

Aspendale Gardens Primary School

Newsletter—Thursday 3rd August



INQUIRER THINKER BALANCED COURAGEOUS KNOWLEDGEABLE
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.

2023 DIARY

AUGUST

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

Thursday 10 **Year 2 Scienceworks Excursion**

Friday 11 **PUPIL FREE DAY—NO SCHOOL**

AUGUST

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**

AUGUST

Monday 28 **PRODUCTION WEEK—Years 5 & 6**

Wednesday 30 **Fathers' Day Stall in Gallery**

Thursday 31 **PRODUCTION Matinee Performance**
2:00pm in our Hall

PRODUCTION Evening Performance
6:30pm in our Hall

SEPTEMBER

Friday 1 **Foundation Swimming Ends**

Sunday 3 **Fathers' Day**

Thursday 7 **FOOTY DAY—Gold coin donation to**
State Schools Relief

Environmental Leaders' Workshop

UPCOMING DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 31st August

SENIOR PRODUCTION

FROM OUR ACTING PRINCIPAL



There have been glimpses of spring this week around school. The sun has had some warmth to it and spring flowers have been poking through the soil. In preparation for more spring weather, Graeme has been marking out a chess board for students to use at recess and lunchtimes.



Year 5 Expedition to Mars Excursion

Our Year 5 classes had an early start to travel to Strathmore for the Mars Expedition Excursion. This is an excursion that is a bit further away than most, but which is well worth it. The sessions involved some programming of Sphero Bots, running communications between the mission control centre and the lab on Mars and completing science experiments which included geology, conditions for growing food and water filtration. The students were very engaged during the activities and were made to think more deeply about the challenges associated with living on Mars.

Cyber Safety and Online Etiquette

When I walked through the library on Wednesday morning the Year 4 students were participating in their 'Three C's of Cyber Safety' (Contact, Conduct and Content) workshop. They were having a discussion around what is appropriate to be sent through online communications. The presenter talked about the 'Grandma Test' and posed the question to the students, have you ever sent things to other people that you wouldn't say or share with your Grandma? This area of learning is very important, as the students navigate their way safely through the digital world, we hope they do so in a principled way. It is important for all adults to lead by example and reflect on this often with our children.

PYPX2023 - Year 6 Exhibition

Today the Year 6 students will be presenting their PYP Exhibition. The theme is based on the unit 'Where We Are in Place and Time'. Students have engaged in a collaborative, transdisciplinary inquiry process that involves them in identifying, investigating and offering solutions to real-life issues or problems in the world. The students have been working hard on their Exhibitions over the past eight weeks. They have been asked to present their real-life issues through two writing pieces, one piece that links to a Specialist area and a personal expression of learning. Today, our students will have the opportunity to visit the Year 6 students to hear them present on their inquiry units. The Year 6 students will then present to their parents with an open session between 5pm and 6pm. Good luck Year 6s and well done on your hard work.



Emergency Evacuation

We will be having an emergency evacuation practice next week. This is a vital part of our OH+S calendar, where our processes are put to the test and students experience the sound of the alarm and follow the teacher directions to the assembly point on our oval.

Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents / caregivers / guardians think of our school. The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies. There will be more information regarding this survey in the coming days.

Reminders

There will be a whole school assembly this Friday. School community members are welcome to attend. Next week, Friday 11th August, is a **PUPIL FREE DAY**. The staff will be in attendance at school improving their knowledge and understanding of strategies for effectively teaching reading. They will be led through workshops run by an education consultant, Mardi Gorman.

I hope you all enjoy your weekend,

Jonathan



AGPS PEER SUPPORT

Congratulations to our Peer Support Nominees for the past fortnight!



Student Name	Class	Description
Marli G	FEG	For really helping out her friend when they were hurt!
Anastasia Z	FNT	Supporting her friend when he fell over!
Ollie R	2JB	For staying with his friend when he was sad!
Chloe K-R	5AA	For helping us even though it wasn't her job!
Sofia T	FMC	For caring about a student who lost his lunch!
Maeve K	FCH	For being a caring friend and including them.
Sienna N	FMC	For being an amazing friend when your friend was upset!
Hudson D	1KF	For being a caring friend in the yard.
Sierra D'A	1LC	For giving up her lunch play time to clean up.
Oakley H-H	1KF	Always including everyone at playtime!
Emmanuel V	5BM	Sticking by his hurt friend when no one else did.

PYP Focus in Year 3

On Monday the 24th of July, the Year 3's participated in a Crazy Chemicals Incursion. It was a fun filled session with lots of hands on science activities that enabled us to make valuable connections to our 'How The World Works' unit of Inquiry.

How The World Works

*Central Idea:
Different reactions occur when
everyday substances interact.*



We brought out our "inner scientist" and conducted experiments, tested hypotheses and observed the chemical reactions of various solids liquids and gases.



During the incursion we got to:

- Discuss what we already knew about everyday materials.
- Make predictions while exploring different materials.
- Discuss the properties of solids, liquids and gases.
- Apply the scientific method while exploring different materials and states of matter.
- Conduct chemical reactions and learn new terminology to describe chemical change, reversible v's irreversible reactions and change in properties.



EVERY MINUTE COUNTS

Just a little bit late doesn't seem much but.....

He/She is only missing just....	That equals....	Which is.....	over 13 years of schooling. that's....
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly HALF A YEAR
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 minutes per week	Nearly 2.5 weeks per year	Nearly 1 YEAR
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 AND A HALF YEARS
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Nearly 2 AND A HALF YEARS



Did you know your child's best learning time is the start of the school day?

That's when every minute counts the most!





Year 6 Interschool Sport (ISS)

Match Report



Last Friday, the Year 6 students hosted **St. Louis de Montfort's School** for their first round of Year 6 Interschool Sport (ISS) for Term 3. Following on from last term, throughout Term 3 students will be playing **AFL, Netball, Soccer, and Tee Ball** against schools in the Chelsea & Patterson Districts. The Year 6 students did a fantastic job, representing AGPS in their chosen sport with pride, while also showing lots of sportsmanship throughout their games.

Below are the results from last week's games

Netball (Boys/Mixed)		Netball (Girls)	
AGPS	14	AGPS	13
St. Louis	17	St. Louis	10
Best Player/s:	Hanna M	Best Player/s:	Scarlett W

Soccer (Boys)		Soccer (Girls)	
AGPS	1	AGPS	0
St. Louis	0	St. Louis	2
Best Player/s:	Charlie A & Haroon K	Best Player/s:	Mia M & Ebony R

Tee Ball (Boys)		Tee Ball (Girls)	
AGPS	15	AGPS	18
St. Louis	15	St. Louis	13
Best Player/s:	Everyone	Best Player/s:	Everyone

AFL (Boys)	
AGPS	15
St. Louis	58
Best Player/s:	Archie S, Ethan D, Koby F, Will T & Chevy S

There will be **no Year 6 ISS** for the next two weeks due to the Year 6 Exhibition (pack up) & the whole school curriculum day. Well done once again to all of the Year 6 students on their efforts last week.

GO AGPS!

Mr. Braden King

Year 4 Bike Education - Spare Bikes



In readiness for our **Year 4 Bike Ed Program** in **Term 4**, the PE department is seeking any **SECOND-HAND BIKES** that can be used as spare bikes for students to use throughout the program.

If you have any bikes that don't get used anymore and are suitable and in good condition for students in Year 4, then we are happy to take them off your hands to use for our Bike Ed program in Term 4.

If you have a second-hand bike/s that you don't need any more and would like to donate it/them to the school for our Bike Ed program, please contact **Mr. King** on Class DOJO or at the school.

Mr. Braden King

BOOK WEEK PARADE!!

BOOK WEEK 2023 'READ, GROW, INSPIRE'

WHEN: MONDAY 7th AUGUST

TIME: 9:00am

WHERE: THE GYM



Our Book Week parade is this Monday 7th August at 9:00am in the gym. We cannot wait to see all the creative costumes our students and staff will be wearing on the day!

During the week, at lunchtimes, we will also have AGPS staff reading stories to students. In the past these have been a lot of fun and have helped develop a love and joy of sharing books for all. There will also be a few craft activities in the library during lunchtimes next week.

The Children's Book Council of Australia has shortlisted books under different categories. This year's shortlisted books are on display in the school foyer at the front of the library. The winners of each of the categories will be announced on Friday 18th August.

The theme for this year's Book Week is READ, GROW, INSPIRE. Book Week is all about celebrating books as well as authors and illustrators.

It's a fantastic week and great to see young learners getting excited about books!



*D.A.G.S.
Dads of Aspendale
Gardens*

A watercolor-style illustration of a child and an adult from behind, holding hands with their arms raised. The child is wearing a purple dress, and the adult is wearing an orange shirt. The background is a solid dark blue.

WE ARE ON THE HUNT FOR NEW CHAMPION DADS!

Our team of Champion Dads help put everything together for the DAGs. If you would like to be more involved in your child's school life, please reach out to Mr. Murphy and he will provide more details!

OR

Sign up to join our Dads Group by clicking on the link below

<https://thefatheringproject.org/dads-group/aspendale-gardens-primary-school/>

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!

Cultural Week

This week, we are focusing on learning about and exploring each other's cultures via discussion and activities. We have created cultural handprints in which children paint the flag of the country to which they feel the most connected to on their palm and print it on of paper, which will then be displayed at our service.

We will also undertake a letter writing activity in which the children will write letters detailing their understanding of their cultures and share them with the other children in service.

During before school care, just before dismissing the children to class, we form a yarning circle in which a focus question is posed and we move around the circle asking for the children's responses. A scribe is assigned to record the children's responses, and the children have demonstrated respect by listening to their peers share their responses.



Cultural Handprints



Composting with Children!

Week 4 ASC Menu

In addition to a nutritious fruit & veggie platter:

Monday
Flat Pita Bread served with assortment of dips and veggies

Tuesday
Freshly Baked Banana Bread served with Yoghurt

Wednesday
Wholemeal Pasta Salad

Thursday
Roasted Sweet Potato

Friday
Pumpkin Soup served with a side of Garlic Bread



TIMES

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

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SCIENCE SPECTACULAR



**FREE EVENT FOR
NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK!
FRIDAY 18 AUGUST 10AM**



Celebrate Science Week with AGCS and Mad about Science! Aimed at children aged 3 to 5. six workstations will be set up with a variety of open-ended science activities, including:



CHEMISTRY

Elephant's toothpaste, snow eruptions & colour-changing indicators!



ELECTRICITY

Energy sticks, globes & circuits!



MAGNETISM

Magnet cars, magnetic wands & magnetic marbles!



LIGHT & COLOUR

Kaleidoscopes, lenses & rainbow fireworks glasses.



MINIBEASTS

Multiple specimens of bug and insects encased in resin.



FORCE & MOVEMENT

Mini Hoberman, rolling car, gyroscope & flying wing prop top.



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117 Edithvale Rd,
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AGE: 8 years and older

**REGISTER BEFORE
SEPTEMBER 9TH**

Registration Link:

<https://www.chelseafotballclub.com.au/chelsea-fc-come-try-id-program>

Contact

Dimity Pollard 0405 615 882
Membership Officer
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TERM 3 ACTIVITIES FOR PARENTS

ACTIVITIES

CIRCUIT TRAINING

Wednesday 9.15am to 10.00am

A consecutive series of timed exercises, including push-ups, sit-ups, and lunges performed one after the other, including rest breaks. Come along for group motivation and guidance from an instructor.

GETLOW

Monday 10.30am to 11.15am

Wednesday 10.15am to 11.00am

This 45 minute LIT (Low Intensity Training) full body workout uses boxing, dance, dumbbells, light cardio & seriously good music to transform your mind & body.


ZUMBA

Thursday 7.00pm to 7.45pm


A fitness program that combines dance and fitness moves! Don't worry if you haven't danced in a long time or not danced at all - just let your hair down!!! Note: Classes can be done from a seated position.


MORE INFO

For all bookings or more information:

 www.agcsinc.org.au

 9587 5955

 enquiries@agcsinc.org.au

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FIRST AID

Tuesday 22 August from 6.00pm

A nationally recognised and fully accredited training course. Participants can attend either Provide First Aid (inclusive of CPR) or CPR only.





**\$234.50
for 3 days!**
Offer ends August
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THREE DAY SCHOOL HOLIDAY SPORTS CAMPS!

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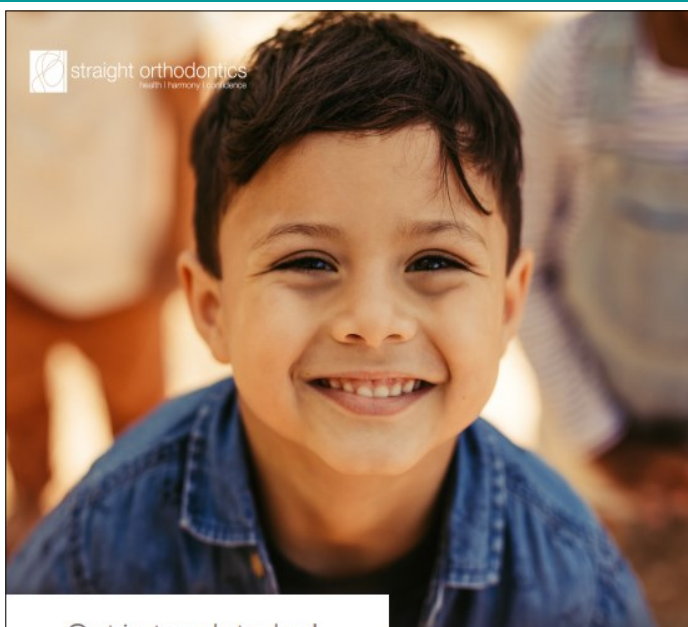
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- ✓ 9am to 3pm each day
- ✓ Delivered by experienced coaches
- ✓ Suitable for all ages and skill levels
- ✓ Guest appearances at selected programs

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