



Views over Ainslie Park



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Alan Baker Retirement



It is with great warmth and some sadness that we can advise the school community that Alan Baker has notified the Department of Education and Training Victoria of his intention to retire at the end of his six months of long service leave. Alan is commended for his many years of productive services to the APPS community and moves are afoot to celebrate and commemorate his time and contribution to our very special school.

We will surely miss Alan, but know he will greatly enjoy his increased leisure time!

Scott Turner APPS School Council President

Diary Dates

TERM 1

7th March F/1 Information Night
23rd March Family fun Night 4-5pm-
more details to come

School Nurse visiting next week

Term dates for 2017

Term 1: 30 January (school teachers start)
to 31 March *

Term 2: 18 April (Tuesday) to 30 June

Term 3: 17 July to 22 September

Term 4: 9 October to 22 December

http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/key_dates/termdates.htm

Annual General Meeting

Please note that the next APPS School Council meeting will be our Annual General Meeting. The meeting will commence at 7:30pm on Tuesday 21st March 2017. As with all School Council Meetings, all are welcome to attend.

School Council

Last night the School council had their first meeting for the year. Below you will find important information about school councils and the work they do. If you would like to be a member of the APPS school council, please see Jennie

Brown or collect a nomination form from the school office.

Makeover makes an impact

We were thrilled to see the work done by the gardeners at the front of the school. What a difference it makes. Now we need to keep up our work on weeds. Thanks to the parents who are helping to tidy all areas of the school, particularly on a Friday afternoon before assembly.

Dogs in the School grounds

Please remember that if you are bringing your dog to school, your dog MUST be on a lead and well trained to be around people.

Art Room

We are excited to announce an Artist in Residence Project in conjunction with our Visual Arts Teacher Jodi Wheeler for Term 2. We need your help -We require old CDS and DVDs that can be used in the project. We need lots! Please send them to the Art Room.

Jennie Brown - Acting Principal

FROM THE OFFICE

NEWSLETTER

If you would like to receive your Newsletter by email please let the office know and we will add your name to the list.

STUDENT BANKING

School Banking will resume in 2017 on Tuesdays.

2017 Future Savers Rewards



AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Afterschool care is running **5 nights a week**. The program runs from 3.30 until 6.00 pm.

PLEASE FIND ATTACHED OSHC NEWSLETTER

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop is open every Thursday at 3:15 – 3:45pm

Orders can be placed at the office any other time.

SECONDHAND UNIFORMS

If you have items you wish to sell yourself you may fill in a **Second-Hand Uniform for Private Sale** form and stick it up on the Second Hand Uniform Sales Notice Board.

The Second hand Notice Board has been moved to Outside the Reception Area of the Office, where those looking to buy can see it easily. (forms are available from the office or from uniform shop) .

Alternatively, you may choose to donate your items to the school.

CANTEEN

The Canteen will be open on a Fridays in 2017 commencing 10th February.

Term 1 Canteen Roster.

Fri	24 th Feb	Paula, Nadia & Jodie
	3 rd Mar	Emma, Luisa & Sarah
	10 th Mar	Melissa, Jacqui & Ange
	17 th Mar	Paula, Christie & Nadia
	24 th Mar	Emma, Tracy & Emma
	31 st Mar	Paula, Luisa & Ange

Please Note that our Hommus is Sesame seed free

Canteen News - Thurs 23rd February 2017

What a fantastic couple of weeks at Canteen! It was wonderful to serve ice cream and other frozen treats to so many wonderful students! Thanks to everyone for your support.

The Canteen is proud to be using the school chooks' eggs and when the produce is ready, we'll be using school garden vegetables! Please note, the school chooks' eggs are unpasteurised. However, there is minimal risk with well cooked unpasteurised egg (Food Standards Australia New Zealand - Public Health and Safety of Eggs in Australia, 2009) - which is the only way we will serve these eggs.

Most bread items on the menu can be changed to accommodate Gluten Free, some Dairy Free and some Vegan - so please just write a note on the lunch order and ask! We'll do our best! However, we have not been able to source flavoured soy milk drinks, sorry. We'll keep working on it.

Our hommus dip is home-made and contains no tahini or preservatives. Oil used is vegetable oil.

The new sausage rolls are extra large, definitely larger than last years. As are the pizzas! So this week we will introduce mini pizzas (english muffin size) for the younger students.

Re-Usable Lunch Order Bags/Container – the right size please!

We have had lots of questions about the re-usable bags/containers for lunch orders. Any containers will do as long as this bag/container is large enough to fit the ordered food items. Here are some examples:



CROYDON CITY ARROWS SOCCER CLUB

IS STILL TAKING REGISTRATIONS! GIRLS AND BOYS AGED 5 TO 18

Croydon City Arrows Soccer Club plays competitive matches as part of the Football Federation of Victoria and follows their rules and regulations.

The winter competition runs from approximately March to August.



What is included?

- * Playing strip which includes socks, shorts and a limited edition playing top to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the club.
 - * Training jacket
 - * Bag
- and the fees cover the entire season so there are no weekly playing costs for games or referees.

Croydon City Arrows Soccer Club are proud community partners of Melbourne Victory FC



For more information on registering with our club contact registrar@croydoncitysc.org.au

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum. CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef



OPEN NIGHT

To be held at our Senior Campus located at
20 Brentnall Road, Croydon

Monday 1st May, 2017 at 7:00pm

You are invited to see our school at work; participate in aspects of our curriculum; find out what Melba College has to offer; ask questions and seek further information.

SCHOOL TOURS

Junior Campus

Croydon Road, Croydon

Mondays and Thursdays at 9:30 am

Other times by appointment.

Bookings can be made by contacting us on 9725 8277 or by email melba.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au



School Council Elections 2017

Parent Information

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 key directions of a school within state-wide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?

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

- **A mandated elected Parent category** - more than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school.
- **A mandated elected DEECD employee category** - members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. 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 experiences. DEECD employees are not eligible to be Community members.

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 that can help shape the direction of the school.

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

How can you become involved?

The most obvious way is to vote in the 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 seriously consider

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

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

No. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March unless the usual time line has been varied by the Minister.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

DEECD employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not engaged in work are eligible to nominate for parent membership of the school council at that school.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.

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

Remember

- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do
- Consider standing for election to council this year
- Be sure to vote in the elections.

Contact the Principal for further information.

Current composition of Ainslie Parklands Primary School Council

**with positions ending at this election*

Parent Members

1. Scott Turner - President
2. Michael Quillinan
3. *Pip Bain
4. *Natasha Siryj
5. *Tiernan Humphrys
6. *Paula Thynne
7. *Dan Coucher – no longer eligible
8. Kirsten McLean (Co-opted Community Rep)

DET Employee members

1. Barry Dawson
2. *Jodi Wheeler
3. Charlotte Hicks

Executive Officer: Jennie Brown
Acting PRINCIPAL

OSHC News

Family Pockets

All families who use the program have a pocket. These pockets hang in the bottom building outside the OSHC room. These pockets are used for all OSHC correspondence and invoices/receipts. Please make sure you check your pocket regularly.

Payments

Invoices/receipts are sent out every second Monday. If you have not elected to pay by credit card please check your family pocket. Invoices can be paid at the school office by card, cash or chq during school hours. Payments can also be made to Traci at Pick up.

Pick ups

Please remember when picking up your child/ren that you must sign them out. Failure to sign out children could result in a loss of CCB payments.

Staffing

With the program numbers growing so are the program staff numbers. During term 1 we have Traci working 5 days a week with Emma on Mondays, Anne on Tuesday, Dianna on Wed and Fridays and India Thursdays.

Anne is a semiretired teacher who comes to us with heaps of OSHC experience. Anne's first session with us was last Tuesday and the kids in attendance loved getting to know her.

India's first session with the program was Thursday 23rd Feb. India is studying child care at the moment and hopes to gain lots of experience from working in the program.

Program

Following is a copy of next week's program. If you wish to attend any of the activities you can make a booking by calling the office 9870 1566, calling Traci 0422 811 012, or seeing Andy or Simone during office hours.

Ainslie Parklands OSHCare Weekly Planner

OSHC The Circus comes to APPS

Monday 27th - Friday 3rd April

Remember this program is flexible and can change at any time.

Free choice is provided every day



Day of the week	Afternoon snack	Inside activities	Outside activities
Monday	Sandwiches Fresh fruit & Veg	Split pin clowns, Jester hats, face painting, pin the nose on the clown, making acrobats, tight rope walking, circus horses, trumpeting elephants, clown hats, juggling balls, patty pan lions and much, much more	
Tuesday	Sandwiches Fresh fruit & Veg		
Wednesday	Sandwiches Fresh fruit & Veg		
Thursday	Sandwiches Fresh fruit & Veg		
Friday	Sandwiches Fresh fruit & Veg		

If you have any questions regarding the OSHC program you can give Traci a call 0422 811 012 or see Traci in the staff room from 3pm each afternoon.