

# Aspendale Gardens Primary School

## Newsletter—Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June



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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

#### MAY

Friday 2 Year 6 ISS vs St Josephs P.S. @ Home  
 School Assembly @ 2.30pm in Gym

#### JUNE

Monday 5 FCH Parent Teacher Meetings  
 2:30pm—4:30pm

Tuesday 6 Years 3 & 4 Swimming Begins  
 Year 5 Immigration Incursion

Wednesday 7 School Tour @ 9:15am

Friday 9 Year 6 ISS vs Chelsea P.S. @ Home  
**Book Club Issue 4 Orders Due**

Monday 12 King's Birthday Holiday—NO SCHOOL

Tuesday 13 **NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS**  
 School Tour @ 2:30pm

Wednesday 14 Regional Cross Country Carnival

#### JUNE

Thursday 15 Last Running Group for Term 2  
 Friday 16 Years 3 & 4 Swimming Finishes  
 Year 6 Winter Lightning Premiership  
**Special NAIDOC Week Celebrations**  
**School Assembly @ 2.30pm in Gym**  
 Monday 19 Year 3 Prof Bunsen Burner Incursion  
 Parent Teacher Meetings 3:45—6pm  
 School Council Meeting @ 6:30pm

Wednesday 21 Parent Teacher Meetings  
 (3:45pm—7:30pm)

Thursday 22 Term 2 Ends—2:30pm Dismissal

Friday 23 **PUPIL FREE DAY—NO SCHOOL**

#### JULY

Monday 10 Term 3 Begins

### UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**THURSDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE**

**LAST DAY OF TERM 2**

**Early Dismissal @ 2:30pm**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**

**PUPIL FREE DAY—Numeracy & Wellbeing**

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August**

**PUPIL FREE DAY—Literacy**

### FROM OUR ACTING PRINCIPAL

Being the first day of winter, it is a timely reminder for our students to attend school with the appropriate clothing, suitable for colder days. Please have a look at the uniform policy on the website to see our winter uniform. It has been excellent to see a number of our students wearing the AGPS beanie whilst outside on cold days.

I met up with some very excited Foundation students on Wednesday as they returned from the Moonlit Sanctuary. Their excursion engaged the students and got them thinking about the physical characteristics of animals. The students were keen to tell me about the native animals they saw and learnt more about. The list included Tasmanian devils, dingoes, kangaroos, koalas, snakes, lizards and parrots.



### Parent Teacher Meetings

We will be opening up the Compass portal for parents to book times to attend the Parent Teacher Meetings. Our Parent Teacher Meetings will be held in the final week of the term on Monday 19th June and Wednesday 21st June.

These will follow the release of the end of semester reports, which will be available on Compass on Thursday 15th June. During the meetings, teachers will answer any questions related to the reports and will also share the students' future learning goals.

The Compass portal will be open for bookings on Monday 5th June, from 3pm.



## Lunchtime Clubs

We provide a number of clubs and lunchtime activities for the students to get involved in during lunchtimes.

The library is available for students to read our wide variety of books or share a book with a friend. Friendship Club is run in the CLC, which provides students a place to do craft activities, construction and board games. There are also a number of other clubs available for students to attend during the lunch break. These include dance, chess, robotics, drawing, gardening and choirs. It is excellent to see so many students broadening their experiences and having fun during these activities.

## Chinese Week



This week we enjoyed a range of activities to celebrate our Chinese Week. On Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes, we ran the finals of our Master Chef competition. Four groups of students planned their recipes and cooked in front of a live audience. The judges then tasted the foods that were presented and winners were selected. To celebrate the Year of the Rabbit, our younger students were involved in bunny hopping races at lunchtime. This was most entertaining and was enjoyed by the students. We look forward to more celebrations at our assembly on Friday.

## Sorry Day

National Sorry Day is a day to acknowledge the strength of Stolen Generations Survivors and reflect on how we can all play a part in the healing process for our people and nation. While this date carries great significance for the Stolen Generations and other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, it is also commemorated by Australians right around the country. Last week our Year 6s selected Indigenous inspired picture story books to read to the students in different classes. This was a great experience for our older students and was enjoyed by the younger year levels. We also received Acknowledgement of Country window stickers from Kingston Council that we have displayed in our school entrance area and our gym entrance. In Week 8 we will be celebrating more of our indigenous culture through our NAIDOC Week celebrations.



## Kingston Council - Have Your Say On The Future Of Play

This week I received an email from Kingston Council to ask for ideas from our community to give feedback to the future planning of play spaces in Kingston and the development of the new swimming pool in Mordialloc. See below for the link to the survey where you can leave feedback and ideas, based on the recreation spaces. Later on in the term, our SRC and parent groups will be asked for feedback on the design of the swimming pool.

## What are Play and Active Recreation Spaces?

Play and active recreation spaces include traditional playgrounds, and activities such as skate parks, half courts, BMX tracks, outdoor gyms + more! We use a Playground Strategy to help us design and build our playgrounds - but our current strategy is now well over 10 years old. So, this year (with your help!), we're creating a new Play and Active Recreation Strategy to ensure we can provide and maintain play spaces that support children, youth and adults to have fun and get active in Kingston.



Have your say and play your way!

We're excited to be planning for the future of play and active recreation spaces in Kingston. We want to work with our community to create play spaces that are welcoming and inclusive for everyone to enjoy - young people, older people, families, carers and people of all abilities.

Tell us all about how, what, where, when and why you play!

<https://www.yourkingstonyoursay.com.au/play-your-way>

A reminder that there will be an assembly this Friday. Parents are welcome to join us at 2.30pm in the Gym.

Have a great weekend.



## ANNUAL SCHOOL DISCO

Hello Parents, Guardians & Friends,

Get excited as Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023 is the date for our annual School Disco!

As a team we thought that we would provide you with some key information relating to the disco in case you are a 'first timer' or aren't 100% sure how it all works:

- The Junior Disco (Foundation to Year 2) runs from 5:45pm to 7:00pm and the Senior Disco (Years 3 to 6) is from 7:30pm to 9:00pm.
- All children will be provided with a numbered wristband prior to the event. It is **really important** that your child is wearing it when they arrive. We want to reduce the amount of time the children are stood outside on a winter's night and numbered wristbands allow us to check them in quickly.
- Parents are more than welcome to stay with their child/ren. If you do stay, make sure you head over to the designated adult area so that the dance floor is free for the children.
- Parents can drop their child/ren off and collect them at the end of their session. We have a lot of volunteers that keep an eye on the children, and we will always call a parent to collect their child, if the need arises.
- If we do call for you to collect your child, it would be appreciated if you collect them as soon as possible. (It is always a familiar face or a hug from a special person that makes them feel better).
- No child will be allowed to leave either disco without a parent, guardian or other responsible adult collecting them. We will have a system in place to make sure this happens.
- Pick up procedure – at the end of both the Junior and Senior Discos all students will wait inside the gym to be collected by their parents/carers. Each year level will have their own collection point which will be designated by wall signs and attended by parent volunteers to ensure a smooth process.
- We have fully qualified first aiders at the event to keep everyone safe.
- There will be an array of glo products available to purchase on the night as well as chips, chocolate and water so please make sure your child has some change if they wish to make purchases.
- Please note that we will not be able to provide a refund for a glo product/s that was broken or damaged whilst being used for a purpose, other than intended!
- Your child is encouraged to bring their own water bottle. Please make sure it is clearly labelled with their name.

## Volunteers

- The event needs numerous volunteers to make it a success. If you do kindly volunteer, previous experience tells us that it's not possible to help at the event while looking after your own child/ren. So, if you do want to help, please make sure you are comfortable with your child bopping to Rick Astley with their friends!
- You will need to have completed our Volunteers Agreement (accessible from the office or on our website) and have a current Working With Children Check (WWCC).
- You will be given a specific role and briefed on what is involved. You will be part of a team and not left on your own!

This event is one of the staples on the fundraising team calendar. We had nearly 75% of the school attend the disco in 2022 and it is a brilliant event that is loved by everyone.

We hope that this information is helpful and we are looking forward to a really successful night.

*The Fundraising Team*

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## SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

**\$5.00 per item**

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

**If you have any school uniforms that your child has outgrown,  
and it is still in good condition, please consider donating it.**

## 2023 SCHOOL TERM DATES

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

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

## 2024 SCHOOL TERM DATES

**TERM 1: Tuesday 30 January (students)  
to Friday 29 March**

**TERM 3: Monday 15 July  
to Friday 20 September**

**TERM 2: Monday 15 April  
to Friday 28 June**

**TERM 4: Monday 7 October  
to Friday 20 December**





Primary Years  
Programme

# PYP Focus in Year 1

In Year 1, our current Unit of Inquiry is 'Where we are in place in time' with a focus on 'how changes over time influence who we are and how we live today'.

In their classrooms children explored objects that were used in the past and tried to predict what they were used for. It was interesting to see all the creative responses our students came up with.

**Transdisciplinary Theme**

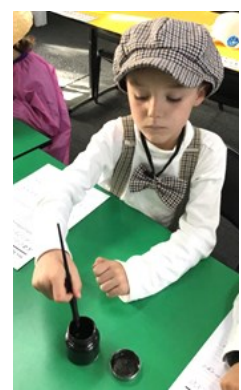
**Who We Are**

Central Idea:

**Changes overtime  
influence who we are  
and how we live today**



During Week 5 the students enjoyed travelling back in time with our Year 1 'Schools of the Past' Dress-up Day, and incursion with Mrs. Sargood. They practiced activities such as cursive hand writing using ink and played games such as duck duck goose, hop scotch, sack races and egg and spoon races.



During Buddies students took an 'olden day' toy and recreate it so that it fits in the modern day world. Exploring the idea - What could you add to make it more modern? You can redesign, but it still needs to be recognisable as the original.



As we finish our unit throughout this term we will be creating and presenting personal timelines of changes in our own lives and also interview our Grandparents to learn about changes they have experienced in their own lifetime.



# Year 6 Interschool Sport (ISS)

## Match Report



Last Friday, the Year 6 students travelled to St. Louis de Montfort's School for their third round of Year 6 Interschool Sport (ISS) for Term 2. The Year 6 students did a wonderful job, representing AGPS with pride in their chosen sport, while also showing fabulous sportsmanship throughout their games.

Below are the results from last week's games

Netball (Boys / Mixed)		Netball (Girls)	
AGPS	9	AGPS	8
St. Louis	6	St. Louis	13
Best Player/s:	Sara C	Best Player/s:	Zoe B

Soccer (Boys)		Soccer (Girls)	
AGPS	4	AGPS	1
St. Louis	1	St. Louis	0
Best Player/s:	Archie B, Ben H & Lewis J	Best Player/s:	Tiana G & Isabella R

Tee Ball (Boys)		Tee Ball (Girls)	
AGPS	11	AGPS	10
St. Louis	16	St. Louis	13
Best Player/s:	Tommy T	Best Player/s:	Lia S

AFL (Boys)	
AGPS	6
St. Louis	58
Best Player/s:	Ethan D, Will T, Archie S & Keegan F

Tomorrow we will be travelling away to play against **St. Joseph's Primary School**. Venues for each sport have been posted on Class DOJO. Once again, well done to all of the Year 6 students on their efforts last week. **GO AGPS!**

Mr. Braden King





## NAIDOC WEEK

Aspendale Gardens PS will be celebrating NAIDOC WEEK during the week Tuesday June 13- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June. We will be having a special NAIDOC WEEK assembly on **FRIDAY 16<sup>th</sup> JUNE at 2.30pm in the gym.**

We are celebrating early as the official week will be held during our school holidays. We will be celebrating more than 60,000 years of history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples here and overseas.

NAIDOC Week is an opportunity for all Australians to learn about First Nations cultures and histories and participate in celebrations of the oldest, continuous living cultures on earth.

The 2023 National NAIDOC Week theme is **For Our Elders**. 'Across every generation, our Elders have played, and continue to play, an important role and hold a prominent place in our communities and families.'

### Aspendale Gardens Primary School 2023 NAIDOC WEEK Whole School Art Project

This year we are excited to announce a very special whole school collaborative art project. The project is inspired by the book COME TOGETHER By Isaiah Firebrace.

Every student and everyone who works at our school will be contributing their art to this project.

Isaiah won the 8<sup>th</sup> season of X Factor in 2016 and represented Australia in the Eurovision song contest 2017 finishing 9<sup>th</sup>. Isaiah is a young Indigenous man and he has written his book 'so we can all learn more about First Nations People and share their traditions and stories with the world. It's about us all **coming together**, living in this amazing country of which we can all be proud.'





# Have A Heart For Cambodia

## A message from Julie Lach

In 2012 my family travelled with my Cambodian- born husband back to Cambodia after he'd lived in Australia for 35 years. The trip was an eye- opening experience. We were overwhelmed with the friendliness of these beautiful people but also, so saddened to see the poverty and hardship faced by many families. In response, in 2015 we set up our charity **'Have a Heart for Cambodia'**. Our vision is to make a difference to the lives of hundreds of disadvantaged young people in Cambodia.

Through a variety of Special Events such as movie screenings and dining experiences we are raising funds to support the organization, ODA (Opportunities of Development Thru Art) in Siem Reap. (<https://www.odaopportunitiescambodia.org/>) ODA has raised funds with the support of people like you and I to set up eight little village schools, paid teachers and provided over 1,450 children from poor farming families with educational opportunities allowing them to dream of a future.

Over the years families at Aspendale Gardens Primary School have supported HAHFC and we'd love your support for our current movie event **'The Little Mermaid'**. Please consider coming to the movies with us and help us to continue to make a difference:

***'Individually we are one drop,  
Together, we are an ocean.'***







HAVE A HEART FOR CAMBODIA

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AND A FUTURE.



# TERM 3 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, Mum of 4 and soon to be Art Therapist. 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!

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## Wonder Recycling Rewards Program

During Term 2, AGPS will be taking part in the Wonder Recycling Rewards program. This program is coordinated by bread manufacturing company 'Wonder' and is designed to assist with recycling the many tonnes of bread bags that are thrown into landfill each year.

In return for collecting and recycling bread bags, schools participating in the program will be rewarded with a range of brand new sports equipment for students of all year levels to enjoy. **The more bread bags we collect for recycling, the more sports equipment we will earn!**

Our collected bread bags will be returned to Wonder late in Term 3 and our sports equipment will be sent out towards the end of the year.

Here is some further information about the program:



### **Where do I drop my bread bags?**

A collection box will be located in the AGPS office for students, their families and staff to drop off their bread bags from the beginning of Term 2.

### **What is classified as a bread bag?**

The rule of thumb is that if it has contained bread of some sort and is a soft plastic, then it's a bread bag. If it hasn't contained bread, then it's not a bread bag.

### **Do our bread bags need to be clean?**

Bread bags should be as free from crumbs as they can be to keep the recycling process free from contamination (there is no need to wash them).

### **How are the bread bags recycled once we have collected them?**

Our recycling partner APR Plastics manages the recycling process for us. APR Plastics empty the cartons and recycle the boxes. The plastic is then processed into an oil that can be reused to create food grade packaging, creating a circular economy.

Unfortunately the cardboard bread tags are not included as part of the Wonder Recycling Rewards program, but they can be recycled from home. To ensure your bread tags are properly recycled, pop them in a used paper envelope that's folded shut before throwing them in the paper recycling bin.

So let's all do our part to help protect our planet and earn some new sporting equipment for our school. Collect your bread bags at home and bring them to school to drop in the box.

It's as easy as that!

**Amy Kelly** - Environmental Coordinator

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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!

#### NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK

This week we are focusing on National Reconciliation Week. National Reconciliation Week is an opportunity for all Australians to learn about our shared history, cultures, and achievements, as well as to consider how each of us may contribute to developing reconciliation in Australia.

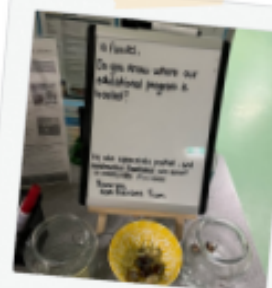
During sessions, we will be creating Indigenous inspired artwork, having discussions about Reconciliation and what it means as well as exploring Indigenous stories.



*National Reconciliation Week*

### What's new in service?

We have recently implemented a feedback system in service to seek feedback and suggestions from families! Each week, a question will be ascribed with a yes and no jars for you to place a marble in. We want to include families' suggestions into our planning and programme to ensure we are offering exceptional service for you and your child.



*Feedback Board*

### Week 6 ASC Menu

In addition to a nutritious fruit & veggie platter:

**Monday**  
Rice Cakes served with vegetables and dips

**Tuesday**  
Wholemeal mini pizza's

**Wednesday**  
Freshly baked scones served with jam and cream

**Thursday**  
Oven baked vegetarian spring rolls


**Friday**  
Rice Crackers served with vegetables and dips



#### TIMES

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

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# Preparing for Extreme Weather

Storms & Floods  
Information Session

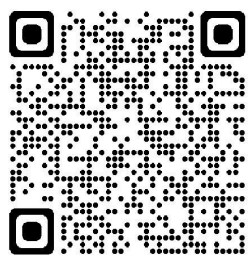
**FREE EVENT**

**Friday 16 June  
11:00am - 12:00pm**

In this workshop you will hear from Phil Wall from Chelsea SES. Phil will share valuable information on preparing for extreme weather and provide examples of the fabulous work that our emergency services do on a daily occurrence.



**Book at:**  
[agcsinc.org.au](http://agcsinc.org.au) or



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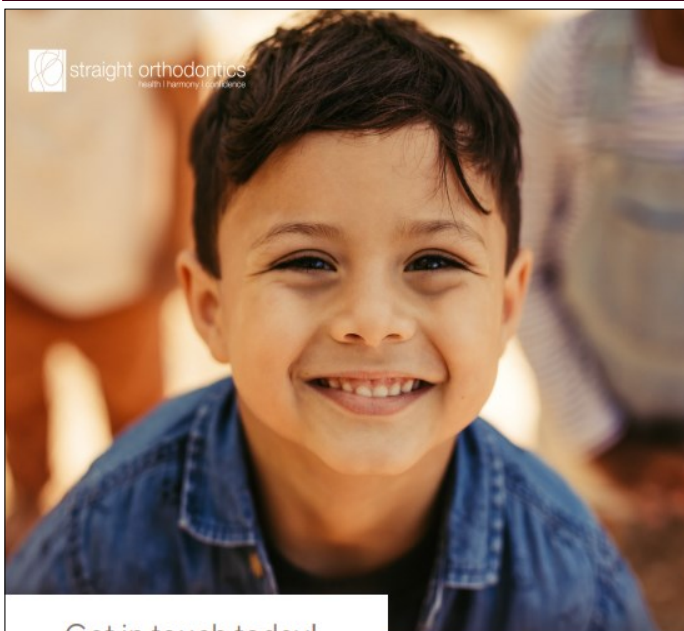
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