

Aspendale Gardens Primary School

Newsletter—Thursday 15th June



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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

JUNE

Friday 16 Years 3 & 4 Swimming Finishes
Year 6 Winter Lightning Premiership
School Disco
Fdn—Yr 2 = 5:45pm—7:00pm
Yr 3—Yr 6 = 7:30pm—9:00pm

Monday 19 Year 3 Prof Bunsen Burner Incursion
Parent Teacher Meetings
3:45pm—6:00pm
School Council Meeting @ 6:30pm

Tuesday 20 Chocolate/Lolly Drive Begins

JUNE

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

Wednesday 12 Year 6 Girls' AFL Competition

Friday 14 ALL Chocolate Drive Money Due

Wednesday 19 Foundation Drama Toolbox Inc.

Monday 24 Year 3 Crazy Chemical Incursion
School Council Meeting 6:30pm

Monday 31 BOOK WEEK BEGINS!

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

THURSDAY 22ND JUNE

LAST DAY OF TERM 2

Early Dismissal @ 2:30pm

Friday 23rd June

PUPIL FREE DAY—Numeracy & Wellbeing

Friday 11th August

PUPIL FREE DAY—Literacy

FROM OUR ACTING PRINCIPAL

End of Semester Reports and Parent Teacher Meetings

Our end of Semester One student reports will be released on Compass today (Thursday 15th June) at 3:45pm. To access the reports, login to your Compass account and select 'Your Child'—Click on 'View Academic Reports' then select 'Semester 1 2023'.

The Compass portal for parents to book times to attend the Parent Teacher Meetings will remain open until Monday morning @ 9:00am. Our Parent Teacher Meetings will be held in the final week of the term on Monday 19th June from 3:45pm—6:00pm and Wednesday 21st June from 3:45pm—7:30pm. During the meetings, teachers will answer any questions related to the reports and will also share the students' future learning goals.

NAIDOC Week

Our school was decorated with some of our amazing indigenous artwork. This included the word, 'Wominjeka'. This means 'To come with purpose' or more commonly 'Welcome' in the Woiwurrung language of the Wurundjeri people.

Unfortunately, due to illness, some of our NAIDOC Week activities were not able to run as we had hoped. These activities will be re-schedule in Term 3, as will our NAIDOC Week assembly.



School Improvement

Each year we prepare an Annual Implementation plan which involves strategically setting goals and actions for improvement at our school. A part of this is to use the opinions of our students, parents and staff. The students in Years 4, 5 and 6 have just completed their Attitudes To School Survey, which gives us important information about their perceptions of our curriculum, our teachers, our class / school culture.

Attitudes To School Survey Results, linked to our Annual Implementation Plan 2023 Goals

To increase the percent positive responses score on Attitude To School Survey for the following factors:

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| • Classroom behaviour from 74% in 2022 to 76% | Result = 78% |
| • Teacher concern from 70% in 2022 to 72% | Result = 72% |
| • Emotional awareness and regulation from 67% in 2022 to 69% | Result = 70% |
| • Respect for diversity from 71% in 2022 to 73% | Result = 77% |
| • Student Voice and Agency from 68% to 70% | Result = 69% |



These are a promising set of results from our students. We will be analysing the full set of data over the coming weeks and identify trends within the school and within cohorts. This week the students across the whole school will have an opportunity to give us further feedback based on their perceptions of the learning in their class and then later in the year will give us feedback on aspects concerning the wider school. The staff and parent surveys will be completed in Term 3.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to all the students listed below who have completed the Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge 2023 so far this year. The Reading Challenge encourages the children to read a variety of books. They are often surprised when they complete the Challenge by recognising that they had read and enjoyed more books than they thought they would.

Year 5 – Isabella P, Alp B, Charlie O, Orlando L-M, Colby G, Ada W, Joshua D, Bastien L, Evan G, Oliver J, Ewan W.

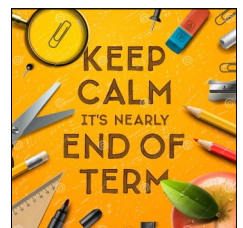
Year 4 – Samuel J, Archie Y, Emel K, Aadarsh B, Joy B, Dylan H, Zara Z, Rhianna W, Amelia R, Aarya C, Mario K.

Year 3 – Lucy M, Ruby W, Ella T, Sebastian B, Chloe M, Helena T, Linkin S, London C, Chloe M, Jamie B, Joseph O, Toby M, Logan H, Jean V, Olivia Z, Jimmy Z, Felix C.

Year 2 – Starry J.

End of Term

A reminder that our final day of Term 2 for the students will be on **Thursday 22nd June**, with an early **dismissal at 2.30pm**. The teachers will be in school for professional development sessions on Friday. They will be focusing on how we best develop students' number fluency in Mathematics and strategies for regularly revisiting Mathematical knowledge and understanding.

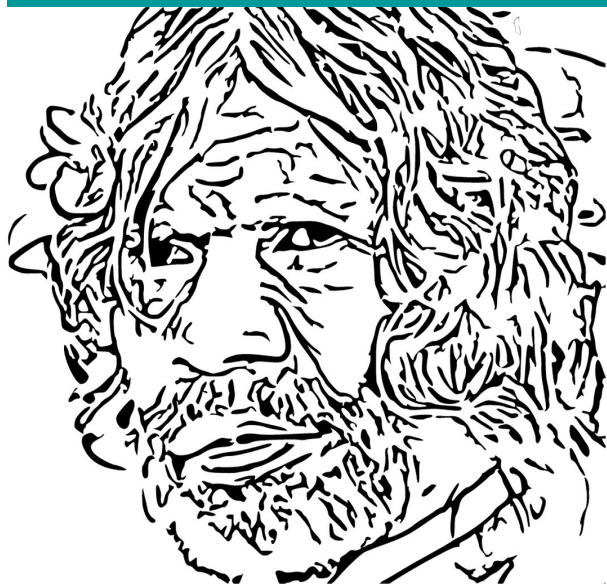


Due to the rescheduling of our NAIDOC Week assembly to Term 3, we **will not** be having an assembly this Friday.

Have a wonderful weekend.



Jonathan



FOR OUR ELDER

YOU ARE INVITED TO AN ANNUAL
ASSOCIATION MEETING



ASPENDALE GARDENS PRIMARY
FRIDAY JUNE 16
5.00PM IN OUR SCHOOL
GYMNASIUM.

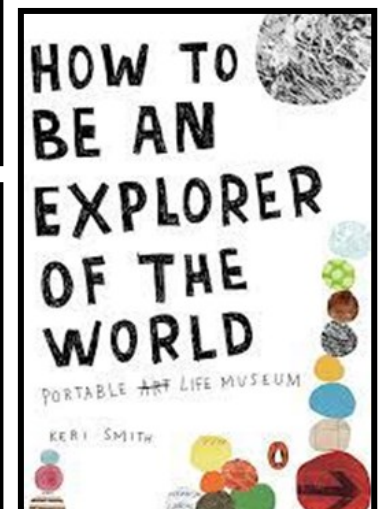
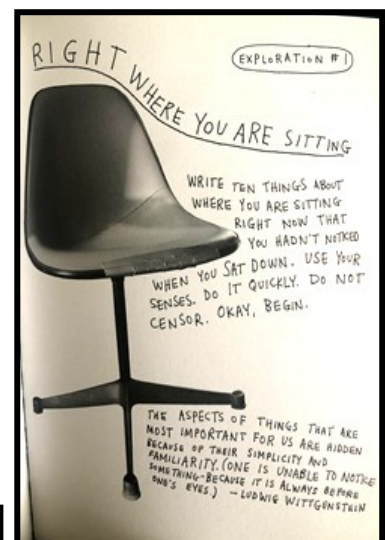
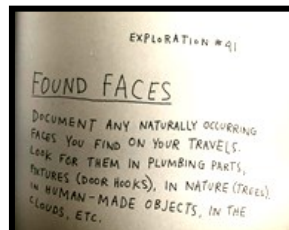
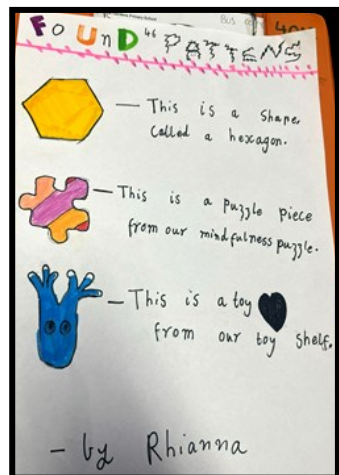
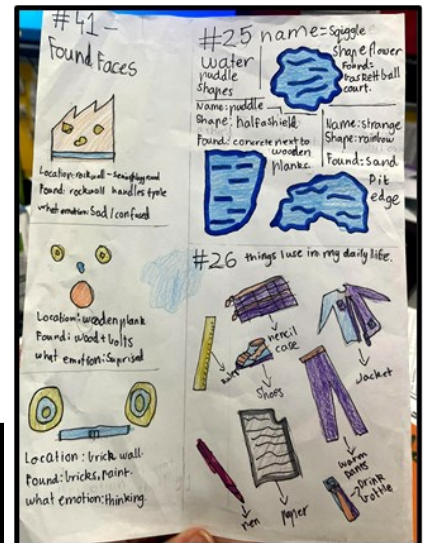
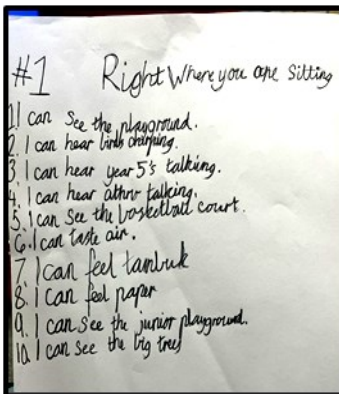
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PYP Focus in Year 4

Where We Are in Place and Time
Central Idea: Exploration leads to new discoveries, opportunities and understandings.

In Year 4 we have been looking into becoming explorers of the world around us. We have been working on noticing things around us and documenting everything we see, hear and feel. Here are a few examples that students have completed over the past term.



The Year 4 students really enjoyed these activities and highly recommend you have a go too!

PERFORMING ARTS @ AGPS

Congratulations

William M in 6BH and Lachlan M in 2AT have both received 'honours' in their AMEB piano exams this year. Well done to both of you—fantastic effort.

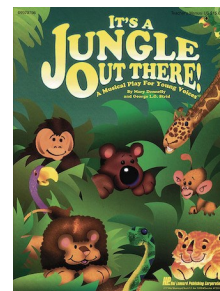


Welcome Back

Marli L has returned to AGPS after a successful run of the professional production of 'Frozen' in Singapore. Welcome home Marli!

Production

Rehearsals are well under way. This week we hope to cast the minor roles in each classroom and audition an acrobat troupe. Good luck to all those who choose to audition.



Senior Choir & Dance Group

Our Senior choir and Dance group will be invited to support Years 5 & 6 in our 2023 production. Permission slips will go out early next term. Please complete and return to school promptly.

PYP

Year 5 have enjoyed their 'Rap' unit this term and will be composing a Rap Jingle to sell their product in Media Arts this term.

Recycling

We are still looking for donations of cylindrical tubes, like those inside a roll of paper hand towel. We need loads of them to make 'rain sticks' for our Year 3 PYP indigenous unit.



Year One

Year 1 students have completed their 'Happiness Video'. It will be uploaded to ClassDojo soon for parents to view.

Merry music making everyone!

Mrs Nicolson and Mrs McGregor





Year 6 Interschool Sport (ISS)

Match Report



Last Friday, the Year 6 students hosted Chelsea Primary School for their final round of Year 6 Interschool Sport (ISS) for Term 2. The Year 6 students did an amazing job, representing AGPS in their chosen sport, while also showing lots of sportsmanship throughout their games.

Below are the results from last week's games

Netball (Boys / Mixed)		Netball (Girls)	
AGPS	32	AGPS	16
Chelsea P.S.	2	Chelsea P.S.	7
Best Player/s:	Everyone	Best Player/s:	Scarlett W

Soccer (Boys)		Soccer (Girls)	
AGPS	7	AGPS	0
Chelsea P.S.	0	Chelsea P.S.	1
Best Player/s:	Ben H & David R	Best Player/s:	Polina I & Ava G

Tee Ball (Boys)		Tee Ball (Girls)	
AGPS	12	AGPS	14
Chelsea P.S.	21	Chelsea P.S.	9
Best Player/s:	Qianyi S & Tommy T	Best Player/s:	Jessie F, Ella B-H & Jamie M

AFL (Boys)	
AGPS	25
Chelsea P.S.	12
Best Player/s:	Archie S, Jack D, Will T, Eddie L & Ethan D

Tomorrow we will be competing in the **Winter Lightning Premiership**. 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



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

THE LITTLE MERMAID

A MAGICAL MOVIE EXPERIENCE AT VILLAGE

SOUTHLAND'S V PREMIUM THEATRE

SUNDAY 18TH JUNE 2:30PM

TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLY AT

HAHFC-THELITTLEMERMAID-EVENTBRITE.COM.AU

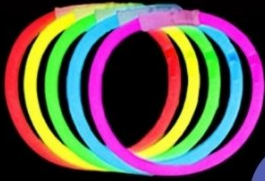
INCLUDING A FREE GIFT BAG

PRIZES AWARDED TO THOSE WHO COME DRESSED
AS THEIR FAVOURITE LITTLE MERMAID CHARACTER

ALL FUNDS RAISED FROM THIS EVENT WILL BE MAKING A DIFFERENCE TO THE LIVES
OF DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN IN CAMBODIA, GIVING THEM OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDUCATION
AND A FUTURE.

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FLASHING RAINBOW WANDS

PRE-BOOK YOUR TICKETS THROUGH COMPASS
FRIDAY JUNE 16TH - JNR 5:45PM/SNR 7:30PM

Phone: 9587 0877 Email: aspendale.gardens.ps@education.vic.gov.au Website: www.agps.vic.edu.au

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

OUR CANTEEN IS OPEN
WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY

Counter sales are available at
lunchtime only

Please place Lunch orders via QKR
QKR closes at 8:59am on day of delivery

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.

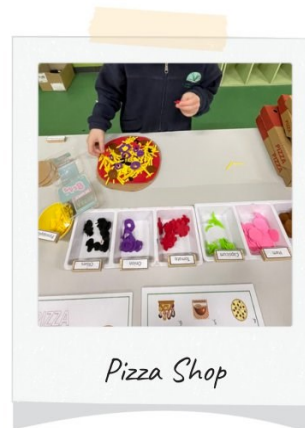
What's on this week!

KNIGHTS, DRAGONS & FANTASY

As requested by our children, this week's theme centres around fantasy and the world of mythological creatures. The week includes lots of construction-related building activities and theme-related arts & crafts!

What's new?

We have recently opened the TheirCare pizza shop dramatic play area! Our children assisted in setting up the area, and were thrilled when it was completed. It's safe to say that it has been extremely popular with everyone!



Pizza Shop

Winter Holiday Program

Bookings are now open for the winter holiday program at Aspendale Gardens TheirCare, which starts in little over two weeks! 'We Can Be Heroes' involves a variety of exciting in-house activities, incursions, and excursions. You can download our program's schedule via the TheirCare website or pick up a flyer from our service.



Winter Holiday Program



Week 8 ASC Menu

In addition to a nutritious fruit & veggie platter:

Monday
PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Tuesday
Savoury Platter

Wednesday
Healthy Wraps

Thursday
Pumpkin Soup served with Garlic Bread

Friday
Wholemeal Cruskits served with cheese, dips and veggies

TIMES

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

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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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Childhood is one of the most important times in life. It's a time for discovery, growth, exploration, and learning—a time for making connections that shape who we become.

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Whether it's supporting a child to feel safe and build their trust in adults, exploring their interests and developing new hobbies, or encouraging a young person that their dreams are valid, being a Berry Street foster carer is a deeply meaningful and crucial role. And one which each carer brings their unique life experience and skills to.

Join our community of foster carers and help make a positive impact on a child's life.

Phone: 1800 816 037

Email: fostercare@berrystreet.org.au

Website: berrystreet.org.au/fostercare

TUESDAY 27TH JUNE

PLAYGROUP

9.30am - 11.00am
Same time on Tuesday 4th July &
Thursday 6th July

Ages 0 - 5
\$6

Learn & develop through play based activities! Including playdough, drawing, water & sand play, storytelling -- and more! Parents required to stay.

THURSDAY 29TH JUNE

MESSY PLAY

9.30am - 10.30am
Ages 0 - 5
\$15

A place for children to engage all of their senses, explore different materials, and focus on process rather than end result. Come along to be creative, try new things, and have a lot of fun! Parents required to stay.

WEDNESDAY 5TH JULY

FOOST KIDS COOKING

10.30am - 12.00pm
Ages 5 - 12
FREE

Meet Foost's Colourful Chef, 'challenge your senses' guessing game with ingredients and prepare your own naturally 'colourful' dishes using Australian Super Foods featuring Native Australian Ingredients.



WEDNESDAY 28TH JUNE

BE PLASTIC FREE

10.00am - 11.00am
Ages 5 - 12
Free



Learn how to reduce single-use plastic and avoid waste while getting creative! We will explore the problem with plastic, create some upcycled artwork and provide you with a 'Be Plastic Free' challenge to test yourselves at home! Parents required to stay.

TUESDAY 4TH JULY

PLAYBALL

Half Day: 9.30am - 1.30pm
Full Day: 9.30am - 3.00pm
Same times on Wednesday 5th July
Ages 3 - 9
\$40 half / \$60 full day

With entertainers Captain America on Tuesday and Flash on Wednesday, each day will consist of a combination of sport, art & crafts, treasure hunts, music and fun outdoor experiences!

THURSDAY 6TH JULY

YOUTH ART

10.30am - 12.00pm
Ages 10 - 13
\$20

Paint and name this colourful Giraffe! All supplies provided in this hour and half session with experienced artist Lee Cummins. Take home your masterpiece to hang on the wall.



ASPENDALE GARDENS COMMUNITY CENTRE SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

BOOKING LINKS!
Or at agcsinc.org.au





Keysborough Kids Get Into Golf Days

**THUR 29TH OF JUNE & TUES
4TH JULY**

- ☒ **No Experience Required**
- ☒ **Age 5- 15**
- ☒ **Equipment Provided**
- ☒ **Free and Fun Day Run by a
PGA & WPGA Professional**
- ☒ **Time to be advised upon
booking**

**TO BOOK OR FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES,
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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

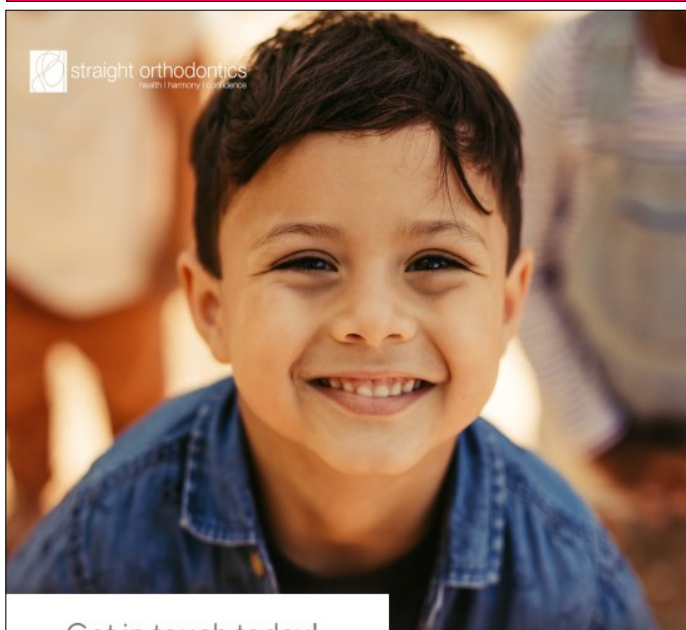
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