

# Aspendale Gardens Primary School

## Newsletter—Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> 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.*

### 2023 DIARY

#### AUGUST

Friday 25 Year 6 ISS vs Patterson Lakes P.S. Away  
 Monday 28 PRODUCTION WEEK—Years 5 & 6  
 Tuesday 29 Fathers' Day Stall in Gallery  
 9:00am—1:30pm  
 Thursday 31 PRODUCTION Matinee Performance  
 2:00pm in our Hall  
 Thursday 31 PRODUCTION Evening Performance  
 6:30pm in our Hall  
 Tickets are available on Compass.  
 The link to purchase tickets is  
<https://www.trybooking.com/CKLTL>

#### SEPTEMBER

Friday 1 Foundation Swimming Ends  
 Sunday 3 Fathers' Day

#### SEPTEMBER

Thursday 7 FOOTY DAY—Gold Coin Donation to  
 State Schools Relief  
 Environmental Leaders' Workshop  
 District Athletics Carnival  
 Friday 8 Year 6 Campers depart for The Summit  
 Monday 11 Year 3 Eco-centre Excursion  
 Tuesday 12 Year 6 Campers return to School  
 Wednesday 13 End of Term 3—2:30pm Dismissal  
 Friday 15  
 OCTOBER  
 Monday 2 Term 4 Begins  
 Tuesday 3 Year 6 Graduation Photo @ 9:30am  
 Friday 6 Kingston Division Athletics Carnival  
 Wednesday 11 Year 3 Campers depart for Mt Evelyn  
 Friday 13 Year 3 Campers return from Mt Evelyn

## UPCOMING DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

### Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August SENIOR PRODUCTION

### FROM OUR ACTING PRINCIPAL

#### NAIDOC Week Reschedule

Thank you to the parents and friends of the school who were able to join us last Friday for our re-scheduled NAIDOC Week assembly. The students who were involved in presenting did a fabulous job. The dance group Djirri Djirris reminded us of the importance of Country and how we need to look after the lands we share.

Tim Richardson MP joined us for our assembly. He spoke to the students about the importance of the lands around our neighbourhood as they have been lived on by indigenous people for thousands of years. He mentioned the meaning of some of our local place names: Mordialloc = Near the Little Sea, Moorabbin = Resting Place or Mother's Milk, Dandenong = Lofty Mountain. A big thank you to Julie Lach for coordinating the special assembly. Photo galleries from NAIDOC Week will be in next week's newsletter.





## Year 4 Excursion to Gould League

On Monday I went with the Year 4 students to their Gould League excursion. They were involved in a range of activities to gain a better understanding of their Unit of Inquiry. These included animal classification, food chains, habitat identification and composting. The students were engaged, made excellent contributions and asked thoughtful questions. The presenters commented on how good our students were throughout the day, which was fantastic feedback to receive.

## Fathers' Day / Special Persons' Stall

Next Tuesday (29th August) there will be an opportunity for students to visit the Fathers' Day stall. The Fundraising Team have arranged items for the students to purchase, ranging from \$2.00 to \$8.00. Please send your child to school with some money on Tuesday, so they are able to make a purchase.

## Foundation Swimming

Our Foundation students started their swimming program on Tuesday. This is an important program for our Foundation students as they become more confident in and around water, and start to develop floating techniques and swimming strokes. I know that they will have lots of fun, but will need a good rest at the end of the week.

## Library Furniture

Last year we budgeted to update some of our library furniture. This year we have continued to develop this space with some more furniture. We have purchased two more of the seating units and some smaller ottomans for the students to sit on when they are enjoying their reading.



## NAPLAN

This week you would have been lucky to miss articles regarding how levels of student attainment have been slipping, based on the NAPLAN results. This year the results are hard to compare to previous years based on the assessments being completed so much earlier in the year and the recalibration of the results against four new proficiency standards. Dr David Howes, our Deputy Secretary, released a letter this week to schools stating how well Victoria has done when compared to other states. His letter can be found here: [sharing this letter](#)

Our school results can now be compared to State results. The results below show the percentage of students that achieved the top two proficiencies 'exceeding' and 'strong'.

Year 3 and Year 5 NAPLAN	State Results	AGPS Results
Year 3 Reading	70%	87%
Year 3 Writing	78%	95%
Year 3 Spelling	61%	77%
Year 3 Numeracy	67%	83%
Year 3 Grammar and Punctuation	56%	80%
Year 5 Reading	77%	93%
Year 5 Writing	75%	92%
Year 5 Spelling	70%	84%
Year 5 Numeracy	68%	89%
Year 5 Grammar and Punctuation	64%	83%



## NAPLAN Continued

We are very pleased with the results we have achieved and are proud of our students for their continued development. We are continually evaluating our programs to identify ways in which we can improve the impact of all our education programs at AGPS.

## Years 5 and 6 Production

We look forward to our Year 5 and Year 6 students having the opportunity to perform in front of a live audience next Thursday (31st August). There are still some tickets available for the matinee at 2:00pm and the evening performance at 6:30pm. These are available through the TryBooking service:

<https://www.trybooking.com/CKLTL>

There will be a change to our school timetable on Thursday to work around the matinee, which means we will be having an earlier lunchtime. The students will be having their lunch break from 12.30pm - 1.30pm and the canteen will work around these revised times.

## Reminders

We have once again reached that time of year when the magpies are swooping. We remind our students to walk / ride safely so that they are aware of their surroundings. It was reported this week that students were running away from the magpies without being aware of the driveways and entrance to the car park areas along Kearney Drive.

Have a wonderful weekend all,

*Jonathan*



## 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

## VICTORIAN PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Just a reminder that the Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge finishes on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September, only 16 days to go! Congratulations to the Foundation and Year 1 students who have completed the Challenge. Well done!

Year 3-6 students are encouraged to enter in all books they have read so far this year. Students should know how to log in and if any have lost their usernames and passwords I have a copy of them all.



So far we have 230 students who have completed the Challenge. Thank you.

*Glenys*

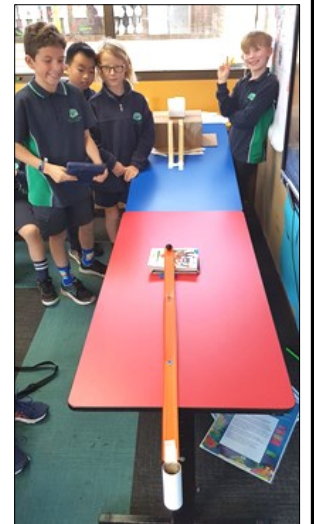


# PYP Focus in Year 4

## How the World Works

**Central Idea: Humans use their understanding of forces to create machines that influence our everyday lives.**

In Year 4 we have been inventors and engineers, designing, constructing and testing Rube Goldberg machines to perform simple tasks. We had to incorporate and explain the simple machines and forces involved. Here are a few examples of the young engineers at work!



**"Life might have its failures, but this was not it. The only true failure can come if you quit."**  
Andrea Beaty, Rosie Revere, Engineers



# S.T.E.M. Design a Futuristic Lego House Competition

During Science Week, each year level split into groups and were given the opportunity to make a futuristic Lego house. After watching an inspiring futuristic houses clip, teams had a 1.5 hour time limit to complete their plan and build. Every group made amazing houses, but after voting the winners have been chosen. These houses will be displayed near the library.

*By Malachi (6AK) and William (6BH)*  
Technology Leaders

Winners:

Foundation	FEG	Lucy, Qianhe & Harvey
Year 1	1DA	Holly, Lewis, Violet, Mia & Levi
Year 2	2JB	Alice, Kimmie, Marina & Niki
	2AT	Maya, Amicia & Sophia
Year 3	3KA	Leanne, Helena, Sarah & Lily
Year 4	4OM	Charlie, Steph, Ananda, Aadarsh, Archie F & David
Year 5	5AA	Ada, Zara & Joy
Year 6	6KC	Isabella & Poppy



Foundation Winner



Year 1 Winner



Year 3 Winner



Year 5 Winner



Year 6 Winner



Year 2 Winner

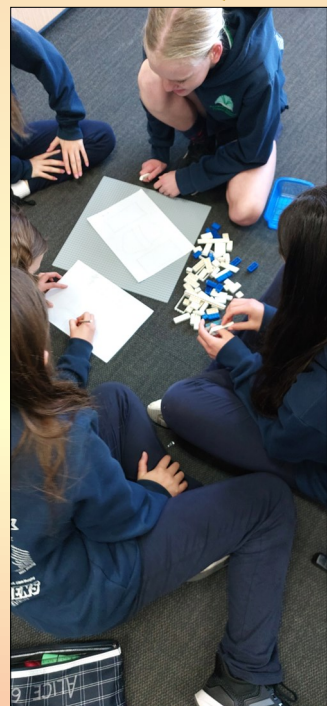


Year 4 Winner





# LEGO BUILDING IN CLASS





## S.T.E.M. Sphero Race

During Science Week, the Robotics Club held a race with Spheros. Spheros are robotic spheres that can be programmed to move or can be driven from a device. Students raced through a course of wooden blocks to see who got through to the finals. In order to get to the finals, students needed the fastest time in their class. Finalists then raced to find the winner in each year level. Students could also try to get the fastest time in their year level, or even the whole school.

*By Malachi (6AK) and William (6BH) - Technology Leaders*

**Winners:**

Foundation	FCH	Kingston
Year 1	1RR	Jack
Year 2	2GM	Marvin
Year 3	3KA	Morgan
Year 4	4DG	Lexi
Year 5	5BM	Akshat
Year 6	6KC	Evelyn

**Record Holders:**

NAME	CLASS	TIME
Jack	1RR	4.20s
Logan	2AT	6.00s
Ivy	3RP	6.54
Seb	4RC	4.40s
Hayden	5RK	4.86s
Malachi	6AK	5.19s
<b>School Record: Jack</b>	1RR	4.20s



**Photos of the Sphero Winners:**  
Lexi, Morgan, Evelyn  
Kingston, Jack, Marvin Abs: Akshat



**Photos of Tech Leaders and Sphero Race Coordinators**  
Malachi, Stefano, Larah, Will, Clara, Josh



## AGPS Footy Day 2023



On **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September** we will be holding our annual AGPS Footy Day. Children are encouraged to dress up in their team colours and bring a **gold coin donation**. The gold coin donation will be fundraising for the **State Schools Relief Fund**. This money goes towards providing basic necessities for many school-aged children by supplying students across Victoria with items such as school uniforms, and ensuring that each child is given an opportunity to receive an education. There will also be a **special Footy Day Canteen menu** for lunch, available on **QKR**.

Parents are invited to attend the **Football Parade** between **2.30pm – 3.30pm** in the gym, where each AFL team's theme song will be played and each student will be given the opportunity to parade their team colours. There will also be a **Staff vs Student's football match** (depending on the weather) held on the oval from **1.40pm – 2.25pm** which is sure to be a spectacle worth watching.

Throughout the day students will be participating in a variety of special football related activities. If your child has a football at home, please allow them to bring this to school with their name clearly marked on it.

**Mr. Braden King & Mr. Liam Murphy**



## Reduce Your Household Waste and Impact on the Environment

A lot of the waste we create ends up unnecessarily finding itself in landfill. As organic waste breaks down in landfill, greenhouse gases are created, massively contributing to global warming.

Here is a list of simple and cost effective ways to reduce the number of items going to landfill, and therefore protecting the health of our planet.

- ◆ Ditch the plastic wrap and tin foil. Try using bees-wax wraps, reusable plastic containers and washable sandwich pockets.
- ◆ Plan your meals for the week so that you are only buying what you need.
- ◆ Buy foods in bulk and separate into small containers for lunches. This is often cheaper than buying in smaller quantities.
- ◆ Choose loose, fresh foods that are not packaged in plastic—think individual fresh produce such as apples, carrots and potatoes.
- ◆ Sort your waste before disposal - compost where possible, green waste, recycling.
- ◆ Buy second-hand items where possible and donate used goods to others in need or opportunity shops.
- ◆ Reuse school stationary from year to year

### Useful Websites and Resources:

<https://www.hellogreen.com.au/collections/sandwich-snack-wrap> - Sustainable lunch packaging and more

<https://www.biome.com.au/collections/sandwich-wrap> - Sustainable lunch packaging and more

<https://thesourcebulkfoods.com.au/> - Bulk food stores located throughout Australia.

<https://theorganisedhousewife.com.au/weekly-meal-planning-ideas/> - Meal planning ideas

<https://www.kingston.vic.gov.au/services/rubbish-and-recycling/a-to-z-of-waste-disposal> - A-Z of Waste Disposal





ASPENDALE GARDENS  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
PRESENTS

# it's a jungle out there!

*A musical play by Mary Donnelly & George L. O. Strid.*

Orchestrated by Alan Billingsley

Licensed to perform by Hal Leonard Publishing Corporation Milwaukee

**Year 5 & 6 Senior Production**

**Thursday the 31<sup>st</sup> of August**

Matinee  
2:00pm

Evening  
6:30pm

*In the school gym*

Book tickets via QR code or on Compass







*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 long-sleeved 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.

### Medicals

Please ensure that your child's medical information, including medical plans, risk minimisation plans and medication records are all up to date on FullyBooked. If you encounter any issues, please feel free to reach out to our service through the contact details below.

### Wednesdays early pack up

We would like to remind and inform families that we do an early pack up at before school care on Wednesdays due to a program that runs in the building. This means that breakfast gets packed away at 8:15AM on Wednesdays.

### Recyclable Items

We're constantly searching for recyclable materials like cardboard boxes, jars, bottles, and more to integrate into our construction zone at our service. If you happen to have any recyclable items at home, we would love for you to bring them in so we can utilise them. Your contributions will greatly enhance our creative and constructive environment!



### Spring Holiday Program

Our spring holiday program is fast approaching and bookings are now opened! This spring, our program revolves all around 'Weird Science' where we have an array of captivating in-house experiences planned, including science experiments, incursions and a few excursions too! Our holiday program schedule can be viewed online or flyers can be collected at our service or at the school office.

#### TIMES

**Before School:** 7:00AM - 8:45AM  
**After School:** 3:30PM - 6:15PM  
**Holidays:** 7:00AM - 6:15PM

#### CONTACT HEAD OFFICE

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# TERM 4 PEACEFUL KIDS EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST ARE OPEN!



'Peaceful Kids' is a Mindfulness and Positive Psychology based program to lessen anxiety and stress and increase resilience in children. The program has been created to offer children a developmentally appropriate program that gives them the skills, practice and support to utilise coping strategies that lessen the symptoms of anxiety and stress.

## Outcomes of the Peaceful Kids program:

- Lessen symptoms of anxiety and stress in children
- Teaches children to self-calm
- Empowers children to manage their own anxiety and stress symptoms
- Builds emotional resilience
- Develops emotional intelligence skills
- Teaches children life-long skills to manage stress and prevent stress build-up
- Supports children so they know that they are not alone with suffering from anxiety



## Program structure and fees:

- **Foundation:** 5 week program (60 mins each week). 4-6 students in each group.
- **Years 1-6:** 8 week program (60 mins each week). 4-6 students in each group.
- Sessions are run during class time (not during specialist classes).
- Cost: \$200 (Foundation) \$270 (Years 1-6). This includes all materials for the 5/8 week program and weekly emails to parents.
- 10% discount for siblings and returning students.

## This program would suit:

- Children who get stressed easily and/or have anxiety.
- Children who find controlling their emotions difficult.
- Any child who would like to learn more about mindfulness.
- If you are not sure, please contact me to discuss if the program would suit your child or ask your teacher!

## Who is running it?

My name is Lisa Webber and I am an experienced Primary School Teacher, Peaceful Kids Facilitator, Art Therapist and Mum of 4.

Don't hesitate to contact me for more information and enrolment details.

Keep an eye out for details about the parent information session!



This is me!

[lisawebber@outlook.com.au](mailto:lisawebber@outlook.com.au) [www.peacefulkids.com.au](http://www.peacefulkids.com.au)





## SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

\$5.00 PER ITEM



Uniforms are available to purchase during  
office hours: 8:30am — 4:30pm

ALL donations can be left at the school office.

## 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**



## Mordialloc Cricket Club



**Jiminy Cricket!**

**JUNIOR REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN**

Cricket Blast 4 - 9 years

Junior Cricket Mixed 9 - 15 years

All Girls Junior Cricket 9 - 15 years

Seniors

Enquires: [communications@redbacksjcc.org](mailto:communications@redbacksjcc.org)

Registration: <https://bit.ly/3DC8Q0j>

or







## **Mordialloc Cricket Club**

### **All Girls Cricket Competition**

### **Fun - Inclusive - Game Based**

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Enquires: [communications@redbacksjcc.org](mailto:communications@redbacksjcc.org)

Registration: <https://bit.ly/3DC8Q0j>

or



## **Mordialloc Cricket Club**

### **CRICKET BLAST**

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# **FUN IS IN FULL SWING!**

**Registrations now open**



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# AGCS KINDER HONEY DRIVE

Support the Aspendale Gardens Community Service Kinder and purchase delicious 100% pure Australian honey direct from Pure Peninsula Honey. All funds raised will help the team to continue offering fantastic resources, facilities and opportunities to our children.

**Orders close This Friday 25 August.**

**TO PLACE AN ORDER VISIT -  
[HTTPS://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/CKBBK](https://www.trybooking.com/CKBBK)**

For questions feel free to contact  
Alison Robins, [alisonrobins@gmail.com](mailto:alisonrobins@gmail.com)  
or 0436 023 915





# WANT TO PLAY CRICKET?

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**Registration Link:**

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

**Contact**

**Dimity Pollard** 0405 615 882  
Membership Officer  
SO Melbourne Southern



# 2023—2024 SCHOOL TERM DATES

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

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

**TERM 1:** Tuesday 30 January (students)  
to Thursday 28 March



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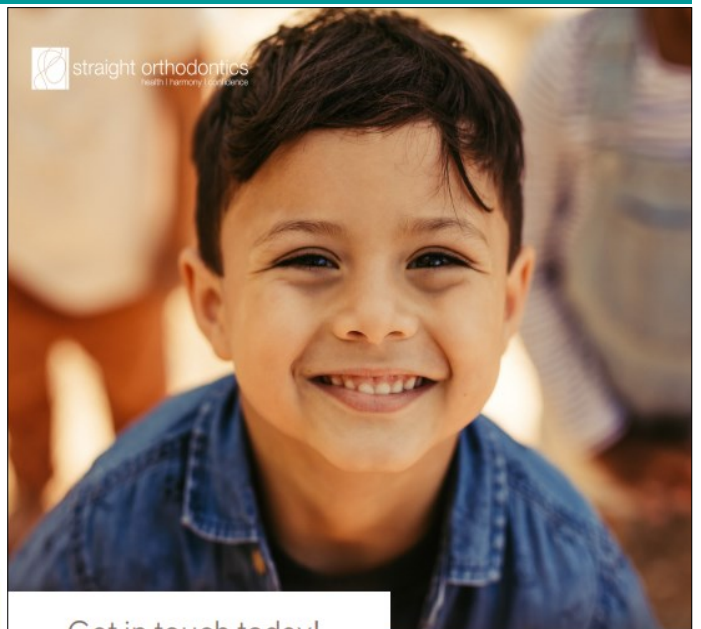
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