

Aspendale Gardens Primary School

Newsletter—Thursday 13th July



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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

JULY

Friday 14 ALL Chocolate Drive Money Due
 Please return all money to Office

Monday 17 Kingston Division Girls' AFL Day

Wednesday 19 Foundation Drama Toolbox Incursion

Friday 21 Year 6 ISS vs St Joseph's P.S. @ Home

Monday 24 Year 3 Crazy Chemical Incursion
 School Council Meeting 6:30pm

Thursday 27 Foundation 100th Day of School

Friday 28 Year 6 ISS vs St Louis' P.S. @ Home

Monday 31 Year 5 Expedition to Mars Excursion
 5AA & 5LW

AUGUST

Tuesday 1 Year 5 Expedition to Mars Excursion
 5BM & 5RK

AUGUST

Thursday 3 YEAR 6 EXHIBITION

Monday 7 BOOK WEEK Begins
 Book Week Parade @ 9am in Gym

Thursday 10 Year 2 Scienceworks Excursion

Friday 11 PUPIL FREE DAY—NO SCHOOL

Monday 14 SCIENCE WEEK BEGINS

Thursday 17 Year 3 Science Expo 9am—11am

Friday 18 Year 6 ISS vs Aspendale P.S.—Away
 NAIDOC/Book Week Assembly

Monday 21 Year 4 Gould League Excursion

Tuesday 22 Foundation Swimming Begins

Friday 25 Year 6 ISS vs Patterson Lakes P.S. Away

Monday 28 PRODUCTION WEEK—Years 5 & 6

Tuesday 29 Year 3 Geo Centre Excursion

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 14th July

CADBURY CHOCOLATE DRIVE ENDS

Please return all money to the Office

Friday 11th August

PUPIL FREE DAY—Literacy

FROM OUR ACTING PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing break and enjoyed some family time. The children who attended TheirCare Holiday activities were certainly kept busy and entertained with craft activities, science experiments, an Escape Room Incursion, Royal Flying Doctors Incursion, theatre visits and an arcade excursion.

Upgrades

There is a new welcome to AGPS. The entrance doors to the Administration building have been replaced. This was a much needed upgrade as Graeme, our Maintenance Officer, had patched up the old doors on numerous occasions.

Over the holidays we had a company in to complete the area around the new Gaga pit, by fitting it with fake turf. This will ensure the students can enjoy this resource all year round. There were also three small patches of fake turf that were laid in the school. Have you been observant and noticed where these are?



We have also added to our garden area by re-introducing chickens into the coop. There are four chickens who we will get to know and name over the coming weeks and when the warmer months come, they will be laying eggs for use in our Kitchen Garden program.



Staffing

As most of you will know Cheryle Osborne, our substantive Principal has been on secondment over the past 18 months. She has now moved schools from Queenscliff to Ocean Grove Primary School for Semester 2. We will still keep Cheryle updated with AGPS news and wish her all the best for the coming months.

We welcome Niamh Aherne back to our school, having returned from family leave. Niamh will be teaching two days of the Visual Arts program with the younger aged students. Beck Pahl joins us working in a Year 2 class for the term and Breanna Osborne and Renata Kanagaratnam will be teaching a Year 5 class for the term. These are covering staff who are on Long Service Leave.

We welcome all our new staff and trust that they will be made to feel supported by our special school community. We are very fortunate to have these experienced teachers joining us, bearing in mind the teacher shortage that Victoria has been experiencing for the last two years.

RATs (Rapid Antigen Tests)

We have a number of RATs which will soon be expiring (July / Aug 23). If there are any parents who would like to have a box, please go to the office to collect one. We will be looking to donate the rest of them to medical centres by the end of this week, so they will be put to good use before they expire.

Secondary School Applications

The secondary school allocation process is nearly complete. Year 6 parents who have applied for their children to attend Government secondary schools in 2024 will be notified by post on Wednesday 19th July. Following this notification we ask that parents return the acceptance notice to us at school. From this date onwards, the secondary schools will be able to make contact with the families directly.

Cyber Safety

Here are a couple of the key links that we use at school to help educate our students about cyber safety. There will certainly be some useful information to assist with parents' understanding of how they can protect their child and support them around the use of technology.

eSafety Commissioner - <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>

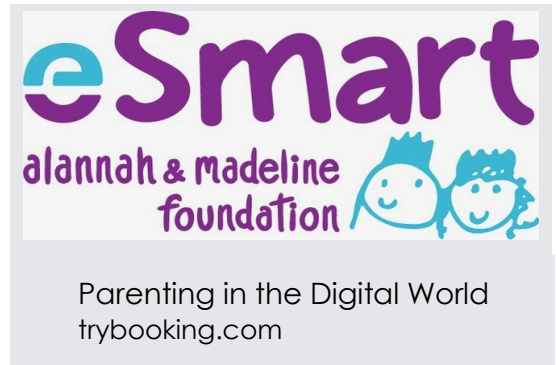
DET Cybersafety Advice Sheets - <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/bullystoppers/Pages/advicecybersafe.aspx>

Parenting in the Digital World

This session provides insight into the online worlds of young people including the latest trends, risks, and research, and includes a strong focus on social media. It also offers advice parents can use to help manage a child's life online.

Session Time: Tuesday 8th August
7:30pm—8:30pm

Location: Online event access details will be provided by the event organiser—click on **trybooking.com** for more information



Kingston Swimming Pool Feedback

As mentioned last term, we have been given the opportunity to give feedback about what the new centre might include. This week, your family would have received a flier from Kingston Council sharing links to the concept design for the new aquatic and leisure facility. We ask families to give their feedback so that the local facility reflects the wishes of our community. Our Student Representative Council will be completing some student-based survey questions relating to the new facility next week.

The ACAP Clinic

The availability of psychologists, counsellors and social workers has been very limited over the past 4 years. This has resulted in families not being able to get the support they require or the support taking a long time to access. Please see the advertisement later in the newsletter from the Australian College of Applied Professions, offering some of these vital services.

Have a fantastic weekend.

Jonathan



Performing Arts @ AGPS



Recycling

Thank you to Graeme, Ayden, Jade, Ewan & Liam in year 5 for cutting up all our tubes for our rain sticks. We are still looking for many more. A huge thankyou to Kylie Milne for also donating and cutting up so many.

Production

Rehearsals have started in earnest. Thank you to Mrs Nicolson, Mrs McGregor and Miss Archer. Costumes are well on their way with thanks to Maria and Sarah. Costume requirements for Years 5 and 6 were sent out at the end of Term 2. If you are having any problems sourcing anything, please contact Maria or Sarah and they might be able to help.

Permission notices for Senior Choir and Dance troupe have also been sent home and require a response please.

Merry Music Making

Mrs Nicolson and Mrs McGregor

Years 5/6 District Girls AFL Match Report

On **Wednesday 12th July** in near perfect conditions at **Roy Dore Reserve, Carrum**, the **Years 5/6 Girls AFL Team** took on strong competition in the Chelsea & Patterson District Girls AFL tournament. The girls showcased their sleek skills over four games, showing fierce determination, strong tackling abilities and a very impressive display of teamwork. The 19 girls had a fantastic day loving every minute of play, eager to outclass the next opponent. All the girls represented AGPS extremely well, showing extraordinary teamwork, sportsmanship and respect in all the games they played.



At the end of the tournament, the AGPS girls finished in **2nd place** out of 5 teams. This result means that the girls are the **Chelsea District Runners Up** for 2023. They have now progressed through to the **Kingston**

Division stage next **Monday 17th July** at **Baxter Park, Frankston South**. Good luck next Monday girls!
All of AGPS are behind you!

Thank you to all of the wonderful parents and family friends who came down and supported the girls. Your support is greatly appreciated. Well done to the Years 5/6 Girls AFL team on a fantastic effort, Mr. King is a very proud coach!

Game 1:

AGPS 2 . 12 . 24
Chelsea PS 0 . 0 . 0

Goal Kickers:

Bella Q & Hanna M

Best Players:

Alisha H, Hanna M
& Scarlett W

Game 2:

AGPS 1 . 0 . 6
St. Joseph's PS 0 . 1 . 1

Goal Kickers:

Izzy P

Best Players:

Mia M, Indi M, Ebony R
& Izzy P

Game 3:

AGPS 0 . 1 . 1
St. Louis 5 . 5 . 35

Goal Kickers:

Nil

Best Players:

Izzy P, Savannah W
& Yasmin M

Game 4:

AGPS 3 . 1 . 19
CHPS 0 . 0 . 0

Goal Kickers:

Savannah W, Ruby M-B
& Izzy P

Best Players:

Zoe B, Ruby M-B
& Indi M

Years 5/6 Girls AFL Team (District)

Yasmin M (5AA)	Savannah W (5BM)	Isabella L (5RK)	Isabella P (5RK)	Sara C (6AK)
Chloe H (6AK)	Hanna M (6AK)	Larah P (6AK)	Ebony R (6AK)	Zoe B (6BH)
Alice G (6BH)	Alisha H (6BH)	Indi M (6BH)	Ruby M-B (6BH)	Bella Q (6BH)
Scarlett W (6BH)	Tiana G (6JM)	Mia M (6JM)	Ava G (6KC)	Mr. K (Coach)



OUR CANTEEN IS OPEN

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY

Counter sales available at lunchtime only

Please place Lunch orders via QKR. QKR closes at 8:59am on day of delivery



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



THE ACAP CLINIC

A not-for-profit training clinic staffed by supervised final year psychology, psychotherapy, counselling, and social work students.

We celebrate, value, and include people of all backgrounds, genders, sexualities, cultures, language groups, bodies, and abilities for all ages.

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- ✓ Building Self-Compassion Group
- ✓ Social Anxiety Group
- ✓ Compassionate Mind Training



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 (02) 8236 8070

Services available via Zoom or face-to-face in
Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth and Adelaide.

We acknowledge the traditional owners of the lands on which the ACAP Clinics are situated and where this flyer was printed.
We acknowledge that these lands were never ceded and pay respects to past and present elders and any Aboriginal people reading this flyer.

2023 SCHOOL TERM DATES

**TERM 3: Monday 10 July to
Friday 15 September**

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



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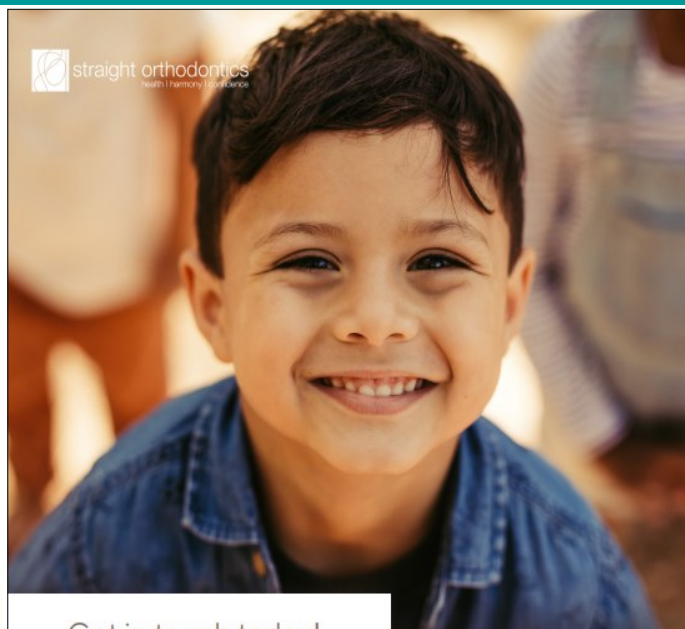
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**FREE
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SESSION**

5:30pm-6:30pm

Mondays & Wednesdays

5-7 year olds | 8 - 11 year olds

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