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ISSUE #2 | FRIDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2024

THE AINSLIE UPDATE

DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 1 2024

- 23rd Feb - Family Fun Night
- 27th & 28th Feb - Parent Teacher Meet & Greet Conferences
- 1st Mar - Assembly
- 1st Mar - Twilight Working Bee
- 7th Mar - F-2 Toys Overtime Incursion
- 8th Mar - Free dress for the homeless
- 11th Mar - Labour Day holiday
- 12th Mar - **STUDENT FREE DAY**
- 13th-25rd Mar - NAPLAN test window
- 15th Mar - Assembly - Badge presentations (student leaders & Voice team)
- 21st Mar - Harmony Day
- 22nd Mar - Ride 2 School Day
- 28th Mar - Last Day Term 1 - 2.30pm finish

Term 2 2024

- 15th Apr - First day Term 2
- 25th Apr - ANZAC Day
- 9th May - Mother's/Special Person's Day stall
- 10th June - King's Birthday Holiday
- 28th June - Last day Term 2

Term 3 2024

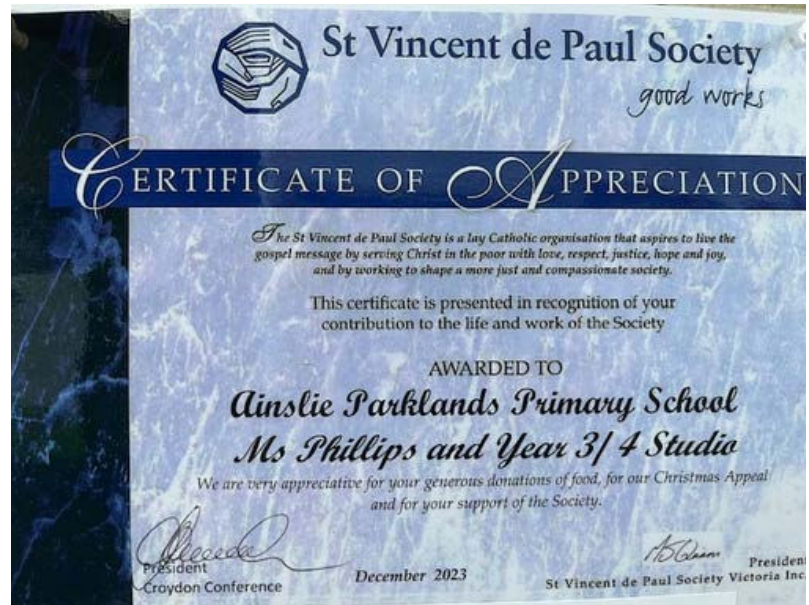
- 15th July - First day Term 3
- 5th Aug - **STUDENT FREE DAY**
- 20th Sep - Last day Term 3

Term 4 2024

- 7th Oct - First day Term 4
- 4th Nov - **STUDENT FREE DAY**
- 5th Nov - Melbourne Cup Day
- 20th Dec - Last day Term 4

12 days of Giving

At the end of last year, Wendy's 3/4 class did 12 days of giving. This consisted of 12 projects of generosity to those that need some help or kindness. The students donated food to St Vincent de Paul Society, who were very grateful for the support. This is a wonderful initiative from our school, which is sure to be repeated.

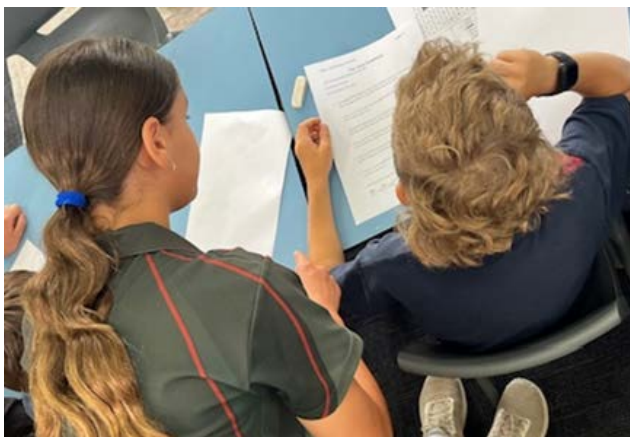


Family Fun Night

We are looking forward to our annual Family Fun Night tonight **Friday 23rd February from 4.30-6.30pm**. This will be an opportunity for families and students to come together at the beginning of the year for a relaxed dinner, games and socializing. There will be no school run BBQ for this night; please bring your own dinner, seating, etc. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Academic Extension Program for 2024

This week, we shared our first Academic Extension session with Ben Hodgens and Year 8 students from Melba College, working on Maths problems. When I asked the APPS students if they enjoyed the session they said that they LOVED it, and were disappointed that they have to wait two weeks for the next session! Thank you to Matt Lee and Ben Hodgens for your work on this joint project.



Tokens

If students have accidentally taken our values tokens home (yellow, purple or blue), **could they please be returned to school ASAP.** Thank you!

Kindness Projects

In Wellbeing sessions, we have been focusing on our student expectation All Areas poster that you will see around our school. Of particular focus is: "Using kind words and actions to myself and others".

The 4/5 classroom has voted to raise money for the homeless families that don't have much money or food and no shelter.

To raise the money, we are doing a free dress day and asking for a gold coin donation to help the homeless families. We will be donating the money to the Salvation Army.

The free dress day will be on Friday 8th March.

Sophie, Ben, Brad, Tait, Savannah & Siena L
from 4/5

The 5/6 class also nominated the Salvation Army in their support for the homeless. This class has elected to raise money via sponsorship for laps on the oval. Stay tuned for more details.

The 4/5 class has also voted to write letters and cards to the elderly at a local Aged Care centre.

Basketball Clinics

Last Friday, we had a great time with Kilsyth Basketball club, who ran basketball clinics for our Year 3-6 students. As well as learning and/or consolidating skills, the students enjoyed the experience!



Parking around our school

Please ensure that you are observing the parking zones around our school. We know that parking officers are active in our area, and we ask our community to observe the signage.

New Routines

We have seen huge success in establishing a calm learning environment at the beginning of the day with our new outside line up routine this year. We know that school refusal and separation anxiety is a real issue for many families and schools across the country. We also know that separation is much harder when a parent enters their child's learning space. For some of our children, having unfamiliar adults in the classroom is also distressing. We very much appreciate the efforts of parents in saying a positive, upbeat goodbye outside.

Please note that due to Child Safe standards, parents are not permitted to enter the classroom during the school day. Staff are very happy to assist with late arrivals or early departures. We thank you for your cooperation.

Welcome Chantelle!

Greetings everyone, my name is Chantelle and I am starting as a new School Counsellor next week, in place of the previous Counsellor Mette who has now finished up with the team.

Some of my favourite hobbies are reading books, dancing, and spending lots of time with my happy and outgoing pet parrot.

I'm looking forward to meeting you all and I wish you the best for 2024!



Hats

Please ensure that students have a SunSmart hat (no caps) available at school everyday. Hats are required for outside play when the UV rating is 3 or above (which is all of Terms 1 & 3, as well as dates in Term 4).

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

School Council Nominations

The community was advised last week that nominations are open for three parent positions on school council. Nominations need to be submitted to the office by 4pm today, 23rd February. If we have the same number (or less) of nominations as vacancies, an election will not be required. If there are more nominations than vacancies, we will notify the community that an election will be held.

Congratulations to our 2024 Student Voice Team

We work hard at APPS to ensure that our students have a voice in their learning and their school. Congratulations to the following students:

Student Voice Team:

Year 3: Jewel, Melody, Zoe

Year 4/5: Tate, Lexi, Lucas, Lumi, Eamon, Taylor, Skyler, Billie,

Savannah, Jacob, Aidan M

Year 5/6: Sam, Tai, Illy, Siena C, Jenelia

Our School Captain, Joseph, and Vice Captain, Rose, will automatically have a place on the Team. We will also give Year 2 students a turn on the team, in preparation for next year, when they become eligible. We can't wait to see what initiatives you put in place this year!

Student Leaders for 2024

Congratulations to our Student Leaders for 2024:

School Captain – Joseph

Vice School Captain – Rose

Sport Captains – Maddy, Sebastian

Sustainability Captains – Mia, Maeve

Art Captains – Ruby, Jenelia

Music Captains – Sam, Arlo

Auslan Captain – Illy

As our student leaders are considered role models and are representing our school, they have all signed a contract committing to exemplary, kind behaviour, both at school and online. Breaching these expectations could result in the loss of their role. It's great to see that they are taking their role seriously for their leadership development and for our school.

22nd December 2023

Wendy Phillips
Ainslie Parklands Primary School
Hinkley Ave
Croydon 3136

Dear Ms Phillips and the Students from Year 3 /4 Studio,

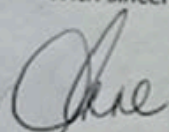
Thank you, from the bottom of our hearts, for all the food you donated to Vinnies for our Christmas Appeal/hampers this year.

We were totally overwhelmed when we saw all the food you donated to us, especially at this time of the year, when so many people are struggling.

We divided all the food and were able to give families in Croydon help they didn't think they'd receive this Christmas.

Please accept our sincere thanks for your generous support.

With sincere thanks,



Anne
President
St Vincent de Paul
Croydon Conference
0417 124 246



Free
online
event

School Refusal Webinar

How to look out for early signs and support for
your young person

When Tuesday 5 March

Time 7pm - 8.15pm

Location Online via Zoom

Presenter Sonia Prescott, Psychologist

School refusal is a complex situation which is frustrating not only for the young person but also for their families and school staff.

This presentation will outline the circumstances in which school refusal may arise as well as outline a variety of helpful responses to address this important issue.

Register today

Scan the code or visit
www.stickytickets.com.au/9fpvo



For more information

Zara Ariarta
zara.ariarta@knox.vic.gov.au
9298 8000

Free
online
event



Practical Strategies in raising your autistic child

Join us as we delve into the world of raising autistic children up to 12 years of age through the lens of neuro-affirming care.

Sandhya Menon, an autistic Educational and Developmental Psychologist who authored *The Brain Forest* and *The Rainbow Brain*, will cover updates in the autism world and offer practical strategies to implement in your home. Her aim is to make neurodivergent parenting that little bit easier and less stressful, as you lean into your child's neurotype.

Tuesday 19 March

7pm - 8.15pm

1 hour presentation,
15 minute question time

Location Online via Zoom

For more information

Zara Ariarta
zara.ariarta@knox.vic.gov.au
9298 8000



Sandhya Menon,
Psychologist



Register today

Scan the code or visit stickytickets.com.au/fl8ox



MOTHERS' & SPECIAL PERSONS' DAY

HI FAMILIES,

OUR MOTHERS' AND SPECIAL PERSONS' DAY STALL IS HAPPENING IN TERM 2 ON THURSDAY 9TH MAY.

THE TRADITION IS THAT ALL ITEMS SOLD AT THE APPS MOTHERS' & SPECIAL PERSONS' DAY STALL ARE HOMEMADE AND PRICED BETWEEN \$1 AND \$10.

WE HAVE ABOUT 5 STALL POSITIONS AVAILABLE FOR INTERESTED STALL HOLDERS.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SELL SOME CRAFTY, HOMEMADE ITEMS AT THIS YEAR'S STALL, PLEASE CONTACT LISA KANTO AT

PLAY.LEARN@OUTLOOK.COM

WE WILL OPEN THE STALL POSITIONS TO THE WIDER COMMUNITY EARLY NEXT TERM IF NEEDED

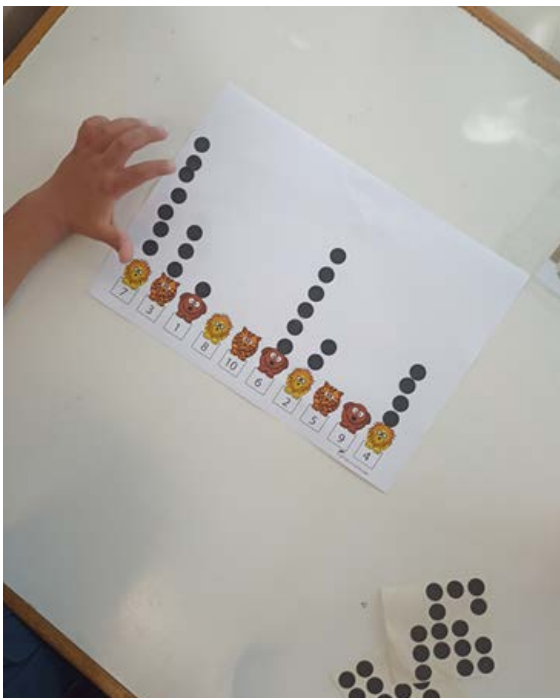
Thank you so much!

From Foundation

Our Foundations have enjoyed a wide variety of learning experiences over the past two weeks. We particularly enjoyed taking our writer's notebooks outside for inspiration.

We have also spent some time in maths connecting numbers to quantities and counting in sequence. The photos here show the Foundations viewing the story 'Ten Apples up on Top' by Dr. Seuss, and then responding with an activity (placing stickers to match the numbers for each animal).

In Inquiry, we have been exploring history through the lens of games and toys. This week we enjoyed a hands on exploration of the game of Hopscotch. We found out that Hopscotch began in the Roman Empire as means to train soldiers!



From Level 1 & 2

In Maths we begin our year with Number: counting and place value. Games are a fantastic way of building automaticity in a way that the students find engaging and fun. We've been exploring different ways of using 100's charts and by far the favourite has been 100s chart Battle Ship.



From Year 3

What a great fortnight!

We've enjoyed settling into the term and becoming more familiar with our classroom routines. We've learned some new maths games, nailed our 3 star independent reading expectations and enjoyed diving deeper into our inquiry topic this term - Australia's History.

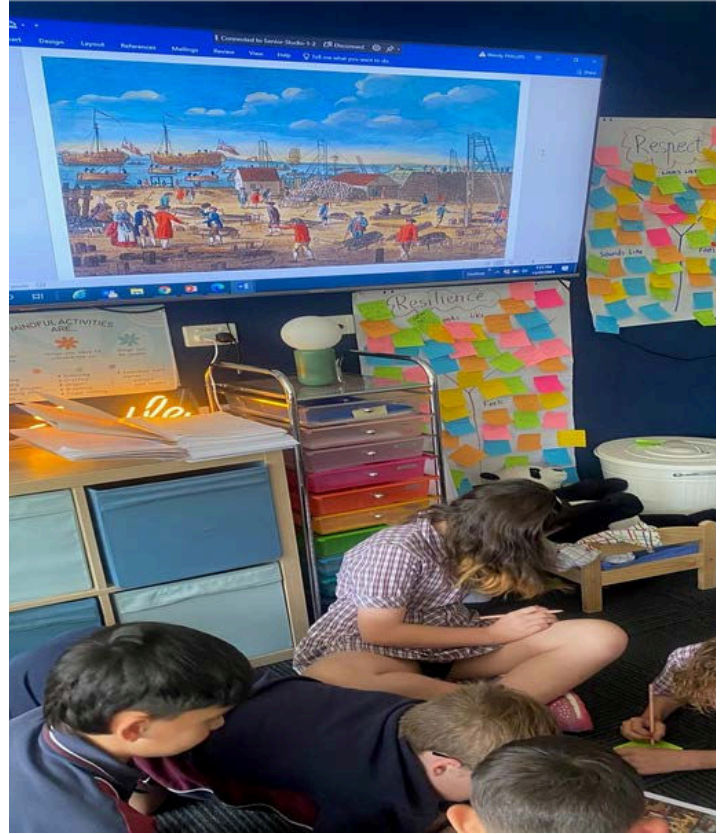
We have also been working on expanding our narrative stories by starting with a plan and learning about 'plot mountain', where we are learning to expand our narrative stories into a clear beginning, middle and end. It's been lovely to see the year 3's developing their understanding of writing for an audience, and ways to engage our readers.

Lastly, we enjoyed participating in the basketball clinic last week where we had a special guest teach us some of the key basketball fundamental movement skills. We are looking forward to family fun night tonight and our conferences next week!



From Year 4/5

Our Inquiry unit is underway in the 4/5 Classroom. Students worked in small groups to analyse a picture depicting a scene from our history. During this session the groups came up with their own questions / wonderings about the image. We have since narrowed these down to our most important questions that will guide our research.



From Year 5/6

5/6 + Foundation/1 Buddies

With a new year and welcoming new students to our school brings new friendship opportunities. Our Buddy program is in full swing where our Year 5 students pair up with a Foundation student, and our Year 6 students pair up with Year 1 student (with most of our 1/6 pairings being last year's F/5 pairings). Buddy programs are an opportunity for our older students to demonstrate leadership, and for our younger students to have an older student to work with, ask questions, and have a familiar face in the playground. Our Buddy sessions run fortnightly. So far, buddies have created 'about me' profiles, and have read together in the Library. We look forward to a great year of Buddies ahead!





Ainslie Parklands Primary School has registered to join Ritchies Community Benefit Program at our local store in East Ringwood.

Join up to become a member of the Ritchies Loyalty Members Program

1. Once you have become a loyalty member nominate Ainslie Parklands Primary School
2. Scan your member card every time you shop at Ritchies Supermarket or Liquor store

For an organisation to qualify for a payment, you only require 10 people who nominate the organisation to spend \$50 a week to reach the minimum of \$2000 for the month. (excluding tobacco, gift cards, and phone recharges).

The minimum payment is \$10, and there is no maximum, so the more people who nominate Ainslie Parklands PS the better.

Loyalty Members can sign up to:

- Receive member only specials
- Enter competitions
- Receive special offers

SPECIAL OFFER TO AINSLIE
PARKLANDS STUDENTS - 1
FREE LESSON - COME & TRY
TENNIS!

TENNIS LESSONS

AINSLIE PARKLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

TERM 1 START DATE:
Monday 5th February 2024
(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
- Balance
- Forehand
- Backhand
- Volley
- 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

7 WEEK PROGRAM = \$120.00

GST INCLUSIVE
Please complete the form below and return to school office in an envelope with \$120 by Monday 5th 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

BSB: 063 885

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 1033 5576

Payment description: Child's name APPS

Enrolment only accepted once payment has been received.

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

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Ainslie Parklands Primary School Tennis Enrolment Form Term 1, 2024

Student's full name: _____

Parent's first names: _____

Student's grade and room: _____

Any allergies/health conditions: _____

Contact number: _____



ABN 3264 824 0268

AFTER SCHOOL COMPETITION

HOOPS WITH YOUR SCHOOL MATES!

ABOUT

Open to **PRIMARY SCHOOLS** within the **KILSYTH & MOUNTAIN DISTRICT** area, our After School Competition (ASC) offers kids the chance to create **school-based teams** which compete during the weekdays.

WHO CAN PLAY?

Open to students of all abilities from **Grades 1 to 6**.
Varying levels of competition to accommodate
ALL SKILL LEVELS

GAME TIMES

ASC runs from **4.30PM - 7PM** on Monday, Thursday and Friday afternoons. Games are played at **Kilsyth, Lilydale, and Melba Basketball Stadiums**.

MON: Grade 4-6 BOYS

THU: Grade 3-6 GIRLS

FRI: Grade 1/2 BOYS & GIRLS
& Grade 3 BOYS

To join our After School Competition, contact us on
asc@kilsythbasketball.com.au or call 9728 1033

KILSYTH
MOUNTAIN BASKETBALL



WE WANT YOU!



Students in Grades 3 to 6 have an opportunity to **learn music**, participate in **weekly brass band rehearsals**, and weekly **tutoring from a professional musician!**

The Just Brass Program is recommencing next week. To all students in Just Brass your lesson will be on Monday, so remember to bring your instruments. Friday rehearsals at Ringwood Salvation Army will also recommence next Friday 16 February. Please bring your instruments on Fridays as well.

To any student wanting to join Just Brass, Expression of interest forms and registration Form will be available at the Office. New students need their parents/care givers to complete the forms and hand them in at the office this term ready for commencing in term 2.





Play *Rugby* League

Bring your family to join
our family

All welcome! No
experience required!



Joining the Eastern Raptors is a fantastic opportunity to be a part of a welcoming and family-friendly community. With teams for players of all ages and genders, as well as opportunities to volunteer and coach, there is a place for everyone at our club.

REGISTRATIONS OPEN NOW!

Our volunteers are all registered and hold Working With Children Checks, ensuring a safe and enjoyable environment for all. Get in touch now - don't miss out on the chance to join our club and be a part of something special.

BOYS

U6 & U7 mixed tag
U8 - U12 mixed tackle
U13 - U18 boys tackle



GIRLS

U6 & U7 mixed tag
U8 - U12 mixed tackle or
New girls only teams
ages U8 - U18



ADULTS

Seniors 17+
men & women
Masters 35 +



secretary@easternraptors.com.au

Sunscreen



The sun's ultraviolet radiation (UV) can cause skin and eye damage and skin cancer. You can't see or feel UV. It can be scattered and reflected so can reach you even in the shade. Whatever the weather, when the UV is 3 and above, use all five forms of sun protection.



SLIP



SLOP



SLAP



SEEK



SLIDE

SPF

Sun Protection Factor.
Choose SPF30, 50 or 50+.

Application

Apply a generous amount of sunscreen to any skin not protected by clothing.

Apply sunscreen about 20 minutes before going outdoors and reapply every TWO hours or more frequently if sweating or in water.

AUST L

In Australia, sunscreens are regulated by the Australian Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA). Always check for the AUST L (Australia Licence) number.



Water Resistant

Four hours water resistance does not equal four hours UV protection. Always reapply after swimming.

Storage

To help keep sunscreen stable, store it below 30 degrees.

Expiry

Always check the date to make sure the sunscreen hasn't expired.

Broad Spectrum

Protects against UVA and UVB radiation.

Even when wearing a hat, apply sunscreen to help protect from scattered and reflected UV reaching the face, neck and ears.

DNA damage that causes skin cancer accumulates with repeated UV exposure. Apply sunscreen daily.



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

