

Aspendale Gardens Primary School

Newsletter—Thursday 11th 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.

2023 DIARY

MAY

Friday 12 Mothers' Day Breakfast 8am start
Years 1 & 2 Swimming Program Ends
Monday 15 **EDUCATION WEEK BEGINS!**
Tuesday 16 School Tour @ 9:15am
Open Afternoon 5:00pm—6:30pm
Classrooms Open
Friday 19 Year 6 ISS vs Edithvale P.S.—away
School Assembly @ 2.30pm in Gym
Monday 22 Year 1 Mrs Sargood Incursion
Tuesday 23 School Tour @ 2:30pm
Wednesday 24 **Senior House Athletics Carnival**
Thursday 25 Kingston Junior Mayor Competition

MAY

Friday 26 Year 6 ISS vs St Louis P.S.—away
Tuesday 30 School Tour @ 9:15am
Division Cross Country
Wednesday 31 Kingston Division Cross Country
Foundation Moonlit Sanctuary
Excursion
JUNE
Friday 2 Year 6 ISS vs St Josephs P.S. @ Home
School Assembly @ 2.30pm in Gym
Tuesday 6 Years 3 & 4 Swimming Begins
Year 5 Immigration Incursion
Friday 9 Year 6 ISS vs Chelsea P.S. @ Home

FROM OUR ACTING PRINCIPAL

Year 1 / 2 Swimming Program

The Year 1 and 2 students have had an enjoyable and rewarding time at their swimming lessons over the last fortnight. The students grew in confidence and developed their swimming strokes.

"We did different strokes like freestyle and backstroke. I enjoyed doing freestyle." – Claire 2AT

"I enjoyed diving. I got better at it." – Max 2AT

"I learnt something new how to dive." – Jaylen 2AT

Year 5 Camp

The Year 5 students have returned from their camp at Campaspe Downs. The students participated in a range of activities including canoeing, abseiling, giant swing, laser tag, challenge and the low ropes course. There were some tired faces as the students disembarked the bus on Wednesday afternoon. It was good to hear reflections from the teachers about students who really challenged themselves and showed great courage during some of these activities and the students had a great sense of pride following their completion of these tasks. We would like to thank the staff for their organisation leading up to the camp (Ms Archer, Mr Wonnacott, Mrs Keulen, Ms Munro, Mrs Gomolis, Glenys & Mr King) and the staff and parents (Mr Sam, Mr David, Mrs Spencer and Mr O'Brien) for their care and encouragement on the camp to make it a memorable time for our students.

Volunteering at School

We now have 70 of our parents who read our 'Volunteer Induction' pack and have returned their Volunteer's agreement. For any other parents who would like to volunteer throughout the year, we will need you to complete the agreement and have a current Working with Childrens Check. To make it easier for us to identify who have satisfactorily completed the induction and agreement, we have created personalised volunteer badges. Volunteers can collect these from the office when they next come into school. These badges can be collected from the office, taken home and brought in when volunteering at school. We appreciate all the parent support to enable our special events and programs to run.

New Books

Previously we reported on the successful grant application which our SRC applied for last year. The application was to support the purchase of new books for our Foundation students. The Foundation teachers carefully chose an excellent range of books for their students and they are enjoying reading them.



Also a BIG thank you to the Galna & Marsh-Bibb families for their generous donations of books for our school library. The students will be thrilled with them. Glenys is working hard to get them on the shelves as quickly as she can for the children to borrow.

Defibrillator

We have just purchased a defibrillator for our school. This will be positioned inside the administration building so that it can be accessible by our school community if the need arises.



Student Absences

We remind parents to keep up to date with reporting any student absences. We encourage parents to access Compass to give an explanation of a student absence, or contact the school office—9587 0877.

Book Club

Orders for the current issue of Book Club close next Wednesday 17th May.

Year 7 Secondary School Application Forms

We have had two thirds of the secondary school applications returned. We remind all Year 6 parents that they need to complete their secondary school application forms and return them to our school office by tomorrow—(Friday 12th May).

Second Hand Uniforms

Thank you to those who have donated to our second hand uniform cupboards. We currently have no polo tops or fleecy jackets. If you have any uniforms in good condition that you would be happy to donate we would be very grateful. Our lovely office ladies will happily accept your donations.

Mothers' Day Celebration

A huge thank you to the parent volunteers who arranged the purchase and selection of Mothers' Day gifts and also ran the stall today: Catherine Pinches, Michelle Darlow, Vibha Chordiya, Bianca Benson, Scott Mills, Ash Williams, Steve Sabez, Sian Carroll, Brooke Bibb, Gillian Candy, Justin Green, Tracee Hill, Niamh Fleming, Kristel Fersterer, Michaela Pusca, Ayumi Kaneka, Louise Carter, Renee Gillespie, Jane Fersterer, Rae Hynes, Louise Bradley and Chantelle Davies. There were a lot of excited students when they saw what gifts were available to purchase. The event provided a wonderful service to our students and raised **\$2,075**



TOMORROW (Friday 12th May) is our Mothers' Day breakfast, starting at 8:00am in the courtyard. All our Mums are welcome to come and share a doughnut, a piece of fruit and a tea or coffee with us.

Open Evening

During Education Week we will be hosting our Aspendale Gardens Primary School Open Evening. This will be held on Tuesday 16th May from 5:00pm - 6:30pm. Classrooms will be open and the students will be able to share their learning with their parents and other family members. There will be a range of activities and presentations to look at, including programming technology, presentations of plays, Maths games, portfolios, designs and models of sustainable energy uses and much more. We look forward to you joining us next Tuesday.

We hope all our Mums have an extra special day on Sunday.

Jonathan

AGPS Senior Athletics Carnival (Years 3 - 6)

A reminder that our annual **AGPS Senior Athletics Carnival** will be held in **2 weeks** on **Wednesday 24th May**. Students in **Years 3 – 6** will be taking part in the event. The event will be held at the **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
9.00 - 9.40am	Walk to Chelsea Little Athletics Centre.
9.40 - 10.00am	Welcome and a run-down of the carnival from Mr. King & Mr. Murphy.
10.00 – 2.00pm	Students complete 8 rotations which include 6 athletic events & 2 breaks for snack and lunch.
2.00 - 2.10pm	Events Pack Up. Assemble on the velodrome for the House Chants.
2.10 - 2.20pm	Year 6 House Captains perform their House Chants.
2.20 - 2.35pm	Staff vs Student relay races.
2.35 - 2.45pm	Announcement of the AGPS Athletics Champions for 2023 by the Year 6 Sports Leaders.
2.45 - 3.30pm	End of the 2023 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 two** students in each age group for each event will progress through to the **Chelsea & Patterson District Athletics Carnival** on **Friday 8th September** (2nd last week of Term 3).

If your child will be attending this event, their consent form and medical information must be completed via Compass by **Monday 22nd May**. If your child's consent form isn't completed by the due date then they won't be allowed to attend the carnival. This event is a **COMPULSORY SPORTS EVENT**. Students **WILL BE REQUIRED** to attend the event.



Lastly, we are still 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. For more information on the event, please contact Mr. King.

Mr. Braden King

Year Level Sport Winners – Term 1

During Term 1, students in Years 3 – 5 participated in modified games of **Cricket** and **Soccer** as part of their Year 3, Year 4, and Year 5 Sport programs. While participating in these games, students further developed their knowledge and skills of these sports, while also showing good sportsmanship towards their teachers and peers.

Each week students competed against each other in either their classes (Year 3) or in their houses (Years 4 & 5) of the **Falcons**, **Kestrels**, **Kookaburras** and **Owls**. Students in Year 3 focused on showing good sportsmanship each week, while the Years 4 & 5 students aimed to beat each other to try and finish Term 1 at the top of the ladder.

Congratulations to the following class and Houses who finished Term 1 at the top of the ladder for



Year 3 - 3KA



Year 4 - Falcons



Year 5 - Owls

Throughout Term 2, students will be participating in modified games of **AFL** and **Basketball**, aiming to finish at the top of their respective ladders to win the Year Level Sport trophies for Term 2. Good luck to all Houses!

Mr. Braden King

A poster for Mother's Day Breakfast. It features images of donuts and apples. The text reads: "Mother's Day Breakfast For Mums, Mother figures & Children Donuts or fruit Fri 12th May 8am>8.50am Glee Club performance".

**Mother's Day
Breakfast**
For Mums, Mother figures &
Children
Donuts or fruit
Fri 12th May
8am>8.50am
Glee Club performance



ASPENDALE GARDENS PRIMARY SCHOOL 2024 FOUNDATION ENROLMENTS

We invite you to tour our school and visit our Foundation classrooms.
Please feel free to bring any questions you may have. We look forward to meeting you.
Please phone our office on 9587 0877 to book your tour, or to speak with
Maddy Chapple or Nat Tangey—our Foundation Transition Coordinators.



EDUCATION WEEK
Monday 15th—Friday 19th May

OPEN NIGHT

Tuesday 16th May
5.00pm—6.30pm
Classrooms open to visit



FOUNDATION PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

in our Library
Tuesday 9th May 6:00pm—7:00pm



TOUR DATES & TIMES

Tuesday 2 nd May	2.30pm–3.15pm
Tuesday 9 th May	9.15am–10.00am
Tuesday 16 th May	9.15am–10.00am
Tuesday 23 rd May	2.30pm–3.15pm
Tuesday 30 th May	9.15am–10.00am

APPLICATIONS to enrol OPENED

Monday 24th April

APPLICATIONS CLOSE

Friday 28th July

Dream Believe Achieve

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

FOUND SCOOTER

Are you missing a scooter? This scooter was found in the Wetlands during our Cross Country event.

Please contact the office for more information or to collect.



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 contact the service through the details below if your child has any cancellations or last minute bookings.



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 been happening?

Welcome back to Term 2!

We're getting back into the swing of things here at TheirCare after a fun and successful holiday program!

What better way to begin the term with a week filled with 'back to school' activities. In addition to catching up on what we did over the holidays, we engaged in activities that have been popular with the children to ease them back into the school term.



Making Volcanoes!

What's on this week!

Get your chef hats on and culinary skills out as we embark on a week filled with cooking activities!

The children here at TheirCare have shown great interest in cooking activities so what better way to honour this than a week filled with fun in the kitchen.

Cooking fosters children's critical thinking, problem-solving abilities, and creativity. It also gives children the chance to apply their knowledge by counting, measuring, following a sequence and following directions.



Rice Bubble Bars

Week 2 Menu

Monday
Vegetarian Dumplings with Coconut Rice

Tuesday
Vegetarian Rice Noodles with Stir Fried Vegetables

Wednesday
Spring Rolls with Asian Style Salad

Thursday
Healthy Wraps

Friday
Salada Crackers served with vegetables and spreads



TIMES

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

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Adult Art Class

Wednesday

10:00am - 12:00pm

6 week course

Begins 3 May

**\$150 for 6 weeks
(pro rata)**

\$15 AGCS annual membership if not already paid

Join Lee Cummins, an expressionist artist, creating works in acrylics and mixed media. Lee uses the local area and Australian landscapes as her inspiration. You can often find her walking around the local area taking reference shots for future artworks.



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Mosaic Community Choir

Come and sing with our fun-loving group

Experience needed? Simply a love of music

Mosaic sings a variety of music yearly including annual carols.
We aim to produce a chorus of harmonies to much loved songs.
We perform at festivals and local events



We have vacancies for all voice types

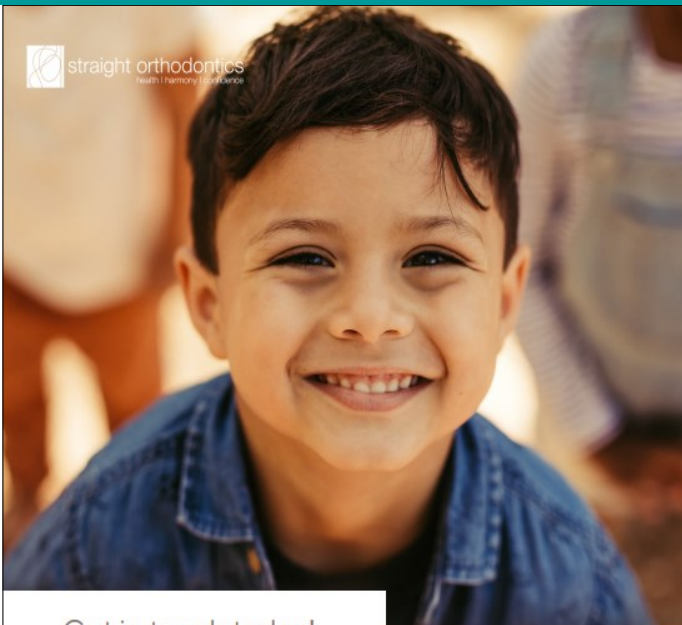


First session free

Rehearsals on Monday evenings:
7:30-9.30pm during Terms 1, 2 and 4
7 - 9pm Term 3

Venue: Southern Community Church of Christ,
Cnr. Pine Street & Chesterville Rd, Cheltenham, 3192

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- Nerf wars
- Bubble soccer
- Laser tag



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\$15/sessions

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