

THE AINSLIE UPDATE

DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 1 2025

- 12th -24th March - NAPLAN
- 14th March - Interschool Sport Gala Day
- 14th March - Twilight Working Bee
- 19th & 26th March - Pickle Ball Clinics
- 20th & 27th March - F-2 Fire Fighters visit
- 21st March - Harmony Day (Cultural dress, flag colours or orange)
- 21st March - Assembly at 3pm (Student Voice badge presentations)
- 28th March - Families to receive Individual Education Plans
- 24th March - School Council AGM & Meeting
- 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

Family Fun Night

On Friday 28th February, we had a great turnout for our annual Family Fun Night. It was a great way to welcome new families to our school, and to catch up with our community. Families and students enjoyed games and a disco (!), conversation with staff and each other, and dinner - including a free sausage sizzle!



We need YOU! Parent/grandparent Reading Program

Last year, we had a hugely successful parent/grandparent reading program that we would love to bring back in 2025. If you are able to volunteer an hour or two once a week to listen to children read, we would love to have you on board! It is a great way to support our students with their learning. If you are interested, please email: Jane.Capon@education.vic.gov.au
Thank you! Our staff, students and their families really appreciate you!

Harmony Day

Harmony Week (17th - 23rd March) is the celebration that acknowledges and celebrates the diversity in our community, bringing together Australians from all different backgrounds. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

Next Friday, 21st March, students can come to school wearing **cultural dress, colours of their favourite flag, or orange**, to show their support (no cost). During the week, students will also be completing Harmony Day activities.

Student Spotlight!!

If your child has experienced success in their extra curricular activities, please let us know so we can help celebrate their success in our newsletter! Please email any information to: Jane.Capon@education.vic.gov.au

Approaching other children in the yard

Just a reminder that we ask parents not to approach other children in the yard, without express permission from their (custodial) parent. If you have any concerns, or would like further information, please contact the office.

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

Shop for Schools at Eastland has started!!

This year, Ainslie Parklands Primary School is in the running for cash prizes from Eastland in their "Shop for Schools" promotion. Please see the flyer further down to see how you can support our school if you are shopping at participating Eastland shops between 11th March - 8th April 2025.

Auslan

It was great to have Tamas come in and work with some of our Auslan classes. This gave our students an authentic experience in using Auslan and educated them about the Deaf Community. Thank you, Tamas!



Mental Health in Primary Schools



Hi all, my name is Wendy Phillips. Many of you already know me as I have worked here at APPS for almost 10 years in various roles. This year, as part of the Mental Health in Primary Schools (MHiPS) initiative, I have taken on the role of Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader (MHWL). I will continue to work in a part-time capacity as Assistant Principal and Learning Specialist as well! This year my working days are typically Monday to Thursday.

The MHiPS initiative is a product of Victoria's Royal Commission into Mental Health. The program began in 2020, is being rolled out this year in our region, and by next year, most Victorian primary schools will have a Mental Health & Wellbeing Leader.

My role includes promoting wellbeing and supporting positive mental health in the school community. I will be working with staff, students, families and external providers to enhance the existing wellbeing already embedded at APPS, strengthen community connections and provide clear pathways of referral for those requiring extra support...it is not a counselling service! I will also be working alongside Chantal (School Wide Positive Behaviours), Damon (Student Voice and Engagement) and Tal (School

Counsellor), to maximise student engagement, develop positive relationships and encourage thriving learning environments.

Going forward I will be including a Wellbeing section in each newsletter with different resources available to support our community both inside and outside of school.

Vale Robyn Clark, School Crossing Supervisor

We have some sad news to share with the School Community. Robyn Clark our local School Crossing Supervisor has passed away. For those who did not meet Robyn, she was the Supervisor at the Mt Dandenong/Clegg Rd crossing. Robyn was nominated for School Crossing Supervisor of the year by our community in 2024. She will be sadly missed.



Second Hand Uniform Shop

Our secondhand Uniform shop will be reopening on Wednesday 19th March from 3:15pm - 3:45pm.

Thank you to Stephanie and Martine for offering to look after our uniform shop. Stephanie will be onsite in the uniform shop every fortnight from the reopening date.

Uniform sales will range in price from \$5:00 for Logo (branded) items to \$2:00 for non Branded items. Stay tuned for the option of purchasing second hand uniform online!

Growing our own food!

Through our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program, it is great to see the connection our students have with being outside planting, weeding and harvesting, and have them learn how to grow and cook their own food from the garden!

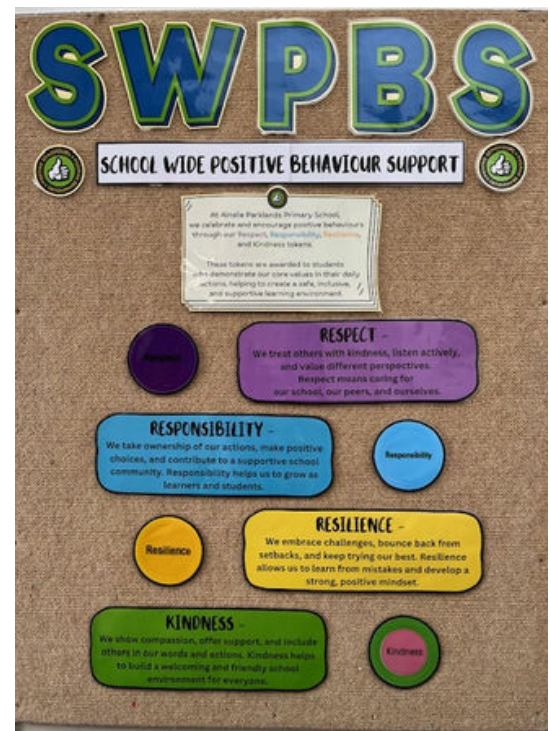


What a Legend!

Thank you to Melody from 3/4A who spent her whole lunch time picking up rubbish in the yard! Melody demonstrated the school value of Responsibility after learning about the correct bins to put rubbish in and what littering does to our planet!

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS)

Students at APPS are very familiar with our School Values - Respect, Responsibility and Resilience. Students are explicitly taught what behaviours we see when we are being respectful, responsible and resilient. Teachers provide tokens to students to acknowledge them when they are displaying our values. This is part of our School Wide Positive Behaviour Support program, recommended by the Department of Education. Students can then use their tokens at the token shop and to vote on a whole school reward. Currently, it looks like the Free Dress day is out in front!



From FIA

In Literacy, our Foundation students have now learnt all of the stage one letters and sounds! This means that they have learnt enough sounds to start reading the stage one decodable readers. We are very proud of the achievements of all of our students.

In Maths, after spending the beginning weeks of term on number and place value, we are now turning our attention to measurement. This week we began our exploration of measurement by collecting leaves from the garden and ordering them by size. We had a lengthy discussion about different types of measurement and how we use it in our everyday lives.

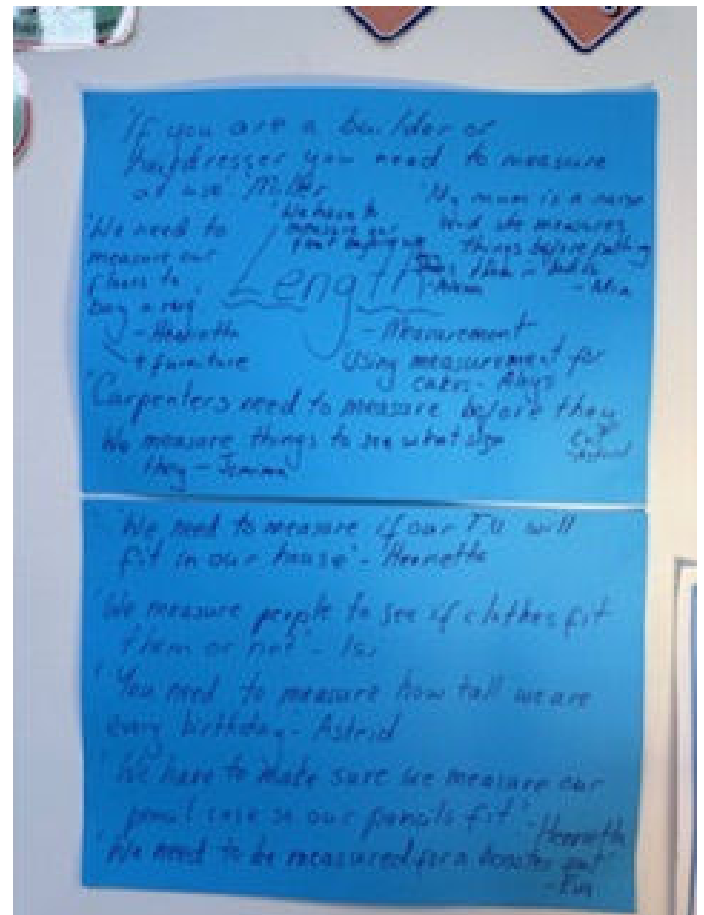


From 1/2A

At the beginning of each maths topic, we anchor ourselves with real life examples. It reminds us that maths is a vital part of life that we rely on well beyond the classroom.

Our 1-2 class shared so many great examples of ways in which they have used measurement in their lives and were also able to identify the importance of measuring in their parents' working lives.

We continued our recount study this week in Literacy as we read and enjoyed 'Possum Goes To School'. We made connections, compared and contrasted settings and described the characteristics of the possum, the main protagonist/antagonist.



From 3/4A

We can't believe it's already Week 7! At this busy time of year, it's important to take time each morning to get together as a group by starting the day with a positive mindset. In 3/4A we do this using 'Positive Primers', where students come together to play a quick team building game, observe a beautiful scene from nature, or participate in a fast-paced fun activity. We have included a few examples for you to check out. These quick exercises allow us to build a sense of belonging and engagement with one another, and to help regulate our emotions to get ready to learn (and teach). Positive Primers are one of Berry Street's recommended strategies to foster a culture of wellbeing in classrooms. We also really love doing it, both teachers and students alike!

Wellbeing is never more important than during busy periods, such as getting the Year 3s for NAPLAN. We have been focusing on lots of explicit teaching in English by consolidating our writing skills by looking at the features and structure of narrative texts, using interesting words, and building more complicated sentences. Year 4s have been extending their written work using the 'Bump it Up' strategy to move their work from good, to great, to fantastic!

Please also remember next week is Cultural Diversity Week, which runs from Monday 17 March to Sunday 23 March. This year's theme is Embrace the journey – shape our future. We will be engaging in a range of activities based on cultural traditions and customs from around the world, and celebrating the things that make us all unique, but also bring us together as one! The week will culminate with Harmony Day on Friday 21st March with students being invited to wear traditional clothing associated with their cultural heritage, or orange, which is the Harmony Day theme colour!

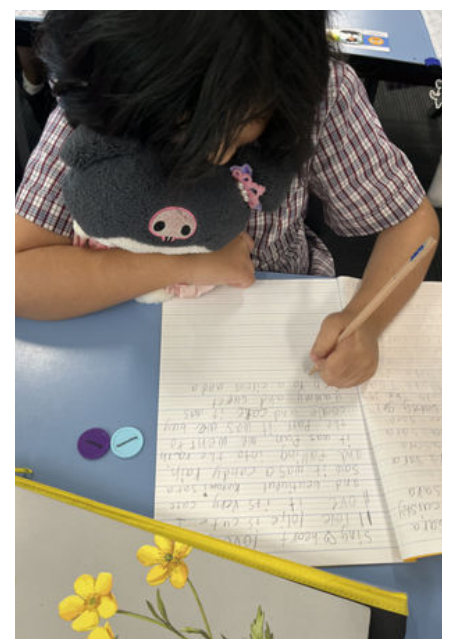
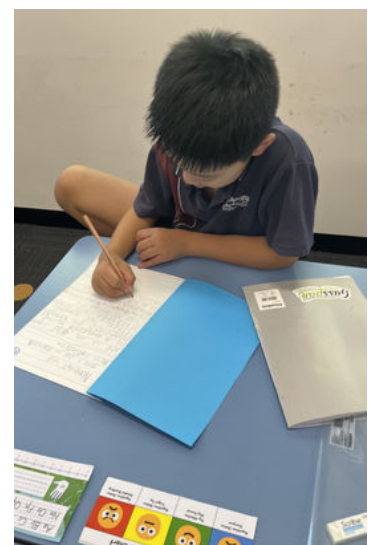
Have a wonderful weekend!

Chantal, Melissa and Laura A

Level 3/4 Team

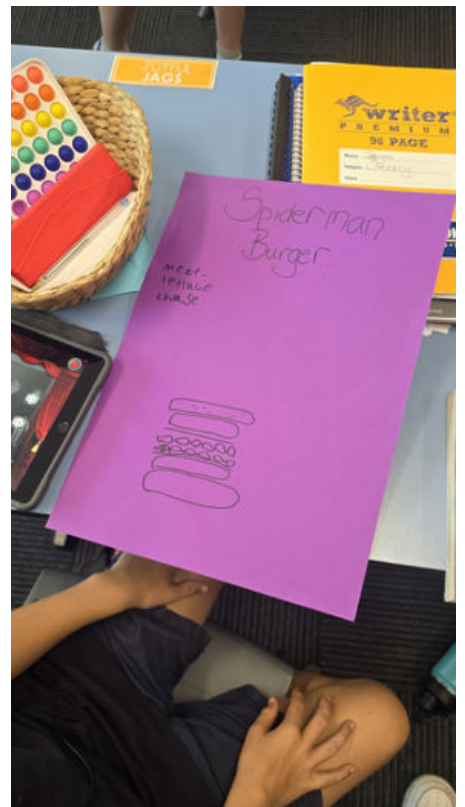
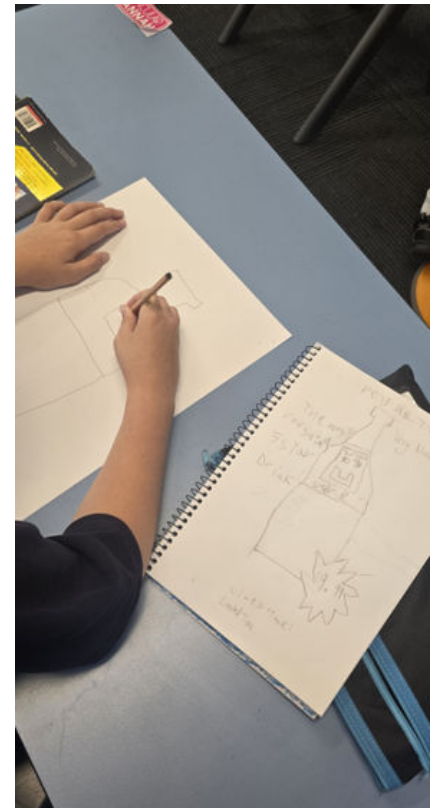
Positive Primer

WE BELIEVE IN YOU
WE ARE HERE FOR YOU
YOU ARE CAPABLE OF GREAT THINGS
YOU ARE RESPECTED
YOU ARE LISTENED TO
YOU ARE UNIQUE
YOU ARE WORTH IT
WE KNOW YOU WILL DO GREAT THINGS
WE WILL NEVER GIVE UP ON YOU
WE CARE ABOUT YOU



From 4/5A

This week in Writing, the 4/5 students explored persuasive techniques used in advertising. They applied their learning to designing their very own product and using a range of different persuasive devices. Some of these devices include rule of 3, statistics, modal language, emotive language and rhetorical questions.



From 6A

Gala Day

By Lucas

Today, the year 5 and 6 students (with some fours) did the interschool sport gala day.

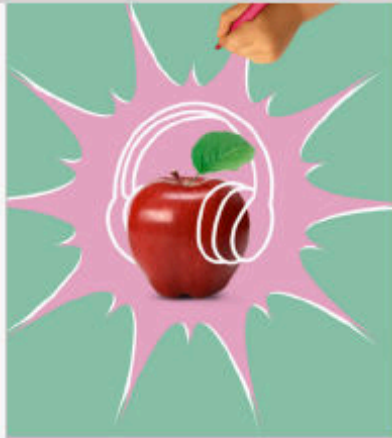
There was four sports: tennis, Kanga Cricket, Soffcrosse, and Bastetball.

In our last newsletter report, we talked about how we were training for this event. So it was good to compete in the event. Thank you to Samar, Elissa, Scott, Melissa, and Damon for taking us for the day. Thank you to the Melba students for your coaching too.

We didn't win many games, but we had fun and showed great sportsmanship and our school values.

We are looking forward to insterschool sport next term.





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Dear Families,

We are very excited to be on of 15 local primary schools participating in Shop For Your School at Eastland which is providing us a chance to **WIN a guaranteed CASH prize;**

- 1ST PRIZE : \$8,000
- 2ND PRIZE: \$4,000
- 3RD PRIZE: \$2,000
- 4TH - 10TH PRIZE: \$500 per school
- 11TH - 15TH PRIZE: \$250 per school

Simply shop at Eastland's participating fresh food retailers between **March 11 - April 8**, upload your receipts to your profile and every dollar you spend converts into points for our school.

DOUBLE POINTS - Shop at participating retailers between 5pm - 9pm EVERY THURSDAY.

PARTICIPATING RETAILERS

1. Baker's Delight
2. Big W
3. BreadTop
4. Coles
5. Crown Asian Supermarket
6. Earth Espice
7. Elite Supplements
8. Fish Pier
9. Go Vita
10. Harris Scarfe
11. Kmart
12. Natures Green Farm
13. Poultry Creations
14. Target
15. The Chopping Block Butchery
16. Woolworths

HOW TO REGISTER

Register your profile and select our school as your nominated school by heading to eastland.com.au
You only need to register once and upon registration you will receive a BONUS 250 points!

HOW TO UPLOAD POINTS FOR OUR SCHOOL

1. Shop at Eastland's participating retailers listed above during the campaign and keep your receipts.
2. Log into your account using you email that you registered with.
3. Upload your receipt and proof of purchase to your profile every time you shop (you can upload multiple receipts at once)

Your purchase amount will be converted into points for our school, and you automatically go into the draw to win weekly prizes for yourself!! The top three schools with the most points at the end of the campaign will WIN a cash prize.

Starting primary school?

Starting school is an exciting time for children, parents and carers.

The first year of primary school is called Foundation or Prep.

To enrol in a Victorian government primary school, follow these steps the year before your child starts school.

Before filling out an application

Read about when and how to enrol on our website



Make sure your child is the right age to start school



Find your local school and other nearby government schools at findmyschool.vic.gov.au



Contact primary schools to book a tour, visit or for further information



Applying for Foundation enrolment

Get an application form from the primary school



Gather the required documents



Submit everything to the primary school by the due date (last Friday in July)



Wait for the school to contact you (first 2 weeks of August)



You can find out more, and access translated resources, at:

Enrolling in Foundation (Prep) | Victorian Government



Department of Education



Ainslie Parklands Primary School

MiniKids 2025

Free and fun school preparation sessions
for 3-5 year old children

2025 MiniKids Sessions

All sessions from 9.30-10:30am

Term 2

Wednesday 30th April *Play and story time*

Thursday 15th May *Art and craft*

Wednesday 4th June *Fun with music*

Thursday 26th June *Messy play*

Term 3

Wednesday 30th July *Play and story time*

Thursday 14th August *Gym play*

Wednesday 27th August *Literacy*

Thursday 11th September *Numeracy*



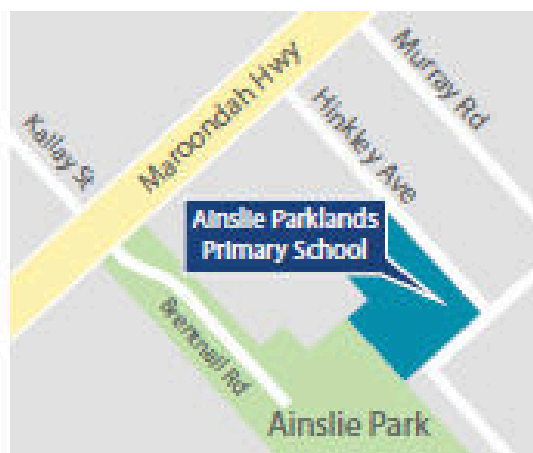
MiniKids is open to all 3 and 4 year old kinder-aged children, regardless of which school they will attend.

Call 9870 1566 to secure a place for your child.

Hinkley Ave, Croydon Vic 3136

Phone: 03 9870 1566

E-mail: ainslie.parklands.ps@education.vic.gov.au



www.ainslieparklandsp.vic.edu.au



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OPEN NIGHT
WEDNESDAY 26 MARCH
5.30 PM - 7.00PM

COLLEGE TOURS
 Wednesdays at 4:00pm - 5.15pm
 Fridays at 9:15am - 10.15am
 Booking via College Website

CONTACT US
 ☎ (03) 9870 4551
 🌐 <https://www.melba.vic.edu.au>
 📍 20 Brentnall Rd, Croydon VIC 3136



2025 OPEN DAY

Saturday 3rd May
10am - 2pm

ENROL VIA OUR WEBSITE

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📍 9 Toorak Avenue, Croydon

🌐 www.stjohnskindergartencroydon.org.au

Junior Come & Try & Registration Days



Boys & Girls: T-Ball, Rookie Ball & Baseball

Session 1:
Saturday 15 March
9:30-10.30am

Session 2:
Wednesday 26 March
5:30-6.30pm*

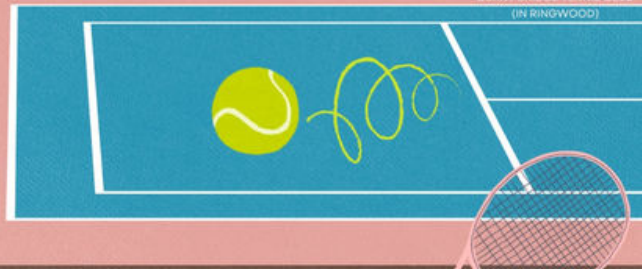
Attend 1 or both sessions
 All equipment provided!
 *FREE Sausage sizzle & soft drink

Visit: www.ringwoodsaints.com.au
 for more information & to register



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OPEN NIGHT

MONDAY 24 MARCH 2025

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6:00PM**

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Colchester Reserve, 88 Boreston Drive, Boronia 3155 *NRL Player Insurance to be paid at registration




Kokedama BALL WORKSHOP

MyTime Warrandyte
Friday 21st March
9.30am - 11.30am

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For parents/carers of children with disability

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suzanneb@mytimevic.com.au

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Joanne appscommunity1@gmail.com



Ainslie Parklands Primary School Menu Term 1 2025

- Please ensure their lunch orders are written on a paper bag with the exact money enclosed (if paying for multiple siblings then please indicate clearly)
- Please note: a charge of 10c will be added to your lunch order if no paper bag supplied
- Whilst every endeavour will be made to provide exactly what is ordered there maybe occasions where this is not possible- the closest possible alternative will be provided.
- We will make every effort to cater for dietary requirements. Please ring Larissa on 0437005554 or Brad 0414257524 if you have any questions.

Sandwiches & Salads

Salad	\$2.50
Ham or chicken & Salad	\$3.50
Ham or Chicken & Cheese	\$3.00
Sweet Chilli Sub (w lettuce, chicken tender)	\$3.00
Salad Tray (meat \$1 extra)	\$4.00
Fruit Salad (term 1 & 4)	\$3.50
Ham/Cheese Croissant	\$4.00
Extras:	
50c bread roll/wrap or extras: egg, avocado	
20c Toasted	

Burgers

Cheeseburger	\$4.00
Chickenburger	\$4.60
Parma burger	\$5.20
Egg & Bacon	\$4.00

Snacks

Crunch Pack (Carrot, apple, cheese, Biscuits)	\$2.00
Popcorn	80c
Hot Jam Donut	\$1.50
Homemade Slice of the week	\$2.20
Jelly Tub	\$1.20
Choc Balls (3)	\$1.20
Giant Choc Chip/M&M Cookie	\$2.50

Hot Food (20c extra for sauce)

4n20 Pie	\$3.50
Chicken Snitzel Wrap	\$3.20
Party pies	\$1.20
Sausage Roll - Jumbo	\$3.50
- Regular	\$2.00
Pizza - Ham & Pineapple	\$2.60
- Margherita	\$2.60
Dim Sim (Steamed)	\$1.20
Corn on the cob	\$1.30
Hot dog (cheese extra 20c)	\$3.20
Puppy dog (cheese extra 10c)	\$1.80
Garlic Bread (cheese extra 20c)	\$2.00
Nachos	\$3.50
Chicken nuggets (4)	\$2.40
Vegetarian spring roll	\$1.20
Bolognaise Pasta (w/cheese) small	\$3.00
Large	\$4.00

*owned sealed container 20c discount. Where possible we use sustainable and recycled packaging

Drinks (Inc state recycling tax 10c)

Bottled Water	\$1.10
100% Juice (Apple, Blackcurrant, Orange)	\$2.00
Oak Milk (Chocolate, Strawberry)	
Small	\$3.50
Large	\$4.50

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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

ainslie.parklands.ps@education.vic.gov.au

