

Aspendale Gardens Primary School

Newsletter—Thursday 25th August



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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.

2022 DIARY

AUGUST

Friday 26 Year 6 ISS vs Patterson Lakes PS @
Patterson Lakes PS

Wednesday 31 Fathers' Day Stall Fundraiser

SEPTEMBER

Friday 2 District Athletics @ Duncan McKinnon
Reserve

Year 3 Willum Warrain Excursion
Fathers' Day Camp Out—starting at
4.30pm

Monday 5 Year 6 Campers depart for The Summit
Foundation ACMI Excursion

Finance Meeting—6:00pm
School Council Meeting—6:30pm

Tuesday 6 Foundation ACMI Excursion

SEPTEMBER

Friday 9 Year 6 Campers Return

Saturday 10 Trivia Night Fundraiser—7pm start

Tuesday 13 Maths Curriculum Day—**NO students
at school on this day**

Thursday 15 Footy Day

Friday 16 Term 3 Finishes

Early Dismissal @ 2:30pm

OCTOBER

Monday 3 Term 4 Begins

Tuesday 4 2023 Foundation Parent Transition
Session 7pm—8pm in Library

Thursday 6 2023 Foundation Transition Session 1
9:05am—10:00am

Friday 7 Division Athletics

FATHERS' DAY STALL

WEDNESDAY 31ST AUGUST

FROM OUR ACTING PRINCIPAL

Science Week

Last week we celebrated National Science Week for 2022. It was a fantastic opportunity for us to recognise all the amazing things that science involves. On Thursday and Friday we hosted our Junior and Senior Science Expos, where students were encouraged to share and explain their scientific understandings on a topic of their choice. All students did an excellent job at communicating their knowledge in an enthusiastic way. Congratulations and well done to all students who participated. We also engaged students with scientific investigations within class throughout the week as well as our annual Sphero Race that took place at lunchtime. Thank you to James Cracknell, the STEM team, teachers and parents for their organisation and involvement.

Year 4 Zoo Excursion

The Year 4 students were very fortunate with the weather when they went on an excursion to the Melbourne Zoo on Monday. The central idea the students are investigating is 'We share the planet with many other species and our actions can affect their survival'. The students' lines of inquiry include the way humans have impacted animal life, the natural occurrences that impact animal life and human responsibility to conserving the survival of endangered animals. This excursion was an excellent opportunity for students to be introduced to the unit and engaged by the experience.

Foundation Swimming

Our Foundation students had their first experience of the school swimming program this week. There was much excitement as the students boarded the bus on Tuesday morning. The students listened well to instructions and enjoyed learning from the instructors at Mentone Aquatic. I am sure it will continue to be one of the highlights of their Foundation year.



Special visitor

It was fantastic to welcome Cheryle back to our school for a visit on Wednesday, from Mallacoota. Cheryle will be participating in our School Review and also reconnecting with the staff and students.

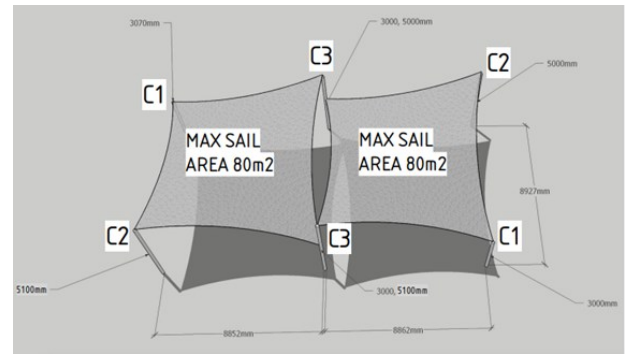
Shade Sails completed.

The 3 areas in the courtyard now have their new shade sails hoisted proudly. It has taken a long time to go through the process, but the end result looks excellent and will provide our students with much needed shade during the spring and summer months to come.

Here are some before and after photos of the shade sails...



This week we had an initial visit and preparation session by a company who will be installing some shade sails between the gym and the current Year 4 brick buildings. We were successful in applying for a grant to have some shade sails fitted in this space. This will create an additional shady area for students to work outside, as well as shade for when the students are out at recess and lunchtime. Parents will benefit from having a shaded area when waiting for their children to be dismissed at the end of the day. Here are the plans for the space. The shade sails should be installed in the coming weeks.



Father's Day Camp Out

"Dust off the camp chairs, sweep out the tents and find those sleeping bags because the AGPS Father's Day Camp Out is OFFICIALLY BACK!

On Friday, 2nd September we invite you to join us on the back oval for our fantastic Father's Day Camp Out! Come from 4.30pm to find your spot and set up your tents, then enjoy some awesome games and activities while the sun sets, followed by a movie in the Gym to end the night! There will be a fire pit to keep us warm and spend some quality time sharing stories and laughs. The following morning there will be a breakfast and a coffee van to help wake you up before heading off to enjoy the weekend! Please note that breakfast orders cannot be accepted after today, Thursday 25th August.

RATs

Fortunately, the number of students testing positive for COVID has been reducing over the last 3 weeks. We hope this trend continues through into spring and summer. This week your child would have brought home another box of RATs (Rapid Antigen Tests). The current recommendation is that students test when they have symptoms or when a household contact tests positive to COVID. If you already have an excess of RATs, please return the box to your classroom teacher.

Hats

In line with our SunSmart policy, students are to wear hats between the months of September and April. This means that we will be expecting all our students to start wearing their school hats from Thurs 1st September. We encourage families to find their school hats, make sure they still fit and are in their school bags ready.

Thank Yous

Over the past fortnight we have had 2 families that have donated items to our school.

Thank you to the Srisuwan family for a donation of books to our library.

Thank you to Charmaine Miles, grandmother of Jayce and Chester Lawrence for a storage box unit that will come in useful for storing outside items.

We also had a donation from another school of some outdoor chess pieces which we gratefully received and which will be enjoyed by our students.

Have a great weekend everyone,

Jonathan



Father's Day Camp Out

We are very pleased to announce that the Father's Day Camp event will be held again this year on Friday 2nd September.

The campout will commence at 4.30pm to set up tents. Everyone will have the opportunity to enjoy some games and activities once setup.

Ryan's Rolls will be onsite to provide dinner. There will be a choice of Pulled Pork, Fried Chicken or a Vegetarian (Mushroom, Goat's Cheese and Pesto) to purchase on the night! Of course, if this isn't something you'd like, you can bring dinner along! Breakfast will be arranged and cooked on Saturday morning.

Please place your pre-paid orders on the order form received last week. There will be no purchases of breakfast on Saturday morning, pre-paid orders ONLY!

A coffee van will also be in attendance Saturday morning.

As we have done in previous years, we will have a campfire to add to the experience.

The school will not be providing tents. Please source your own tent. **Strictly no caravans.**

The night will be a great community event and we look forward to providing the opportunity for dads of our school to spend some quality time with their children.



Saturday 10th September – only 2 ½ weeks to go!!

Tickets for the Trivia Night are on sale for \$15 per person. Tickets can be purchased via QKR or the Trivia Night Flyer return slip. Annie Low our Quiz Master has been busy organising the questions and now it's your turn to put on your thinking cap and organise a table. Start talking to friends and family about getting a table together.

We have received some great donations so far and they include:

- KX Pilates Voucher
- 2 tickets to the 2023 ANZAC day Collinwood vs Essendon match
- Meat Flour and Wine voucher valued at \$100
- Two \$50 Peninsula Hot Springs vouchers
- A Sydney FC Andrew Redmayne Jersey signed by the Sydney team
- TJ Dash Cam valued at \$500

We would like to thank the following families and businesses who have donated so far, the Young Family, Lawrence Family, Mr Murphy and Melinda Perry.

To make this a successful night we are still in need of items, no matter how big or small. Please contact Catherine Pinches on Mob: 0410 653 847 or they can be left with Annie or Paula in the Office.



The Magic Door

Written by Evelyn Ta 5BM



On one lovely, sunny afternoon, there was a little ordinary girl, in a little ordinary home. Her name was Emily. She was very tall, had blonde hair as bright as the sun, and eyes are green as emeralds. She was sitting in a chair in her bedroom; millions of thoughts bouncing in her head. "Come down now! It's time for afternoon tea!". The sound of her mother's voice thundering up the stairs.

"I'm coming!" answered Emily. Suddenly, she noticed a little ray of blue, white and green light flashing under her bed. She thought this was very strange, because she knew that there were certainly no torches or light under her bed. Emily cleared out all of the dusty boxes and right there, was an iron trapdoor.

She opened the lock carefully and hopped inside. As soon as she stepped inside, "BAM!". The trapdoor closed itself and disappeared. "Hello? Is anyone there?" Asked Emily, trembling. She was in a magical forest, where all the wood and branches on the trees were blue like the sky and the leaves were pink like flamingos. There were many animals, including her favourite, bunnies.

A young, fluffy rabbit that had white fur, sprung up to her. "I can't find my home," said a sad Emily, "Can you help?" The bunny jumped, showing a sign of "yes".

"I'm going to call you Snow! You remind me of cold winter nights, where I put my hands in front of the fire." Within a week, Snow was still hopping happily along with the flowers and grass, but Emily was extremely tired. The two finally got to eat some sweet, juicy berries. They were starving so badly that one small bite to them was like a taste of heaven. Snow handed Emily a small piece of parchment. It revealed a tall, old tree with a wonky wooden ladder hanging on one of its blue branches. There, above the ladder, was a white iron trapdoor.

For days and days, they searched for the magical old tree, until one night, Emily found it just out of the corner of her eye. "Snow! Come here!" The bunny jumped, and scrambled towards her, into Emily's arms then on her shoulder. She climbed up, shaking with fright, because she was afraid of heights. Snow plucked out a white, glittery hair pin out of her golden locks and handed it to Emily. On the iron trapdoor was a rose-gold lock with silver handles, which she inserted her hair pin in.

In an instant, they were teleported back home. "Let's see if I can keep you Snow, because I took you home!".

The Stronghold

Written by Jordan Lim 5BM

On a dark, freezing night Hendrick was running down a dark, deserted alleyway. He was heading to a human stronghold for it was the only place that was safe now. All the bugs and animals have mutated because of an unknown anomaly. He stopped, he was cold, hungry and tired so he leaned against a mossy old house wall. His hairs on his back rose. A low growl vibrated off the walls around him.

Hendrick turned and saw a hairy, bloody creature behind him. It was a Cipe, a mutated cat! It was standing on its hind legs and it was two metres tall. The teeth were stained with blood and were long and sharp.



More growling can be heard as more Cipes came out of the darkness. Hendrick instantly ran, as the sweat coming down his face temporarily blinded him. As he was blinded, he tripped on a rock and a scream tore from his throat. A soft object broke his fall and Hendrick wiped the sweat from his face and saw the furry abdomen of a Redips. Normal spiders are usually very sensitive one of their body parts but Redips



are even more sensitive. The Redips instantly shot up and its red eyes glared at Hendrick. Hendrick scrambled to his feet and ran as his legs could take him. He could see the heavy blast doors of the stronghold and looked behind him. The Redips AND the Cipes were chasing him now and it didn't look like he was going to make it to the stronghold in time.

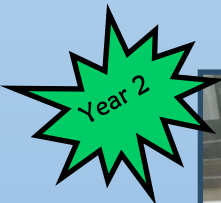


STARS OF THE WEEK

TERM 3 WEEK 6



Foundation





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Year 3



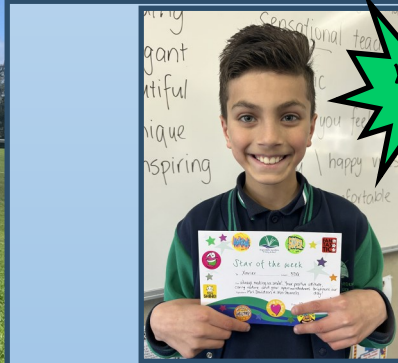
Year 4



Year 5



Year 5



Year 6



PYP focus in Year 5

The PYP at AGPS: Year 5 Expedition to MARS

How the World Works



The Year 5 students have been exploring the transdisciplinary theme, 'How the World Works', by looking into the Central Idea 'Space exploration has resulted in technological innovations that impact on our daily lives'. As a way of tuning them into our inquiry we visited the Victorian Space Science Education Centre (VSSEC) on Thursday, 4th of August & Friday 5th of August.

At this fantastic purpose built centre, the students got to experience what it would be like to travel on an Expedition to Mars and work inside a purpose built Space Lab, completing Science Experiments to test the living conditions of Mars. What it would be like to work in a space communication centre and how to program robots like what NASA are currently using on Mars, using Sphero robots.



The staff at VSSEC were extremely knowledgeable and run a great program and we would like to thank them for being so delightful to work with.



Science Expo



Year 6 Interschool Sport (ISS) Match Report

Last Friday, the Year 6 students travelled to **Aspendale PS** for their 5th round of Year 6 Interschool Sport (ISS) for Term 3. The Year 6 students once again 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	10	AGPS	18
Aspendale PS	17	Aspendale PS	7
Best Player/s:	Georgie Ervine	Best Player/s:	Alana White & Evie Sakellarios

Soccer (Boys)		Soccer (Girls)	
AGPS	1	AGPS	1
Aspendale PS	0	Aspendale PS	0
Best Player/s:	Ben Tubb & Alex Petrou	Best Player/s:	Neena Lafforgue & Sarah You

Tee Ball (Boys)		Tee Ball (Girls)	
AGPS	14	AGPS	14
Aspendale PS	10	Aspendale PS	13
Best Player/s:	Alex Mason	Best Player/s:	Harmony Foster

AFL	
AGPS	42
Aspendale PS	0
Best Player/s:	Ben Polgar & Joel Dean

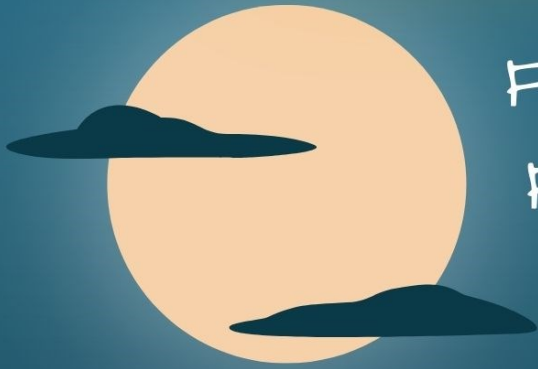
Well done once again to all of the Year 6 students on their efforts last week. Tomorrow students will be competing against **Patterson Lakes PS** in their last game of ISS for Term 3. Venues for this week's games have been posted on Class DOJO. Most games will begin around 9.30am tomorrow. **GO AGPS!**

Mr. Braden King

IT'S

CAMPING

TIME



Father's Day Camp Out!
Friday 2nd September
2022

AGPS School Oval
Arrive from 4.30pm to set up

Games, Movie Night, Fire Pit,
BBQ Breakfast and more!





Aspendale Gardens
Primary School

TRIVIA night

Get your friends together and make up a table!

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Saturday

10th September

Place: in our school Hall

Time: 7.00pm until late

Tickets: \$15 per person



2022 AGPS TRIVIA NIGHT - PLEASE RETURN TO THE OFFICE BY **Monday 5th September**

Eldest Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

Parents Name: _____

I / We would like to be on a table with new friends

A whole table for my friends and I **TEAM NAME:** _____

No. of Tickets @ \$15.00 each:

Payment by CASH CHEQUE QKR **OR**

Please debit my: VISA / MASTERCARD (Circle Appropriate) Total: \$ _____

CREDIT CARD # _____ EXPIRY DATE ____ / ____

Name on Card: _____

Signed _____

NOTE: The purchase of tickets by table lots of 8 to 10 people maximum would be appreciated
Otherwise individual tickets will be allocated to a table

PEACEFUL KIDS

Term 4 Enrolments are open!



Peaceful Kids is a wellbeing program with a focus on mindfulness and positive psychology.

Program Outline:

Foundation: 5 x 60 min sessions. \$180

Years 1-6: 8 x 60 min sessions. \$250

Sessions are run during class time (not specialist classes).

Breathing
Techniques

Small groups



Fun Activities!

Meditation

Emotions

Who is it for?

EVERYONE!

- Children who experience anxiety/stress/worries.
- For children who want to better themselves through mindfulness practise.

Who is running it?

ME! I'm Lisa Webber and I've been a teacher at AGPS since 2008. I'm very passionate about student wellbeing and love teaching the children this program. Please contact me if you'd like more information.

Problem solving



Email me to
ENROL!

lisawebber@outlook.com.au



WEDNESDAY
31ST AUGUST

GIFTS RANGE FROM
\$2.00 - \$10.00

FATHER'S DAY

Each child will have the opportunity to purchase one gift for their dad, step dad/special person in their lives. If there's enough gifts, the children will have the opportunity to purchase a second.

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and bookings details

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Crafternoon

Thursdays

1:00pm - 2:30pm



Art Classes (Art)

Wednesdays

10:00am - 12:00pm



First Aid Course & CPR

6th & 13th September



Adult Fitness Classes

Days

Times

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- **Perform CPR - HLTAID009**
(refresher recommended every 12 months, attend session 1 in part only)

Book and pay online at
www.trybooking.com/BZWNNU

Once booking and payment is made, an online workbook will be emailed to you for completion before the first class.



Cost: \$100.00 for entire course or \$50.00 for CPR only

Session 1 – Tuesday 6 September

Session 2 – Tuesday 13 September

Both sessions – 6.15pm to 8.45pm

(CPR ONLY – 6 September, 6.15pm to 7.15pm)



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NEW PLAYERS NEEDED!



The Aspendale Arrows Netball Club are looking for a few more players to fill teams for Season 2 in the following age groups:

- U11 (born 2011-2012)
- U13 (born 2009-2010)

Please contact us on aanc3195@gmail.com



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\$10 sessions

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