

THE AINSLIE UPDATE

DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 1 2024

13th-25rd Mar - NAPLAN test window
28th Mar - Last Day Term 1
Pyjama Day (Reward Day)
2.30pm finish
Easter Egg hunt

Term 2 2024

15th Apr - First day Term 2
25th Apr - **ANZAC Day**
29th Apr - MiniKids
1st May - 9.15am Community Coffee
9th May - Mother's/Special Person's Day stall
13th May - Education Week
15th May - School Photos
16th May - 9.15am - Open Morning
9.30am - MiniKids
18th May - 10am - Weekend Information Morning
27th May - MiniKids
30th May - Smile Squad (dentist)
10th June - **King's Birthday Holiday**
13th June - MiniKids
28th June - Last day Term 2

Term 3 2024

15th July - First day Term 3
5th Aug - **STUDENT FREE DAY**
8th Aug - 9.15am Community Coffee
20th Sep - Last day Term 3

Term 4 2024

7th Oct - First day Term 4
22nd Oct - 9.15am Community Coffee
4th Nov - **STUDENT FREE DAY**
5th Nov - Melbourne Cup Day
20th Dec - Last day Term 4

A new addition: Kindness Tokens



Last year, one of our Year 2 students said "You know, we should have Kindness tokens, along with our Respect, Responsibility and Resilience ones. And they should be pink".

Later on that year, another student said "What do I need to do to get these tokens happening?" and made up a proto-type (sustainably recycling old tokens rather than buying new ones), working through a list of steps.

It is so important for our students to have a voice in their learning and their school. We work hard to make sure they know they are valued and heard and we listen and act on their fantastic ideas.

Thank you to Jayden and Rose - your work is now a reality at Ainslie Parklands Primary School. Let the Kindness continue!

Every day at school counts!

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We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with **students coming to school each and every day**.

If students miss school regularly, or is late for school regularly, they **miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school**.

There is **no safe number of days for missing school** – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes. Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.



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

Tokens

If your child has taken any of our tokens home (Respect, Responsibility, Resilience), could they please returned ASAP?

Thank you!

Working Bee

We just couldn't maintain our gardens without parent support, so our Working Bees are so very important. Thank you so much to the families that came along to help in our wonderful gardens:

The Turewicz family, Nicholas' family, the Van Den Broek family, the Law family, Tait's family and Siena's family. A big thank you to Jane H for coordinating the evening! Also, a thank you to Laura A for cooking the sausage sizzle and to Scott and the 4-6 students for baking a delicious afternoon tea of chocolate chip cookies!



School Council

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on Monday evening, with the presentation of the Annual Report. Katherine Szymanski was re-elected as School Council president and Jo Van Den Broek as Vice President. Thank you to Katherine and Jo and to the whole school council team - we could not run the school without you and look forward to a great year.



Badge Presentations

Last Friday, we presented APPS badges to Student Leaders and Student Voice Team members at assembly. Matt Lee, Acting Principal of Melba College, spoke to the students about leadership and congratulated our students on stepping up to these positions by presenting them with their badges. We had a great community support at our assembly and we thank Matt for giving up our time for the APPS school community.



Foundation enrolments 2025

Changes are coming to the enrolment process for 2025. Under the new system, families will be directed to a new online portal where they can fill out an application for enrolment digitally and submit documents such as birth and immunisation certificates.

A reminder we must follow the priority order of placement, which is:

1. Students residing inside the school's zone
2. Siblings of students currently enrolled
3. Students from outside of the school's zone.

If you have any further queries, or would like to book a tour, please contact the office.

Sustainability Fair

Last Sunday, Jane B kindly offered APPS part of her stall at the Sustainability Fair in Ringwood. Jane H went along to talk to the community about our fantastic Kitchen Garden program. Thanks to both Janes for spruiking our wonderful school and making some great community connections!



Our Amazing Buddies!

A member of our community reported seeing one of our fantastic Year 6 students, comforting their buddy (Grade 1) before school when he was sad. On seeing this act of Kindness, our community member was moved enough to share this moment with the office. It is so wonderful to see our older students really step up to support their younger buddies. Well done!

Harmony Day Thursday 21st March

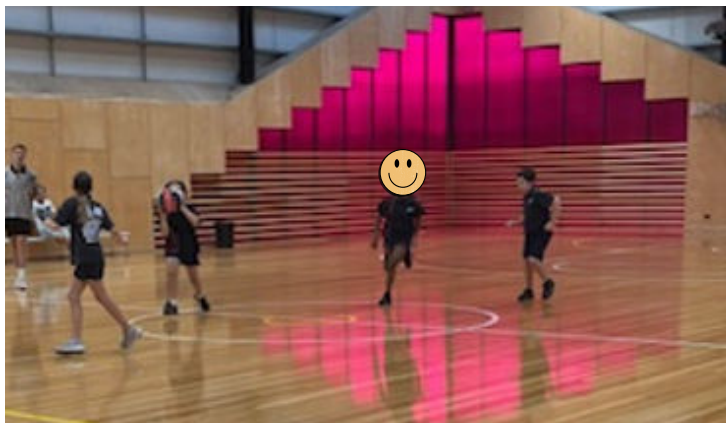
Each year, on the 21st March, we celebrate Harmony Day. Australia is a vibrant and multicultural country – from the oldest continuous culture of our first Australians to the cultures of our newest arrivals from around the world. Our cultural diversity is one of our greatest strengths and is at the heart of who we are. It makes Australia a great place to live.

Students participated in a variety of class activities to celebrate Cultural Diversity Week and Harmony Day.



Sports Gala Day

Our Year 4, 5 and 6 students had a great day last week at the Interschool Sports Gala Day. Students attended four different locations, playing basketball, cricket, softcross and tennis. A huge thank you to the parents who assisted on the day - we couldn't have done it without you!. A great day was had by all!



Student Voice Team

As we have a big team this year, students have chosen one of three project teams to work on. One team is focused around healthy eating, working with EACH on a whole-school healthy eating project. Another team will be focusing on what happens recess and lunchtime in the yard, being trained as "Friendoleaders" to help children mediate their "Friendship Fires" and one group will be working on expanding student voice amongst students who are not on the Student Voice Team. Stay tuned for more details on these amazing initiatives!

NAPLAN

We have been extremely pleased with the high level of participation and engagement in NAPLAN English and Maths assessments for our Year 3 and 5 students over the past week. Strong attendance, student confidence and a positive approach to the assessment was evident throughout the testing period. The testing period is now closed. Stay tuned for results coming in the next couple of months.

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 & 4, as well as dates in Term 2 & 3.) Students will need to remain seated in a shaded area if they do not have a hat. No hat, no play.

From Foundation and Level 1 & 2

In Inquiry this term, we have enjoyed exploring history. We have compared our toys with the toys of the past as well as trying out games in the yard and the classroom. This week we considered the experience of being able to go to the shops and purchase toys and contrasted it with making our own toys from household items and left over fabric and string. Our beautiful peg dolls were the result.





From Year 3

With the holidays approaching soon, we've been working hard to maintain our focus and engagement by doing lots of fun learning activities!

In Reading, students have enjoyed learning about expression and how to read with different punctuation marks. We have enjoyed grouping off into different reader's theatre scripts where we are learning to read with expression and from a specific character's perspective. Students are excitedly waiting for next week when we are planning to create puppets to go with our characters, and perform a little in-class puppet show for our peers.

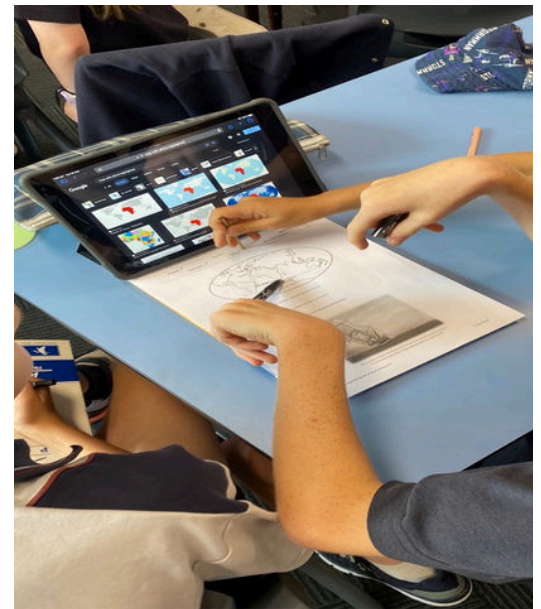
In Writing, we have been looking at all the different variations of 'The Three Little Pigs'. Students have loved the opportunity to create their own versions of the story while adding their own creative flare! We've had some students write about "The three little guinea pigs and the big bad bunny", and "The three little stingrays and the big bag shark", just as some creative examples.

In Maths we have been experimenting with measurement! We have enjoyed using different materials to measure, such as string and unifix cubes, to learn how to accurately measure with informal units and have had fun exploring and comparing different objects and their lengths.

We are looking forward to our final week of school and we hope this beautiful sunny weather sticks around for the holidays too!

From Year 4/5

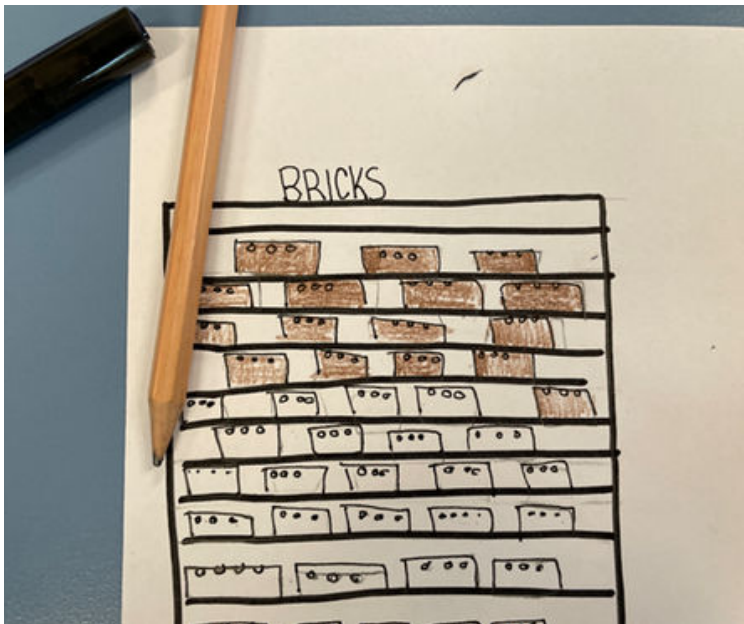
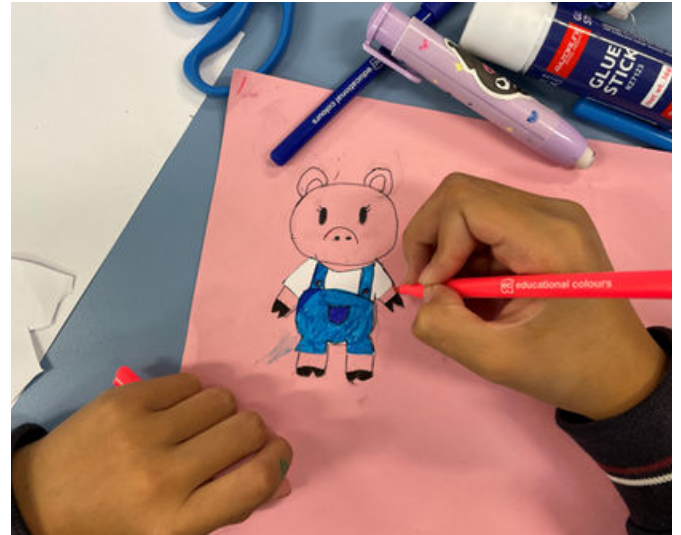
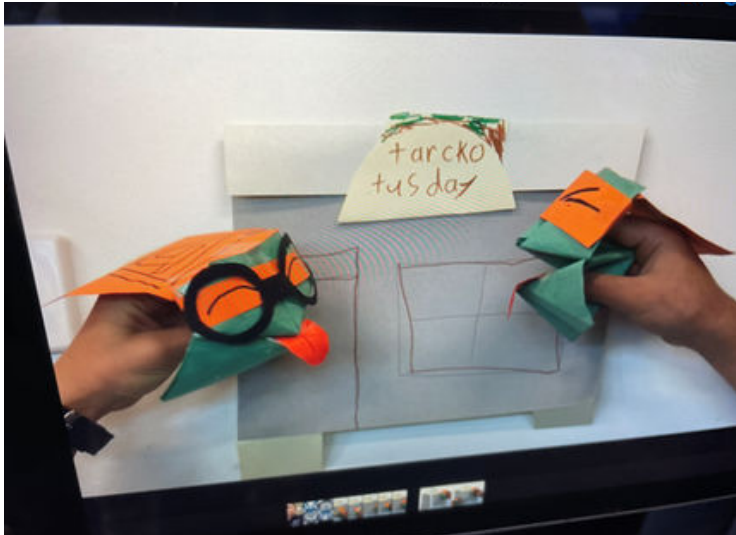
The 4/5 classroom have continued to research different aspects of Australia's History. Students have spent time discovering life before European settlement and the changes that occurred after. Students also mapped the voyage of the First Fleet and the reasons behind this voyage, including the life and crimes of convicts.



From Year 5/6

5/6 Scripts

The 5/6 Class are creating plays in writing. Students have developed ideas – some used fables or fairy tales, others have come up with their own original stories and then wrote scripts. Over the next week students will be recording and presenting their plays. Many students have decided to make puppets to share their plays, whereas others will act and film their work.



In primary school, some students miss on average 3 weeks of school per year. That's half a year of school by the end of year 6.



EVERY DAY COUNTS

Primary school attendance

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Getting in early

Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years, and receive lower test scores than their classmates. It's vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school.

What we can do

The main reasons for absence are:

Sickness – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they're ill. It's vital that they're only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

It's vital that holidays are planned during school holidays where possible, and not during the term if it can be avoided.

"Day off" – Think twice before letting your child have a "day off" as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts.

Tuancy – This is when students choose not to go to school without their parent's permission. There can be many reasons for truancy. The best way to address this is for schools and parents to work together.

If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do with your school to ensure they don't fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.

- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

Openly communicating with your child's school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer. A School Attendance Officer is a Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Regional Director who has authority to follow up attendance issues. Attendance issues that are escalated can lead to an Infringement Notice.

If you're having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

For more information and resources to help address attendance issues, visit:

www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/behaviour/Pages/studentattendance.aspx

Department of Education and Training



Education and Training

Smile Squad is coming to this school



What is Smile Squad?

The Victorian Government free school dental program – Smile Squad – is visiting this school soon.

This means all students can get a free dental check-up, preventive services, and treatment at school.

How to access free dental care

We need your consent before we can provide services. Consent is usually provided by a parent or guardian.

Sign up to Smile Squad:



<https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic>

Let us know if you need a paper form to complete. We look forward to seeing you soon!



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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

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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



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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

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