

Aspendale Gardens Primary School

Newsletter—Thursday 30th November



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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

DECEMBER

Friday 1 PUPIL FREE DAY—2024 Planning
Book Club Issue #8 Orders Close
Monday 4 Years 5 & 6 Beach Program Begins
Wednesday 6 Foundation World of Dance Incursion
Thursday 7 Christmas Carols 5:00pm—6:30pm
Friday 8 Years 5 & 6 Beach Program Ends
Monday 11 Music Soiree—6:15pm in our CLC
Tuesday 12 2024 Foundation Orientation Day
9:05am—10:30am
Year 6 to Year 7 Orientation Day
(Government Secondary Schools)

Thursday 14 Year 6 Graduation Ceremony
Friday 15 Class Transition—Meet 2023 Teacher & Classmates (11:45am—12:30pm)
Monday 18 Year 6 Gumbuya World Excursion
Tuesday 19 End of School Year—Students dismissed at 1:30pm

JANUARY 2024

Monday 29 Staff Return to School
Tuesday 30 Students start Term 1

FEBRUARY 2024

Wednesday 28 SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

SAVE THE DATES

PUPIL FREE DAY—Friday 1st December

CHRISTMAS CAROLS—Thursday 7th December

FROM OUR ACTING PRINCIPAL

Colour Fun Run

The Colour Fun Run was certainly an afternoon to be remembered. The students looked great with their colourful headbands and sunglasses, as they ran around the oval. There were inflatables to run through, obstacles to jump over, water spray areas and coloured powder. There were squeals of excitement from the students as they made their way around the course. The afternoon ended with some staff members being slimed by the highest fundraising students in each year level. We are very grateful for our families efforts to fundraise in order to make further improvements to our school. The amount that was raised to make improvements to our basketball court was over \$28,000. We would like to thank the Fundraising Team and the following amazing volunteers who planned for the day and assisted in making it run so smoothly: Louise Carter, Michaela Pusca, Laura Kojdo, Bianca Benson, Rebecca Tolley, Jodie King, Klaus Kolvenbach, Vanessa Gaal, Lyn Muller, Pas Handley, Shannon Coles, Rachel Roberts, Josephine Burton, Ailsa Desai, Yasmin Attard-Mill, Scott Mill, Claudette Sam, Eva Bell, Jane & Mike Bruhn, Kelly Drennan, Justin Green, Alice Green, Ali Mrzyglocki, Aimee Reinikainen, Carissa Roussety, Cindy Holden, Natarsha McRae and mum Rhonda, Andrea Roberts, Jacqui Wright, Jenna Neilsen, Clare Henderson, Catherine Pinches, Sian Carroll and Michelle Darlow. See the gallery of incredibly colourful photos later on in the newsletter.



Mock Year 7 Week

This week our Year 6s have had a 'mock' Year 7 week. This forms part of the process of setting our students up for a successful transition to secondary school. The week aims to give our students a better understanding of the organisation skills needed to read the timetable, organise the resources they require for their lessons and move between classes. The lessons have been developed around some of the subjects they might experience at secondary school. These include lessons on: Psychology, Journalism, Health and Human Development, Poetry, Photography, Science, Geography, Debating, Biology and secondary school skills development.

Bike Education

The Year 4 students have now completed their Bike Education training and have been putting these skills into practice within our local area. This program has certainly improved their cycling control, awareness of others and road rules. We hope that this will set them up for a safe and enjoyable cycling future.



Year 5 Leadership Speeches

The Year 5 students have been considering whether they would like to apply for one of the Year 6 leadership positions for 2024. The leadership positions are School Captains, House Captains, LOTE leaders, Performing Arts leaders, Visual Art leaders, Library leaders, STEM leaders and Environmental leaders and Sports leaders. On Tuesday I was fortunate to listen to the leadership speeches from our Year 5 cohort of students. The quality of their speeches was excellent and many of them, although they faced initial nerves, felt a real sense of achievement afterwards. In a number of speeches we heard students say that in Year 6, they were all leaders. Although a selected number of students will receive the leadership positions, larger groups of students will have an active role in these areas throughout the year.

Book Week Term 3 Narratives

Based around Book Week, students across the school had a focus on narrative writing. The students were very creative in their plots, characters and vocabulary choices. This week the students' library has been open at lunchtime for students to share their narratives with each other. It has been very rewarding for the students to share their stories to a 'live' audience.



'Thank You' Morning Tea

A large number of our parents and volunteers attended the special morning tea on Wednesday morning. The support of our volunteers allows us to run so many more programs effectively, thus providing our students with a richer experience of school. On behalf of our staff, it was wonderful to be able to thank our volunteers for their valued contribution to our school. This participation from family also builds a greater connection between our students and school.

“It’s beginning to feel a lot like Christmas”.

Last week, Mr Cracknell went to meet Lou at the Bangholme Christmas Tree Farm to select and collect our tree. The tree smells beautiful and has now been decorated and is on display in our administration area.

Lou’s Christmas tree farm in Bangholme is open to the public on weekends for those wishing to get a real tree this year. Be sure to sign your name up on our AGPS school clipboard when you make a purchase, as 10% of your purchase will be returned to our school for fundraising and you will be in the draw to win a free tree next year.



Running Group

The Morning Running Group have been training well and improving their speed and stamina this year. Today before school, as an end of year celebration, these students ran from school down to the beach at Mordialloc. This is a 4 km run which has been the furthest that some of the students have run. Other students in the group pushed the adults along and some completed the run in under 20 minutes. The students were then be served a barbecue breakfast, before they got on the bus back to school. A big thank you to the staff and volunteers who have supported the Running Group this year.

Year Level Structures in 2024

After consultation with the staff and working around our budget for 2024, we would like to share with the community, our class structures for 2024. We know that our parents and teachers value having straight year groups and not composite classes, which we have maintained. In line with the Victorian Schools’ Agreement, we aim to keep the junior classes smaller where possible. I know our excellent staff will again support the learning and wellbeing needs of all of our students in 2024.

4 x Foundation classes - averaging 20 students per class

4 x Year 1 classes - averaging 17 students per class

4 x Year 2 classes - averaging 24 students per class

3 x Year 3 classes - averaging 22 students per class

4 x Year 4 classes - averaging 23 students per class

4 x Year 5 classes - averaging 22 students per class

4 x Year 6 classes - averaging 27 students per class

Thank You

A very big thank you goes to Ash Williams, our School Council President who approached Bunnings and has been successful with them gifting us a new school barbecue. This will be christened at our Christmas Carols event being held next Thursday 7th December.



Reminder

There will be a pupil free day TOMORROW—Friday 1st December. The teachers will spend the day in school planning towards a successful 2024. Students do not come to school.



Have a fantastic weekend!

Jonathan

AGPS SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to Andrew H (2AT) and William F (2JB) who won



**silver recently at the
Regional Athletics
Carnival in the
4 x 200m relay!**

**A tremendous effort,
boys! Well done and
good luck at the next carnivals!**



OUR CANTEEN IS OPEN

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY

Counter sales available at lunchtime only

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2023 SCHOOL TERM DATES

TERM 4: Monday 2 October to Tuesday 19 December

2024 SCHOOL TERM DATES

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



STARS OF THE WEEK

TERM 4 WEEKS 7 & 8



Foundation—Year 2



Years 3 & 4



Years 5 & 6



Specialists

RSPCA Donations



Two weeks ago, the Year 5s went on an excursion to the RSPCA Education Centre. While there, we saw cute animals, patted goats, sheep and Lexie the dog, and learnt about the wonderful work the RSPCA does in the community. This linked in with our 'Sharing the planet' unit of inquiry.

RSPCA stands for the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Did you know there is a reason for the word 'Royal' at the front? It is because the Queen visited one time and thought the organisation was doing an amazing job.

If you didn't know, the RSPCA is a team that helps and rescues injured and mistreated animals. Some animals are found on the side of the road or are found wandering along streets where they have been abandoned by their owner. This is why we have the RSPCA.

When we went to the RSPCA, we found out this big problem! The RSPCA needs approximately 45 million dollars each year to look after the animals. Only 6% of this comes from the government. Most of the money the RSPCA receives goes to caring for the animals. That's why they need donations. We would love you to help!

How to help

Some ways you can help is by volunteering, adopting, foster caring and donating. You can volunteer when you are over 15 years old. Things you can donate are old blankets, newspaper, sheets and sealed litter and pet food. The RSPCA cannot accept pillows, doonas or anything with feathers in it because the animals rip them up.

If you want to donate any of these items, please take them to your local RSPCA centre. For more information, you can visit the RSPCA website at www.rspca.org.au.

Ada 5AA, Zara 5AA, Sophie 5RK and Joy 5AA





Year 6 Interschool Sport (ISS)



Match Report

Last Friday, the Year 6 students travelled to St Louis de Montfort's School (Year 5) for their final round of Year 6 Interschool Sport (ISS) for Term 4. The Year 6 students, once again, did an excellent 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

Basketball (Boys)		Basketball (Girls)	
AGPS	44	AGPS	31
St Louis	15	St Louis	14
Best Player/s:	Eddie E & Will T	Best Player/s:	Ebony R & Sara C

Cricket (Boys)		Cricket (Mixed)	
AGPS	101	AGPS	202
St Louis	113	St Louis	157
Best Player/s:	Taio G & Jasper P	Best Player/s:	Polina I & Hugo H-H

Kickball (Mixed #1)		Kickball (Mixed #2)	
AGPS	11	AGPS	23
St Louis	25	St Louis	24
Best Player/s:	Nathan P & Mila Z	Best Player/s:	Haroon K & Selena S

Volleyball (Boys)		Volleyball (Girls)	
AGPS	0	AGPS	2
St Louis	2	St Louis	0
Best Player/s:	Oliver R	Best Player/s:	Everyone

Lawn Bowls (Mixed)	
AGPS	2
St Louis	0
Best Player/s:	Isabella R & Stefano C

Well done, once again, to all our Year 6 students on their efforts last week and throughout 2023. You should all be proud of the way you have represented AGPS and the amount of success you have achieved in 2023. Good luck with your future sporting endeavours.

GO AGPS!



Mr. Braden King



Thursday Morning Running Group (Term 4)

It was fantastic to see so many students, teachers and parents of **Thursday Morning Running Group** continue to take on the challenge of seeing how far we can run around Australia.

Across **Terms 3 & 4**, we set the challenge to anyone who takes part in Thursday Morning Running Group to see how far could **run around Australia (13,995km)** before our final session of the year.

Following our second last session for the year, held last week, we completed the 3rd stage of the challenge which involved travelling from **Canberra to Sydney (286km)**.

Meaning, that we finished the challenge travelling from **Sydney to Brisbane (917 km)** which was part of the 4th stage. We ended up being **650 km** away from completing this stage. Well done to everyone who contributed towards our progress across Terms 3 & 4.



To see the results from **Terms 3 & 4**:

<https://sites.google.com/education.vic.gov.au/agps-run-around-australia/running-group>

The FINAL Top 3 leaders for Year 3 were:

The FINAL Top 3 leaders for Year 4 were:

The FINAL Top 3 leaders for Year 5 were:

Place	Name	Class	Distance (km)
Boys			
1 st	Hayden F	3RP	35.4
2 nd	Logan H-I	3RP	31.2
3 rd	Eden P	3RP	23.3
Girls			
1 st	Morgan B	3KA	37.9
2 nd	Tom G	3RP	34.7
3 rd	Chloe M	3KA	31.2

Place	Name	Class	Distance (km)
Boys			
1 st	Elijah O	4DG	51.5
2 nd	Tullow D W	4RG	37.9
3 rd	Lexi Z	4DG	36.4
Girls			
1 st	Sylvia H	4RG	36.8
2 nd	Layla K	4OM	33.9
3 rd	Ivanka Y	4RG	30.3

Place	Name	Class	Distance (km)
Boys			
1 st	Ari W	5LW	49.4
2 nd	Jonah D W	5LW	44.8
3 rd	James P	5AA	43.9
Girls			
1 st	Jade P	5BM	34.7
2 nd	Kiara C	5RK	26.4
3 rd	Sophie C	5RK	12.8

The FINAL Top 3 leaders for Year 6 were:

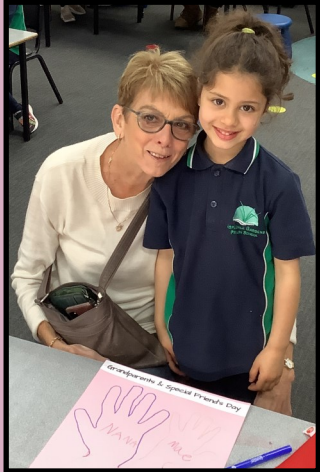
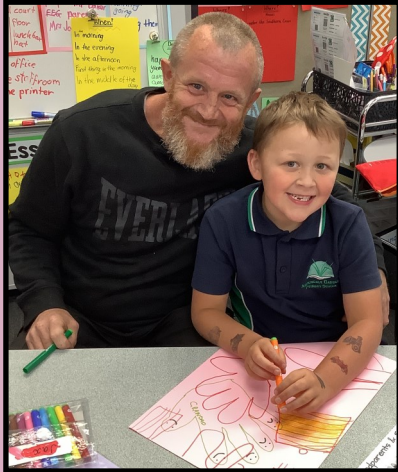
Place	Name	Class	Distance (km)
Boys			
1 st	Leon K	6KC	37.9
2 nd	Max S	6KC	29.7
3 rd	Darcy T	6BH	20.8
Girls			
1 st	Indi M	6BH	34.4
2 nd	Poppy B	6KC	25.2
3 rd	Alisha H	6BH	16.8

The FINAL Top 3 leaders for Parents & Teachers were:

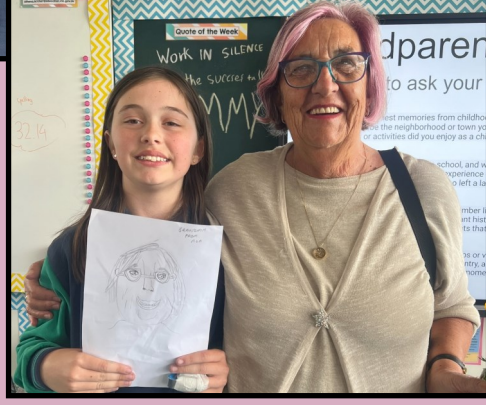
Place	Name	Class	Distance (km)
Parents			
1 st	Moran G		50.4
2 nd	Jay I		31.2
3 rd	Yasmin A-M		27.7
Teachers			
1 st	Mr King		33.5
2 nd	Miss McKaskill		24.7
3 rd	Mr Graham		21.4

Well done to all the parents, teachers and students who took part in our Running Group Challenge across Terms 3 & 4.

Mr. Braden King

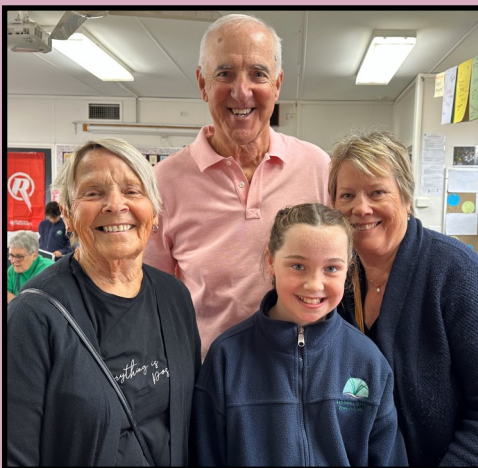


HAPPY GRANDPARENTS DAY





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CHRISTMAS RAFFLE 2023



Tickets are \$2 each

The draw will take place at AGPS during the carols night on
Thursday 7th December from 5pm



All tickets to be returned to the office by **Tuesday 5th December**.



Save the Date

AGPS
CHRISTMAS CAROLS

THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER 5PM

CAROLS
SAUSAGE SIZZLE
RAFFLE

More details coming soon!

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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.

THEIRCARE NEWS

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

The past week was filled with vibrant festivities aligned with the school's colour run, where kids engaged in various arts and crafts, showcasing their creativity with diverse colour schemes.

The puzzle challenge has become a popular activity among the children, with students taking turns to solve puzzles while being timed. Children have shown enthusiasm and persistence when completing this challenge.

We had a great time celebrating National Fairy Bread day with yummy bread shapes and fun games like Just Dance and Pass the Parcel!



PUPIL FREE DAY

Friday, December 1st marks a pupil-free day, but fear not! TheirCare will be up and running from 7:00 AM until 6:15 PM. Remember to secure your spot for a day filled to the brim with entertaining activities.

OPENING HOURS
BSC: 7:00AM - 8:45AM
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2:00pm - 6:00pm



Open last full weekend in
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SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

\$5.00 PER ITEM

Uniforms are available to purchase during office hours:
8:30am — 4:00pm

ALL donations can be left at the school office.

If you have any pre-loved uniforms in good condition please consider donating them. All donations can be left at school reception.



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Sign the AGCS kinder road safety petition!


We, the **children of Aspendale Gardens Kindergarten**, want the **40km/h sign** on Kearney Drive to be **extended to cover our kindergarten!** Please sign our petition to support our request to the City of Kingston. Follow the QR code or visit <https://chnng.it/YCMYdMWbX7>




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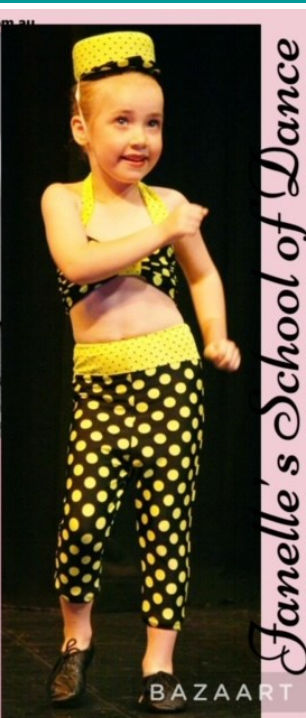
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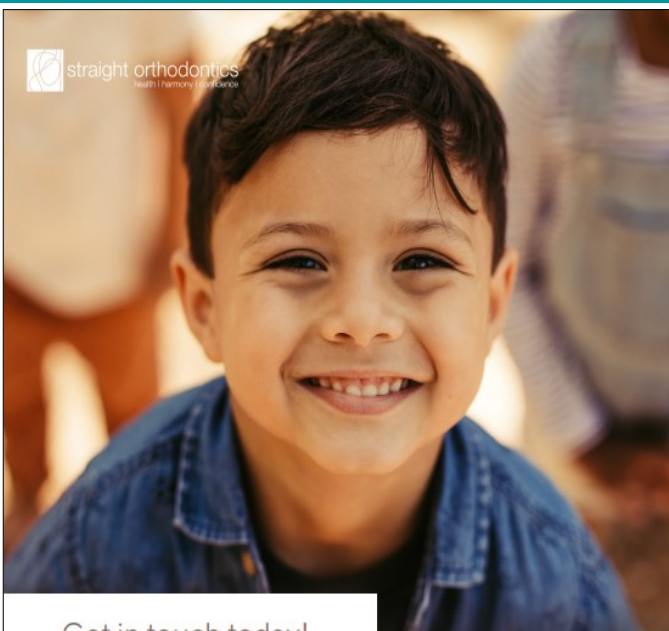
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