

# Aspendale Gardens Primary School

## Newsletter—Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February



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**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

#### FEBRUARY

**Monday 13** Year 3 Parent Info Session 3.45pm  
Year 4 Parent Info Session 2.45pm  
Year 5 Parent Info Session 3.45pm  
**Tuesday 14** Foundn Parent Info Session 3.45pm  
Year 1 Parent Info Session 3.45pm  
Year 2 Parent Info Session 2.45pm  
Year 6 Parent Info Session 3.45pm  
**Wednesday 15** District Swimming Tryouts  
4.30pm—6.30pm  
**Thursday 16** Running Group starts @ 7:30am  
**Friday 17** Year 6 ISS vs Edithvale PS @ Home

#### FEBRUARY

**Thursday 23** Running Group @ 7:30am  
**Friday 24** Year 6 ISS vs Chelsea Hts PS (away)  
**Tuesday 28** Year 2 Wetlands Excursion  
**MARCH**  
**Wednesday 1** MSP SCHOOL PHOTOS  
**Thursday 2** Running Group @ 7:30am  
**Friday 3** District Swimming Carnival  
Year 1 Team Building Incursion  
**Wednesday 8** Years 3—6 Inter House Cross  
Country (9.00am—11.00am)  
**Thursday 9** Running Group @ 7:30am

### FROM OUR ACTING PRINCIPAL

Our students have been enthusiastic about their learning this week, with a particular interest in the new Inquiry Units being introduced. The PYP unit of 'Who we are' is being investigated as this sets up a lot of the skills and understandings for the year. Students and teachers will be setting up their classroom routines, the classroom expectations and using games and activities to allow the students to get to know their classmates.

I was fortunate to visit our garden area this week where the students were busy maintaining our garden beds, ready to plant and harvest our next crops. The corn plants are growing high and the small corn kernels are starting to develop.



Our Foundation students had a number of new experiences this week. They met up with their Year 5 Buddies this week and were supported out in the school yard. These older Buddies will assist the Foundation students as they settle into school. In coming weeks, the students will meet each fortnight and participate in a shared activity.



The Buddy Program is an initiative from The Alannah and Madeleine Foundation to teach respectful values and behaviours. You will see some visual reminders around our school of Buddy Bear. <https://www.amf.org.au/>

#### Their Care

Their Care are our Out of School Hours provider offering care for our students from 7am until 8.45am and then again after school from 3.30pm until 6.00pm. The before and after school care operates from our CLC Building (old hall).



Access to Their Care before and after school hours is through the 'Kiss and Go' gate on Kerr Crescent. To find out more about their service visit: <https://theircare.com.au/>

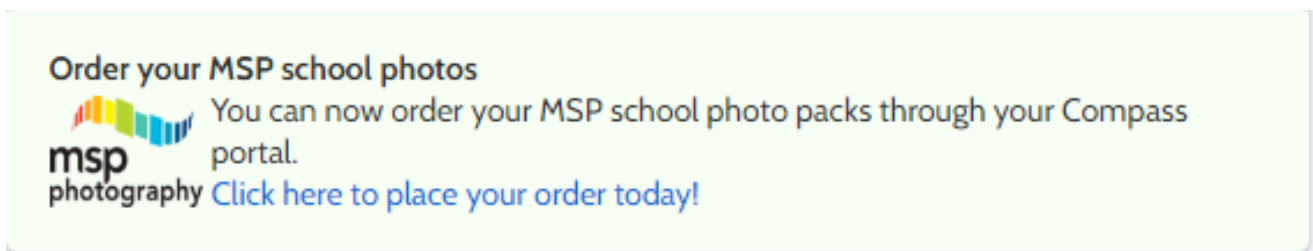
## Thank you to The Department of Education

All of our Foundation students were presented with a 'welcome to school' bag from the Department of Education this week. The bag contained items to give the students a great start to school. Included within the bag there are 5 picture story books to develop their love of reading. There are some fun activities including activity books, a frisbee and a jigsaw. The pack also has a parent information booklet 'Literacy and Numeracy Tips to help your child every day' which has some great activities and tips for parents. It is a wonderful gift to start school from the government, which I know the students will really enjoy.



## School Photographs

The school photography company, MSP will be in school on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March. They will take individual photos, class group photographs and pre-ordered family portraits. Photographs can be ordered through our Compass portal. You will now see the message below on your 'home page' when you login to your Compass account.



## Medical Information Updated



We remind all our parents to contact the school office to update any of their child's medical information. If your child has any medication (EpiPen, Anapen, Claratyne or inhaler) that has an expiry date, we ask parents to ensure that they have provided us with new in-date medication and in-date action plans.



## Notice of School Council Elections

School Councils play a key role in Victorian government schools, and being a member of the School Council is a rewarding experience. The School Council supports the Principal to provide the best possible educational experiences for the students.

On Monday 13th February all families will receive a notice of election and call for nominations for our School Council. Notices will be sent home via the youngest in the family. All information required can be found in the documentation sent out. Please contact the school office if you have any queries. Nomination forms will be available from the office.

## Safe Riding of Bikes and Scooters

We ask parents and students to be mindful of others when on the pavement areas around the school. At the beginning and end of the day there are large numbers of people moving in different directions around the school. Cyclists need to ride very slowly or walk on the pavements and keep attentive at all times, to avoid any accidents.



## Parent Information Sessions

Parent Information Sessions will be held next week. These 45 minutes sessions will be held in the classrooms. The presentation will cover classroom expectations, classroom routines, communications, curriculum outlines, cyber safety etc.



Year Foundation:	Tuesday 14th February @ 3.45pm
Year 1:	Tuesday 14th February @ 3.45pm
Year 2:	Tuesday 14th February @ 2.45pm (in school time)
Year 3:	Monday 13th February @ 3.45pm
Year 4:	Monday 13th February @ 2.45pm (in school time)
Year 5:	Monday 13th February @ 3.45pm
Year 6:	Tuesday 14th February @ 3.45pm

Child care will be available for students whose parents are attending the 3.45pm information sessions. We ask parents to collect their children at the end of the day and drop them off in the library, prior to attending the information session. The slide presentation will be made available to parents who are unable to attend the session.

## COVID in our Community

There have been a few cases of COVID-19 within our school community. We continue to take the important steps of ensuring air purifiers are in use, external ventilation is maximised, good personal hygiene is encouraged and face masks are available for staff, students and visitors who wish to wear them.



The Department of Health recommends that a person who tests positive to COVID-19 report that result to their employer, school and household.

Where a student is identified as a positive case, the following steps should be taken:

1. Parents/carers should complete the Student COVID-19 [COVID Test Portal](#) if a student tests positive to COVID-19 (via a PCR or rapid antigen test).
2. Students who report a positive result are recommended to isolate for a **minimum of 5 days**. They should not start back at school after the 5 days, until their symptoms have resolved.
3. There is no longer a requirement for principals to inform the school community of a positive case associated with the school.
4. The Department of Health recommends that masks should be worn by a person who is a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.
5. The Department of Health recommends that masks should be worn by a person who has COVID-19 for at least 7 days after a positive test, when they need to leave home.

## Reminder

**NO** dogs are allowed in the school grounds please.

Have a good weekend everyone,

*Jonathan*



# AGPS CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL (Years 3 - 6)

On **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March**, we will be hosting our **AGPS Cross Country Carnival (Years 3-6)**. The event will be held in the Open Parkland behind the main school ground, (Melbourne Water Reserve), using the existing bike paths. The event will begin at approximately **9.00am** and will finish at approximately **11.15am**.

**Below is a schedule of the morning including a list of the age groups and distances that students will be required to run:**

**(NOTE: These times are approximate times ONLY)**

Time	Age Group	Distance
9.00am	Walk out to the AGPS Sportsground (behind school grounds). Students sit in their House colours.	
9.15am	Welcome and a run-down of the event by Mr. King & Mr. Murphy.	
9.25am	Year 6 House Captains perform their House Chants.	
9.35am	8/9/10 Year Old (Girls)	2 km
9.40am	8/9/10 Year Old (Boys)	2 km
10.00am	11 Year Old (Girls)	3 km
10.05am	11 Year Old (Boys)	3 km
10.30am	12/13 Year Old (Girls)	3 km
10.35am	12/13 Year Old (Boys)	3 km
11.05am	Announcement of the AGPS Cross Country Champions for 2023 by the Year 6 Sports Leaders.	
11.15am	End of the 2023 AGPS Cross Country Carnival.	

**Please see below which age group your child will be running in for the event:**

Age Group	Year/s Born
8/9/10 Year Old	2013 - 2015
11 Year Old	2012
12/13 Year Old	2010 - 2011

Students can wear their **House Colours** as well as appropriate clothing and shoes to run in for their event. The Top 10 students in each age group will progress through to the **Chelsea & Patterson District Cross Country Carnival** on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May, in Term 2**.

Mr. King and Mr. Murphy are also looking for **parents** who are able to assist on the day in the **roles of course marshals**. If you are able to assist, please contact **Mr. King** on **Class DOJO** by **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March**. **You will need to have a current WWCC to be able to assist**. For more information on the event, please look on Compass or contact Mr. King.

**Mr. Braden King**

## District Swimming Trials (Years 3 - 6)



Swimming trials for the AGPS District Swimming Team will be held on  
**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February** from 4.30pm – 6.30pm at  
**Pines Forest Aquatic Centre, Forest Drive, Frankston North.**

Students selected from the upcoming swimming trials will compete at the Chelsea and Patterson District Swimming Carnival held at the **Pines Forest Aquatic Centre, Forest Drive, Frankston North** on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.**

The swimming trials are open to any students in Years 3 – 6 (born between 2010-2014) who are interested in trying out for the **AGPS District Swimming Team** for 2023. If your child is interested in attending the trials, information on the requirements for your child to be considered for the **AGPS District Swimming Team** will be sent out early next week.

If you require further information on the trials, please contact **Mr. King.**

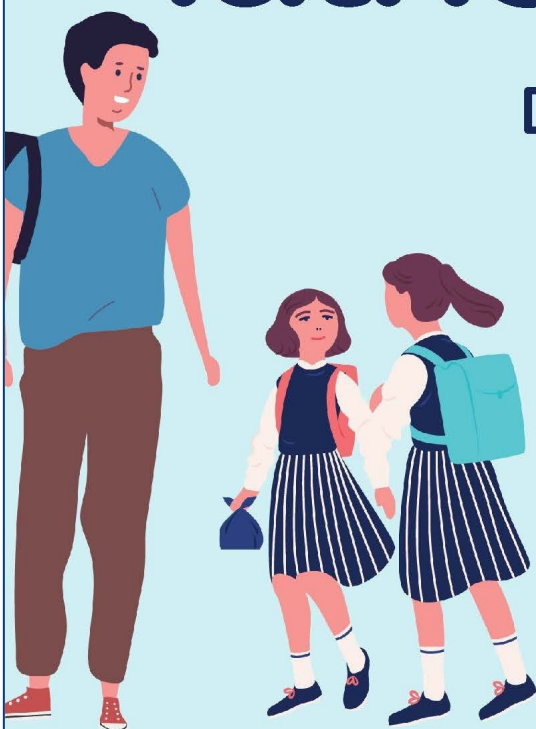
# Calling all



# dads and father-figures!

Did you know we have a

## Dads' Group ?

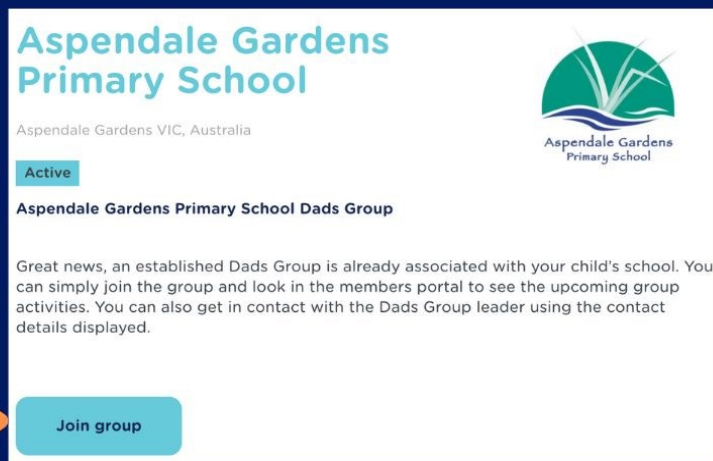
The logo for D.A.G.S features a stylized green and blue graphic of a plant or grass. Below the graphic, the text 'D.A.G.S' is written in a white, serif font, followed by 'Dads of Aspendale Gardens' in a white, cursive font.

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

# How to join our dads' group:

## DAG's

**Step 1:** <https://thefatheringproject.org/dads-group/aspendale-gardens-primary-school/>



**Aspendale Gardens Primary School**  
Aspendale Gardens VIC, Australia

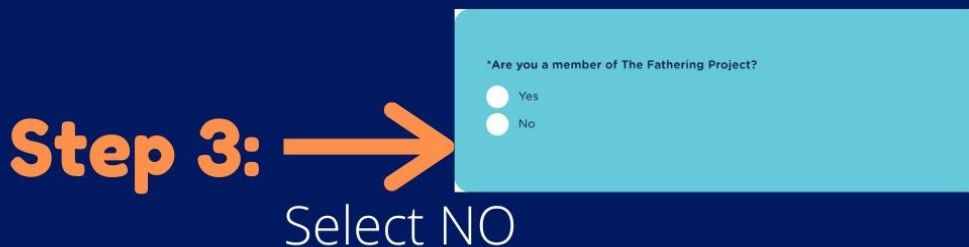
Active

**Aspendale Gardens Primary School Dads Group**

Great news, an established Dads Group is already associated with your child's school. You can simply join the group and look in the members portal to see the upcoming group activities. You can also get in contact with the Dads Group leader using the contact details displayed.

Join group

**Step 2:** → Join Group



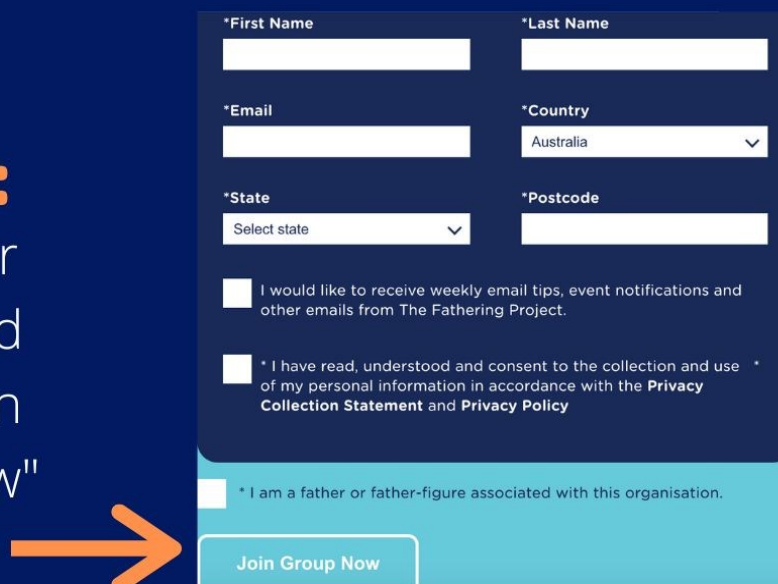
\*Are you a member of The Fathering Project?

Yes

No

Select NO

**Step 4:**  
Enter your details and select "Join Group Now"



\*First Name

\*Last Name

\*Email

\*Country

\*State

\*Postcode

I would like to receive weekly email tips, event notifications and other emails from The Fathering Project.

\* I have read, understood and consent to the collection and use of my personal information in accordance with the **Privacy Collection Statement and Privacy Policy**

\* I am a father or father-figure associated with this organisation.

Join Group Now

# CHOIR IS BACK NEXT WEEK!

Come along to Ms. McGregor's MUSIC ROOM to learn some great new songs and practise for some fun performances.

Junior Choir F-2: Tuesday lunchtimes from 1:40pm

Senior Choir 3-6: Thursday lunchtimes from 1:40pm



All WELCOME. See you there!

**OUR CANTEEN IS OPEN  
WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY**

**Counter sales are available at  
lunchtime only**

**Please place Lunch orders via QKR  
QKR closes at 9:00am on day of delivery**



Dear AGPS families and friends,

The Fundraising team consists of volunteer parents who raise funds throughout the year that are used towards improving the grounds and facilities at the school. In previous years, funds raised have contributed towards our oval upgrade and playground equipment.

We organise events such as Mothers' / Fathers' Day stalls, school disco, Easter raffle, trivia night and sausage sizzles. In 2022, the team raised over \$34,000.

We have a calendar of events planned for 2023 and we need some new parents to join the team to make the events a success. Any help is appreciated, no matter how big or small.

No amount of commitment is too small, if you feel you have a particular skill set that could help us then please get in touch.

Also if you can donate a prize for the raffle that would be great!

If you would like to find out more about the team, the events planned or how you can help - please join us for a few drinks and nibbles at our first meeting for the year on:

# Wednesday 15th at 7pm

Held in the staff room at the school, we would love to see you there!

*The Fundraising Team*



**SUNDAY 19 MARCH 2023**

CHOOSE FROM  
5, 10 OR 15KM

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TEAM OR FAMILY

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REGISTRATION

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# Messy Play

23rd Feb & 30th Mar  
9:30am - 10:30am

**\$15 per session +**

\$15 AGCS annual membership if not already paid

Messy play or sensory play, is a process where children can engage all of their senses as they explore different materials. The play is open ended, and focused on process rather than end result.



# STORYTIME AND CRAFT

Join us at Aspendale Gardens Community Service for stories and craft for young children.

**When:**

Tuesday 14 February 2:30-3:15pm | Tuesday 28 March 2:30-3:15pm | Wednesday 24 May 11-11:45am



**More information:**  
**Online** [library.kingston.vic.gov.au](http://library.kingston.vic.gov.au)  
**Phone** 1300 135 668  
**In person** at any library branch.



A partnership between Kingston Libraries  
and Aspendale Gardens Community Service.

Phone: 9587 0877 Email: [aspendale.gardens.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:aspendale.gardens.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au) Website: [www.agps.vic.edu.au](http://www.agps.vic.edu.au)

# FREE KIDS & ADULTS CLINICS

Edithvale Golf Course

Register: Kids - MyGolf.org.au

Adults - Golf.org.au/GetIntoGolf

Search for Edithvale Golf Course

Register under Free Clinics

Or Contact for Queries

PGA Pro Paul Boxall - 0414 892 535



## Kids Parties

- Space jump
- Sports & jump
- Dodgem cars
- Nerf wars
- Bubble soccer
- Laser tag



**FREE**  
TRIAL  
SESSION

**5:30pm-6:30pm**

**Mondays & Wednesdays**

**5-7 year olds | 8 - 11 year olds**

**Tel: 9547 2555**

**\$15/sessions**

**[springvaleindoorsports.com.au/junior-sports](http://springvaleindoorsports.com.au/junior-sports)**

## NEW PLAYERS NEEDED!



We need players to fill teams for Season 1 (starts 4 February) in the following age groups:

- U11 (born 2012-2013)
- U13 (born 2010-2011)

Please contact us on [aanc3195@gmail.com](mailto:aanc3195@gmail.com)



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