Aspendale Gardens Primary School Newsletter—Thursday 8th June



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Aspendale Gardens is an IB World School that strives to be internationally minded.

Our purpose is to provide a supportive safe and dynamic learning environment. We promote inquiry, curiosity, creativity and individuality. We aim to develop a resilient, open-minded school community where all students become independent, emotionally intelligent and socially competent as they strive to achieve their potential as global citizens.

	2023 [DIARY	
<u>JUNE</u>		<u>JUNE</u>	
Friday 9	Year 6 ISS vs Chelsea P.S. @ Home	Monday 19	Year 3 Prof Bunsen Burner Incursion
	Book Club Issue 4 Orders Close		Parent Teacher Meetings
Monday 12	King's Birthday Holiday—NO School		3:45pm—6:00pm
Tuesday 13	NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS		School Council Meeting @ 6:30pm
	School Tour @ 2:30pm	Tuesday 20	Chocolate/Lolly Drive Begins
Wednesday 14	Regional Cross Country Carnival	Wednesday 21	Parent Teacher Meetings
Thursday 15	Last Running Group for Term 2		3:45pm—7:30pm
Friday 16	Years 3 & 4 Swimming Finishes	Thursday 22	Term 2 Ends—2:30pm Dismissal
	Year 6 Winter Lightning Premiership	Friday 23	PUPIL FREE DAY—NO SCHOOL
	Special NAIDOC Week Celebrations	<u>JULY</u>	
	School Assembly @ 2.30pm in Gym	Monday 10	Term 3 Begins
	School Disco		Year 6 Girls' AFL Competition
	Fdn-Yr 2 = 5:45pm-7:00pm	Friday 14	ALL Chocolate Drive Money Due
	Yr 3—Yr 6 = 7:30pm—9:00pm	Wednesday 19	Foundation Drama Toolbox Inc.

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

THURSDAY 22ND JUNE LAST DAY OF TERM 2

Early Dismissal @ 2:30pm

Friday 23rd June PUPIL FREE DAY—Numeracy & Wellbeing

Friday 11th August PUPIL FREE DAY—Literacy

FROM OUR ACTING PRINCIPAL

The term is flying by, and we only have 2, 4-day weeks of Semester 1 left. This week I have enjoyed hearing the students' engaging conversations around their units of inquiry. When visiting the classrooms a number of students have been very keen to share their writing with me, which is delightful to see and read.

School Improvement

Our School Improvement Team recently had a meeting with our Senior Education Improvement Leader to share some of the progress we have been making with our Annual Improvement Plan. We reflected on the actions our Curriculum Teams and Learning Specialists have made this semester and the improvements we have noticed. Our Annual Improvement Plan includes improvement strategies and goals based on English, Maths and Wellbeing.

Year 3 and Year 4 Swimming

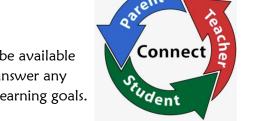
The Year 3 and Year 4 students commenced their swimming program this week at Mentone Aquatics. The program has started off very smoothly and students are making good progress with their confidence in the water and their stroke development.

Parent Teacher Meetings

We have opened up the Compass portal for parents to book times to attend the Parent Teacher Meetings. There have already been 380 bookings made. Our Parent Teacher Meetings will be held in the final week of the term on:

Monday 19th June 3:45pm—6:00pm Wednesday 21st June 3:45pm—7:30pm

These will follow the release of the end of semester reports, which will be available on Compass on Thursday 15th June. During the meetings, teachers will answer any questions related to the reports and will also share the students' future learning goals.



NAIDOC Week

National NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia in the first week of July each year (Sunday to Sunday), to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC Week is an opportunity for all Australians to learn about First Nations cultures and histories and participate in celebrations of the oldest, continuous living cultures on earth.

As this date falls within the winter holiday period, we will be celebrating NAIDOC Week next week. There will be conversations and activities within the classrooms and some special events at next week's assembly.

Sunflower Sales for Ukrainian Refugees

Following the end of our sunflower competition, Mr Briones and Mr Graham organised with the students for the sunflowers to be cut and sold to our community. They charged \$5.00 for a sunflower with the money going to Ukrainian refugees. The remainder of the sunflowers will be sold after school today (Thursday) in the garden.



Contact with Class Teachers

During the school day, teachers very rarely get the opportunity to check their Class Dojos, due to their focus on teaching and their students. Should parents have messages that need to be passed on to their children, we recommend that this be done with a phone call to the school office on 9587 0877.

Arrival at School



Our school is supervised by teachers from 8.45am. The first bell goes at 8.57am. By the time the second bell sounds at 9.00am, all students should be in the classrooms ready for their learning to begin. It is vitally important that students are in their classrooms and ready at this time. When students arrive late to the classroom, this can be disruptive to the other students in the class and can also result in students not feeling settled and not having all the input necessary at the start of the session, by the teacher.

Wells Road Crossing

We have been advised by Kingston Council that they will be changing the hours of the school crossing supervisors on Wells Rd from 8.15am—9.15am to 8.00am—9.00am. This seems to be a more suitable arrangement, as we do have students using the crossing earlier and rarely have students still crossing Wells Road after 9.00am.

I would also like to welcome Claude and Vaia, who are our new crossing supervisors on Wells Road. They have settled in well and are enjoying getting to know our community.

Farewell

This week we farewell our Foundation teacher Maddy Chapple, as she begins her family leave. We thank Maddy for the enthusiasm, care and commitment she has demonstrated to the teaching of our Foundation students and the positive impact she has made on our staff. We wish Maddy all the best over the coming weeks as she prepares for the arrival of her first child.



Amanda Curtain will be taking on the teaching of FCH for the remainder of the year. We welcome Amanda back to our school.

King's Birthday Public Holiday

We hope all our families enjoy the upcoming long weekend and we will see all our students back on Tuesday 13th June.

Have a great long weekend.

Jonathan

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

\$5.00 per item

Uniforms are available to purchase during school office hours: 8:30am — 4:30pm

If you have any school uniforms that your child has outgrown, and it is still in good condition, please consider donating it.

FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY KIDS GOLF CLINICS

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NAIDOC WEEK AT ASPENDALE GARDENS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Tuesday 13th June - Friday 16th June

We are so excited to welcome Indigenous performers BANDOK TATI to our school for our NAIDOC WEEK celebrations. They will be running workshops with our Foundation to Year 4 students throughout the week.

Year 5 and 6 students will be participating in Art workshops with Indigenous artist Bayley Mifsud from Merindah-Gunya Art. Due to timetabling, these workshops will take place in week 9.

BANDOK TATI will also be performing for us all at our NAIDOC WEEK ASSEMBLY on Friday

June 16 at 2.30pm in the gym. Everyone is welcome.

On Friday June 16 after assembly, we will also be selling a selection of INDIGENOUS PLANTS from our friends at Willum Warrain's Bush Nursery in Hastings.

Plants will sell for \$3.00 per plant.

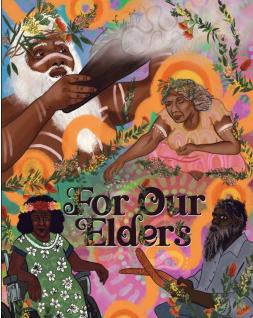


0% ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY OWNED BUSH NURSERY SPECIALISING IN LOCAL INDIGENOU Plants from the Mornington Peninsula.











Kingston Division Cross Country Carnival

On **Tuesday 30th May** there were seven highly motivated, determined and fit endurance runners that donned the blue, green and white to represent Aspendale Gardens Primary School at the **Kingston Division Cross Country Carnival** at Karkarook Park in Heatherton.

The following students ran the course in a fantastic time, bracing the cold weather and competing against children from other districts in the Kingston region. Congratulations and well done to the following students:



Name	Class	Event	Place
Zac D	4DG	9/10 yo (Boys)	14 th
Olivia McC	4DG	11 yo (Girls)	54 th
Charlie F	4OM	9/10 yo (Boys)	7 th
James P	5AA	9/10 yo (Boys)	21st
Soren S	5AA	11 yo (Boys)	45 th
Jade P	5BM	11 yo (Girls)	56 th
Jonah D W	5LW	11 yo (Boys)	25 th

These students should each be extremely proud of their efforts as they performed exceptionally well on the day. Mr. King, Mr. Murphy and the rest of AGPS are certainly blown away with their results.

A HUGE congratulations to **Charlie F (40M)** who has progressed through to the **Southern Metropolitan Regional Cross Country Carnival** on **Wednesday 14**th **June** at Hastings foreshore, Hastings. We wish you all the best for the next stage of competition Charlie!

Thank you to the parents, grandparents and special friends who came and supported the runners on the day. Your help and support are greatly appreciated! GO AGPS! Mr. Braden King





FOUNDATION Moonlit Sanctuary the best way to see Aussie animals



Moonlit Sanctuary Excursion

Sharing the Planet

Living things have characteristics that help them to survive.

This term we have been learning about living things. We went on an excursion to the wildlife park, Moonlit Sanctuary where we could observe Australian animals in their natural habitats. We also got to touch and feed some of the animals!





















AGPS Senior Athletics Carnival Results

What a fantastic day we had on <u>Wednesday 24th May</u> for the <u>AGPS Senior Athletics Carnival</u>. There were students in <u>Years 3 – 6</u> jumping, sprinting, throwing, leaping and cheering across the Chelsea Little Athletics Centre in Edithvale, all in the spirit of earning extra points for their houses. The students enthusiastically rotated around the athletic events of 100m sprint, hurdles, shot put, discus, long jump, egg and spoon racing and sack racing. It was great to see a sea of <u>red</u>, <u>blue</u>, <u>green</u> and <u>yellow</u> competing at each of

the events with lots of sportsmanship shown

between the students.

Throughout the day it continued to be a close race for the AGPS Senior Athletics Carnival Shield for 2023. It came right down to the wire with all four houses still in contention of taking out the glory until the last rotation. Congratulations to all students who worked so hard to earn their houses extra points by participating in excellent style and encouraging their teammates. But after a close finish, a huge congratulations to the KOOKABURRAS house for taking home the AGPS

Senior Athletics Carnival Shield for the 3rd year in



a row, backing up their win at this year's AGPS Cross Country Carnival.

The final results from the day were:

1st PLACE: KOOKABURRAS (809 points)

2nd PLACE: FALCONS (714 points)

3rd PLACE KESTRELS (611 points)

4th PLACE OWLS (532 points)

From the carnivals results we will select the <u>AGPS District Athletics Team</u> to represent AGPS at the <u>Chelsea & Patterson District Athletics Carnival</u> in <u>Term 3</u>. We are currently holding separate trials for the 200m, 800m, 1500m, Triple Jump and High Jump events at lunchtimes across the remainder of Term 2 and into Term 3. If your child is interested in trialling for these events, please ask them to keep an ear out for the announcement of these events.

A big thank you to the following people who assisted with the running of the carnival. Your help is greatly appreciated as it helps to make these events run so smoothly. Apologies to anyone we may have missed!

Shannon Coles	Kim McGregor	Alana O'Connor	Mihaela Pusca
Petera Kiki	Angela Ziagas	Loanne Lim	Scott Mill
Yasmin Attard-Mill	Klaus Kolvenbach	Melissa Bullerjahn	Stephanie Smith
Julia Poppleton	Wendy Mears	Athan Archer	Alex Sam
Ben Skurka (Little A	Athletics Chelsea)	Eamon Bowler (Little	Athletics Chelsea)

Lastly, a big thank you also to the wonderful teachers, student teachers, and ES staff who always go above and beyond on these days, putting in so much effort to make the day run smoothly and fun for the students. We are so lucky at AGPS! Thank you and well done to everyone! GO AGPS!



STARS OF THE WEEK TERM 2 WEEKs 1 & 2











Star STARS OF THE WEEK TERM 2 WEEKS 3 & 4











Star STARS OF THE WEEK TERM 2 WEEKS 5 & 6









SENIOR SCHOOL PRODUCTION

'It's a Jungle Out There' is finally cast!

Performances will be on Thursday 31st August

PRINCIPAL CAST:

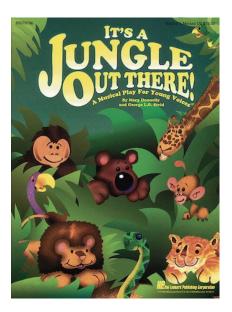
King: Maxx Mac 5BM
Queen: Alice G 6BH
Stripes: Josh D 5RK
Spots: Charlotte F 5AA

UNDERSTUDIES & MINOR ROLES:

King: Eli F 6JM
Queen: Poppy B 6KC
Spots: Faith B C 5LW
Stripes: Charlie B 5BM
Assistant Director: Sarah T 5AA

MASCOTS: Jack D and Jasper P

Paige: TBA



Congratulations to all. It was a very difficult decision as you are all so talented.

A huge thank you Ms Archer and Miss Munro for sitting on the audition panel. Rehearsals are being held on Monday's and/or Wednesday's during lunchtime.

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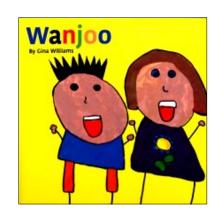
Maria and Sarah have begun sewing, altering and collating costumes. If any parent or grandparent can help please contact Mrs Nicolson through private messages on ClassDojo.

Ms Archer has begun rehearsals for our senior dance group who will be performing at production.

Mrs McGregor has begun senior choir rehearsals for those who will be singing throughout the show as 'pit' singers. Permission slips will be sent home shortly.

NAIDOC WEEK ASSEMBLY

Our **Wellbeing** Welcome to Country song, 'Wanjoo' in the Noongar language, is posted on ClassDojo for those children who would like to practice for the NAIDOC week assembly which is being held next week on Friday 16th June. Some students will be performing it on recorder and various accompanying instruments. Students will also sign the song in Auslan. A tutorial is also posted on Dojo.



RECYCLING

We are still looking for donations of cylindrical tubes, like those inside a roll of paper hand towels. We need loads of them to make 'rain sticks' for our PYP indigenous unit.

Merry music making - Mrs Nicolson and Mrs McGregor



Year 6 Interschool Sport (ISS) Match Report



Last Friday, the Year 6 students hosted St. Joseph's Primary School for their fourth round of Year 6 Interschool Sport (ISS) for Term 2. The Year 6 students did a fantastic job, representing AGPS their chosen sport, while also showing excellent sportsmanship throughout their games.

Below are the results from last week's games

Netball (Boys / Mixed)		Netball (Girls)	
AGPS	16	AGPS	15
St. Joseph's P.S.	23	St. Joseph's P.S.	15
Best Player/s:	Lilah W	Best Player/s:	Indi M

Soccer (Boys)		Soccer (Girls)	
AGPS	0	AGPS	1
St. Joseph's P.S.	0	St. Joseph's P.S.	6
Best Player/s:	David R	Best Player/s:	Mia M & Eva H

Tee Ball (Boys)		Tee Ball (Girls)	
AGPS	11	AGPS	18
St. Joseph's P.S.	24	St. Joseph's P.S.	21
Best Player/s:	Malachi D & Jordan L	Best Player/s:	Ella B-H & Phoebe S

AFL (Boys)			
AGPS	20		
St. Joseph's P.S.	80		
Best Player/s:	Riley B, Koby F & Eddie L		

Tomorrow we will be playing against **Chelsea Primary School at AGPS.** Venues for each sport have been posted on Class DOJO. Once again, well done to all of the Year 6 students on their efforts last week.

GO AGPS! Mr. Braden King







Have A Heart For Cambodia

A message from Julie Lach

In 2012 my family travelled with my Cambodian- born husband back to Cambodia after he'd lived in Australia for 35 years. The trip was an eye- opening experience. We were overwhelmed with the friendliness of these beautiful people but also, so saddened to see the poverty and hardship faced by many families. In response, in 2015 we set up our charity 'Have a Heart for Cambodia'. Our vision is to make a difference to the lives of hundreds of disadvantaged young people in Cambodia.

Through a variety of Special Events such as movie screenings and dining experiences we are raising funds to support the organization, ODA (Opportunities of Development Thru Art) in Siem Reap. (https://www.odaopportunitiescambodia.org/) ODA has raised funds with the support of people like you and I to set up eight little village schools, paid teachers and provided over 1,450 children from poor farming families with educational opportunities allowing them to dream of a future.

Over the years families at Aspendale Gardens Primary School have supported HAHFC and we'd love your support for our current movie event '*The Little Mermaid*'. Please consider coming to the movies with us and help us to continue to make a difference:

'Individually we are one drop, Together, we are an ocean.'

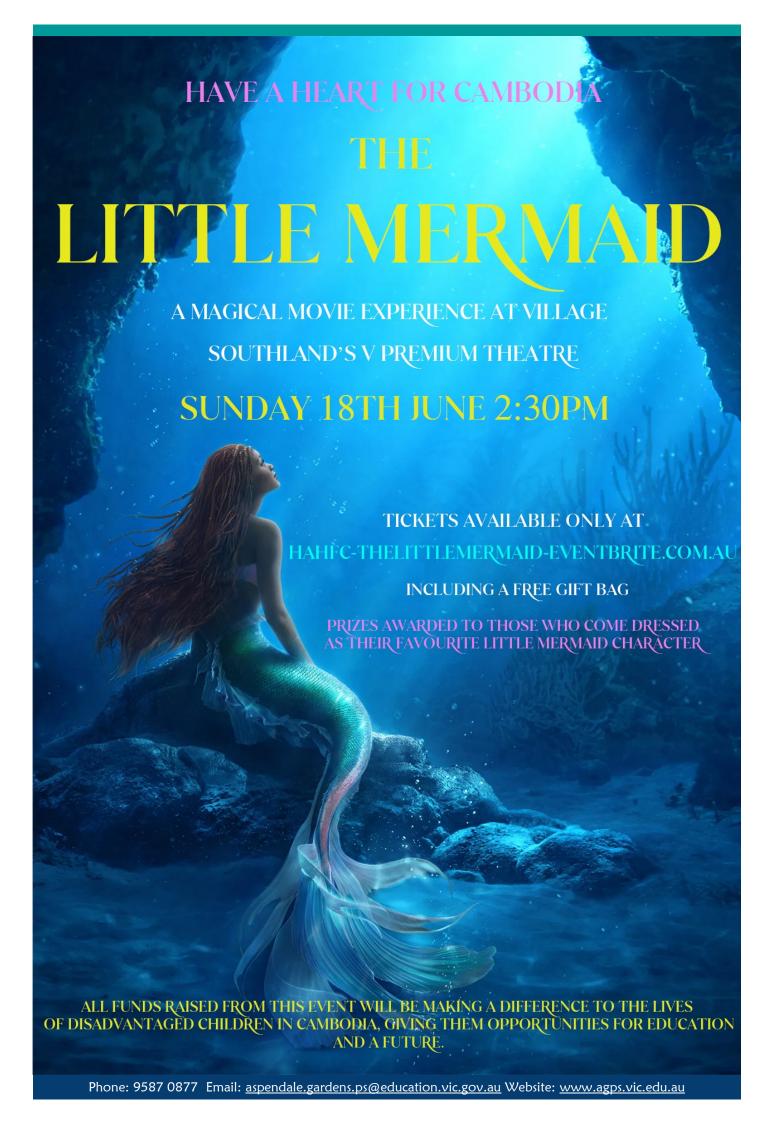
















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Aspendale Gardens

We acknowledge the Traditional owners of the land, the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung and Bunurong peoples of the Kulin Nation and pay our respect to Elders, past, present and emerging.



Bookings and Cancellations

Please ensure that you contact the service by phone call or text message through 0439 161 164 if your child has any cancellations or last minute bookings. We have a strict cancellation policy to follow when children do not turn up to service, therefore require notice when your child is absent.



Medicals

Please ensure medical details of your child are up to date on FullyBooked including Medical Plans, Risk Minimisation Plans and Medication. If there are any issues, please contact our service through the details below.



Feedback

We'd love to hear from you! Your thoughts, ideas and suggestions are valuable to us and assist us in providing a high-quality service.

what's on this week!

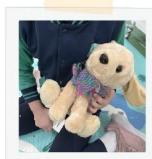
EMOTIONAL ZONES OF REGULATION

Our focus this week stems around the zones of regulation when it comes to emotions. To help children identify their zones, we have just upgraded our quiet area with posters that can assist children during times of need. The area has also been improved with new guiet activities that children have been enjoying lately.

During sessions, we have incorporated a variety of relaxation activities including: knitting with Bella, DIY sensory craft, Cosmic Kids yoga, composting with Alisha and group role plays about a variety of scenarios.



Additionally, we upgraded our sustainability procedures and educated our children about our new composting and water-saving practises. Children have begun composting their food scraps and depositing them in the school's compost bins. Along with this, buckets have been kept under the sink to catch water to then be used to water the garden.



Goldie's new knitted scarf





In addition to a nutritious fruit & veggie platter:

Monday Wholemeal Crumpets

Tuesday Banana Muffins

Wednesday Savoury Platter

Thursday Oat Slice

Rice Cakes served with vegetables and dips



(TIMES

Before School: After School: Holidays:

7:00AM - 8:45AM 2:30PM - 6:15PM

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TERM 3 PEACEFUL KIDS EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST ARE OPEN!

'Peaceful Kids' is a Mindfulness and Positive Psychology based program to lessen anxiety and stress and increase resilience in children. The program has been created to offer children a developmentally appropriate program that gives them the skills, practice and support to utilise coping strategies that lessen the symptoms of anxiety and stress.

Outcomes of the Peaceful Kids program:

- · Lessen symptoms of anxiety and stress in children
- · Teaches children to self-calm
- · Empowers children to manage their own anxiety and stress symptoms
- · Builds emotional resilience
- · Develops emotional intelligence skills
- · Teaches children life-long skills to manage stress and prevent stress build up
- · Supports children so they know that they are not alone with suffering from anxiety

Program structure and fees:

- · Foundation: 5 week program (60 mins each week). 4-6 students in each group.
- · Years 1-6: 8 week program (60 mins each week). 4-6 students in each group.
- · Sessions are run during class time (not during specialist classes).
- \cdot Cost: \$200 (Foundation) \$270 (Years 1-6). This includes all materials for the 5/8 week program and weekly emails to parents.
- \cdot 10% discount for siblings and returning students.

This program would suit:

- \cdot Children who get stressed easily and/or have anxiety.
- \cdot Children who find controlling their emotions difficult.
- · Any child who would like to learn more about mindfulness.
- · If you are not sure, please contact me to discuss if the program would suit your child or ask your teacher!

Who is running it?

My name is Lisa Webber and I am an experienced Primary School
Teacher, Peaceful Kids Facilitator, Mum of 4 and soon to be Art Therapist.

Don't hesitate to contact me for more information and enrolment details.

Keep an eye out for details about the parent information session!

This is me!

lisawebber@outlook.com.au www.peacefulkids.com.au

Wonder Recycling Rewards Program

During Term 2, AGPS will be taking part in the Wonder Recycling Rewards program. This program is coordinated by bread manufacturing company 'Wonder' and is designed to assist with recycling the many tonnes of bread bags that are thrown into landfill each year.

In return for collecting and recycling bread bags, schools participating in the program will be rewarded with a range of brand new sports equipment for students of all year levels to enjoy. **The more bread bags we collect for recycling, the more sports equipment we will earn!**

Our collected bread bags will be returned to Wonder late in Term 3 and our sports equipment will be sent out towards the end of the year.

Here is some further information about the program:

Where do I drop my bread bags?

A collection box will be located in the AGPS office for students, their families and staff to drop off their bread bags from the beginning of Term 2.

What is classified as a bread bag?

The rule of thumb is that if it has contained bread of some sort and is a soft plastic, then it's a bread bag. If it hasn't contained bread, then it's not a bread bag.

Do our bread bags need to be clean?

Bread bags should be as free from crumbs as they can be to keep the recycling process free from contamination (there is no need to wash them).

How are the bread bags recycled once we have collected them?

Our recycling partner APR Plastics manages the recycling process for us. APR Plastics empty the cartons and recycle the boxes. The plastic is then processed into an oil that can be reused to create food grade packaging, creating a circular economy.

Unfortunately the cardboard bread tags are not included as part of the Wonder Recycling Rewards program, but they can be recycled from home. To ensure your bread tags are properly recycled, pop them in a used paper envelope that's folded shut before throwing them in the paper recycling bin.

So let's all do our part to help protect our planet and earn some new sporting equipment for our school. Collect your bread bags at home and bring them to school to drop in the box.

It's as easy as that!

Amy Kelly - Environmental Coordinator

OUR CANTEEN IS OPEN
WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY
Counter sales are available at
lunchtime only
Please place Lunch orders via QKR
QKR closes at 8:59am on day of delivery



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FITNESS CLASSES

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Monday 10:30am - 11:15am

Wednesday 10.15am - 11.00am (from 7 June)

Tabata

Wednesday 9:15am - 10:00am

Bollywood

Wednesday 7:30pm - 8:30pm

Zumba

Thursday 7:00pm - 7:45pm

\$10.00 per class or 10 class pass - \$90.00

You can buy your 10 class pass online or in the class

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