

Aspendale Gardens Primary School

Newsletter—Thursday 25th May



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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.

2023 DIARY

MAY

Friday 26 Year 6 ISS vs St Louis P.S.—away
Tuesday 30 School Tour @ 9:15am
Division Cross Country
Wednesday 31 Kingston Division Cross Country
Foundation Moonlit Sanctuary
Excursion
Friday 2 Year 6 ISS vs St Josephs P.S. @ Home
School Assembly @ 2.30pm in Gym

JUNE

Monday 5 FCH Parent Teacher Meetings
2:30pm—4:30pm
Tuesday 6 Years 3 & 4 Swimming Begins
Year 5 Immigration Incursion
Friday 9 Year 6 ISS vs Chelsea P.S. @ Home
Book Club Issue 4 Orders Due
Monday 12 King's Birthday Holiday—NO School

JUNE

Tuesday 13 **NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS**
Wednesday 14 Regional Cross Country Carnival
Thursday 15 Last Running Group for Term 2
Friday 16 Years 3 & 4 Swimming Finishes
Year 6 Winter Lightning Premiership
**Special NAIDOC Week Celebrations
School Assembly @ 2.30pm in Gym**
Monday 19 Year 3 Prof Bunsen Burner Incursion
Parent Teacher Meetings 3:45—6pm
School Council Meeting @ 6:30pm
Wednesday 21 Parent Teacher Meetings
(3:45pm—7:30pm)
Thursday 22 Term 2 Ends—2:30pm Dismissal
Friday 23 **PUPIL FREE DAY—NO SCHOOL**

JULY

Monday 10 Term 3 Begins

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

Mrs Sargood Incursion

On Monday morning I was greeted by 2 ladies dressed in clothes from the 1880s. These were educators from Rippon Lea Estate who were providing an incursion for the Year 1s, based on their unit 'How changes over time influence who we are and how we live today'. The Year 1 students looked amazing as they arrived at school dressed in clothes from that period, with flat caps, shorts, pinafores and shawls. The students had a fun-packed day with activities including school lessons, family life and children's games. It was a memorable day for the Year 1 students.

Senior House Athletics Carnival

The sun shone on our students as they made their way, dressed in their House colours, to Edithvale Reserve. There was much excitement amongst the students as they prepared for the day ahead. The students rotated through a number of different athletics activities, including 100m sprint, hurdles, long jump, shot put, discus, sack race and egg and spoon race, accruing points for their House and having fun.



There were a good number of parents volunteering to assist with the activities, of which we are very grateful. The students had a great day. A big thank you to Mr King and Mr Murphy for their excellent organisation.

Junior Mayor

Today our School Captains are travelling to the Kingston Town Hall in Moorabbin, with Miss Hiscock, to participate in the Junior Mayor competition. They were asked to speak about '*how can we improve the mental health of our children*'. Koby, Eva, Will and Bella prepared the speech and Will will be presenting it in front of other local primary schools today.



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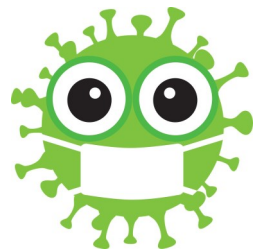


Ms Kelly Cornelius has taught at AGPS for over 10 years in a variety of roles including Performing Arts, Visual Arts and as a Year 6 teacher. Kelly has been extending her studying this past year, as she has a passion for supporting mental health. The study that Kelly has been undertaking has led to her being offered a new job opportunity, which she has accepted. Kelly is currently on Long Service Leave and will not be returning to AGPS. The staff will be farewelling Kelly and thanking her for her contribution to our school on Monday.

On Wednesday we had a visit from Chandra and Eardley Foenander who are our crossing supervisors on Wells Road. Chandra and Eardley are a delightful couple who have been ensuring our students are safe crossing Wells Road and checking in on their welfare daily as they wait to cross the road. They have been crossing supervisors on Wells Road for 10 years and will be retiring before the winter months start. We would like to thank Chandra and Eardley for their service to our community and wish them all the best for their retirement. Their final day will be next Wednesday (31st) May.

Illness and Absences

Once again, coming into the winter months, there has been some sickness around including some cases of COVID. These have affected both students and teachers alike. When students have flu-like symptoms, we would remind parents to be mindful of keeping their children away from school and also testing for COVID. Some teachers have picked up COVID and then are having to take the recommended 5 days off school. This has been challenging to cover classes, as there have been times when the Casual Relief Teachers (CRT) Agency has not had any supply of replacement teachers. In these circumstances, we have at times had to split classes. Should any parents need a box of RATs (Rapid Antigen Tests), please collect a box from the school office. We still have some available. We also have children & adult masks available from the office.



Foundation Enrolments

We have been running regular school tours for our prospective parents and students. These have resulted in applications for enrolments being completed. We would remind our current parents to complete an application if they have other children who will be attending AGPS in Foundation next year. These application forms can be collected from the school office and must be submitted no later than 28th July.

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, we are unable to offer the snow camp this year.

Have a fantastic weekend!

Jonathan



Year 5 Camp PGL Campaspe Downs Kyneton



All the Year 5s absolutely loved attending camp at Campaspe Downs! Did you know that Campaspe Downs is Australia's largest camp? At Campaspe Downs, there were multiple activities that made us all step out of our comfort zone. Some of our favourite activities were the Giant Swing, Canoeing, Abseiling and Aeroball. Despite not having enough sleep, on the second day we absolutely loved the food. For dinner one night, we even got ice-cream with our pudding.

We were so surprised when Batman arrived in our cabins for a wake-up call one morning. He also came over for a nice cup of tea during dinner.

The night activities were great too. On the first night we got to do Wacky races and on the next night we got to watch 'The Little Rascals'.

What an awesome adventure camp was!

By Olivia, Alexia, Yasmin and Chloe, 5AA









Year 6 Interschool Sport (ISS)

Match Report



Last Friday, the Year 6 students travelled to Edithvale Primary School for their second round of Year 6 Interschool Sport (ISS) for Term 2. The Year 6 students did a fantastic job, representing AGPS with pride in 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	14
Edithvale P.S.	11	Edithvale P.S.	18
Best Player/s:	Sara C & Scarlett W	Best Player/s:	Gemma G

Soccer (Boys)		Soccer (Girls)	
AGPS	4	AGPS	12
Edithvale P.S.	2	Edithvale P.S.	0
Best Player/s:	Emmett B & Oliver R	Best Player/s:	Mia H & Eva H

Tee Ball (Mixed)		AFL (Boys)	
AGPS	23	AGPS	62
Edithvale P.S.	25	Edithvale P.S.	0
Best Player/s:	Ella B-H, Leah O-H. Tommy T & Qianyi S	Best Player/s:	Will T & Ethan D



Tomorrow we will be travelling away to play against **St. Louis de Montfort's School**. 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

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

\$5.00 per item

**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.

All donations can be left at the school office.



ASPENDALE GARDENS PRIMARY SCHOOL 2024 FOUNDATION ENROLMENTS

We invite you to tour our school and visit our Foundation classrooms.
Please feel free to bring any questions you may have. We look forward to meeting you.
Please phone our office on 9587 0877 to book your tour, or to speak with
Maddy Chapple or Nat Tangey—our Foundation Transition Coordinators.



EDUCATION WEEK
Monday 15th—Friday 19th May

OPEN NIGHT

Tuesday 16th May
5.00pm—6.30pm
Classrooms open to visit



FOUNDATION PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

in our Library
Tuesday 9th May 6:00pm—7:00pm



TOUR DATES & TIMES

Tuesday 2 nd May	2.30pm–3.15pm
Tuesday 9 th May	9.15am–10.00am
Tuesday 16 th May	9.15am–10.00am
Tuesday 23 rd May	2.30pm–3.15pm
Tuesday 30 th May	9.15am–10.00am

APPLICATIONS to enrol OPENED

Monday 24th April

APPLICATIONS CLOSE

Friday 28th July

Dream Believe Achieve

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).
- Cost: \$200 (Foundation) \$270 (Years 1-6). This includes all materials for the 5/8 week program and weekly emails to parents.
- 10% discount for siblings and returning students.

This program would suit:

- Children who get stressed easily and/or have anxiety.
- 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!

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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

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 contact the service through the details below if your child has any cancellations or last minute bookings.



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 been happening?

CREEPY CRAWLIES

We've had a week full of insect-related activities due to a request from one of our children at TheirCare. We did some observational drawings inspired by insect figurines, spider and snake craft creations, pipe cleaner insects, animal sponge painting, and an outdoor scavenger hunt!

Hama beads have recently become increasingly popular, making them an excellent indoor relaxing exercise for those cold and wet afternoons!



Scavenger Hunt

What's on this week!

ANIMALS

Our children at TheirCare have lately expressed a strong interest in animals, particularly pets, and have been sharing stories and photos about them during sessions; what better way to highlight this than to dedicate a week to animal-related activities? So bring in your soft toys, pet photos and stories to share!

We will also be dedicating time to work on our new dramatic play area - Pizza Shop, which the children have been looking forward to having.



Insect Craft

Week 5 ASC Menu

In addition to a nutritious fruit & veggie platter:

Monday
Wholemeal Crumpets served with Fruit

Tuesday
Savoury Platter

Wednesday
Pastry Scrolls

Thursday
Garlic Bread

Friday
Rice Crackers served with Vegetables and Dips



TIMES

Before School: 7:00AM - 8:45AM
After School: 2:30PM - 6:15PM
Holidays: 7:00AM - 6:15PM

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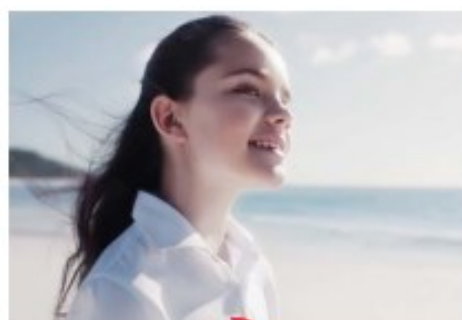


An experience that goes far beyond the stage!

Girls blossom as members of the AGC, both on and off the stage. Your daughter will develop confidence, public speaking and presentation skills, resilience and friendships that will last a lifetime.

Our senior performers have shared the stage with a long list of artists including Hugh Jackman, Amy Shark and Kylie Minogue. We are proud to have represented Qantas for 25 years in the iconic 'I Still Call Australia Home' advertising campaigns and at hundreds of live events.

Now accepting Semester 2 enrolments for our rehearsal venues in Berwick, Box Hill, Caulfield North, Cheltenham, Essendon, Glen Waverley, Greensborough, Heidelberg, Ivanhoe, Kew, Ringwood and Yarraville.



 QANTAS

JOIN US AT OUR JUNE OPEN DAY

Register now at ausgirlschoir.com.au/joinagc or phone 03 9859 6499



AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS



Preparing for Extreme Weather

Storms & Floods
Information Session

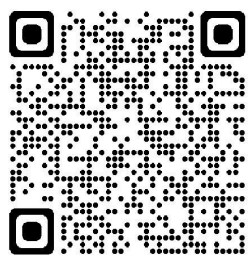
FREE EVENT

**Friday 16 June
11:00am - 12:00pm**

In this workshop you will hear from Phil Wall from Chelsea SES. Phil will share valuable information on preparing for extreme weather and provide examples of the fabulous work that our emergency services do on a daily occurrence.



Book at:
agcsinc.org.au or

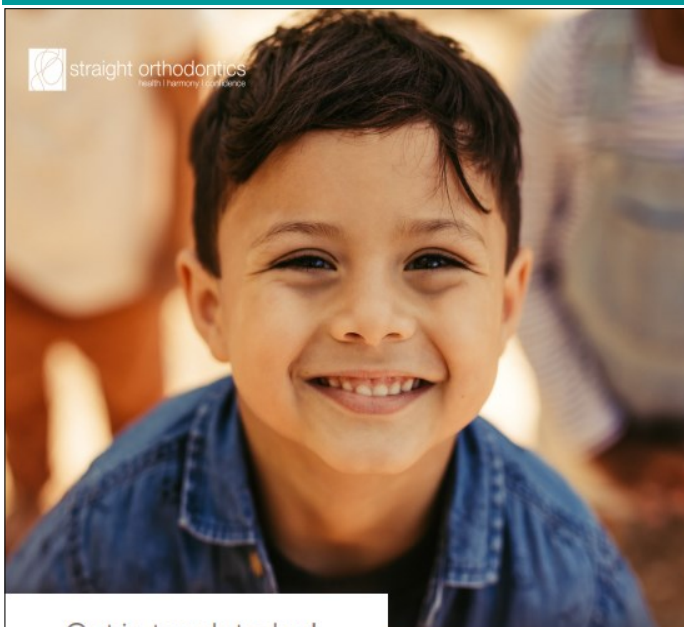


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