

# Aspendale Gardens Primary School

## Newsletter—Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October



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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

#### OCTOBER

Friday 13 Year 3 Campers return from Mt Evelyn  
Wednesday 18 Year 4 Campers departs for Camp Manyung  
Regional Athletics Carnival  
Thursday 19 **2024 Foundation Transition Session 2**  
**9:05am—10:00am**  
**NO RUNNING GROUP!**  
Friday 20 Year 6 ISS vs Aspendale P.S. Away  
Year 4 Campers return from Camp Manyung  
Monday 23 Year 6 Graduation Photo @ 9:30am

#### OCTOBER

Monday 23 Year 4 Enchanted Adventure Excursion  
Staff First Aid Training  
School Council Meeting @ 6:30pm  
Running Group @ 7:30am  
Tuesday 24 Foundation Pevan & Sarah Concert @ Frankston Arts Centre  
Thursday 26 **2024 Foundation Transition Session 3**  
**9:05am—10:00am**  
Friday 27 Year 6 ISS vs St Louis' P.S. @ Home  
Kingston Division Boys' Basketball  
Tuesday 31 Year 5 BBC Earth Experience Excursion

## SAVE THE DATES

**School Art Show—Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Colour Fun Run—Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**

### FROM OUR ACTING PRINCIPAL

It has been a busy start to the school term already with the Year 1 excursion to The Gould League, the Division Athletics carnival, the Year 2 Sleepover, the Year 2 Wild Encounters incursion, Footy Day and the Year 3 camp. Today our 2024 Foundation group came into school for their first transition session and we shared a morning tea with the new parents. This was an excellent opportunity to introduce them to some of our Leadership Team and Admin Team, share some key information and for them to connect and build new friendships with each other.



The current Units of Inquiry our students are investigating are:

- Foundation: Communities recognise important events through celebrations, traditions and festivals.
- Year 1: The waste we produce and what we do with it impacts the environment.
- Year 2: Living things go through a process of change.
- Year 3: People have the power to preserve or destroy the earth's natural resources.
- Year 4: We share the planet with many other species and our actions can affect their survival.
- Year 5: Currency is a human made system that is central to how people live in society.
- Year 6: Science has and will continue to influence the world in many ways.

## Damage at School Over the Weekend

It was disappointing to arrive at school on Monday morning to the news that vandals had been into the school and caused damage. They had gained access to the roofs and had broken exhaust fans, sky lights and air conditioning units. In addition to this they had ripped up some of our vegetables and thrown them around and had launched a shopping trolley onto our basketball rings. This antisocial behaviour is highly dangerous and causes disruption to the focus of the week and generates a cost to the school to make sure it is all safe and usable again. If you see antisocial behaviour in the school grounds outside of school hours, please contact the police.



## GATEWays Challenge

This week we welcome students from around the area to Aspendale Gardens to compete in the GATEWays Challenge. This is a competition run by the education company GATEWays who work with gifted and talented students. The competition this year includes a total of twelve teams across two days, participating in initiative and problem solving activities.



## Year 3 Camp

Our Year 3 students left yesterday for their camp at Mount Evelyn. Their camp is for 3 days and 2 nights. This YMCA camp is excellent for an introductory camp for our younger students. The peaceful setting in the Dandenong Ranges offers an amazing backdrop for an action packed camp. We know our Year 3 staff and students are having a safe and fun-filled camp and look forward to hearing of their experiences on Friday.

## Staff Survey

Each year we complete Department of Education surveys for parents, students and staff. We have recently received the results of our staff survey with some very good results.

We are above the state average, network average and 'similar' schools average in all the measures of: school climate, staff safety and wellbeing, teaching and learning and school leadership.

Highlights for us were:

- ◆ School climate 86% positive compared to a state average of 78%
- ◆ School staff safety and wellbeing 78% positive compared to a state average of 74%



## World Teachers' Day

The day that Australia will celebrate World Teachers' Day this year will be Friday 27th October. This is a wonderful opportunity to thank all of our staff for their commitment, care and support of our students each day.

## Parking Around School

A couple of examples of unsafe parking have been brought to my attention over the past couple of weeks. Please ensure that you park in an allocated bay for drop off and pick up to ensure your own safety and the safety of all our community. We are fortunate to have ample parking available to us in the shopping centre, along the road in Kerr Crescent and in the new Kerr Crescent car park.

## Planning for 2024

We are beginning to think about our workforce planning and school structure for 2024. If you know that your family is moving next year, or your child is moving schools, could you please let the office know by emailing the school on [aspendale.gardens.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:aspendale.gardens.ps@education.vic.gov.au) or phoning through a message to the office. This will allow us to make informed decisions when planning for 2024.

## Footy Day

Footy Day was a great success and the students had lots of fun with the activities on the oval. Having the St Kilda Community Team support the event added a wide variety of activities for the students to experience. Mr King and Mr Murphy will include some photos of the fun in next week's newsletter. The amount raised for State Schools Relief for our gold coin donation was \$510. Should you wish to still donate to this great cause, please drop your money off at the school office.

## Reminders

Please remember that it is very important that students arrive on time to school each day. A late arrival can be very disruptive to the child's learning and also disruptive to the learning of the rest of the class.



We welcome our parent community to the first assembly of term tomorrow (Friday 13th) @2.30pm.

*All of us are upset and disturbed by the awful events depicted in media footage and images over the past week. This time is particularly distressing for staff, students, families and carers who have family and friends in Israel and Gaza.*

*We are also aware that students of diverse backgrounds, including Jewish and Muslim students, may be significantly affected by public events, mainstream media coverage and social media at this time.*

*Please be assured that staff are aware of the extreme emotional toll on some in our community at this time. Please also feel free to get in contact with any of the staff at our school if you would like to ensure we are aware of what your child is going through at this time.*

*It is possible that extremely distressing scenes from the conflict may be posted online in coming days. Please ensure your children are aware of where they can find support in the event they come across such images. At our school, this includes talking to their classroom teacher or Deb Hatfield our Welfare Officer.*

Support is also available through external services including:

[headspace](#): 1800 650 890 [Kids Helpline](#): 1800 551 800 [Lifeline](#): 13 11 14 [Beyond Blue](#): 1300 224 636

*My door is always open and I am sure we will all look to support one another during this very difficult time.*

**Jonathan**

## We All, Together, Can Do It!



**Ananda J-N—4OM**

## The Great Cycle Challenge Australia

Hi - I am Ananda from 4OM. I have joined The Great Cycle Challenge. I will ride my bicycle for 500 kilometres in October to raise money for kids with cancer. I will ride every day after school and every weekend. Wave at me if you see me or join me if you like.

In Australia, 3 children die of cancer every week. If you would like to support me and help kids with cancer, please click on the link [here](#). Or just search for 'The Great Cycle Challenge Australia' and type my name in 'find a participant'. Thank you in advance for your support and donation to fight kids cancer.

I hope we all, together, can make a change for kids with cancer.

# PYP focus in Year 1

Last Friday, the Year 1s took part in an engaging excursion as part of our, 'How the World Works' unit of inquiry. During this experience, students rotated through six activities exploring various ways to Rethink, Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle rubbish.

## Who We Are

*Central Idea: The waste we produce and what we do with it impacts the environment*



## Kingston Division Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to the **22 students** who represented AGPS at the **Kingston Division Athletics Carnival** which was held at **Duncan MacKinnon Athletics Track, Murrumbeena** on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October**. The students were fantastic not only in the efforts they put into their track and field events but also in the sportsmanship they demonstrated.

**Well done to the following students who competed at the Kingston Division Athletics Carnival**

Lachy D (3RP)	Aston C (4CT)	Claire O'D (4CT)
Zac D (4DG)	Charlie F (4OM)	Layla K (4OM)
James P (5AA)	Ishak A (5BM)	Charlotte B (5BM)
Aydan G (5LW)	Ari W (5LW)	Josh D (5RK)
Izzy P (5RK)	Hugo H-H (6AK)	Hanna M (6AK)
Mia P (6AK)	Ethan D (6BH)	Alisha H (6BH)
Winona L (6JM)	Eddie L (6JM)	Leah O'M-H (6JM)
	Will T (6JM)	
Soren S (5AA) who was part of the squad was unfortunately unable to compete on the day.		

### Results from the Event

Student	Event	Place
Josh D (5RK)	11 (Boys) High Jump	1 <sup>st</sup>
	11 (Boys) Triple Jump	1 <sup>st</sup>



Congratulations to **Josh D (5RK)** who after finishing 1<sup>st</sup> in his events listed above has progressed through to the **Southern Metropolitan Region Athletics Carnival** at **Casey Fields Regional Athletics Track, Cranbourne** on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October**. We wish you all of the very best Josh!

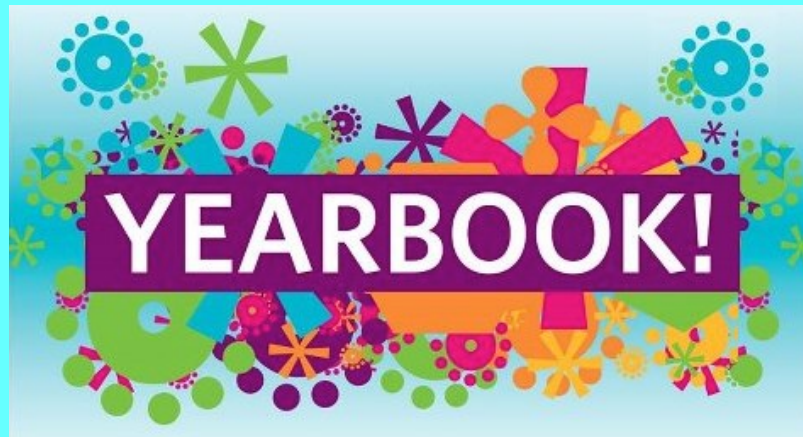
A big thank you to all the parents, grandparents and family friends for supporting the children on the day, it was wonderful to hear the cheers as the flashes of green and blue ran, jumped and threw! **GO AGPS!**

*Mr. Braden King*



# AGPS YEARBOOK FRONT COVER COMPETITION

It is time to design our  
2023 YEARBOOK COVER!



- ◆ To enter you need to use an A4 white piece of paper. Please **ONLY** use the paper with correct margins available from the school office. Please ensure you stay within the margins.
- ◆ **ALL** entries must be in **PORTRAIT** orientation.
- ◆ Your entry should represent our school: this could be showing our location, activities, classes, PYP attributes, Houses, etc.
- ◆ The design must be hand made **ONLY** by **STUDENTS**.
- ◆ Please do not put any embellishments on your design (i.e. stickers, glitter, collage).
- ◆ To enter you must hand your design to the office ladies.
- ◆ Write your name and class ON THE BACK of your design in **PENCIL**.
- ◆ DO NOT fold or bend your entry.
- ◆ Please **DO NOT** put names of students or teachers on **YOUR DESIGN**.
- ◆ **PLEASE** check for any grammatical or spelling errors **BEFORE** submitting

**\*\*Please collect specific paper from the Office\*\***

**ENTRIES CLOSE: Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2023**

# Meet Some of Our Students Leaders



Hi, my name is Malachi D. and I'm a Technology leader.

I have an interest in technology and drawing. I was inspired to become a technology leader because I thought that my skills in technology would help build understanding of the way technology works. The qualities I show are kind, courageous and to always lend a helping hand. I would love to someday inspire others with technology and help them pursue their dreams. Some advice to year 5s is never stop learning because there is always room for improvement and you should always strive to achieve your dreams.

Hello my name my name is Kaden E. My favourite things to do in my free time are basketball, footy/AFL and going on rides with my mates, we've done it since Year 4! I got nominated as



**Kestrels House captain!** I got inspired to go for the role from my family and friends! My cousins were both Kestrel House captains too but they went to a different school. And my friends when they bring joy to me makes me feel AWESOME, so that's who I got inspired by. Personally, my goal is to bring humour, responsibility, joy, creativity and making people know they are SPECIAL TOO! That's what you have to bring to this AMAZING role.

I would like to achieve in the rest of my time being Kestrel House captain, being remembered as a funny, nice, responsible and friendly Kestrels House Captain and making more kids proud of who they are! Like you guys reading this. My advice for going for any leadership role is don't be scared about announcing your speeches,

and don't skip chunks of your speech, just relax and look at one certain person that you trust if you're scared of the crowd, and when you get up there remember that it's only two minutes.

Hello my name is Jai E. My favourite things to do in my free time are play AFL/Footy play soccer and go on bike rides. Last year I got selected as a Owls House captain. I got really inspired to



go for the role from the Year 6's before me as well as I saw all of my friends going for it I decided to go along with them and hope I get the leadership role I really wanted. Something that I said to myself going got the role was that I can be a great helper and bring happiness to everyone. And that is exactly what you have to bring to have a leadership role.

When I leave this school I wanted to be remembered as a great House captain that brings happiness to everyone and be an excellent role model and helper. My advice for going for a leadership role is to just go for it don't be nervous just try your absolute best you can and for your speech just make sure you are calm and don't skip any

lines and remember you only have 2 minutes to get through it.

Hello my name is Isabella R, and I am one of four of your 2023 Performing Arts leaders. I enjoy music, singing, dancing I also enjoy art and being creative.

I especially enjoy singing in the school choir.

My favourite colours are pink and teal.

I have been a proud AGPS student since Year 2.

Some of my strongest learner profile attributes are: kind, principled and thinker.

My advice that I would give to the Year Fives who want to be leaders would be to be confident and be yourself and be sure to be passionate about the role you're going for and don't forget to portray the learner profile attributes most of the time.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. I hope you learnt more about me and got some advice about going for a leadership role!



save The Date

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Thursday 23rd  
November

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*The Fundraising Team*

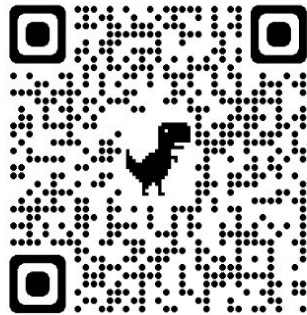


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# ASPENDALE LSC OPEN DAY

**Where:** Aspendale LSC  
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**When:** Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October

**Time:** 10am – 12pm

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## CALLING ALL BOYS!

When: 5<sup>th</sup> October 23  
Time: 5pm to 6pm  
Where: Springvale and District Netball Association  
Aged: No age limit  
Cost: Free (no membership required)  
Register here: <https://www.trybooking.com/CLLOW>



SCAN ME

SDNA would like to invite all male netballers or male participants that would like to give netball a go!

SDNA is working with other local netball associations to encourage males to play netball. Each week we will be rotating the locations of the come and try boys' program at different netball associations and finish the program with a Round Robin.

The Netball coach will be Campbell Brown who plays in the Victoria 17s team and Jayden Cowling who plays in the Victoria men's team.

Please register today! Bring your friends and family and a fun session will be promised.

Please see below future come and try dates:

- Thu 12th Oct @ Chelsea DNA
- Thu 19th Oct @ Sandringham DNA
- Thu 26th Oct @ Dandenong DNA

Let's get together and make this program a massive success.



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# 2023—2024 SCHOOL TERM DATES

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**TERM 1:** Tuesday 30 January (students) to Thursday 28 March



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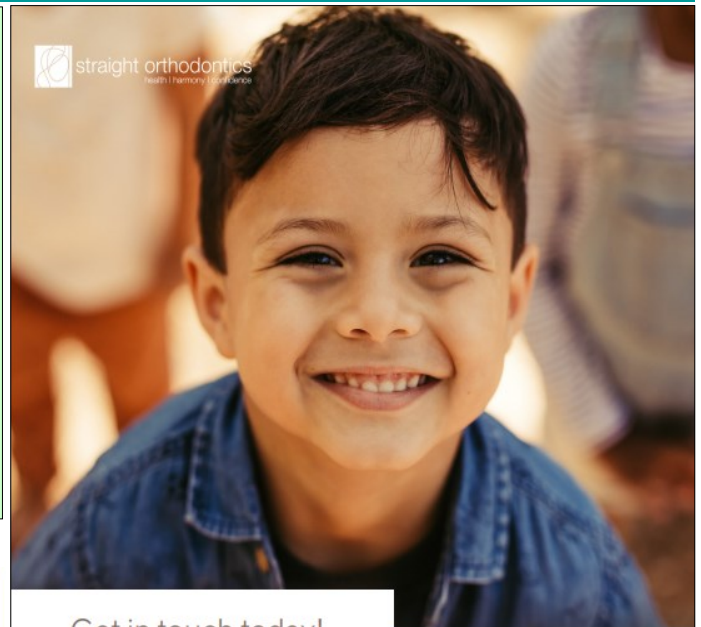
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