

Aspendale Gardens Primary School

Newsletter—Thursday 22nd June



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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

JUNE

Friday 23 PUPIL FREE DAY—NO SCHOOL

JULY

Monday 10 Term 3 Begins

Wednesday 12 Year 6 Girls' AFL Competition

Friday 14 ALL Chocolate Drive Money Due

Wednesday 19 Foundation Drama Toolbox Incursion

Monday 24 Year 3 Crazy Chemical Incursion

School Council Meeting 6:30pm

JULY

Monday 31

Year 5 Expedition to Mars Excursion
5AA & 5LW

AUGUST

Tuesday 1

Year 5 Expedition to Mars Excursion
5BM & 5RK

Thursday 3

YEAR 6 EXHIBITION

Monday 7

BOOK WEEK Begins

Friday 11

PUPIL FREE DAY—NO SCHOOL

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 23rd June

PUPIL FREE DAY—Numeracy & Wellbeing

Friday 11th August

PUPIL FREE DAY—Literacy

FROM OUR ACTING PRINCIPAL

What a busy first semester of learning and experiences it has been for our students. It has been action packed with learning opportunities, incursions, excursions, camps, swimming programs and sporting events. I think that students (and teachers) are definitely ready for a well-earned break from school.

School Disco

The two school discos that were held last Friday were very well attended and enjoyed by the students. There was lots of excitement, smiles and squeals of happiness throughout the evening. A big thank you goes to our Fundraising Team, led by Catherine Pinches, and to the parents who offered to assist with a range of roles on the evening, including checking wrist bands, selling glow products, first aid and security / safety patrols. Thank you to those parents who volunteered to assist, but who were not needed on this occasion. There will be other opportunities at our Fathers' Day Stall, Christmas Raffle & Carols BBQ.



Professor Bunsen

This week Professor Bunsen visited our Year 3 students to open their eyes about science. Professor Bunsen is an engaging presenter who inspires the students to think about how science has an effect on our everyday lives. They were given insights into the different states of matter and experienced some examples of chemical change and physical change. I am sure some of the concepts that he covered today will spark an interest and encourage them to question more about the world around them.



School Council

Our School Council had their fourth meeting of the year on Monday. I would like to thank Ash Williams, our School Council President, and the other members of School Council for their ongoing commitment to the school and their engagement with our school community.

Year 1 Discovery Time

The Year 1 students have been finishing off their Discovery Time presentations this week and were creating 3D objects from toothpicks and plasticine.



Girls' Soccer

Last week our Year 5 / 6 soccer team ended up drawing the Lightning Premiership competition. So on Wednesday morning, St Joseph's PS came over for a playoff game against our team. It was a sunny morning which allowed for some of our students to cheer our team on. Our girls gave everything to the game and competed well, but unfortunately lost the game 3-0. Well done to our team for their fair and respectful play and for the supporters for cheering them on.

Kitchen Garden

Year 4 students went over to the IGA on Wednesday to buy produce for the recipes that they have developed for their final kitchen garden session. We hope the recipes all turn out well and are enjoyed by the classes. Next term, the Kitchen Garden program will involve the Year 3 and Year 5 students.



I was fortunate to be sent this poem about 'friendship' from Alison in 5LW and thought it was too good not to share. What an amazing insight into her views of friendship, and how eloquently she has turned this into a poem.

'What Friends are For'

There is a miracle called friendship that dwells within the heart,
And you don't know how it happens or when it even starts.
But the happiness it brings you is always a special lift,
So before you know it you realise friendship is a precious gift.

True friends are those who care without hesitation,
Who can remember without limitation.
Who forgive without explanation,
And trust without communication.

A friend is like a miracle that shimmers and glows,
Or maybe like an ocean that slowly flows.
A friend is like a diamond that you should treasure,
And fiercely defend it for ever and ever.

Friends will listen, support and care,
And when you're down they are always there.
A friend is someone you can't replace,
Someone who isn't just a pretty face.

You'll have them there through the highs and lows,
They will be by your side when you're all alone.
Friends will be first to cheer on your success,
But last to desert you if you're in distress.

A friend stands alongside you through all the pain,
A friend is consistent but not at all vain.
A friend is someone you can trust,
Ready to counsel, yet is firm and just.

Friendship is a priceless gift—it cannot be bought or sold,
But its value is much greater than a mountain range of gold.
For the gold is cold and lifeless – it can neither see nor can it hear,
And in times of trouble it is powerless to cheer.

It has no ears to listen not even a heart to understand,
It cannot bring you comfort itself or reach out a helping hand.
To be kind a friend does not need a reason,
A friend remains the same every season.

From sharing stories from the heart,
Each friend is an important part.
A true friend is someone who can stand inside your shoes,
Feel your joy and not judge or accuse.

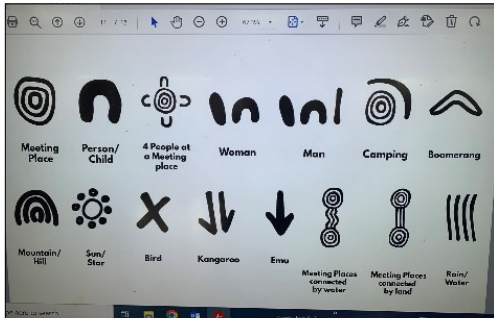
To have a true friend is special and rare,
So cherish your friends with love and care.



By Alison 5LW

NAIDOC Week Celebrations

As part of our NAIDOC Week celebrations, the Year 5 and Year 6 students participated in an art workshop with Bayley Mifsud from Merindah-Gunya Art. The focus was on story telling through indigenous art techniques. The Year 3s have been looking at the 'Uluru Statement from the Heart', linked to their unit of inquiry on how 'Perspectives are shaped by culture and history'. The students worked through activities, showing an appreciation of indigenous culture whilst acknowledging the experiences of our First Nations people.



Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to all our Foundation students who have read or shared over 30 books this year and have now completed the Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge for 2023. Such a fantastic effort!

End of Term

A reminder that our final day of term for the students was today Thursday 22nd June, with an early dismissal at 2.30pm. The teachers will be in school for professional development sessions on Friday. They will be focusing on how we best develop students' number fluency in Mathematics and strategies for regularly revisiting Mathematical knowledge and understanding. This will be followed by a wellbeing activity for the staff, which will involve them using their knowledge, experience and collaboration skills.

On behalf of all our staff, we wish our families an enjoyable and relaxing break. We will see everyone back on Monday 10th July.

Jonathan

2023 SCHOOL TERM DATES

TERM 3: Monday 10 July
to Friday 15 September

TERM 4: Monday 2 October
to Wednesday 20 December

2024 SCHOOL TERM DATES

TERM 1: Tuesday 30 January (students)
to Friday 29 March

TERM 3: Monday 15 July
to Friday 20 September

TERM 2: Monday 15 April
to Friday 28 June

TERM 4: Monday 7 October
to Friday 20 December

Where We Are in Place and Time
'People relocate their homes for a variety of reasons'

This term, we have been exploring the reasons why people relocate their homes, including: war, natural disasters, family and education. The Year 5 Students participated in the 'Immigration Journeys' incursion, where they were able to take an Australian Citizenship test and learn about famous Australian immigrants.



Southern Metropolitan Region Cross Country Carnival

On **Wednesday 14th June**, there was a highly motivated, determined and fit endurance runner that donned the navy blue, emerald and white to represent Aspendale Gardens Primary School at the **Southern Metropolitan Regional Cross Country Carnival** at Hastings foreshore, Hastings.

Well done to **Charlie F, in 4OM**, who ran the course in an exceptional time while competing against students from the Southern Metropolitan Region.



Name	Class	Event	Place
Charlie F	4OM	9/10 YO (Boys)	9 th

A **HUGE CONGRATULATIONS** to Charlie who is the **first student in Aspendale Gardens Primary School history** to progress through to the **Primary State Cross Country Championships** which will take place on **Thursday 13th July** at the Yarra Valley Racing Club, Yarra Glen after finishing in **9th place** at the **Southern Metropolitan Regional** event.

In addition to progressing through to the State Championships, Charlie also broke an **AGPS School Cross Country Record**. Charlie now holds the **9/10 YO (Boys)** school record with a time of **7:07 (minutes)** over **2 kilometres**.

Charlie, you should be extremely proud of your efforts as you performed exceptionally well on the day. Mr. King, Mr. Murphy and the rest of AGPS are certainly blown away with your results, dedication to cross country running and your success over this term. We wish you all the best for the next stage of competition in Term 3!



Thank you to those who supported Charlie on the day. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Mr. Braden King

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.**

Term 2 Environmental Workshop

On Tuesday 13th June, the environmental leaders visited Namatjira Reserve in Clayton to view the emptying of a waterways litter trap. Whilst there, we learnt about how a litter trap works and the sorts of items that are collected in them. The amount of litter that we saw in one net was outrageous – there was even a car's number plate!

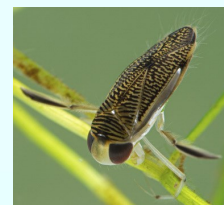
Next, we walked down to a series of ponds within the wetlands and took water samples to identify if they contained any pollution-tolerant species'. A range of fish and insects were found including a water boatman, a mosquito fish, an egg sack and two midge worms. In the second activity, we did a number of tests to check the quality of the water, including a pH test, a turbidity test, an electrical conductivity test and a reaction test. It was determined that the water in this pond was relatively good quality, which is fantastic.



Lastly, we went to Mordialloc Pier and Mordialloc Creek. There, we listened to a lady named Mandy, who works for the "i sea, I care" Foundation. She talked to us about the litter traps and how important it is to reduce the purchase and use of plastic products and other non-sustainable items. We thoroughly enjoyed listening and learning about how important our planet is and what we can do to ensure the environment remains the best it can be.

We are looking forward to our Term 3 workshop at Chelsea Yacht Club.

The Environmental Leaders—Lewis, Ruby, Eli and Leah



Year 6 Winter Lightning Premiership Report

Last **Friday 16th June**, the Year 6 students participated in the Year 6 Winter Lightning Premiership Competition and finished with some fantastic results. We had the **AFL** team travel to Bonbeach Sports Reserve with Mr. King & Deb Watkins, the **Netball** teams travel to Chelsea Netball Club with Miss Hiscock and Miss Kelly, the **Soccer** teams travel to Tatterson Park with Mr. Murphy and Ms. Coltman, and the **Tee Ball** teams travelled to Bicentennial Park with Mrs Morrison-Woolcock & Kaylee Athanasiou.

It was a fun filled day of sport with all students who participated showcasing their fantastic sporting skills and demonstrating a high level of sportsmanship which Aspendale Gardens Primary School prides itself on. Well done to all students and teams! Thank you to Mac Baldry, Charlie Bateman, Rori Wenke, Chloe Lewis (all work experience students), Tao Soerono (Ms Coltman's son), teachers, aides and parents who helped coach, umpire or cheer on the teams throughout the day. Your support was greatly appreciated!

Congratulations and a special mention to the **Soccer (Boys)** and **Soccer (Girls)** teams who both finished in **2nd place**, making them the **Chelsea District Runners Up** for 2023.

Mr Braden King

Results from the Year 6 Winter Lightning Premiership

AFL			
<u>Game #1:</u>	<u>Game #2:</u>	<u>Game #3:</u>	<u>Game #4:</u>
AGPS 9	AGPS 33	AGPS 49	AGPS 19
Chelsea PS 18	CHPS 14	Edithvale PS 12	St. Joseph's PS 14
Best Player/s:	Best Player/s:	Best Player/s:	Best Player/s:
Kaden E & Koby F	Archie S, Will T & Koby F	Chevy S, Archie S & Evan G	Everyone



Netball		Soccer	
Boys/Mixed	Girls	Boys	Girls
Game #1: AGPS 6 St. Joseph's PS 8 Best Player/s: Hanna M, Mila Z & Alex N	Game #1: AGPS 6 St. Joseph's PS 6 Best Player/s: Gemma G, Ruby M-B & Scarlett W	Game #1: AGPS 4 CHPS 0 Best Player/s: Ishak A & Emmett B	Game #1: AGPS 2 CHPS 0 Best Player/s: Eva H & Winona L
Game #2: AGPS 10 Chelsea PS 1 Best Player/s: Beren U & Allison D-C	Game #2: AGPS 18 Chelsea PS 0 Best Player/s: Bella Q & Zoe B	Game #2: AGPS 3 Edithvale PS 2 Best Player/s: Haroon K & Hugo H-H	Game #2: AGPS 5 Edithvale PS 0 Best Player/s: Olivia W & Mia M
Game #3: AGPS 7 Edithvale PS 4 Best Player/s: Alice G & Allison D-C	Game #3: AGPS 6 Edithvale PS 6 Best Player/s: Gemma G, Ruby M-B & Bella Q	Game #3: AGPS 4 St. Louis 1 Best Player/s: David R & Ben H	Game #3: AGPS 2 St. Louis 0 Best Player/s: Mia M & Alisha H
Game #4: AGPS 1 CHPS 5 Best Player/s: Beren U & Sara C	Game #4: AGPS 6 CHPS 8 Best Player/s: Chloe H & Poppy B	Final: AGPS 0 Aspendale PS 1 Best Player/s: Emmett B & Hugo H-H	Final: AGPS 0 St. Joseph's PS 2 Best Player/s: Eva H & Charlotte B
Final: AGPS 11 Edithvale PS 0 Best Player/s: Beren U & Hanna M	Final: AGPS 5 CHPS 7 Best Player/s: Everyone		





Tee Ball

Boys		Girls	
<u>Game #1:</u>	<u>Game #2:</u>	<u>Game #1:</u>	<u>Game #2:</u>
AGPS 0	AGPS 6	AGPS 0	AGPS 4
St. Louis 12	Chelsea PS 15	St. Louis 13	Aspendale PS 11
Best Player/s: William M & Jordan L	Best Player/s: Eli F & Matthew D	Best Player/s: Jamie M & Amy T	Best Player/s: Ella B-H & Jessie F
<u>Game #3:</u>	<u>Final:</u>	<u>Game #3:</u>	<u>Final:</u>
AGPS 15	AGPS 0	AGPS 5	AGPS 10
Edithvale PS #2 10	Edithvale PS #1 14	Carrum PS 10	CHPS 7
Best Player/s: Tommy T & Jordan L	Best Player/s: Everyone	Best Player/s: Mia P & Phoebe S	Best Player/s: Everyone





Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is OPEN and Aspendale Gardens Primary School is excited to be participating. The PRC application offers a range of exciting features including:

- access to a library catalogue (including book images and blurbs)
- a modern user-friendly interface
- rewarding students with badges as challenge milestones are achieved
- the option for students to mark books as a favourite, give them a star rating or complete a book review

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by Friday 8th September 2023.

Children from Foundation to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

For the Foundation to Year 2 students Teachers will keep track of books those student have 'experienced' during the Challenge and books will be entered onto the VPRC data base by the school.

Year 3 – Year 6 students will be given their VPRC username and passcode to access their VPRC page and enter their books themselves at any time. Many students are familiar with the process but we will be instructing them on how to access their page over the next week.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former Premiers.

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklist and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit:

<https://www.vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge>

Please feel free to contact the school if you have any questions regarding the VPRC.

Thank you.

Glenys Balik

Library Manager

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!

We have reached the end of term 2 and where has the time gone! What a fantastic term it has been, with session numbers increasing each week.

This week, we are celebrating the end of term 2 with fun activities, the highlight of which is cooking! Children enjoy being involved in the kitchen, so what better way to satisfy this than providing a variety of fun and safe cooking activities?

Pupil Free Day

For the pupil free day on Friday, June 23rd, Aspendale Gardens TheirCare will be open from 7:00AM to 6:15PM, so don't forget to book your child in!

Winter Holiday Program

Bookings are now open for the winter holiday program at Aspendale Gardens TheirCare, which starts in little over two weeks!

You can download our program's schedule via the TheirCare website or pick up a flyer from our service.



Make your own Pizzas!



Winter Holiday Program



Week 9 ASC Menu

In addition to a nutritious fruit & veggie platter:

Monday
Mini Wholemeal Pizzas

Tuesday
Rice Cakes served with dips and veggies

Wednesday
Freshly Baked Scones

Thursday
Spring Rolls served with an Asian Salad

Friday (Pupil Free Day)
Party Platter

TIMES

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

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QUESTIONS

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WHO

Girls aged 6 years to 12+ years

WHEN

Wednesday 28th June 2023
9:00 am to 4:00 pm

WHERE

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COST

\$30 inc. food, craft & activities
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TUESDAY 27TH JUNE

PLAYGROUP

9.30am - 11.00am
Same time on Tuesday 4th July &
Thursday 6th July

Ages 0 - 5
\$6

Learn & develop through play based activities! Including playdough, drawing, water & sand play, storytelling -- and more! Parents required to stay.

THURSDAY 29TH JUNE

MESSY PLAY

9.30am - 10.30am
Ages 0 - 5
\$15

A place for children to engage all of their senses, explore different materials, and focus on process rather than end result. Come along to be creative, try new things, and have a lot of fun! Parents required to stay.

WEDNESDAY 5TH JULY

FOOST KIDS COOKING

10.30am - 12.00pm
Ages 5 - 12
FREE

Meet Foost's Colourful Chef, 'challenge your senses' guessing game with ingredients and prepare your own naturally 'colourful' dishes using Australian Super Foods featuring Native Australian Ingredients.



WEDNESDAY 28TH JUNE

BE PLASTIC FREE

10.00am - 11.00am
Ages 5 - 12
Free



Learn how to reduce single-use plastic and avoid waste while getting creative! We will explore the problem with plastic, create some upcycled artwork and provide you with a 'Be Plastic Free' challenge to test yourselves at home! Parents required to stay.

TUESDAY 4TH JULY

PLAYBALL

Half Day: 9.30am - 1.30pm
Full Day: 9.30am - 3.00pm
Same times on Wednesday 5th July
Ages 3 - 9
\$40 half / \$60 full day

With entertainers Captain America on Tuesday and Flash on Wednesday, each day will consist of a combination of sport, art & crafts, treasure hunts, music and fun outdoor experiences!

THURSDAY 6TH JULY

YOUTH ART

10.30am - 12.00pm
Ages 10 - 13
\$20

Paint and name this colourful Giraffe! All supplies provided in this hour and half session with experienced artist Lee Cummins. Take home your masterpiece to hang on the wall.



ASPENDALE GARDENS COMMUNITY CENTRE SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

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**THUR 29TH OF JUNE & TUES
4TH JULY**

-  **No Experience Required**
-  **Age 5- 15**
-  **Equipment Provided**
-  **Free and Fun Day Run by a
PGA & WPGA Professional**
-  **Time to be advised upon
booking**



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Friday 15 September**

**TERM 4: Monday 2 October to
Wednesday 20 December**



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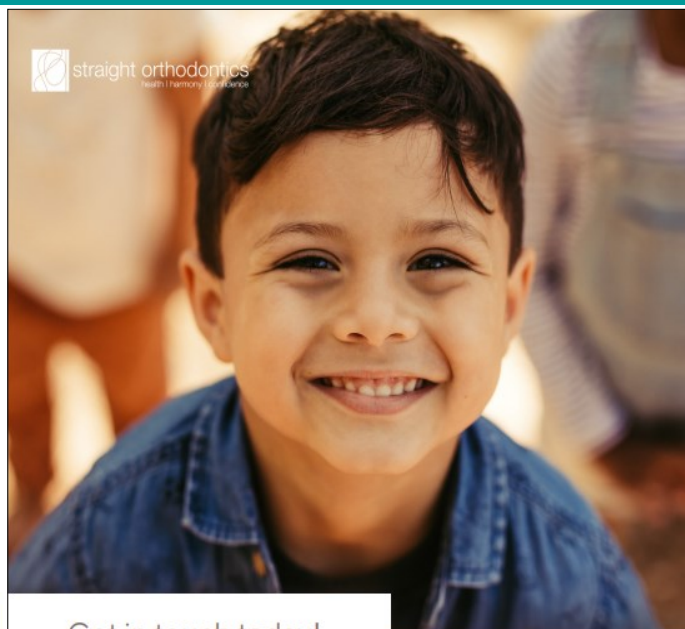
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