

# Aspendale Gardens Primary School

## Newsletter—Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April



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Primary Years Programme

*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.*

### 2022 DIARY

#### APRIL

Friday 8 Year 5 Cave Hill Campers Return  
End of Term 1

School Dismissed at 2:30pm

Monday 25 ANZAC Day Holiday

Tuesday 26 Term 2 Begins!

#### MAY

Monday 2 School Tour @ 9:15am  
Year 6 CERES Excursion  
Year 1 Bollywood Dance Incursion

#### MAY

Tuesday 3 Years 1 & 2 Swimming Begins

Wednesday 4 Mothers' Day Stall Fundraiser

Thursday 5 Mothers' Day Breakfast  
8.00am—8.50am

Friday 6 District Cross Country  
School Tour @ 9:15am

Tuesday 10 2023 Foundation Parent Information  
Session 7pm—8pm in our Library

Friday 13 School Tour @ 9:15am

**LAST DAY OF TERM 1**  
**TOMORROW—FRIDAY 8<sup>th</sup> APRIL**  
**STUDENTS DISMISSED at 2.30pm**

### FROM OUR ACTING PRINCIPAL

We have made it through to our final few days of term, with some tired students and teachers in need of a well-deserved break. A reminder that school finishes early, at 2.30pm tomorrow (Friday).

Cheryle Osborne has been invited to stay at Mallacoota P—12 School for Term 2, until the process to select their new Principal has concluded. Cheryle is in regular contact to check on how things are going at AGPS, and always comments on how much she misses the AGPS community.

End of  
Term 1



### DAGs—Dads of Aspendale Gardens Working Bee

It was great to see a good number of Dads (father figures) and children attend our working bee last Saturday. The main tasks that were completed were spreading mulch down the plantations on the Kerr Crescent fence line of the oval, and to replace some of the sleepers surrounding the junior playground.



Thank you to the following families for their support ..... Van Den Blink, Ziehn, Taylor, Sabez, Lo Monaco, Candy, Nessel, Williams, Fersterer, Green, Robins and Compson families.

Thank you to Liam Murphy, Graeme (our handyman), Elly (our gardener), Seila (our Garden educator) for organising the activity and the other staff who attended...Shannyn Day, Blake Jones and Lee Wonnacott.





# DAGs Working Bee





## Easter Raffle Winners

There were some excited students when the names were announced for the Easter Raffle today. Students who won a raffle prize will need to collect their baskets before the end of the day on Friday (2.30pm). Once again, we thank the parents who helped put these amazing baskets together and all the donations that were provided by our families. We managed to raise over \$5,500—just fantastic!! Here is the link to our Easter raffle draw:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1NIDtaamMwUtdL\\_Vr0gahAGY86-\\_95HtJ/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1NIDtaamMwUtdL_Vr0gahAGY86-_95HtJ/view?usp=sharing)

## **Congratulations to the following lucky winners of our Easter Raffle:**

1st	Tyler M.	2MA	2nd	Jackson L	2MA
3rd	Zoe H	FEG	4th	Matilda T	5DG
5th	Sophia T	3JB	6th	Amelia R	3AT
7th	Rachel R (mum of Amicia)		8th	Antonia L	1MR
9th	Zorzovilis Family		10th	Manoj U (dad of Esandi)	
11th	Amelia P	4RP	12th	Chloe M	2KF
13th	Elise R (mum of Reuben)				



## Year 5 Camp



The Year 5s have been having a great time at Cave Hill Creek camp near Beaufort. The teachers have reported back that the students are enjoying experiencing new activities such as canoeing, bouldering and abseiling. The evening entertainment organised by the staff has also been great fun. I would like to thank the staff who attended. Athena Archer, Sarah Byrnes, Fiona Davidson, Lauren Gomolis, Debbie Hatfield, Belle Munro, Liam Murphy, Simone Oke, Dellayne Patterson and Lee Wonnacott. They will be a lot of tired students on their return tomorrow.

## Year 6 Secondary School Application Process

The application process for applying for secondary schools will commence in Week 1 of Term 2. Parents will be sent a pre-populated application form. The turn around for these to be completed is relatively quick, as the forms need to be returned by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May. Please ensure you have started the conversations around which secondary school you would like to apply for. School Tours and Open Nights have been advertised and can be found on the schools' websites.



## Term 2 Instrumental Music Lessons

A gentle reminder that enrolments for Term 2 instrumental music lessons close on **Friday 15th April**. This gives the instrumental music teachers time to process payments and create timetables.

## Rapid Antigen Testing (RAT)

Rapid Antigen Testing will continue on for at least the first 4 weeks of Term 2. Your child will be receiving a new box of tests this week, which will be used during the first 2 weeks of Term 2. We encourage parents to test their children twice a week on school days.

A reminder that if siblings are having to isolate due to being a household contact, then they should test on the final day of isolation, before they attend school again.

We hope that all our families have an enjoyable break. A reminder that Term 2 begins on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April, as Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April is a public holiday for ANZAC Day.



Have an enjoyable and restful break.

*Jonathan*

# PYP in Foundation

## Who we are

'We are learning to take care of ourselves by making good choices'.

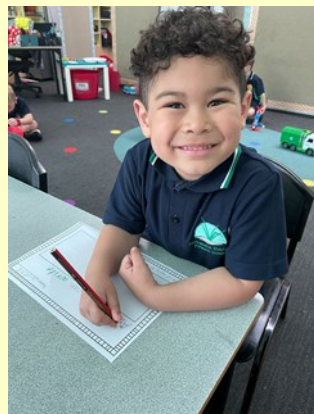
This term we have been learning to make good choices, show responsibility and independence as well as learning how to be resilient when learning new things.

## Independence

We have learnt how to be independent at school. We are practicing doing things on our own .



I can pack my bag!  
(Maisie C)



I can write!  
(Jayden B)

## Team Building

We took part in a fun incursion where we worked in teams collaboratively to complete set tasks. We learnt to talk to each other and work as a team to achieve our goals.



## PMP

We are learning to be independent when taking our shoes and socks off and on at PMP. We are learning to move our bodies responsibly and safely.



## Responsibility

We have been learning to be responsible of our things. We have shown responsibility for our Buddy Bears and sports equipment when we take them outside.



## Word Work

Students are enjoying various word work activities during the week. They are using magnetic letters, sand, play dough to name a few!



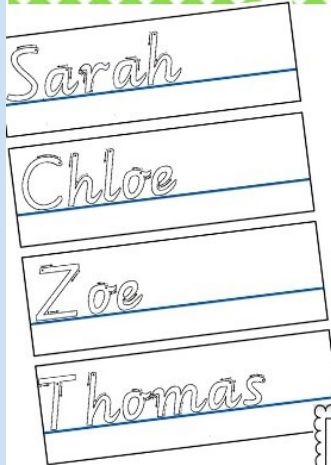
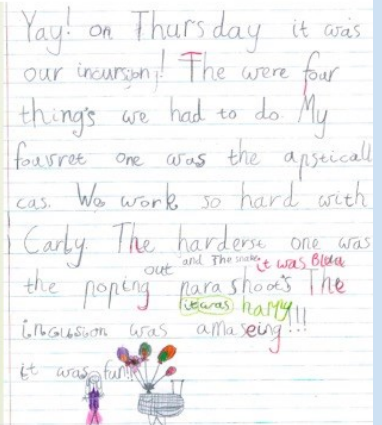


# Literacy at AGPS

## Term 1 2022

### Year 1

In Year 1 students worked at improving their handwriting. With the support of videos children explored tall letters, letters with tails along with anticlockwise and clockwise formed letters. Teachers provided students with ongoing specific feedback.



Foundation students have focused on accurately forming the letters in their name. Students who were able to write their name correctly were given the extension of writing their last name.



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### Adjectives



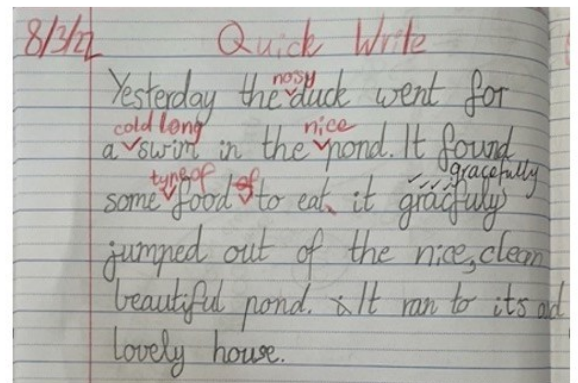
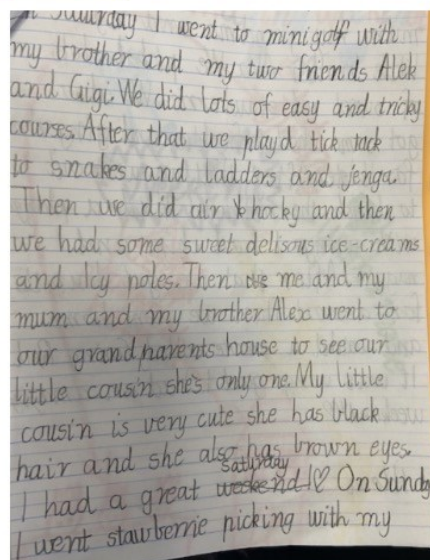
### Year 3

Year 3 have been hard at work using language to demonstrate greater expression and use of interesting and ambitious words and phrases.



### Year 2

Year 2 students explored ways to add more adjectives into their writing and thinking more consciously about the different sentence structures they are using. Students have made terrific progress across the level.





## What are connectives?

# CONNECTIVES – Year 4, 5 & 6

and next because  
moreover also  
so then however  
as well as but  
furthermore later

Has your child mentioned connectives? Connectives are joining words. Children have been learning to use them to connect phrases together into longer sentences and improve the flow of their writing.

Adding	Time	Cause/effect	Contrasting
and moreover also as well as furthermore	next then finally meanwhile eventually	because therefore so consequently as a result of	however alternatively although except unless

For example....

I can go out with friends, **as long as** I am home by 9:00 p.m.

The film is long and boring, **whereas** the book is thrilling and well written.

Today, we completed the chapter on cells; **therefore**, we will have a quiz on this topic tomorrow.

I ran as fast as I could from the witch. I was completely breathless, and my legs ached terribly, but I continued to run. **After a few minutes** I could not hear her anymore. I slowed down, hoping that she had given up. A cackling noise told me that she was catching up with my again. I ran for my life....

**Meanwhile**, my parents were at home, frantically wondering where I was.

Teachers in Years 4, 5 and 6 planned a variety of tasks for their students that involved both identifying the correct connective to use and how they can be used to up level their writing. This was very successful. Teachers observed students include more complex sentence structures in their writing along with demonstrating a great awareness of connectives and how they are used.

**CONNECTIVES**

- CAUSE AND EFFECT** - These help to explain why something happened.
  - Because, so, As a result of, therefore
- ADDING** - These add further information.
  - Furthermore, as well as, also, And, in addition, too
- SEQUENCING** - These are 'time' connectives that develop a logical sequence to your ideas.
  - Firstly, meanwhile, eventually, secondly, While, Finally
- EMPHASISING** - These help you to highlight your ideas.
  - Significantly, above all, most of all, Especially
- CONTRASTING** - These highlight that there are differences (opposites) between two clauses.
  - instead of, Whereas, On the other hand, Otherwise, alternatively, in contrast
- COMPARING** - These compare two different ideas together.
  - Equally, Like, Similarly, in the same way, likewise, as with
- ILLUSTRATING** - These are used when you want to give an example of something.
  - such as, As shown by, For example, for instance
- QUALIFYING** - These help to explain why something may change because of something else.
  - However, Unless, Yet, although, except, despite

## Whole School Professional Development Day with Misty Adoniou

Last Friday staff had an amazing professional development day with Misty Adoniou. The focus for the day was centred around writing and how we can further support and extend our students here at AGPS. Misty discussed Scaffolding Literacy which focuses on the teaching of reading and writing through authentic children's literature where books are chosen for their meaningful stories and literate grammar. The day was centred around rich vocabulary and how we as staff can help support and engage every student, to inspire and create a passion for writing. Staff had the opportunity to work within their teams and discuss moving forward for term 2.

Teachers walked away motivated and inspired, bursting with new ideas for their students back in the classroom. We look forward to sharing these ideas with you all next term.







# Performing Arts @ AGPS

During Term 2 senior students will be resuming their band program and beginning a recorder unit. We will also be continuing our study of the traditional songs of Pacific Islanders and visiting the exciting 'Tinikling' dancing from the Philippines. Glee Club will continue throughout Term two on Monday's, during lunch time, with a couple of performances in the pipeline!

Thank you to Graeme, our maintenance man, and Year 6 girls Neena, Victoria, Caitlyn, Harmony, Savvy and Eve for all your work making the Performing Arts room look so wonderful!

## PYP FOR TERM TWO

**PYP Foundation—Sharing the planet**—an inquiry into the characteristics of animals and their habitats, through song and dramatic play.

**PYP Year 1—How we express ourselves**—an inquiry into expressing emotions and creativity through Media Arts.

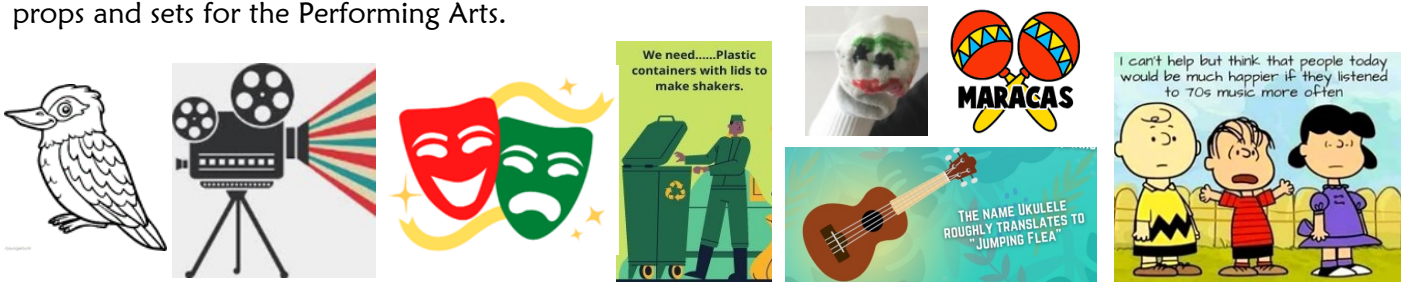
**PYP Year 2—How we express ourselves**—an inquiry into telling stories through drama.


**PYP Year 3— Sharing the planet**—an inquiry into how we can recycle our waste into musical instruments and use different environments to create and enjoy performance

**PYP Year 4— Where We Are In Place and Time**—an inquiry into the music of the Australia's neighbouring Pacific Islands and its diverse characteristics.

**PYP Year 5— How we express ourselves**—an inquiry into how media uses music as a device to stimulate, persuade and influence a response

**PYP Year 6— Sharing the planet**—an inquiry into recycling waste products to create instruments, puppets, props and sets for the Performing Arts.



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All gifts will be gift wrapped.

On the day, children will need to bring cash in a zip lock bag/purse/wallet.

Thank you for your ongoing support  
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# Dear Families,



Sadly, we are unable to offer  
**a holiday program** at your school  
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11 to 14 April 2022

Monday, 11th April - 10:00am to 11:00am

Kids Art Class (6 - 12 years)

Cost: \$20 - materials supplied

Parents not required to stay



Tuesday, 12th April - 10:00am to 12:00pm

Bricks 4 Kidz (5 - 11 years)

Cost: \$30 - materials supplied

Parents not required to stay



Wednesday, 13th April - 10:00am to 12:00pm

Music & Movement Class with Fairy Deb  
(Preschool & Primary school aged kids)

Cost: \$30

Parents not required to stay



Thursday, 14th April 10:00am - 12:00pm

Nutty Scientists Clinic (5 - 12 years)

Cost: \$30

Parents not required to stay



**BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL!!!**

For more detailed information about these activities and other programs at our Centre, scan the QR Code or visit our website [www.agcsinc.org.au/schoolholidays2022/](http://www.agcsinc.org.au/schoolholidays2022/)

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