### Aspendale Gardens Primary School Newsletter—Thursday 1st December



**INQUIRER** BALANCED REFLECTIVE PRINCIPLED CARING

KNOWLEDGEABLE **OPEN-MINDED COMMUNICATOR** 





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.

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	<b>DECEMBER</b>		<b>DECEMBER</b>	\
	Friday 2 Monday 5	PUPIL FREE DAY - NO Students Years 5 & 6 Beach Program Begins	Thursday 15	Reports Open on Compass to Parents Year 6 Graduation
	Tuesday 6	Last School Council Meeting for 2022 Year 2 MOPA Excursion Music Soiree—6:15pm in CLC	Friday 16	Class Transition—Meet 2023 Teacher & Classmates (10:20am—11:00am) Final Assembly for 2022—Year 6
	Wednesday 7 Thursday 8 Friday 9	Helpers' Morning Tea @ 11:00am Last Running Group Session Assembly—Year 6 2023 Student Leaders Announced	Monday 19 Tuesday 20	Leavers & Christmas Raffle Draw Last Day of 2022 School Year Early Dismissal @ 1:30pm PUPIL FREE DAY - NO Students
	Monday 12 Tuesday 13	Year 6 Gumbuya World Celebration 2023 Foundation Orientation Day 9:05am—10:30am	JANUARY Friday 27 Monday 30	Teachers Start 2023 School Year Students Start 2023 School Year
	Tuesday 13	Year 6 to Year 7 Orientation Day (Government Secondary Schools)	FEBRUARY Wednesday 8	Whole School Photo Day

## **PUPIL FREE DAYS** TOMORROW & TUESDAY 20TH DECEMBER

#### FROM OUR ACTING PRINCIPAL

It has been a very busy week at AGPS. The Year 4s spent a day at the Enchanted Adventure at Arthurs Seat for a fun day linked to the inquiry about community spaces. The Foundations had a World of Dance Incursion on Tuesday and then on Wednesday the Year 5s visited the Melbourne museum and IMAX.

"It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas".

Last week I went with Graeme to meet Lou at the Evergreen Christmas Tree Farm, located in Bangholme,



to select and collect our tree. The tree smells beautiful and will be dressed and on display in our admin area. Lou's Christmas tree farm is open to the public on weekends for those wishing to get a real tree his year. Be sure to sign your name up on our AGPS school clipboard when you make a purchase, as 10% of your purchase will be returned to our school for fundraising and you will be in the draw to win a free tree next year. Congratulations to Espi in 4OM who was this year's lucky winner of the tree.



Over the next couple of weeks, the students will be practising a Christmas carol with their classes. We will be recording these in Week 11 and sending them out as a celebration video on the last day of term.

#### Aspendale Gardens Community Fun Day

Saturday's Community Fun Day was very well attended by our school community. Some of our school groups took to the stage throughout the day. The school choir, the dance group and Katani's singing group all performed well and provided some excellent entertainment for everyone. I know the groups have been working towards our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the community fun day for a number of months, and all the practice certainly paid off. Thank you to Miss McGregor, Mrs Nicolson, Miss Archer and Katani for their rehearsals with the students and supporting them on the day.

#### Pupil Free Day on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December the students **will not** be required to attend school as it is a **pupil free day**. The staff will be in school for the day, planning the 2023 curriculum. We are always reflecting on our current teaching and learning programs and looking at ways in which we can make them more impacting and engaging.

We will have a focus on our Inquiry approach, with the intention of identifying ways in which we can broaden the themes and focus on wider concepts. The

English focus will be on our Daily 5 program and ways in which this program can extend the students reading fluency, comprehension and appreciation of rich texts.



#### Write4fun

Congratulations to Charlie O'B in 4RK who achieved in the top 5% for the Write4fun Unleashed competition. His poem will be published in one of the competition publications. Here is his poem for you to read:

Bawking Chickens

The bawking green chickens live in outer space, Leaving violent green feathers all over the place.

Their eyes grow bright yellow like the great glowing sun,

And their sharp claws would gladly attack anyone.

Their wattle and comb are imperial red,

And the look in their eyes will fill people with dread.

You can foresee an attack upon the earth below,

When the moon inherits an eerie green glow.

They have once attacked and I'll describe the scene,

Below the moon that was shining green,

The humans were all scattered around,

While the dangerous chickens made bawking sounds,

And smashed buildings, trees, parks and the school,

One of the boys thought it was kind of cool.

"No, no, it's not cool!" said the little kid's dad,

We're being attacked by the birds from the cornflakes ad!"





#### Food for Families

There was an amazing amount of produce donated for the 'Food for Families' collection. These boxes were collected earlier on this week and will be distributed to families who are in need over the Christmas period. Thank you to everyone for your donations, we filled 33 boxes of produce!

#### **Music Soiree**

The students who have instrumental music lessons at school will be performing to their parents and family members on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December, with the evening beginning at 6.15pm in our CLC (Creative Learning Centre). The students have been practicing hard and will benefit from the opportunity to perform in front of an audience. We look forward to being entertained by all our talented instrumental music students.





#### Christmas Raffle

Thank you to those families who have already purchased Christmas raffle tickets and returned money and butts to the office. Just a gentle reminder that all money and butts are due back at the office by Monday 12th December. The raffle draw will be pre-recorded and played to all those present at our last assembly for the year being held on Friday 16th December.

Have a fantastic weekend everyone!

Jonathan



### SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

ALL items are \$5.00 each.

Uniforms are available to purchase during 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.

#### 2023 SCHOOL TERM DATES

TERM 1: Monday 30 January (students) TERM 3: Monday 10 July

to Thursday 6 April to Friday 15 September

TERM 2: Monday 24 April TERM 4: Monday 2 October

to Friday 23 June to Wednesday 20 December



# STARS OF THE WEEK TERM 4 WEEK 8



Foundation—Year 2



Years 3—6 & Specialists





## **FOUNDATION**World of Dance Incursion











On Tuesday 29th November the Foundation students were involved in a World of Dance incursion presented by Supreme Incursions. Our Central Idea for the unit is 'People recognise important events through celebrations, traditions and festivals'. Students explored music and movement styles and traditions from around the world. They enjoyed dressing up in different costumes to learn more about different cultures.























#### ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERS' DOLPHIN SWIM

On Tuesday the 29th of November, our four Year 6 Environmental Leaders and Marine Ambassadors ventured out into Port Phillip Bay onboard the Moonraker. The sun was shining for Hazel, Ben, Sarah and Georgie as they, and other Marine Ambassadors from the region, were recognised for all of their tremendous work throughout the year.

The day began with a drive down to Sorrento, where we waited for the Moonraker to pick us up from the pier. The Moonraker crew then fitted everyone's wetsuits and fins, before the adventure really started! Whilst conditions weren't ideal, they were definitely preferable to the weather we have been experiencing over the last few weeks and months. Unfortunately the students did not see any dolphins, however they were able to spend some time investigating the seal colony at the South Channel Pile Light. A number of seals were diving and swimming beneath the snorkelers and bathing in the beautiful sunshine on the structure. And let's not forget the smell!





The Marine Ambassadors and sightseers were then ferried to the Blairgowrie Marine Park at the Blairgowrie Pier. Being closer to shore and protected from the elements, students were able to observe the local marine life around the pier and marina, including a number of fish, stingrays, seaweeds and sea horses. A delicious hot chocolate was provided by the crew as we headed back to Sorrento. It was a fantastic day and well earned by all involved.

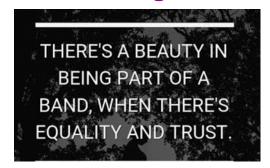
**Amy Kelly** (Environmental Coordinator)

## Recorders are required for year three.



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purchased
through a
music store,
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Officeworks.

#### **Performing Arts @ AGPS**





Senior students also begin to study basic Ukulele, Keyboard and drumming. Students would benefit greatly from these units if they had an instrument at home to practice on.

As students' progress and develop skills, they are encouraged to join "Band". I look forward to jamming with next year's musicians.

**Merry Christmas** 

Mrs Nicolson & Ms McGregor

#### **AGPS SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS**



Congratulations to brothers **Charlie F** (3AT) and **William F** (1CR) for their success at the recent Little Athletics Relay Carnival.

William's first ever relay and they won the U/8 4x100m! Charlie's team achieved 2x third places and then followed up defending their Swedish Medley title (4x100, 200, 300, 400m) from last year's meet! Congratulations boys, keep working hard!





Congratulations to **Teah W** (4RK), **Kenzie P** (4RG) and **Chloe K-R** (4OM) who recently became the Junior Level 1 Cheer National Champions after competing at the National Cheer Competition on the Gold Coast last Friday! Well done girls—what an incredible achievement!



Congratulations to Millie K
(6JC) on winning the Coaches
Award for her team! Millie
was also selected to play for
the Chelsea District netball
team! Millie played in a
tournament alongside



Alana W (6JM) and Imogen H (6JM) and together, won the Premiership Trophy! Millie was also recently selected to be in the U/12 Victorian State Team but was unfortunately unable to play! Well done to you all!!

IF YOUR CHILD HAS ACHIEVED SOMETHING AMAZING IN THEIR SPORTS,
PLEASE LET MR. MURPHY KNOW VIA CLASS DOJO!



**Annie Low** 

## Aspendale Gardens Primary School 2022 Yearbook



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our 2022 Yearbook is currently at the printers and will be distributed in Week 10 of this term.

Our Yearbook displays all the amazing things that our students have been involved in over the 2022 school year – a wonderful memento to keep for years to come.

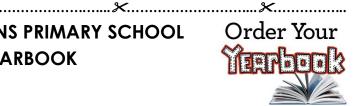
Those who have already paid for their Yearbook, with their 2022 School fees, need do nothing more – your child/ren will bring their Yearbook home in the last week of term.

If you can't remember if you have already paid, please phone the office on 9587 0877 and the lovely office ladies will be able to help you.

#### If you HAVE NOT already paid for the Yearbook it is not too late!

Please complete and return the below payment slip to the office by Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December and your child will also receive their book in the last week of term.

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I wish to order the 2022 Yearbook.					
Child's Name:	Class:				
Parent/Guardian Signature:	Date:				
Enclosed Payment of: \$20.00 CASH CREDIT CARD					
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## Christmas Raffle



Tickets \$2 each.
Draw to take place on
Friday Dec 16th.
All tickets to be returned to
the school office by
Monday Dec 12th.



- Prize 1: JND 'Aspen' 8-seater 3-piece outdoor setting valued at \$1500 (courtesy of the Diamantis family), \$100 Visa gift card, Bottle of Beresford Shiraz & a Dulux tin of jelly beans.
- **Prize 2:** JBL 'PartyBox' GO Portable Speaker valued at \$579 (courtesy of Buxton Real estate), \$300 Visa gift card (courtesy of Hype Financial), 3 family board games.
- **Prize 3:** \$250 Visa gift card (courtesy of APS), \$50 Bunnings voucher, Hooded Sleeping bag valued at \$150.
- Prize 4: Modastique Hair Care Pack valued at \$250 including a soy candle, perfume oil & a brush, \$250 worth of Glow Injectables vouchers, 1 month membership at Fernwood Fusion, KX Pilates: 8 classes.
- **Prize 5:** Home Republic x2 sheet Sets, 'Growing Space' gift pack & \$25 Dan Murphy's voucher.
- **Prize 6:** Gift Hamper, Bottle of Grant's Whisky, \$50 Woolworths voucher.









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## Christmas Raffle

Evergreen Christmas Trees

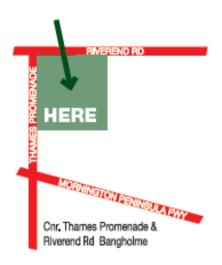
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Incursion / Special Activity







#### Go Go Racer - Monday 9 January

On your marks, set, GO! Today we will be joined by the incredible team at Supreme Incursions who will put our speed and agillity to the test with their unique challenges.

Then, the fun continues as we make masking tape

plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

Feature Activity: Racing Incursion

As low as \$12.29 with the Child care Subsidy. Full fee \$81.93. Suburb Avg \$21.30.



#### Bubble-ologists - Tuesday 10 January

goes the bubble? Today we will mix our own special bubble solutions and create bubble wands. Curious who will make the biggest bubble of them all? Then, enjoy a plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

As low as \$9.31 with the Child care Subsidy. Full fee \$62.04. Suburb Avg \$16.13.



#### Zoo Keeper for a Day - Wednesday 11 January



#### Scoring Goals - Thursday 12 January

Today we will be scoring goals as we assemble and style our very own mini foosball tables. So get ready to verse your friends and score goals using your mini teams. The fun continues with marble paintings and the classic party game of pin the tail on the donkey.

As low as \$10.76 with the Child care Subsidy. Full fee \$71.73. Suburb Avg \$18.65.



#### Spring into Action - Friday 13 January

Please be at the service by 8:30 am. Pick up after 2:30 pm. Please wear runners and socks.









Excursion



Incursion / Special Activity



In House Fun





#### Hungry, Hungry Kiddos - Monday 16 January

Let's refuel those bodies by jumping in the kitchen and whipping up some delicious and healthy treats! Curious flavours work together, and which flavours don't? After this, we will wear our hats and head outside for a game of balance twister!

Feature Activity: Fruit Spring Rolls

Additional Activities: Apple doughnuts, food crafts, balance twister, outdoor exploration, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

As low as \$9.31 with the Child care Subsidy. Full fee \$62.04. Suburb Avg \$16.13.



#### The Carnival Spectacular - Tuesday 17 January

Feature Activity: Carnival Excursion Additional Activities: Pin wheel craft, imarelaxation fun, plus plenty of time to choose your o

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#### Backyard Biodiversity - Wednesday 18 January

area, backyard and park. How we can help them survive, and how they help each other. Animals you may get to meet include possums, kookaburras, grey-headed flying foxes, lizards, frogs, spiders and a python.

Additional Activities: Newspaper sharks and koalas, scarecrow tiggy, bird kites, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

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#### Knock em Down - Thursday 19 January

Dust off those bowling shoes because today, we will build our own bowling alley! The fun of construction and the joy of retro gaming! Are you curious about how many strikes you can get in a row? A double? Or maybe a turkey! Plus, craft dangling diamonds, and play a game of forbidden dessert!

Feature Activity: Bowling Alley

Additional Activities: Dangling diamonds, flapping butterfly crafts, forbidden dessert game, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

As low as \$10.76 with the Child care Subsidy. Full fee \$71.73. Suburb Avg \$18.65.



#### At the Movies - Friday 20 January

When the Primm's move to New York, their young son Josh struggles to adapt. That changes when he discovers Lyle-a singing crocodile who loves baths, caviar and music-living in the attic. The two become fast friends, but when Lyle's existence is threatened by evil neighbour Mr. Grumps, the Primm's must band together.

Feature Activity: Lyle, Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile Movie (G)

Additional Activities: Design a movie poster, Play a game of May I Mr Crocodile? And create a pipe cleaner pet crocodile! Plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.







Excursion



Incursion / Special Activity



In House Fun





#### Eating in Style - Monday 23 January

Today we will be eating in style! Decorating our new lunchboxes and sandwich wraps with our own design and favourite colours; plus, they are great for the environment! We will play a fast game of colour corners

As low as \$10.76 with the Child care Subsidy. Full fee \$71.73. Suburb Avg \$18.65.



#### We Like to Move It - Tuesday 24 January

Today we are going to move and groovel The team from Kinect2Dance are joining us for a dance workshop! So lets get our dancing shoes on and try not to miss a beat! The fun continues as we play sleeping lions, make blow art monsters and dancing pipe cleaner people!

Feature Activity: Disco incursion

Additional Activities: Sleeping lions, dancing pipe cleaner people, blow art monsters, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

As low as \$12.29 with the Child care Subsidy. Full fee \$81.93. Suburb Avg \$21.30.



#### Pro Gamer - Wednesday 25 January

Please be at the service by 8:30 am. Pick up after 2:30 pm. Please wear runners and socks.



#### Public Holiday - No Service - Thursday 26 January



#### Island Paradise - Friday 27 January

Alohal Join us today for a tiki-tastic time while wearing our Hawaiian party shirts today. How low can you go with a game of Luau limbo and coconut bowling? Curious about how to make a Hawaiian lei? Join us at the lei-plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

Wear a Hawaiian-inspired or bright coloured t-shirt

As low as \$9.31 with the Child care Subsidy. Full fee \$62.04. Suburb Avg \$16.13.

## Using the service



## What to Bring

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#### **Food and Drink**

- · Breakfast and an afternoon snack will be provided.
- Families need to supply a healthy morning tea, lunch (such as wholemeal sandwiches and dips) and a drink bottle just like you would pack for on a normal school day.
- For lunchbox ideas visit http://heas.health.vic.gov.au/ schools/healthy-lunchboxes.
- Due to the risk of anaphylaxis items containing nuts should not be included in the lunchbox.
- Please do not include items which need to be reheated.
- · Water will be available all day to refill drink bottles.



#### **Medical Management Plan & Medication**

All children who has been diagnosed with a medical condition, including all allergies, food/chemical intolerances, anaphyalxis, asthma, epilepsy or any other medical condition which may effect the child must have a completed medical management plan with a colour photo in order to attend.

It is a legal requirement under the Education & Care National Regulations and the Term & Conditions for bookings that these are provided, along with any medication listed on the plans where required.

These can usually be sourced from your doctor or can be found in the FAQs at www.theircare.com.au/holidayprograms.

In the interests of the child's safety, care may be refused on the day should the appropriate documentation or medication not be supplied or is incomplete.

If you have any questions, please feel free to speak with one of our friendly educators at the service or call us on 1300 072 410.



#### **Appropriate Clothing & Hats**

- Clothing suitable for an active day, including closed toe shoes and a jacket if it is predicted to be wet or cold.
- A Sun Smart hat similar to the one worn at school is required. Children who do not bring a hat will be unable to play outside.
- · Sunscreen will be provided throughout the day.
- For more information about being Sun Smart visit www.sunsmart.com.au.
- We recommend that all items are labeled with the child's name in case they are left behind at the end of the day.



#### **Personal Belongings & Devices**

Personal belongings including electronic devices such as phones, iPads, laptops, game consoles, money and valuables should be left at home. If brought to the service, these remain the responsibility of the family. We can not accept responsibility for loss or damage.

#### Reminders

#### Keeping Everyone Safe - COVID-19

We have implemented strict infection prevention and control measures to reduce the risk of spreading communicable diseases such as COVID-19. We are guided by the Health & Education Departments in your state, along with advice from professionals.

- Families who are unwell, are showing symptoms of the virus or have been directed to isolate by the health authority are not to attend the service.
- Regular cleaning of all high touch areas.
- Everyone will wash their hands at least every 30 minutes.
- Social distancing of adults, including limits to the number of adults in the service.
- Hand sanitiser is available at the sign in desk for families.
- Modifying activities to promote physical distancing, including using multiple rooms/spaces where available.
- All staff have received additional training in infection control and supporting children through the pandemic.
- VIC Masks: All adults are to wear masks when picking up or dropping of their children in line with government directions. We follow the same rules as the classroom teachers in relation to educators wearing masks.

#### Changes to your booking

We understand that your needs may change in the lead up to your attendance at the Holiday Program. Whether you need to add an additional day to keep the kids busy or cancel a day to suit your schedule, we're here for you.

Simply log into your account anytime to make the relevant changes or give us a call on 1300 072 410 between 6:30 am to 6:00 pm on weekdays.

As we plan our programming, suppliers and educators in advance to the day to ensure that the children have lots of fun, all changes to bookings, including new bookings and cancellations made within the 5 days of the booking (120 hours from the start of the session) will incur a \$10.00 charge.

When making additional bookings, the \$10.00 is eligible for the Child Care Subsidy, which means you may only need to pay the gap, depending on your families' circumstances.

#### Changes to your booking

Activities and times are subject change due to unforeseen circumstances such as severe weather and provider availability. In the rare event that an activity will unable to be run, an alternative activity will be provided where possible. If an alternative can not be sourced, we will automatically update your invoice to reflect the lower fee.

## **PLAYGROUP**

IN 2023

Tuesday 31st January
Thursday 2nd February
9:30am - 11:00am

\$6 No Bookings Required - Walk-ins



## **MESSY PLAY**

IN 2023

Term 1

Thursday 23rd February
Thursday 30th March
9:30am - 10:30am

Term 2

Thursday 28th April
Thursday 26th May
Thursday 16th June
9:30am - 10:30am



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School day

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2022-2023







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Time	Activities
8:30-9:00	Registration
9:00-10:00	Soccer/Dodgeball
10:00-11:00	Basketball/Jump
11:00-11:30	Snack
11:30-12:30	Dodgem/Musical
12:30-13:00	Volleyball/Jump
13:00-13:30	Lunch
13:30-14:30	Laser Tag/Nerf
14:30-15:00	Bubble/Tennis
15:00-16:00	Facepainting/Jump
16:00-16:30	Pick-up









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