

Aspendale Gardens Primary School

Newsletter—Thursday 8th 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.

2024 DIARY

FEBRUARY

Friday 9 School Assembly @ 2:30pm in Gym

Monday 12 Parent Information Sessions:

Foundation @ 4:15pm

Year 3 @ 5:15pm

Year 4 @ 5:15pm

Tuesday 13 MSP School Photo Day—order online via portal on Compass by this Day

Parent Information Sessions:

Year 1 @ 4:15pm

Year 2 @ 4:15pm

Year 5 @ 5:15pm

Year 6 @ 5:15pm

Wednesday 14 District Swimming Tryouts

Friday 16 BOOK CLUB Orders Close

FEBRUARY

Friday 23 School Assembly @ 2:30pm in Gym

Thursday 29 Environmental Leaders Workshop

Friday 1 District Swimming Carnival

MARCH

Wednesday 6 Senior House Cross Country

Friday 8 School Assembly @ 2:30pm in Gym

Monday 11 Labour Day Holiday

Tuesday 12 Division Swimming Carnival

Thursday 21 Harmony Day School Assembly @ 2:30pm in Gym

**Friday 22 Year 6 Summer Lightning Premiership
NO ASSEMBLY**

Wednesday 27 Regional Swimming Carnival

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY TUESDAY 13TH FEBRUARY

FROM OUR ACTING PRINCIPAL

The teachers have reported that their students are settling well into their new classes. The teachers have enjoyed getting to know their students' personalities and interests this week. Relationship building has been our key focus in the first 2 weeks of this term.

Our Foundation students have continued to feel more comfortable in their environment. Last Friday they were introduced to their Year 5 Buddy, who prepared a welcome letter and presented them with a little Buddy Bear. This week the Foundation students have been investigating all the different areas they are able to play in at recess and lunchtime. They have been supported by their Buddies who have been keeping an eye out for them.

The older Buddies will continue to assist the Foundation students as they settle into school. In coming weeks, the students will meet each fortnight and participate in a shared activity. The Buddy Program is an initiative from The Alannah and Madeline Foundation to teach respectful values and behaviours. You will see some visual reminders around our school of Buddy Bear. <https://www.amf.org.au/>



Melbourne United Basketball Clinics

On Wednesday the Year 3 - 6 students attended a basketball clinic run by Melbourne United. This was a great opportunity to spark the students' interest in basketball and allow them to practice their skills. This culminated in an entertaining basketball match where the Melbourne United team played against AGPS United. It was a fun and memorable afternoon. Mr King will be including a more in depth report in next week's newsletter.

Parent Information Sessions

Parent Information Sessions will be held in Week 3. These 45 minute sessions will be held in the classrooms. The presentation will cover classroom expectations, classroom routines, communications, curriculum outlines, cyber safety etc.

Year Foundation	Monday 12 th February @ 4.15pm
Year 1	Tuesday 13 th February @ 4.15pm
Year 2	Tuesday 13 th February @ 4.15pm
Year 3	Monday 12 th February @ 5.15pm
Year 4	Monday 12 th February @ 5.15pm
Year 5	Tuesday 13 th February @ 5.15pm
Year 6	Tuesday 13 th February @ 5.15pm



Child care will be available for students whose parents are attending the information session. Parents needing their children to be looked after should drop them off in the library, before the presentation commences. The slide presentation will be made available to parents who are unable to attend the session.

Meet The Staff—Our Foundation Team



Nat Tangey (Foundation Coordinator), Suzie Jones, Alex Taylor and Lauren Brodie

TheirCare

TheirCare are our Out of School Hours provider offering care for our students from 7am until 8.45am and then again after school from 3.30pm until 6pm. The before and after school care operates from our CLC Building (old hall). Access to TheirCare before and after school hours is through the 'Kiss and Go' gate on Kerr Crescent. Our TheirCare coordinator is Debra. To find out more about their service visit: <https://theircare.com.au/>

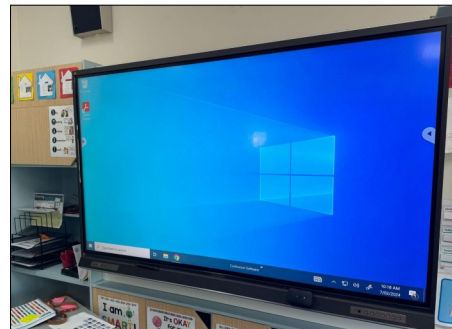
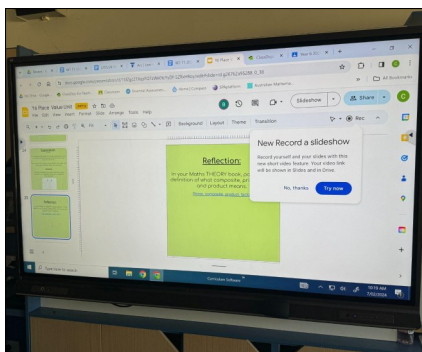


School Improvement - A focus on ICT from our Acting Assistant Principal James Cracknell

Over the school holidays we have continued to upgrade some of the technology around our school. This included finishing off the replacement of our old projector screens and interactive boards with 75 inch touch screen displays. These have been installed into Room 11 - 16 (Current Year 1 and Year 6 classrooms) and into our second Music Room. These devices provide teachers with an essential resource to ensure their teaching programs are as engaging as possible. It also ensures that all students can see and hear the content being delivered in the classrooms.

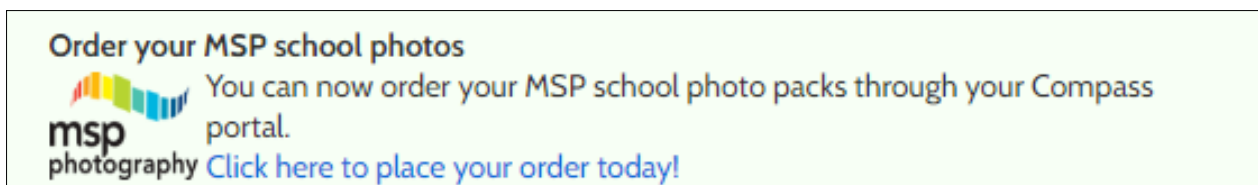
We have also had our network upgraded to help increase the speed that data can be transferred around our school.

This has also enabled us to have the potential to expand our wireless network and have greater capacity for more devices to be connected in our classrooms.



School Photographs

The school photography company, MSP will be in school on Tuesday 13th February. They will take individual photos, class group photographs and pre-ordered family portraits. A Compass post was sent out on Tuesday informing parents of the process. Photographs can be ordered through the Compass portal prior to Photo Day. You will now see the message below when you login to your Compass account.



Medical Information Updated

We remind all our parents to contact the school office to update any of their child's medical information. If your child has any medication (EpiPen, Anapen, Claratyne or inhaler) that has an expiry date, we ask parents to ensure that they have provided us with new in-date medication.

Notice of School Council Elections

School Council's play a key role in Victorian government schools and being a member of the School Council is a rewarding experience. The School Council supports the Principal to provide the best possible educational experiences for the students.

On Monday 12th February all families will receive a notice of election and call for nominations for our School Council. Notices will be sent home via the youngest in the family. All information required can be found in the documentation sent out. Please contact the school office if you have any queries.

Australian Girls Choir Open Day

Look no further than the Australian Girls Choir (AGC) because they encourage, challenge and inspire girls as they learn to sing, dance and perform. School aged girls are invited to come along to the February Open Days to try our fun and inclusive classes and learn more about being part of the AGC! Please visit the website to register to attend the free Open Day: ausgirlschoir.com.au/joinagc

Reminders

- No dogs allowed in the school grounds please.
- Our first assembly of the year will be this Friday at 2.30pm in the gym (The Foundation students will not be joining us for this week's assembly. They will be welcomed during the Week 4 assembly)

Have a fabulous weekend everyone.

Jonathan

District Swimming Trials (Years 3 - 6)

Swimming trials for the AGPS District Swimming Team for 2024 will be held on **Wednesday 14th 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 Chelsea & Patterson District Swimming Carnival being held at the **Pines Forest Aquatic Centre, Forest Drive, Frankston North** on **Friday 1st March**.

The swimming trials are open to any student in **Years 3 – 6** (who must be born between 2011 - 2015) interested in trying out for the **AGPS District Swimming Team**. Unfortunately, if your child was born in 2016 they are too young and cannot attend the trials. 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** will be sent out later this week/early next week. If you require further information for the trials, please contact **Mr. King**.

AGPS Senior Cross Country Carnival (Years 3 - 6)

In just under four weeks, on **Wednesday 6th March**, we will be hosting our **AGPS Senior Cross Country Carnival (Years 3 - 6)**. The event will be held in the Open Parkland behind the main school grounds (Edithvale Wetlands), using the existing bike paths. The event will begin at approximately **9:00am** and will finish at approximately **11:15am**. ****Please ensure the Neighbourhood Walk consent has been provided on Compass by Friday 1st March.****

Below is a schedule for the morning including a list of the age groups and distances that students will be required to run. (PLEASE NOTE: These times are approximate times ONLY):

Time	Age Group	Distance
9.00am	Walk out to the AGPS Sportsground (behind the school grounds). Students sit in their House colours.	
9.15am	Welcome and run-down of the event by Mr. King & Mr. Murphy.	
9.25am	Year 6 House Captains perform their House Chants.	
9.35am	8/9/10 Year Old (Girls)	2 km
9.40am	8/9/10 Year Old (Boys)	2 km
10.00am	11 Year Old (Girls)	3 km
10.05am	11 Year Old (Boys)	3 km
10.30am	12/13 Year Old (Girls)	3 km
10.35am	12/13 Year Old (Boys)	3 km
11.05am	Announcement of the AGPS Cross Country Champions for 2024 by the Year 6 Sports Leaders.	
11.15am	End of the 2024 AGPS Cross Country Carnival.	

Please see below which age group your child will be running in for the event:

Age Group	Year/s Born
8/9/10 Year Old	2014 - 2016
11 Year Old	2013
12/13 Year Old	2011 - 2012

Students can wear their **House Colours** as well as appropriate clothing and shoes to run in for their event. The **Top 10 students** in each age group will progress to the **Chelsea & Patterson District Cross Country Carnival** being held on **Friday 10th May (Term 2)**. Mr. King and Mr. Murphy are looking for **parents** who can assist on the day in the **roles of course marshals**. If you can assist, please contact **Mr. King** or **Mr. Murphy** on **Class DOJO** by **Monday 4th March**. You will need to have a **current WWCC** and have completed the **School's Volunteer Agreement** to be able to assist. For more information on the event, please look on Compass or contact **Mr. King**.

AGPS Sporting Achievement



Congratulations to **Jonah (6BM) & Tullow (5AA) D W** for a very successful Lifesaving Carnival at Pt Leo recently. Jonah finished 1st in the Ironman event and Tullow finished 2nd in the board race event and 1st in the relay event. Well done boys, keep up the great work!



Please send through your child's sporting achievements and a photo to Mr Murphy or Mr King on Class Dojo to feature in future newsletters!

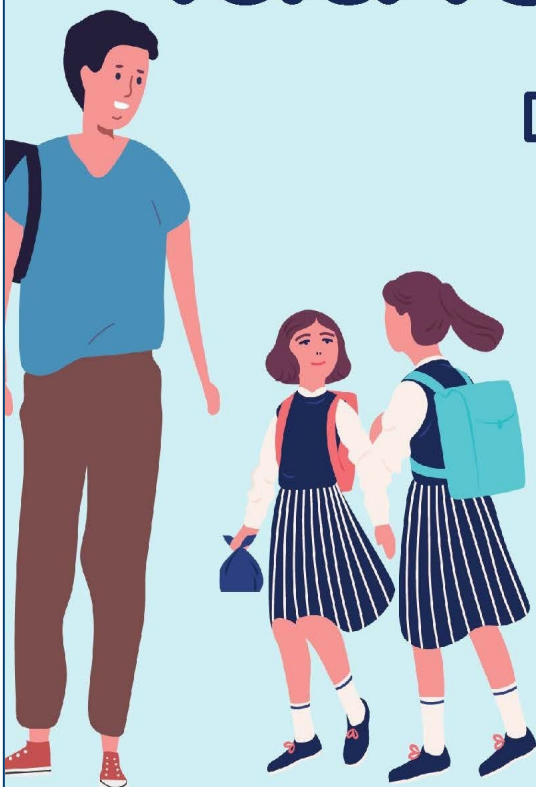
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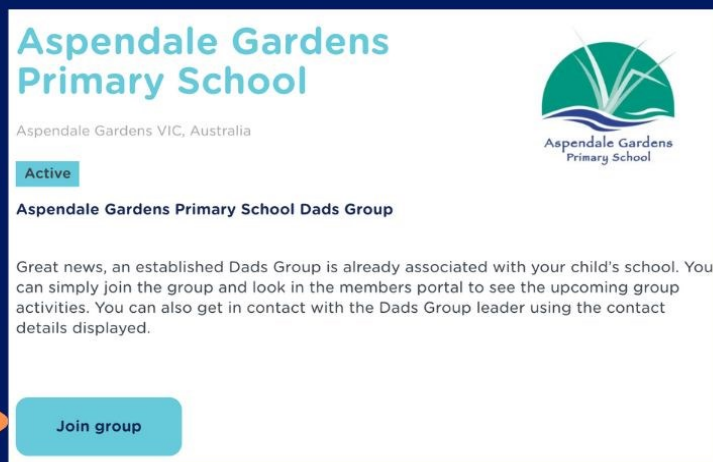
Dads' Group ?



How to join our dads' group: DAG's

Step 1:

<https://thefatheringproject.org/dads-group/aspendale-gardens-primary-school/>



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Aspendale Gardens VIC, Australia

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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:

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Join Group



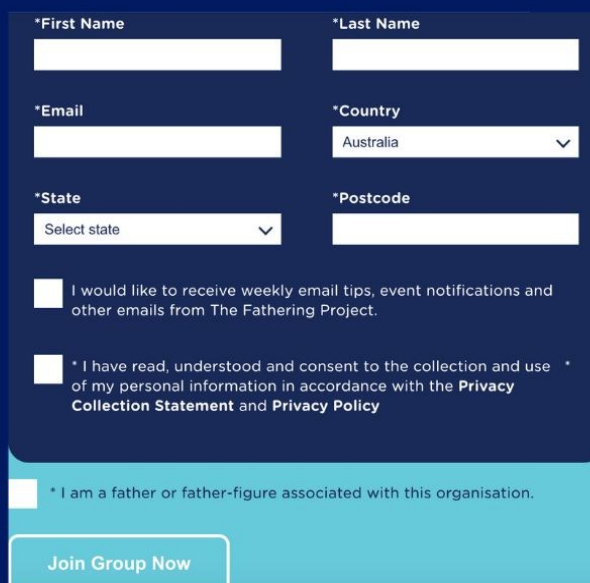
*Are you a member of The Fathering Project?

Yes

No

Step 3:

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Select NO



*First Name

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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

Step 4:

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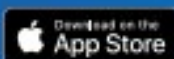


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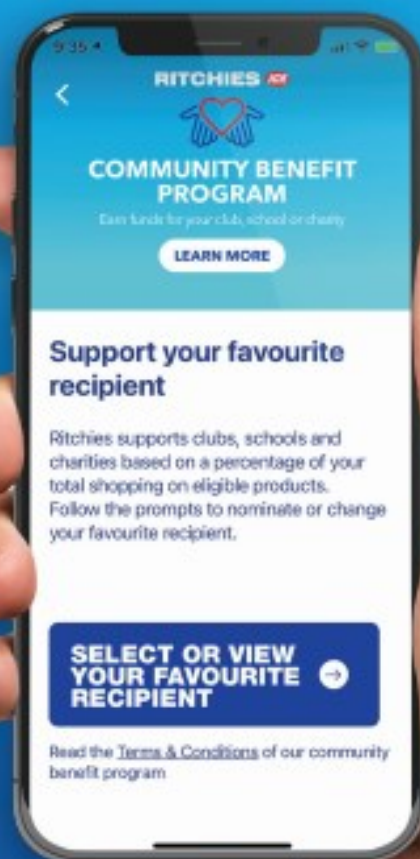
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THEIRCARE

NEWSLETTER WEEK 2



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Coordinator: Debra Moshos

BSC: 7-9AM

ASC: 2:30-6:15PM

HP/PFD: 7AM-6:15PM



AMAZING THINGS HAPPENING IN OUR SERVICE

Hello families,

Welcome to your first weekly newsletter reading with TheirCare

Our team hopes everyone had a wonderful Christmas, New year, and great start to 2024 :

Welcome to the new foundation families. We look forward to meeting as many of you as possible during your child/ren school journey.

For our regular and existing families who attend our programs; welcome back, we are excited to see your child/ren return to our space soon.

Our team consists of 4 regular team members;
Debra - Service Coordinator
Alaha, Anna and Johno - service educators

Unfortunately this week our team and children had to say goodbye to our 2IC, Bella who will be embarking on her new career journey with finance.

We wish Bella all the best, and hope to see her again one day ;)
We had a small goodbye party yesterday (Tuesday 6/2) with few treats to say our goodbyes and enjoy the last few hours with her.

Our foundation children have been settling in beautiful into our space.
Our coordinator, Debra has been gathering the children 5-10 minutes early to assist with transitions. We have been going on a walking tour of all the wonderful resources we have available. Location of our bathroom facilities, lockers, eating spaces and activities tables.

Our team loves what we do, We have many new resources, activities and enriching game challenges to suit all ages coming soon.

Our Preps
first
2 weeks
at
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REMINDERS

- ✓ Friendly reminder; please ensure you cancel your child's After School Bookings if you no longer require the care, as children who do not arrive to our service for their booked session will be followed up with the school, parents and lastly emergency services at 3:50pm, as per our service policy, if we cannot locate your child.
- ✓ Please remember to finalise your child's booking in advance to avoid missing out

EVENTS

Weekly Themes

Week beginning 12th Feb;
Creative minds

Week beginning; 19th Feb;
Sports, movement and fun

Public Holidays - TheirCare Closed

Labour Day, March 11

Good Friday, Mach 29th

GOODBYE BELLA



OUR CANTEEN IS OPEN
WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY

Counter sales are available at
lunchtime only

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Please place Lunch orders via QKR
QKR closes at 9:00am on day of delivery

SUNDAY 17 MARCH 2024

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5, 10 OR 15KM

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February 21st

3:30 - 4:30



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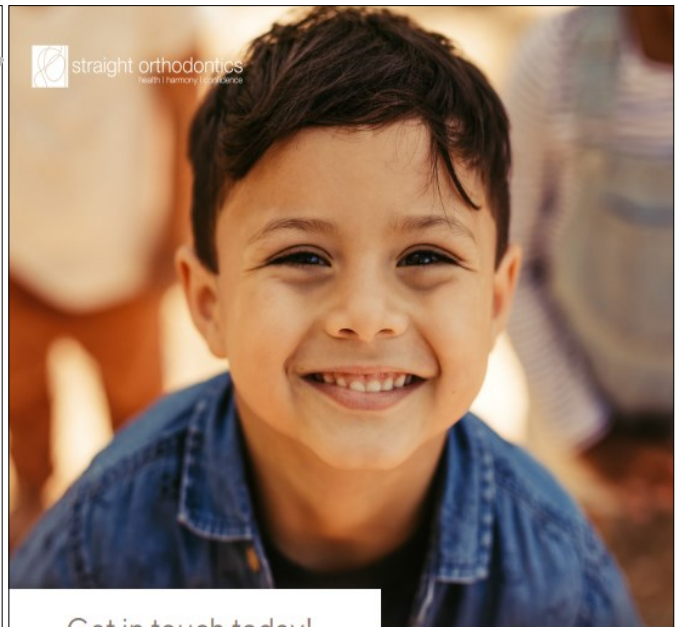
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