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# THE AINSLIE UPDATE

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### Term 1 2025

- 7th Feb - Assembly at 3pm
- 18th & 19th Feb - Teacher Meet & Greet interviews
- 21st Feb - Assembly at 3pm -Student Leaders' badge presentation
- 26th Feb - Hockey Clinic
- 27th Feb - Interschool Swimming Carnival
- 28th Feb - Family Fun Night
- 7th March - **STUDENT FREE DAY**
- 10th March - **Labour Day (STUDENT FREE)**
- 12th -24th March - NAPLAN
- 14th March - Interschool Sport Gala Day
- 14th March - Twilight Working Bee
- 19th & 26th March - Pickle Ball Clinics
- 21st March - Harmony Day
- 21st March - Assembly at 3pm
- 4th April - Assembly at 2pm  
2.30pm dismissal  
End of Term 1

### Term 2 2025

- Dates TBC - Years 4-6 Interschool Sports
- 10th-22nd May - Education Week
- 20th May - District Cross Country
- 6th Jun - **STUDENT FREE DAY**
- 9th Jun - **King's Birthday (STUDENT FREE)**
- 4th July - End of Term 2

### Term 3 2025

- 21st July - **STUDENT FREE DAY**
- 27th Aug - Book Week begins
- 29th Aug - Book Parade and Special Person's Morning
- 9th Sep - District Athletics
- 19th Sep - End of Term 3

### Term 4 2025

- 12th-14th Nov - 5/6 Camp
- 9th Dec - Statewide Transition Day
- 19th Dec - End of Term 4



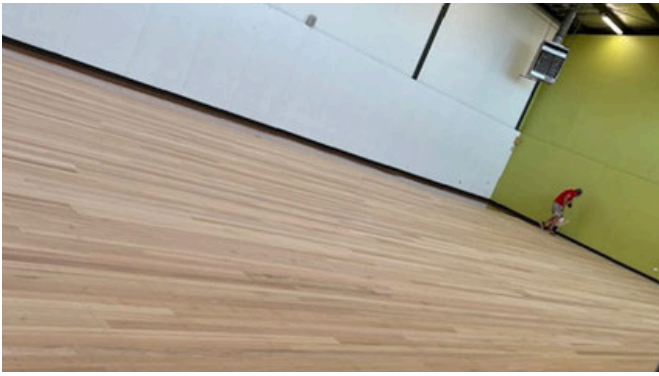
## Welcome Back!!

We are very excited to welcome students and families - particularly our new families - to the 2025 school year here at APPS! We have had a great start, with students in all year levels getting to know their new classmates and teachers, with students already engaging in learning.

New in 2025:

- Providing personalised learning in a way that most other schools don't; every student at APPS will have an individualised learning plan (Individual Education Plan or IEP)
- Further strengthening our Phonics Reading Program from Foundation through to Year 6, and incorporating Humanities learning (History, Geography, etc.) into the Reading Program
- An enhanced and engaging STEM program (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) with the substantial purchase of STEM resources such as robotics
- Continuation of our Extension Program, as well as support and intervention
- A dedicated Specialist PE teacher/PE program from Foundation to Year 6, with continuation of Art, Music, Wellbeing, Auslan and the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program





## **New webpage to help families and students prepare for a new school year**

A new school year is an exciting time for students and families, but it can be a big step – particularly for those starting Prep or moving to secondary school.

The Department of Education has published a webpage with resources and information to help you prepare for the new school year.

Please consider reading through the resources, which include:

- tips to help transition between kinder and Prep and primary to secondary school
- what to expect at school
- help with school costs and fees
- health and wellbeing guidance to support children's mental health.

Please refer to the **New year of learning** webpage:

<https://www.vic.gov.au/new-year-learning>

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## **Library Bags**

Please ensure that your child brings their library bag to school to protect books they borrow. Previous students have been give a calico bag that was decorated in Art Class. However, if you cannot locate this bag, any named bag that will protect books will work. If you have any queries, please contact the office.

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**Please be sure to have your SunSmart hat named and at school every day! Thank you!**

## Every Day Counts!

Schooling is compulsory for children and young people aged from 6 to 17 years unless an exemption from attendance or enrolment has been granted.

Daily school attendance is important for all children and young people to succeed in education and to ensure they don't fall behind both socially and developmentally. Children and young people who regularly attend school and complete Year 12 or an equivalent qualification have better health outcomes, better employment outcomes, and higher incomes across their lives. It is important that children develop habits of regular attendance at an early age.

School participation is important as it maximises life opportunities for children and young people by providing them with education and support networks. School helps people to develop important skills, knowledge and values which set them up for further learning and participation in their community.

Conversely, limited school participation is associated with a greater chance of dropping out of school, disruptive and delinquent behaviour and may lead to a cycle of rebellion against authority.

Students are expected to attend the school in which they are enrolled, during normal school hours every day of each term, unless:

- there is an approved exemption from school attendance for the student, or
- the student is registered for home schooling and has only a partial enrolment in a school for particular activities

Here at APPS, we work alongside families to maximise student attendance for every child, as we know how important it is for children to be at school everyday. If you have any questions about support, please email [Jane.Capon@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Jane.Capon@education.vic.gov.au)

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## Mobile Phones, Smart watches, personal iPads, etc.

Just a reminder that if students bring mobile phones, smart watches and/or personal iPads, devices, etc., to school, **they are required to be handed into the office on arrival at school**, and collected at the end of the day. Our Mobile Phones – Student Use policy is included on our website, and applies to all devices (phones, smart watches, etc.) There are some cases where an exemption to this may apply. In this case, please email [Jane.Capon@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Jane.Capon@education.vic.gov.au) if you believe an exemption applies. Thank you for your co-operation.

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## DET does not hold insurance for students personal items

A reminder to all community members that the Department of Education does not hold insurance for the loss or damage of personal items bought into the school. Students are encouraged to avoid bringing any items of value into the school. Parents are also strongly encouraged to clearly name all items, especially hats and jackets, as this can lead to a prompt return if lost.

## **Child Safe Standards Code of conduct & WWCC**

Ainslie Parklands Primary School is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people. This will be the primary focus of our care and decision-making.

Ainslie Parklands Primary School has zero tolerance for child abuse.

Our school is committed to providing a child safe environment where children and young people are safe and feel safe, and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives.

Every person involved in Ainslie Parklands Primary School has a responsibility to understand the important and specific role he/she plays individually and collectively to ensure that the wellbeing and safety of all children and young people is at the forefront of all they do and every decision they make.

To create and maintain a child safe organisation, Ainslie Parklands Primary School ensures ongoing compliance with the 11 Child Safe Standards.

Parents are reminded that a current Working With Children Check (WWCC) is required to volunteer in any school based activity.

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### **School Council**

Schools cannot run without parent support on School Council. Every parent has valuable insight into the running of our school. Information relating to vacancies on School Council will be distributed on coming weeks. Please look out for this if you are interested in nominating or being nominated for 2025. Information will include a timeline and summary of the role of School Council. we would love to have you on Council!

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## **School Saving Bonus reminder and support**

The Victorian Government is delivering the School Saving Bonus (SSB) – a one-off support of \$400 for eligible government school students from Prep to Year 12 in 2025.

The SSB helps families cover the cost of uniforms, textbooks, excursions, activities and more.

Most families have now received their SSB code(s). To learn more about the SSB online system, download the step-by-step System guide for parents and carers (DOCX, 945KB) or watch the School Saving Bonus video. System guide translations are also available in 14 languages.

If you would like to use your bonus for school activities, you can allocate some or all of the bonus using the School Saving Bonus online system.

If you have only recently completed your enrolment into the Victorian government school system you can expect to receive your SSB code(s) in the coming weeks.

If you have transferred to our school from another Victorian government school, any remaining funds on your SSB code(s) will soon be available to use at our approved school suppliers. We request your patience as this change is processed.

The Department of Education has established a dedicated contact centre to support the SSB. The contact centre can be reached by:

- completing the School Saving Bonus enquiry form
- calling 1800 338 663, between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm on weekdays.

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### **Please update your details with the school office**

Please ensure that the office has your current address and contact phone number should an emergency arise at school. Please also ensure that the school is advised of has new medical diagnoses and any updated medical plans where applicable. Thank you!

### **Compass & Communication-Home/School**

The Compass parent portal is a key communication tool, which provides parents with access to information about their child's academic progress, attendance, key dates, reports, upcoming events, payments, teacher interview bookings and newsletters. Please ensure you can access this portal, as information is regularly shared through this service. A link to the Compass portal is on the school website.

### **SeeSaw**

At Ainslie Parklands, we use SeeSaw as communication between home and school, including opportunities to share photos, work samples achievements, reminders and special events. All families should have access to SeeSaw. If you are having difficulty, please contact your classroom teacher.



## The Salvation Army Australia Territory

Ringwood Corps

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30<sup>th</sup> January 2025

The Principal  
Ainslie Parklands Primary School

Dear Principal,

### Re: The Salvation Army Ringwood Just Brass Program 2025

I trust the year has got off to a good start for you, your staff, children and families.

This is to let you know that after careful consideration and in consultation the Co-Ordinator's, the decision has been made to pause the Just Brass program, in the first instance for Term One to allow time for a thorough review. This will provide an opportunity to evaluate the program's current operations, impact, and alignment with our mission.

This will mean that our Tutor, James O'Heir will not be providing individual lessons onsite as has been the practice.

I apologise if this decision creates issues for your school and commit to keeping you informed of developments in the coming weeks. You are welcome to contact me on this email address or by phone on [REDACTED] should you need any further clarification.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bram Cassidy".

Bram Cassidy (Major)  
Ringwood Corps

# KARATE CROYDON OPEN DAY



**Saturday 22 February**

**10am-11am**

**KSK Dojos Croydon**

**1/23 Lacey Street, Croydon**

**WALK INS WELCOME.  
BOOKINGS RECOMMENDED**



**All ages**

**Demonstrations**

**Games**

**Meet our instructors**

**Family friendly**

**Open Day Membership Special  
including a free uniform -  
valued at \$50!**

**Scan to book**



[www.traditionalkarate.com.au/ksk-croydon](http://www.traditionalkarate.com.au/ksk-croydon)





Are you or your child looking for a fun, family focused small sporting club to get involved in for 2025?

**KILSYTH EAST NETBALL CLUB WANTS YOU!!**

We are looking for new players and coaches in all of our age groups – from age 7 and up of all abilities are welcome!

Interested?

For more information:

email: [kilsytheastnetballclub@gmail.com](mailto:kilsytheastnetballclub@gmail.com) or phone Sara  
- 0408 997 228

We train on Thursday nights from 6.30pm and play Saturdays at Pinks Reserve in Kilsyth  
New season starting now!



# Come and Try Joey Scouts!



Visit our Joey Mob at  
Croydon Central Scout Group

Calling all 5-7 year olds

Are you ready for adventure, imagination & lots of fun?

**Wednesday nights 5:30pm-6:30pm**

**33 Kent Avenue, Croydon (next to Aldi)**

**To register interest or for more information**

**- email below**

Enquiries:

[gl.croydoncentral@scoutsvictoria.com.au](mailto:gl.croydoncentral@scoutsvictoria.com.au)

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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

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