

# Aspendale Gardens Primary School

## Newsletter—Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> August



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**REFLECTIVE PRINCIPLED CARING OPEN-MINDED COMMUNICATOR**



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.*

### 2021 DIARY

#### AUGUST

Monday 9 Year 1 Healthy Foods Incursion  
 Kingston Division Girls AFL  
 Tuesday 10 Foundation Swimming Begins  
 Wednesday 11 Year 6 Point Nepean Excursion  
 Monday 16 SCIENCE WEEK BEGINS  
 School Council Meeting 6:30pm  
 Friday 20 Year 4 Responsible Pet Ownership Incursion  
 Foundation Swimming Ends  
 Monday 23 Year 3 Mr Bunsen Burner Incursion  
 Tuesday 24 Years 3 & 4 Swimming Begins  
 Wednesday 25 *PJ Day—non-perishable food donations please*  
 Friday 27 *School Disco*  
 Tuesday 31 Years 3 & 4 Swimming Begins

#### SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 1 Fathers' Day Stall  
 Thursday 2 Year 1 Recycling Incursion  
 Friday 3 Years 3 & 4 Swimming Ends  
 Sunday 5 Fathers' Day  
 Snow Camp Departs @ 10:00am  
 Snow Camp Returns @ 9:00pm  
 Tuesday 7 *Footy Day – Gold Coin Donation to State Schools' Relief Fund*  
 Thursday 9 District Athletics Carnival  
 Friday 10 Year 2 Scienceworks Excursion  
 Monday 13 School Production—all day  
 Tuesday 14 Year 2 Sleepover  
 Thursday 16 *Maths Curriculum Day—NO students at school*  
 Friday 17

### PLEASE NOTE CHANGES OF DATES

Kingston Division Girls AFL — NOW  
 Footy Day — NOW  
 District Athletics — NOW

Monday 9th August.  
 Thursday 9th September  
 Friday 10th September

### FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,



#### 100 Days of Foundation

Last Friday, our Foundation students celebrated their 100<sup>th</sup> day at school. They participated in many special activities which included creating their own 100 days crown. They celebrated with singing and dancing totally enjoying the event. Thank you to all the Foundation teachers and the ES staff for making the day so memorable.

#### Foundation Swimming

Our Foundation students start their intensive swimming program next Tuesday. Please ensure your child brings their towel, goggles & underwear in a named bag, and come dressed with their bathers under their uniform. Students in the group departing school at 9.00am are asked to arrive at school wearing their thongs and caps.



### Year 6 Point Nepean Excursion

Our Year 6 students are looking forward to their excursion to Point Nepean in Portsea next Wednesday. The students will be engaged in activities where they can track some of the significant events and changes that have occurred over time.

### Pyjama Day – New Date

We have a new date for our Pyjama Day. It is now being held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> August. This is a fundraising event organized by a few of our Year 6 students: **Ariane S & Paige S in 6KC, May S, Maddie A and Corey M in 6JM**. They are requesting donations of non-perishable food for needy families in our area, who have been severely disadvantaged during the COVID restrictions. This will be done in conjunction with the Lighthouse Church in Keysborough who will distribute the donations to families in need.



### School Disco

The school disco has been booked for Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August. The sessions are as follows:

<b>Years Foundation – 2</b>	<b>5.45pm to 7.15pm</b>
<b>Years 3 – 6</b>	<b>7.30pm to 9.00pm</b>

### Footy Day – New Date

Our Footy Day has been rescheduled to Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September. Students are encouraged to come to school wearing their football team colours and to bring a **gold coin** donation to support State Schools' Relief. This is a charity supported by children for children, which provides school uniforms, shoes, books and more for disadvantaged children and families in need. Please support this very worthy cause!

### School Productions – New Date

Our school productions date has been changed to Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September. Unfortunately, due to the current COVID restrictions, the production will be performed during the day to staff and students only.



### Curriculum Day – rescheduled

Our Maths curriculum day has been rescheduled to the last day of this term – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September. Students do not attend school on this day. TheirCare will be providing out of hours school care if parents require this service. Please ensure you book in via their portal <https://theircare.com.au/>.

### Parents / Caregivers /Guardians Survey.

Thank you to parents who have already completed the Parents/Caregivers/Guardians Survey. This is just a gentle reminder to please complete the survey if you have not already done so. The survey is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, student engagement and experiences of remote and flexible learning. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

**Parents:  
Please take our survey!**



The link was sent out to parents through Compass on Wednesday. This year, the Parent/Caregivers / Guardian Opinion Survey will be conducted from now until **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August**.

### Foundation Enrolment 2022

We have very few places left for Foundation 2022. If you have a Foundation student starting next year and have not enrolled yet, please do so as soon as possible so you don't miss out on a place. Any out of zone applications will now be placed on a waiting list.

Have a wonderful weekend and take care,

*Cheryle Osborne*





# STARS OF THE WEEK



## Week 3—Term 3



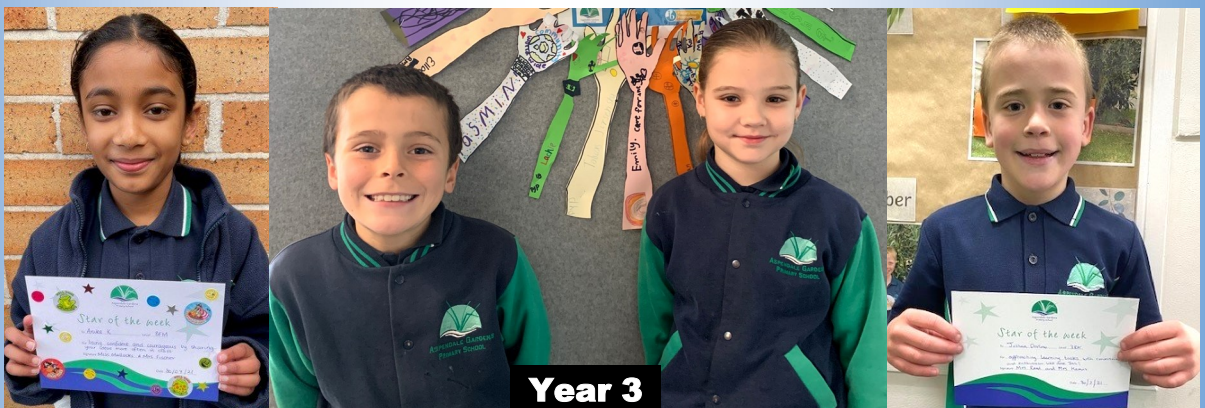
**Foundation**



**Year 1**



**Year 2**



**Year 3**





# STARS OF THE WEEK



## Week 3—Term 3



**Year 4**



**Year 5**



**Year 6**



## WHAT IS A BRAVE WRITER?

In our Literacy Groups we posed this question and discussed our thoughts. We watched an Andy Griffiths clip on the ABC. He suggested we keep a daily journal, write lists and jot down as much as we can starting with the topic we know the most about – ourselves.

Year 5 responses:

*“Sharing and thinking our ideas by talking out loud or writing on paper.”*

*“Having the confidence and building on it.”*

*“Practise, practise! Daily if you can and extra at home.”*

*“Share more but by letting people read our writing.”*

*“Get feedback from friends, teachers and friends.”*

Year 4 and 5 Acrostic Poems, thinking about the word **Lockdown** and what it means to us, at home, at school and with family. A great opportunity to discuss feelings and cover wellbeing and Literacy skills all at one. The verbal chat is just as meaningful as the thinking and writing task itself.



### Learning

Over reactive emotions  
Cooking meals  
Kids doing schoolwork at home  
Devices  
Oh NO!  
Walking with family or friends  
Not fun!

Geraldine B. 5RL

### Learning in lockdown

Online learning  
Children learning in lockdown  
Kids stuck indoors  
Daddys working from home  
Olga is helping me.  
Working at home  
Never give up!

Mia M. 4OM

### Lonely

Oodie  
Cooked food  
Kids doing school at home  
Devices  
Online work  
Walking with my family and my dog  
Not fun doing school at home

Macey S. 5AA

### Looking at a computer

Over-reacting to things  
Creative Art work  
Kids doing school work at home  
Device playing  
Over doing it  
Working  
Netball training within my 5km

Millie Kenington 5RL

**Lockdown**

**On my iPad**

**Can be annoying**

**Keeping track of time always**

**Devices**

**Over it, had enough!**

**Walks with my Dad**

**Not again please**

*Walter G. 4AT*



**Lockdown**

**On my iPad**

**Can be annoying**

**Keeping track of time**

**Devices**

**Over it, had enough**

**Walk with my Dad**

**Not going to school**

*Matthew D. 4OM*

**Lock down at home**

**Online games and learning**

**Can be annoying**

**Know how to do it now**

**Devices**

**Online with people and family**

**With family**

**Not going to school**

*Scarlett W 4AT*

**Lazy**

**Over-reacting**

**Cooking better meals**

**Kids struggling with their boredom**

**Devices**

**Over the top, sad, angry, happy or emotional**

**Walking with my Mum**

**Nothing to do except walk or play video games**

*Cameron A. 5RL*



**Learning on Webex**

**Online learning apps**

**Children going on Class Dojo**

**Kids playing with toys**

**Doing very hard work**

**Only allowed to see family**

**Wanted to skip work**

**Never doing that again!**

*Jai Eaton 4BH*



**Lockdown**

**Online on Webex**

**Cooking with Mum**

**Keeping calm**

**Done!**

**Oh No**

**Walking with my neighbours**

**No more lockdown!**

*Jasper P. 4OM*



# PRODUCTION NEWS

Production has been postponed to Week 10. The new date is Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September.

## COSTUMES

We are well on track with costumes and would like to give a **HUGE** shout out to thank all the parents and staff who have volunteered to help. We are well underway with our class items and I hope you hear and see a lot of practicing at home. Our leads are enthusiastically rehearsing with me in their lunch times and should have their scripts down by next week please.

## SOME OF OUR FEATURED PERFORMERS

**School Dance Captains:** Macca & Hannah in 6KC, Tahliā & Cleo in 2MB, Anika & Ece in 3FM and Shivali & Savannah in 3RK, Jasmine R. & Jasmine S. in 5DG, Isobel & Thalia in 5AA, Hayley & Jayda in 6AK and Ava, Poppy, Phoebe & Jamie in 4BH, Geraldine and Caitlin in 5RL.

**Acrobat Troupe:** Mackenzie, Teah, Ari & Ece in 3FM and Vienna, Caitlyn, Savannah, Charlotte, Alexie, Tiana, Sophie and Joshua in 3RK, Olly P, Vy, Ruby, Emerson, Victoria & Tilly in 5LW.

**Minor Leads:** Angelo/Monkey, Amelia/Cheetah in 3FM and Sarah/Elephant, Max/Hyena in 3RK and Myra C in 5DG as Baby Elephant. CONGRATULATIONS!

Merry Music Making!

*Mrs Nicolson*



## SING YOUR WAY TO HEALTH: THE POSITIVE EFFECTS OF SINGING

- 1 BANISH ANXIETY**  
Singing releases negativity, providing emotionally positive and cheering experiences.
- 2 BOOST BRAIN POWER**  
Singing increases concentration and improves memory.
- 3 PREVENTS COLDS AND FLU**  
Singing reduces the opportunity for bacteria to flourish in the nose and throat.
- 4 KEEP YOUR VOICE YOUNG**  
Singing exercises the vocal cords and keeps them youthful.
- 5 ENERGISE YOURSELF**  
Singing releases endorphins into the system, making you feel energised and uplifted.
- 6 INCREASE YOUR ANTIBODIES**  
In experiments, saliva taken from singers after rehearsing showed increased secretion of antibodies.
- 7 REDUCE BLOOD PRESSURE**  
Choral singing increases blood flow and heart rate.
- 8 GET AN OXYTOCIN HIGH**  
The happy hormone produced in childbirth can also be produced by singing, thus making you feel good.
- 9 IMMUNE SYSTEM BOOST**  
Singing improves circulation which oxygenates the cells.
- 10 GET AN OXYGEN HIGH**  
Singing makes you breathe more deeply so you take in more oxygen, thus improving aerobic capacity.





[Otway Fly Treetop Adventures](#)

**Is very excited to announce our  
Student Tree Day competition!**

In celebration of National Tree Day, Otway Fly Treetop Adventures is inviting students to enter a special competition exclusive to schools. Students are asked to submit artwork in honour of the humble tree and why trees are important to us.

The artwork can be in any form: It could be a poem, drawing, painting, board game, or stop motion video.

The winning entries school will adopt one of our trees along our rainforest walk, with a plaque dedicated to Otway Fly Treetop Adventures. The winning student will also win a family pass to visit Otway Fly Treetop Adventures

## **HOW TO ENTER**

Entries must be submitted to:

[Education@merlinentertainments.com.au](mailto:Education@merlinentertainments.com.au)

SUBJECT must read: TREE DAY COMPETITION

Competition closes: 13 August 2021

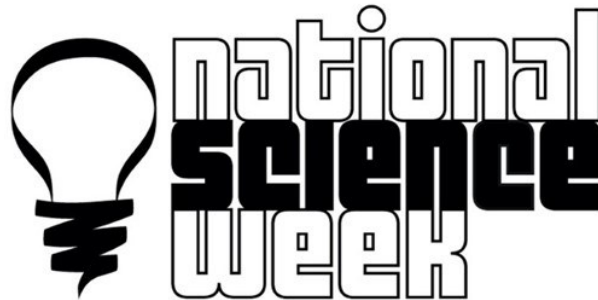
Winner to be announced: 20 August 2021







*Kids from kinder  
to 12 yrs*



*Adults*

**14-22 August 2021**

**FREE activities for all ages!!**

**Aspendale Gardens Community Centre is excited to  
be offering FREE activities to celebrate  
National Science Week!**

**For further information, visit our website  
([www.agcsinc.org.au](http://www.agcsinc.org.au)) or our facebook page  
or call the office on 9587 5955.**

**Let's make science fun!!!**

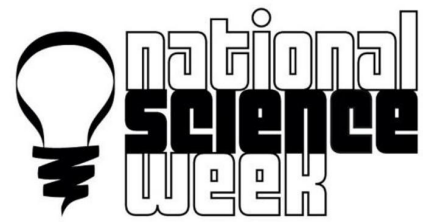
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14-22 August 2021

FREE activities for all ages!!

For more information or to book visit  
trybooking links below! Get in quick!!!

**For Adults:**

**Monday 16 August - Creative ways to reduce food waste**

Time: 10.00am to 11.30am

Bookings essential - [www.trybooking.com/BSRVA](http://www.trybooking.com/BSRVA)



**For kids aged 5-7 years**

**Tuesday 17 August - Clean Marine!!!!**

Time: 4.00pm to 5.00pm

Bookings essential - [www.trybooking.com/BSRXG](http://www.trybooking.com/BSRXG)



**For kids aged 8-12 years**

**Thursday 19 August - Sustainable Recycling & Marine Life**

Time: 4.00pm to 5.00pm

Bookings essential - [www.trybooking.com/BSRXW](http://www.trybooking.com/BSRXW)



**For preschool aged kids (parents required to stay)**

**Friday 20 August - Storytime & Craft**

(jointly presented by Kingston Libraries and AGCS)

Time: 2.00pm to 3.00pm

Bookings essential - [www.trybooking.com/BSRYC](http://www.trybooking.com/BSRYC)



**For kids aged 7-11 years**

**Friday 20 August - Spring into Gardening**

Time: 4.00pm to 5.00pm

Bookings essential - [www.trybooking.com/BSRYP](http://www.trybooking.com/BSRYP)







## IGNITE A PASSION FOR THE GAME!

### Aspendale Auskick

8:30am, Saturday.

Various locations in Aspendale depending on your age group.

Come join our final weeks of Auskick for a discounted fee!  
Email: tara.tolios@afl.com.au

[play.afl/auskick](http://play.afl/auskick)

# KENPO KARATE

## NOW ENROLLING



FIRST 2 LESSONS FREE



Child, Teens & Adult Classes

Working with Children Checked  
Gov Accredited Coaches

## THE DOJO BRAESIDE ACADEMY OF MARTIALARTS

Unit 6 / 314 Governor Rd Braeside  
[www.personalselfdefence.com](http://www.personalselfdefence.com)  
Sensei Peter Tas: 0438 946 781

FOCUS, DISCIPLINE, SELF DEFENCE

### KIDS PARTIES

sports  
bubble soccer  
nerf wars  
laser tag  
bumper cars

## SOCCER

## CRICKET

**\$10 sessions**  
**SPRINGVALE INDOOR SPORTS**  
**9547 2555**

**5:30pm-6:30pm**  
**MON & WED**  
**AGES: 5-7 | 8-11**

**[springvaleindoorsports.com.au/junior-sports](http://springvaleindoorsports.com.au/junior-sports)**

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