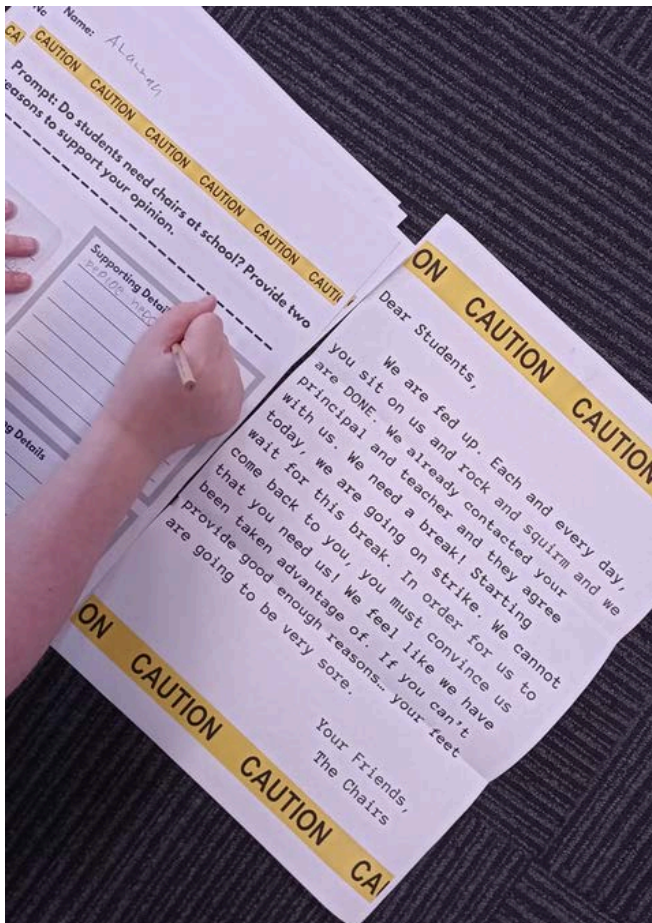
This fortnight, the F-2 students have been making discoveries in both indoor and outdoor settings. They confidently contributed to the discussion around waste when Maroondah Council visited for an incursion. Our students tried out their sorting skills using waste bins and splitting landfill, recycling and compost. Students have been learning to care for our school environment while weeding, watering and preparing the Orchard soil for autumn and summer planting. STEM news...the waste monsters are coming...watch this space!





## The Year 3/4 Studio

Unfortunately the Year 3/4 chairs went on strike recently! The studio received a letter from the chairs, delivered by Principal Jane. The chairs were done! Students gathered in small groups to plan and write a letter to our chairs to persuade them to return from their strike. Students used different persuasive devices such as persuasive language, facts, humour and emotion to help convince our chairs to return to their duty. Fortunately, the student letters were very convincing!



## **The Year 3/4 Studio Continued**

The 3 / 4 students were very busy today and worked as a team to clean up our school grounds. We collected 2 large bags of rubbish from around the school! They all received a responsibility token for their efforts. Please try to send nude food lunches as much as possible to reduce our waste and encourage your child to recycle and place rubbish in the correct bins. Thank you 😊





## The Year 5/6 Studio

As a part of the 5/6 Studio's unit of inquiry, 'Discovering Democracy', students visited Victorian Parliament House. Students went on a tour and participated in a parliamentary roll play where they took on the various rolls for the discussion of a bill. We were also visited by Nick McGowan, the member for the North Eastern Metropolitan Region who answered some questions.

Afterwards, students took advantage of their time in the city by doing some seed writing in their writer's notebooks.



# Priority Primary Care Centre

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# WHOLE SCHOOL EASTER EGG HUNT & RAFFLE

THURSDAY APRIL 6TH

EASTER DONATIONS CAN BE DELIVERED TO THE OFFICE

FURTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE THROUGH  
COMPASS



# BUNNINGS BBQ & Bake Sale



SATURDAY THE 25TH OF MARCH



THIS IS A FUNDRAISER FOR OUR SCHOOL.

WE NEED YOUR HELP ON THE DAY.

THE SIGN UP LINK CAN BE FOUND VIA  
THIS QR CODE.





# Newsletter



## A message from your Coordinator

Hello Ainslie Parklands Families!

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

We have been very busy with our Handball Championships this week, enjoying tournaments of Down ball, we will award the service champion on Friday, we are looking forward to seeing who the winner is!

We celebrated the Hindu festival of Holi last week, with lots of colourful activities, we made our own paint, did drawing with chalk on the netball courts and painted rainbows.

Next week we will be celebrating Earth Day with Earth Hour next weekend. We will be doing some fun activities to learn about the Earth and how we can work together to save our planet.

Any questions or concerns, feel free to drop and say hello

Christine



## Activities coming up

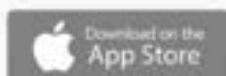
- Making Earth day Seed bombs
- Recycle sort activity
- Magic milk science experiment
- Earth day paintings

## What's on the menu

- Home made pita bread chips
- Popcorn
- Orange Cinnamon muffins

## 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.

[Visit our blog](#)



# Open Day 6th May 2023 10am - 12pm



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[www.stjohnskindergartencroydn.org.au](http://www.stjohnskindergartencroydn.org.au)





# Wednesday 29 March MELBA COLLEGE OPEN NIGHT 5.30PM-7.30PM

We extend an invitation for families to visit the school and engage with the College Community. Some staff and students will showcase the various teaching and learning experiences we provide. There will be two information sessions in the Theatre:

**Session 1: 5.45PM**

**Session 2: 6.30PM**



ENGAGE,  
ENRICH,  
EMPOWER

**STRIVE**

Fundraising BBQ and Coombe Estate Hamper raffle  
Help us raise money for additional shade



Tickets through Trybooking  
<https://www.trybooking.com/CFCWW>

#### LOCATION

Melba College Theatre  
20 Brentnall Rd, Croydon, Victoria 3136

# celebrate mooroolbark<sup>2023</sup> festival



**18-19**  
March 2023

10:00am – 4:00pm

**Hookey Park  
Mooroolbark**



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# **KNOX FALCONS**

## **PLAY BASEBALL THIS WINTER**

We invite you to our 'Come and Try' days at Gilbert Park,  
Ferntree Gully Road, Knoxfield on:

**25 March: 9:30-11am**

**30 March: 5-6:30pm**

**1 April: 9:30-11am**

**Tee Ball: Ages 4-8**

**Rookie Ball: Ages 8-11**

**U/13: Ages 11-12 | U/15: Ages 13-14**

**U/17: Ages 15-16 | Seniors: Ages 17+**

**YOU'RE INVITED  
TO COME & TRY**



**REGISTER HERE**

**Sausage Sizzle Provided!**

**IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND BUT WISH TO DISCUSS FURTHER, PLEASE CONTACT  
BEL SADLER AT JUNIORS@KNOXBBC.COM.AU OR 0439 733 731**





We are one of the largest basketball clubs in the Kilsyth & Mountain Districts Basketball Association. As a club, we are proud of our volunteer coaches and their expertise in player development.

**WE WILL BE RUNNING  
FREE SKILL  
DEVELOPMENT CLINICS  
FOR NEW PLAYERS BORN IN  
2014, 2015, 2016 AND 2017  
AT MELBA COLLEGE STADIUM (COURT 4)  
ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS AND TIMES.**

<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>12TH</b>	<b>APRIL</b>	<b>11AM - 12AM</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>19TH</b>	<b>APRIL</b>	<b>11AM - 12AM</b>

to give an introduction to the game of basketball, but with the view of having them ready to play regular games in the Kilsyth association for Maroondah Magic from term 2

Competition basketball is played normally as follows:  
BOYS - SAT games 8:00AM 8:50AM 9:40AM 10:30AM 11:20AM  
GIRLS - TUE games 4:30PM 5:20PM 6:10PM

We will teach dribbling, passing, shooting, running and teamwork with the goal that interested boys + girls commit to join a team for term 4.

If you're unable to attend the clinics but would like to play or find out more, please contact Peter Cunningham on 0400 577 476

**PLEASE RSVP AS NUMBERS ARE LIMITED**



Maroondah Magic Basketball Club Inc



Maroondah Magic Basketball Club





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

