

Aspendale Gardens Primary School Newsletter—Thursday 28th January



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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.

Welcome Back to School for 2021

2021 DIARY

<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>ALL INFORMATION NIGHTS via WEBEX</u>	<u>FEBRUARY 2020</u>
Monday 1	Year 2 Information Night 5.15pm—6pm Year 4 Information Night 6.15pm—7pm	Thursday 11 Running Group Begins—7.30am Thursday 11 Foundation Information Evening 5.00pm—6.30pm via WEBEX
Tuesday 2	Year 1 Information Night 5.15pm—6pm Year 6 Information Night 6.15pm—7pm	Wednesday 17 District Swimming Carnival
Wednesday 3	Year 3 Information Night 5.15pm—6pm Year 5 Information Night 6.15pm—7pm	Monday 22 Year 6 Canberra Tour departs

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

It is so wonderful to be back at school. There were so many happy students in the classrooms today who were very excited to see their friends again, and to meet their new teacher. The Foundation students were absolutely amazing. They settled in extremely well and were ready to start their school life happily.

A special thank you to our 2020 Foundation teachers who prepared the children as much as they could to commence the school year. We all certainly faced some challenges last year however we have survived, many have flourished, and many have become more resilient. There was a real, positive buzz around the school today.



Staffing Update

We welcome back staff members who have been on family leave: Mrs Lauren Gomolis, Mrs Genevieve Kamus, Mrs Kira Fischer and Ms Karli Mullucks. We also welcome a new teacher to our school Ms Amy Kelly.

2021 Information Nights

The teachers will be presenting the year level parent information sessions starting next Monday 1st February. These will be all be held via Webex.

The times are:

Monday 1st February **Year 2 (5.15pm – 6.00pm) and Year 4 (6.15pm – 7.00pm)**
Tuesday 2nd February **Year 1 (5.15pm – 6.00pm) and Year 6 (6.15pm – 7.00pm)**
Wednesday 3rd February **Year 3 (5.15pm – 6.00pm) and Year 5 (6.15pm – 7.00pm)**

The class teachers will send the links via class Dojo for you to log in. The information sessions are being presented remotely due to COVID restrictions.

Tutoring Program

We have been allocated funding from the Government to provide tutoring at school for our students whose education was affected by remote learning. The students on the program have been selected based on their end of year results from 2020. The parents of the students selected will be notified that their child will be participating in an intensive program with a focus on literacy, numeracy and wellbeing. We hope to have as many children as possible benefit from the program.



Dads of Aspendale Gardens - DAGS

The DAGS is a group of dads set up for fathers and father figures to meet at school, sometimes with just the dads, sometimes with the dads and children, to develop a network of friends and a very special group within the Aspendale Gardens Primary School community. This is a fantastic opportunity to get to know other dads in the school and to make new friends. It is low key, very friendly and designed to be fun, engaging and enjoyable. Please watch out for more information from Mr Murphy who is leading the DAGS. We would love to have you join up!

Running Club

Running Club will begin again for 2021 on Thursday 11th February for any students in Years 3 – 6. It is on each Thursday morning commencing at 7.30am. Students are provided with a light breakfast afterwards at 8.15am at the cost of \$5.00 for the term. If your child would like to attend and has not already completed a form and paid, please log in to Compass and find details under 'Course Confirmations'. Thank you **Mr King** for organising this activity and to all the amazing staff members who assist with the running and the breakfast preparation on Thursday mornings.

School Levy Payment/Excursion Levy

Thank you to the many families who have already paid their school fees. We ask that all school fees be paid **no later than Friday 19th February**. If you are opting to pay the excursion levy up front for the year, the final date for this payment is also **Friday 19th February**.



Fee schedules are located on Compass under 'Course Confirmation and Payments'.

If you are having any difficulties regarding payment of fees, please make an appointment to arrange a payment plan with our Business Manager, Rebecca Russell.



Foundation Families Buddy Bear Picnic

We will host our annual Foundation Buddy Bear Picnic on **Thursday 4th March** at 5.00pm to 6:30pm in the school's courtyard. Please come along with your family picnic dinner, rug or chairs. If the weather is inclement, we will meet in the hall.

This is a wonderful chance for all Foundation parents to meet other Foundation parents in an informal and friendly atmosphere.

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.



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.

Year 6 Camp

The Year 6 Camp is **only** three weeks away. Final payment was due on Monday 25th January. Some parents still need to finalise payment.

Please make payment no later than this Monday 1st February.

Some student's medical conditions and consent are yet to be completed. This information needs to be completed on Compass under Events—Year 6 Canberra Tour 2021.



School Council Notice of Election



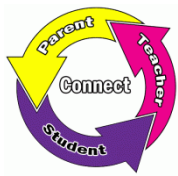
Nominations for the Aspendale Gardens Primary School Council will be called for next month. Each year half the Council is up for election. We have four Council positions and one Community Member position available. Please consider applying for a position. It is an excellent opportunity to become more involved in your child's school.

Second Hand Uniforms

Thank you to all the wonderful parents who have donated second hand uniforms to school. Our second hand uniform shop is open all day and all items are **\$5:00**. The clothes are in very good condition so certainly a bargain.



Parent Reps



Each year we ask for 1 or 2 parents to be a parent representative for their child's class. The position involves working with the class teacher to assist and promote relationships with all the parents and families in the class.

Next week a notice will be sent out seeking an 'Expression of Interest' for this very important role. Please volunteer if you are interested in becoming a class rep. If you are interested and would like more details please discuss this with your child's class teacher.

I wish you a very happy and successful 2021 and we look forward to a very settled and 'normal' year ahead of us.

Take care.

Cheryle Osborne

OUR CANTEEN IS OPEN

**Currently there are
NO over the counter sales.**

CURRENT CANTEEN OPENING HOURS

THURSDAY & FRIDAY

Please place Lunch orders via QKR

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