

# Aspendale Gardens Primary School

## Newsletter—Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February



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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.*

### 2022 DIARY

#### FEBRUARY

Monday 7	<b>SCHOOL PHOTO DAY</b> Year 2 Parent Info Session 5.15pm Year 4 Parent Info Session 6.15pm
Tuesday 8	Year 1 Parent Info Session 5.15pm Year 6 Parent Info Session 6.15pm
Wednesday 9	Year 3 Parent Info Session 5.15pm Year 5 Parent Info Session 6.15pm
Thursday 10	Foundation Parent Info Session 6.15pm

#### FEBRUARY

Monday 14	Notice of Election and Call for School Council Nominations
Wednesday 16	District Swimming Student Try-outs 4.30pm—6.30pm @ Pines Aquatic Centre, Frankston (Years 3 - 6)
Monday 21	Closing Date for School Council Nominations @ 4.00pm

### FROM OUR ACTING PRINCIPAL

#### Welcome Back to School

I would like to welcome our new families to Aspendale Gardens Primary School and welcome back our existing families. The students are happy to be back in school, meeting up with their friends and settling back into school routines. A special mention goes to our Foundation students who have settled into school life so well this week. On the first day of school I did a walk-through of the classrooms. In one of the Foundation classes I visited one of the boys told me “This is the best school ever!” This is what we aim to be at AGPS and I hope he will still be saying the same in 6 weeks and 6 years’ time.



#### Welcome to New Staff and Returning Staff

We would like to introduce and welcome some new staff members to our AGPS team.

<b>Nat Tangey</b>	Foundation teacher returning to AGPS
<b>Belinda MacSween</b>	Year 1 teacher
<b>Emily Ahrens</b>	Year 2 teacher returning to AGPS
<b>Lucy Gill</b>	Year 2 teacher returning to AGPS
<b>Belle Munro</b>	Year 5 teacher
<b>Karen Coltman</b>	Year 6 teacher
<b>Hayley O’Donnell</b>	Learning Enhancement. Returning to AGPS
<b>Sarah Kerr</b>	Education Support in the Foundation Year

#### School Photographs

The school photography company, MSP will be in school on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February. They will take individual photos, class group photographs and pre-ordered family portraits. Photographs can be ordered through the Compass portal. We look forward to seeing our students looking smart and ready on Monday morning.



#### Family Contributions

Thank you to the families who have already paid their family contributions. If you are opting to pay the Excursion Levy up front for the year, the final date for this payment is Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February. Family contributions are located on Compass under ‘Course Confirmation and Payments’.

## Department of Education Privacy Policy

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#). Please take time to remind yourself of our school's collection notice, found on our website <https://www.agps.vic.edu.au> under the school policies section.

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents](#). This information is also available in nine community languages: Amharic, Arabic, Dari, Gujarati, Mandarin, Somali, Sudanese, Turkish, Urdu and Vietnamese.

## Asthma / Anaphylaxis / Allergy Plans



Documentation regarding student asthma plans is available from the office. Please update your child's details and return to the office as soon as possible. Parents of anaphylactic children and children with allergies should visit the office to update necessary paperwork and provide appropriate medication to



be kept on hand in the first aid room. **Please ensure that the school has medication that is 'in date'.**

## Student Absences

To assist our school to monitor absences we ask that parents please log in to Compass and register your child's absence through the portal. Alternatively, send a note on the day of your child's return to school, or contact the office, by phone or email, to let us know your child will be absent on the day and the reason for your child's absence. **It is a requirement from the Department of Education that all absences are accounted for.**

## Canteen

We have had to cancel the opening of canteen this week due to staff shortages. From next week, we will be running the canteen 3 days per week, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. This will be a trial for Term 1 and we will review the success of the 3<sup>rd</sup> day. A reminder that canteen meals can be ordered through the QKR app.

## Kingston Council School Crossings

I recently had an email from Kingston Council to inform us that due to the current COVID situation, there may be times when the crossing supervisor may not be able to attend and they may not be able to find a replacement. They assured me that they will do their best to manage staff and crossings to the best of their ability and have procedures in place to move supervisors from low priority crossings to high priority crossings. There is a possibility however that crossings may be unstaffed from time to time until this wave has ceased. Council will do their best to let schools know when crossings will be unstaffed to allow their parents and students to make alternative plans.

## 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.

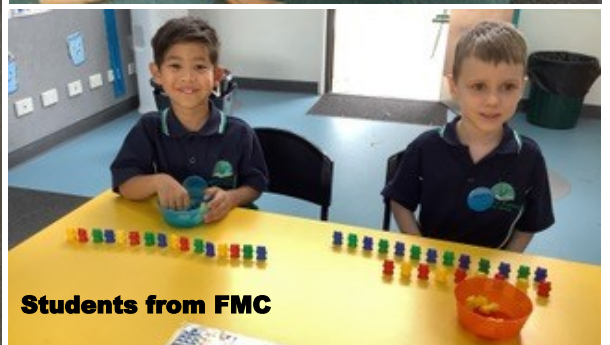
It has been wonderful to be back in school this week and get the year off to a good start. I am sure the students have had a busy week, getting back into the school routines and would benefit from some relaxation time during the weekend.

Have an enjoyable weekend!



**Jonathan**  
Acting Principal

## Some of our Foundation students in class this week



## Dads of Aspendale Gardens - DAGs

A huge welcome back to all the fathers and father figures in the AGPS community! We are very excited to continue building our DAGs (Dads of Aspendale Gardens) community and hit the ground running in 2022 for hopefully, an uninterrupted year!



Information on events throughout the year will be sent out once the schedule is finalised with our DAGs Leaders - Anton Van De Blink, Mick Lo Monaco and Tim Kenington. A big thank you is extended to these three for all their hard work in 2021 in organising events and the challenges that COVID-19 presented. We are extremely grateful for your continuing commitment to leading the DAGs again this year.

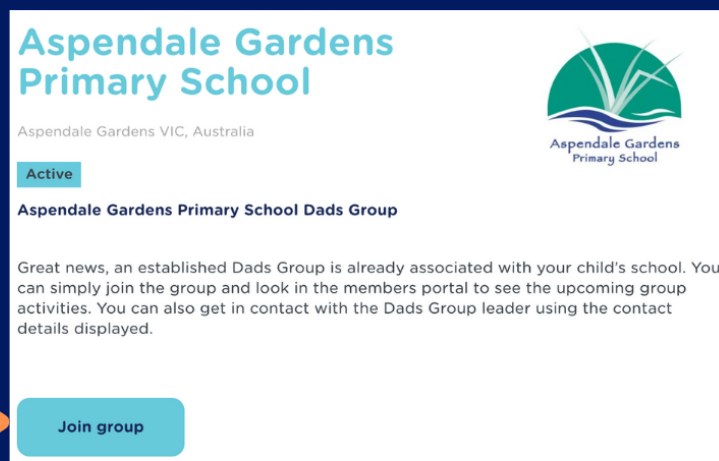
Anton, Mick and Tim would like to open the invite to any existing DAGs members and new members to join them in assisting with leading and organising the DAGs community. If you are interested in doing so, please contact me and I will provide further information on this!

For any new fathers/father figures at AGPS, who are interested in joining, there are instructions in the following pages on how to register and join the DAGs.

**Mr. Liam Murphy**

# 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

**Step 3:** → Select NO



\*Are you a member of The Fathering Project?

Yes

No

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



\*First Name

\*Last Name

\*Email

\*Country

Australia

\*State

Select 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

## District Swimming Trials (Years 3 - 6)



Swimming trials for the AGPS District Swimming Team will be held next Wednesday 16<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 CPDPSSN District Swimming Carnival held at the Pines Forest Aquatic Centre, Forest Drive, Frankston North on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March.

The swimming trials are open to any students in Years 3 – 6 who are interested in trying out for the **AGPS District Swimming Team** for 2022. 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** were sent out early next week.

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

**OUR CANTEEN RE-OPENS  
WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY  
OF NEXT WEEK—STARTING 9<sup>TH</sup> FEB**

**Currently there are**

**NO over the counter sales**

**Please place Lunch orders via QKR**

**QKR closes at 9:00am on day of delivery**



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## We have some great programs in 2022

**Come and Try a FREE Pound Fitness Class with Michelle - NEW**

Thursday 10 February - 6.00pm to 6.45pm

**Art For Adults - NEW**

Wednesdays 2 March - 10.00am to 12.00pm

**Messy Play - NEW**

Friday 11 February - 10.00am to 11.00am  
then every 2<sup>nd</sup> week

**Playgroup - NEW TIME**

Each Tuesday and Thursday - 9.15am to 11.15am

**Junior Giants is back - NEW TIME**

Monday 7 Feb - 5.30pm to 6.15pm

**First Aid Course, Level 2 (inc CPR)**

Tuesday 22 February & Tuesday 1 March - 6.00pm to 8.30pm

**Occasional Childcare**

Wednesdays - 8.30am to 1.30pm

Thursdays - 8.30am to 11.45am

**Bollywood**

Wednesdays - 7.30pm to 8.30pm

**Kogo - Knitting & Crochet Group**

Tuesdays - 12.30pm to 2.00pm

**JKA Karate**

Wednesdays - 6.30pm to 7.30pm

Saturdays - 2.30pm to 3.30pm



**For more information about all programs and events  
please refer to our website - [www.agcsinc.org.au](http://www.agcsinc.org.au)**

# 2022 SCHOOL TERM DATES

- TERM 1: Monday 31 January to Friday 8 April
- TERM 2: Tuesday 26 April to Friday 24 June
- TERM 3: Monday 11 July to Friday 16 September
- TERM 4: Monday 3 October to Tuesday 20 December



**SOCCER**

**CRICKET**

**AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS**

**FREE TRIAL SESSION**

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

**Mondays & Wednesdays**

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

**Tel: 9547 2555**

**\$10 sessions**

**INDOOR SPORTS**

**SPRINGVALE**

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