

Aspendale Gardens Primary School

Newsletter—Thursday 19th 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.

2022 DIARY

MAY

Friday 20 School Tour @ 9:15am
Monday 23 Celebrating EDUCATION WEEK
Year 3 Shoelaces Incursion
Tuesday 24 **OPEN NIGHT 5:30pm—7:00pm**
Wednesday 25 Years 3—6 Inter-House Athletics
Thursday 26 Junior Mayor Election
Friday 27 **PUPIL FREE DAY**
School Tour Cancelled
Monday 30 **PUPIL FREE DAY**

JUNE

Monday 6 NAIDOC Week at AGPS
Cyber Safety Parent Info Session
6:00pm—7:30pm in Library
Tuesday 7 Years 3 & 4 Swimming Begins

JUNE

Wednesday 8 Year 5 LUME Excursion
Friday 10 Year 6 Winter Lightning Premiership
NAIDOC Week Special Assembly
MONDAY 13 QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY
Friday 17 Years 3 & 4 Swimming Ends
SCHOOL DISCO Fundraiser
Foundation—Year 2 5:45pm—7:15pm
Year 3—Year 6 7:30pm—9:00pm
Monday 20 **Chocolate Drive Begins**
Finance Committee Meeting 6:00pm
School Council Meeting 6:30pm
Friday 24 **Term 2 Ends**
Early Dismissal at 2.30pm

SAVE THE DATES

SCHOOL OPEN NIGHT

TUESDAY 24th MAY 5:30pm—7:00pm

PUPIL FREE DAYS

FRIDAY 27th & MONDAY 30th MAY

FROM OUR ACTING PRINCIPAL

Election Day

This Saturday is the Federal Election. Our school gym will be open for voting between 8am and 6pm. When you come along, please support our school fundraiser by purchasing a sausage. Sausages, onions and drinks will be available to purchase. Please come prepared with cash on the day. Thank you to our volunteers and teachers who will be assisting with running the stall between 8 am and 3pm.

Open Evening

Tuesday 24th May is our annual Open Evening at AGPS. The classrooms will be open from 5.30pm – 7pm for parents to walk through. This is primarily for our current parents to come into the classrooms and see what their children have been working on. In order for us to keep numbers limited we ask that parent attend between the following times:

| | |
|---------------|-----------------------------|
| 5.30pm—6.30pm | Surnames beginning with A-L |
| 6.15pm—7.00pm | Surnames beginning with M-Z |

There will be a short musical presentation from the Glee Club in the courtyard at 6.10pm during the change over between parent groups. The library will be open, showcasing artwork from students in our different year levels.

Attitudes To School Survey

Towards the end of this month, students in Years 4, 5 and 6 will be asked to participate in our Attitudes to School Survey. This is an annual survey offered to all Victorian Government schools. The survey gives us valuable feedback from the students about their levels of connectedness, pride, respect, resilience, action and friendships to name a few. As a school we use this data to set targets and review our approaches to learning and wellbeing.

School Improvement

The SRC (Student Representative Council) is made up of elected members from students in Year 3 – 6. These students discuss how our current processes are running within our school and suggest ways to make improvements. One of the suggestions that an environmental group within the SRC came up with was to increase the planting in one of the garden beds beside the amphitheatre in the courtyard. They have been sharing their plans with Elly, our gardener, and learning from her what would be best to grow in that space. This week the garden bed was prepared and planting started. It is great to see students 'taking action' in this way and we look forward to seeing the area improving over the coming few months.

COVID and Influenza (Flu)

There have been increasing numbers of students who have been absent either through positive COVID results or flu like symptoms. We remind parents that if their children have symptoms relating to COVID or the flu, then they should be staying at home. Our school administration staff have contacted parents on a number of occasions this week, to ask parents to pick their children up. Students who attend school with these symptoms do not do their best learning and also put other students and teachers at risk. We appreciate your assistance and understanding.



Staffing

Like many workplaces we are currently going through an increased level of staff absences. The relief teaching agencies and our local list of relief teachers are often depleted, so we are having to juggle our own teaching staff around, creatively change timetables and split classes. Please be assured that we are attempting to keep the classes and learning as consistent as possible under difficult circumstances.

Think U Know – Cyber Safety



The school has organised a government organisation known as Think U Know to come and deliver a Cyber Safety presentation to our parent community. This will take place from 6.00pm - 7.30pm on Monday 6th June in the school Library. This is open for parents of all year levels and a notification will go out on Compass early next week where parents can mark their attendance. This night will give parents up-to-date information on current Cyber safety practices as well as providing them with practical examples of how to keep themselves and their families safe in our ever-changing digital world.

National Volunteers Week

Schools are made up of a whole community. This week, being National Volunteers Week, we would like to show our appreciation for the volunteers who give their time and assistance in so many different ways. To parents who help out with school fundraising, PMP, classroom helpers, kitchen garden program, running groups, athletics days, cross country marshallings, School Council and excursions. We are so grateful for the amazing community we have and thank all our volunteers for continuing to support our wonderful school.

Pupil Free Days—Friday 27th and Monday 30th May

A reminder to our parents that **Friday 27th May** and **Monday 30th May** will be **pupil free days**. These days will be dedicated sessions for the teachers to complete some self-evaluation exercises in preparation for our School Review in Term 3 and for teachers to create and analyse student assessments and reports.



Their Care will be available for both of these pupil free days, should parents need to book their children in.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone,

Jonathan

Year 6 Interschool Sport (ISS) Match Report

Last Friday, the Year 6 students hosted **Patterson Lakes Primary School** for their first round of Year 6 Interschool Sport (ISS) for Term 2. Students will be competing in AFL, Netball, Soccer and Tee Ball across Terms 2 & 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 (Girls #1) | | Netball (Girls #2) | |
|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| AGPS | 14 | AGPS | 30 |
| Patterson Lakes PS | 2 | Patterson Lakes PS | 18 |
| Best Player/s: | Jasmine R & Georgie E | Best Player/s: | Evie S & Eve R |

| Soccer (Mixed) | | Tee Ball (Boys) | |
|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------|
| AGPS | 0 | AGPS | 19 |
| Patterson Lakes PS | 1 | Patterson Lakes PS | 9 |
| Best Player/s: | Sarah Y & Sam R | Best Player/s: | Alex N |

| AFL | |
|--------------------|---------------------------|
| AGPS | 101 |
| Patterson Lakes PS | 33 |
| Best Player/s: | Ben B, Magni S & Hunter F |

Moonlit Sanctuary Excursion

Sharing the Planet

Living things have characteristics that help them to survive.

This term we have been learning about living things. We went on an excursion to the wildlife park, Moonlit Sanctuary where we could observe Australian animals in their natural habitats. We also got to touch and feed some of the animals!





STARS OF THE WEEK

TERM 2 WEEK 2





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Performing Arts @ AGPS

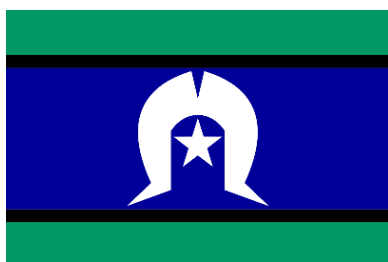


OPEN DAY—Tuesday 24th May from 5.30pm—7.00pm

Courtyard Performance: 6.10pm—6.20pm

- ♦ Those senior students (Years 3-6) who wish to perform please meet Mrs Nicolson in the Performing Arts studio at 5.50pm to get instruments and costumes if you would like to wear them.
- ♦ Performance pieces have been posted on ClassDojo over the last two weeks to assist with practice.
- ♦ Optional costume dress code for performers: 'Islander' = Hawaiian shirts/flowers.

There will be a 'Tinikling' dance demonstration in front of the Foundation classrooms and a short musical tribute to the music of our Pacific Island neighbours under the shade sails.



We are so looking forward to our first public performance in two years, we hope you enjoy our contribution to Education Week.

NAIDOC

For the month of June we will be exploring the music, song and dance of our indigenous peoples to participate in the celebrations of NAIDOC (National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee).



GLEE CLUB

Save the Date: **MORNINGTON PENINSULA CHORAL FESTIVAL**
Thursday 11th August 7:00pm

RECYCLING & REPURPOSING

The Performing Arts department is always looking for donations of waste to repurpose. We currently need plastic containers with lids, the strong tubing from fabric bolts (at least 6 ft in length) and 20 litre plastic buckets.

Thank you for your help.

Mrs Nicolson & Mrs McGregor

AGPS

Tuesday
May 24th

CELEBRATES EDUCATION WEEK

Classrooms

open

"Remember
the PAST, celebrate
the PRESENT
imagine the FUTURE"

Families whose
surnames begin with
M-Z 6.15pm-7pm

Performance: 6.10pm

Families whose
surnames begin
with A-L
5.30pm-6.15pm

Visual arts
displayed in
library & office

AGPS Senior Athletics Carnival (Years 3 - 6)

A reminder that our annual **AGPS Senior Athletics Carnival** will be held on **Wednesday 25th May**. Students in **Years 3 – 6** will be taking part in the event. The event will be held at **Chelsea Little Athletics Centre (HD Thomas Pavilion, Edithvale Rd, Edithvale)**.

Students will be walking through the Edithvale Wetlands to get to the venue on the day. The event will begin at approximately **10.00am** and will finish at approximately **2.45pm**.

Below is the approximate event schedule for the day



| Time | Information |
|------------------|---|
| 9.00am - 9.40am | Walk to Chelsea Little Athletics Centre. |
| 9.40am - 10.00am | Welcome and a run-down of the carnival from Mr. King & Mr. Murphy. |
| 10.00am – 2.00pm | Students complete 8 rotations which include 6 athletic events & 2 breaks for snack and lunch. |
| 2.00pm - 2.10pm | Events Pack Up Assemble on the velodrome for the House Chants. |
| 2.10pm - 2.20pm | Year 6 House Captains perform their House Chants. |
| 2.20pm - 2.35pm | Staff vs Student relay races. |
| 2.35pm - 2.45pm | Announcement of the AGPS Athletics Champions for 2022 by the Year 6 Sports Leaders. |
| 2.45pm - 3.30pm | End of the 2022 Athletics Carnival. Walk back to Aspendale Gardens PS. |

Students are encouraged to dress in their **House colours**. Students should ensure that they wear appropriate clothing and shoes to compete in (e.g. shorts, leggings, etc.) and wear a tracksuit to keep warm whilst waiting to compete in their event. **Parents** are **welcome** to come and watch their child compete on the day.

Students will need to bring a backpack with the following items on the day of the event:

- ◆ Drink of water in a plastic container
- ◆ Fruit, snack and lunch
- ◆ No iPads (Years 4 - 6 students)

The **TOP 2** students in each age group for each event will progress through to the **CPDPSSN District Athletics Carnival** on **Friday 26th August (Term 3)**.



If your child will be attending the event, their **consent form** and **medical information** must be completed via Compass by **Monday 23rd May**.

If your child's consent form isn't completed by the due date then they won't be allowed to attend the carnival.

Lastly, we are seeking interest from any **parents** who would like to assist on the day in the role of helping teachers to run the athletics events. If you would like to assist at the carnival, please let **Mr. King** know via **Class Dojo** before the carnival **OR** at the venue on the day. For more information on the event, please contact Mr. King.

Mr Braden King



School Disco

WHEN: Friday 17th June

WHERE: School Gym

TIME: Foundation to Year 2 - 5.45pm to 7.15pm

Years 3 to 6 - 7.30pm to 9.00pm

**ADMISSION: \$10 per student
(pre-SOLD tickets only)**

Please bring a named water bottle.

Chips and chocolate: \$1 each

**Buy disco glow
products on the night**

**DANCE
NON STOP**

**let's
party**



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

We've been having so much fun here at Their Care, and our numbers are growing by the week!

This week's highlight has been the Their Care Lego Masters competition! The kids swarmed to the Lego table and began working in groups or individually to build the whackiest world! It's been amazing to see the children's co-operation skills and creativity show through.



OPENING HOURS

BSC: 7:00am –8:45am

ASC: 3:30pm– 6:15pm

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WHAT'S COMING?

PUPIL FREE DAY

Don't forget to book in for Pupil Free Day on **Friday 27th of May** and **Monday 30th of May**. We will have a variety of activities to keep children entertained throughout the day, come along and join the fun!



FAMILY 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 for you and your children.

Fitness Classes

Wednesday

9.15am to 10.00am

Boogie Bands



Friday

9.15am to 10.00am

GroovX Blast

Boogie Bands is a 45 minute resistance band workout with a difference! Strengthen your glutes, legs and core to fabulous tunes and funky and easy to follow choreographed routines with high & low options for all abilities!

GroovX Blast is a HIIT style workout aimed at all levels as separate low intensity and high intensity workouts.

First class Friday 20 May | Last class Friday 24 June

\$10.00 per class – pay as you go (card only/no cash)

OR 10 class pass - \$90.00

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