

# Aspendale Gardens Primary School

## Newsletter—Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February



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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.*

### 2024 DIARY

#### FEBRUARY

**Friday 23** Year 6 ISS vs St Louis PS (home)  
School Assembly @ 2:30pm in Gym

**Monday 26** School Council Finance—6:00pm  
School Council Meeting—6:30pm

**Tuesday 27** 2025 School Tour @ 9:15am

**Wednesday 28** Year 2 Wetlands Walk

**Thursday 29** Running Group @ 7:30am  
Environmental Leaders Workshop

**Monday 11** Labour Day Holiday

**Tuesday 12** 2025 School Tour @ 9:15am  
Division Swimming Carnival

**Wednesday 13** Years 1 & 2 Melbourne United  
Basketball Clinics

**Thursday 14** Running Group @ 7:30am

**Friday 15** Year 6 ISS vs Chelsea PS (away)

**Thursday 21** Running Group @ 7:30am  
Harmony Day School Assembly @  
2:30pm in Gym

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

**Wednesday 27** Regional Swimming Carnival

#### MARCH

**Friday 1** District Swimming Carnival

**Tuesday 5** 2025 School Tour @ 9:15am

**Wednesday 6** Senior House Cross Country  
Foundation Team Building Incursion

**Thursday 7** Running Group @ 7:30am  
FREE DRESS DAY for Easter Raffle

**Friday 8** Year 6 ISS vs Chelsea Hts PS(home)  
School Assembly @ 2:30pm in Gym

## SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

### FRIDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY @ 2:30pm

#### FROM OUR ACTING PRINCIPAL

It was lovely to walk around the school this week and experience the range of learning experiences that were going on. The Year 6's had a picnic lunch with their buddies, the Year 3's and 4's were busy in the kitchen and garden, there were dance, band and art clubs at lunchtime. This week our Year 1's commenced their PMP (Perceptual Motor Program) sessions. These were supported by an enthusiastic group of volunteers, who assisted with the range of activities.

The students have been introduced to their units of inquiry.

Foundation Who we are - We take care of ourselves by making good choices.

Year 1 Who we are – Our words and actions impact others.

Year 2 Who we are - Taking care of your wellbeing involves many factors.

Year 3 How we organise ourselves – Communities provide a sense of belonging.

Year 4 Who we are – Our connection with our physical environment.

Year 5 How we express ourselves – Media uses a variety of strategies to influence thinking.

Year 6 How we express ourselves – Power can facilitate change.

## Meet Our Staff — Year 1 Teachers



***Diana Anagnostou, Niamh Aherne, Leanne Cairns, Rebecca Riley and Lauren Reed***

## Mordialloc College 100 Year celebrations

Last week I was invited to attend Mordialloc College's 100 year celebrations. I attended their assembly with other local guests, ex-students and teachers. The speeches reflected on the many changes that the school has gone through since it was first opened on 18<sup>th</sup> February 1924 under the name of Mordialloc District High School, with 148 students. I am sure we have some of our grandparents and parents who were educated at Mordialloc College. I enjoyed finding out more about the school and reflecting on the transformations that have occurred in its 100 years and certainly within the last decade.



## Secondary School Selections

This week, I sent out an information notice to Year 6 parents to guide them with the process of the important decision of selecting a secondary school for their children. Our local secondary schools will be advertising their school tours and open nights soon, which I highly recommend Year 6 parents attending.

## Class Representatives

Aspendale Gardens Primary School welcomes and relies on parent involvement in the school in many ways. One role that is very important is that of Class Representative. The role of a class representative is to liaise with the classroom teacher and school, to encourage parent involvement in school programs and to organise social events for the class so that parents can get to know each other in a friendly informal environment. It is a great way to get to know other parents in your child's class. We are still looking for classroom representatives from the following classes: 1RR, 2AC, 2GM, 3JB, 4KC and 6JM. Please return the slip or talk to the classroom teacher if you would be interested in the position.

## School Council Nominations

The nominations for our School Council closed on Monday and we received 6 parent nominations. We have 3 places available for parents to fill, so therefore we will be going to an election. The nominated parents are: Michael Robins, Sam Eastwood, Adam Willrath, Paul Candy, Ash Williams and Sonia McCaffery. You will soon be receiving information about the 6 parents along with an election form and information on how to complete your ballot. The closing date for the ballot is to be received by the school office is 4pm on Monday 4th March. We look forward to working with the School Council and value their support in making our school the best it can be.

Jono Whalan will not be standing again as a School Councillor, as his youngest child is now in Year 6. We thank Jono for his time and contribution to the School Council over the last 5 years.

## Volunteers in School

Research has shown that parents who take an active role in their child's school life increase their child's ability to learn and have a positive effect on academic achievement. At Aspendale Gardens Primary School, we encourage parents to actively support student learning by becoming involved in a range of school and classroom activities and greatly appreciate the parents and community members who assist and support our programs.



Programs and activities may include:

- Listening to students read.
- Supporting class activities such as cooking, arts and crafts etc.
- Attending excursions and camps.
- Providing administrative support, such as cataloguing and covering library books.
- Participating in school activities such as Book Week, open mornings, classroom celebrations.
- Sporting activities / running group.
- Supporting fundraising activities. Joining the Fundraising Team or School Council.

Parents who would like to volunteer and have not done so before are asked to visit our school website and read through the 'Volunteering at AGPS' section. This page gives details of the activities we look for extra support with and also has links to our AGPS Child Safety Induction Pack and the AGPS Volunteers Agreement. The agreement along with a Working With Children card need to be lodged with the office before parents are able to volunteer in the school.

## School Improvement

This week we welcomed Mardi Gorman, a literacy consultant back into our classrooms for the teachers to learn from. Mardi worked with classes, small groups and individuals and modelled to the teachers how to develop students' thinking when they read. The sessions were then followed by discussions between Mardi and the teachers. The teachers continue to learn a lot from their contact with Mardi, which is assisting with our improvement of reading strategies across the school.

## Reminders:

There will be a whole school assembly on Friday @ 2.30pm in the gym. We extend an invitation to our parents and family members. We will be welcoming our Foundation students to their first assembly.

**Jonathan**



# AGPS needs you



**Volunteers Needed**

As the Fundraising Team is small, we rely on the support of volunteers to make the events a success. There are several ways you could help:

- 1: Join the committee**
- 2: Help out at an event**
- 3: Donations welcome**

If you have any queries or you have a special skill that could help the fundraising team, please reach out to the fundraising team on: [agpsfundraising.team@gmail.com](mailto:agpsfundraising.team@gmail.com) or contact the office.

Thanks for your support.

*The Fundraising Team*

## Stationery Donations:

Thank you to all of the wonderfully generous people who have donated their unwanted and unused stationery to our school. We now have an abundance of extra stationery to redistribute throughout the school and are **no longer seeking donations** for the time being. We will aim to complete another collection of stationery in Semester 2 and beyond.

Still have stationery that you no longer need? Donate it to Green Collect. Green Collect creates excellent environmental outcomes by enabling reuse & recycling of office & home goods to minimise landfill and protect our environment.

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## PYP In Year 6 at AGPS

### How we organise ourselves

#### Central Idea:

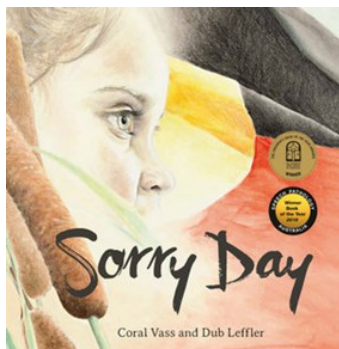
Power can facilitate change.

#### Lines of Inquiry:

- Government systems and their structures
- Catalysts for change
- The impact of decision making processes on different groups
- How we can influence and make decisions that have a positive impact on ourselves as well as others.

Throughout our learning during our How we organise ourselves unit of inquiry, we will be making connections based on the concept of POWER. How does the concept of power factor into our reading, our writing, our maths and other aspects of our lives.

*Author, Coral Vass is coming to visit us!*



*Coral Vass, Sorry Day author is coming to visit us to share how she is an advocate for change through knowledge and education and her extraordinary picture story book collaborations.*

We have had an extremely productive start to Year 6. We have had a visit from Tim Richardson MP who shared many of his experiences with us about how we as individuals can be the catalyst for change within our Community.



### What's Your Issue?

Students will be writing a proposal highlighting an issue that they are passionate about as well as determining which relevant governing body they need to write to. Students will have a choice to actually send their proposals to the responsible person.

**We can make a change!**



## Year 6 Interschool Sport (ISS) Match Report



Last Friday, the Year 6 students competed in their first round of Year 6 Interschool Sport (ISS) for 2024. Students took on **Patterson Lakes PS** in their first home game of the year, playing them in the sports of Basketball, Cricket, Kickball and Volleyball. Additionally, some students travelled to **Chelsea Bowling Club** to play some Lawn Bowls. The Year 6 students did a fantastic job, representing AGPS in their chosen sport with pride, while also showing lots of sportsmanship throughout their games.

### Below are the results from last week's games:

Basketball (Boys)		Basketball (Girls)	
AGPS	24	AGPS	13
Patterson Lakes PS	57	Patterson Lakes PS	14
Best Player/s:	Jimmy P	Best Player/s:	Izzy P

Cricket (Mixed #1)		Cricket (Mixed #2)	
AGPS	143	AGPS	138
Patterson Lakes PS	123	Patterson Lakes PS	143
Best Player/s:	Maxx M, Chloe K-R & Savvy W	Best Player/s:	Harley L & Emily R

Kickball (Boys)		Kickball (Girls)	
AGPS	16	AGPS	10
Patterson Lakes PS	17	Patterson Lakes PS	35
Best Player/s:	Jax D B & Flynn H	Best Player/s:	Alice V C & Sienna S-N

Volleyball (Boys)		Volleyball (Girls)	
AGPS	2	AGPS	1
Patterson Lakes PS	1	Patterson Lakes PS	2
Best Player/s:	Danny K & Hayden L	Best Player/s:	Ella S-N & Melek S

Lawn Bowls (Mixed)	
AGPS	4
CHPS	8
Best Player/s:	Rhys B & Emerson L

Tomorrow we will be playing against **St. Louis de Montfort's School** at **AGPS**. Venues for each sport have been posted on Class DOJO. Well done to all of the Year 6 students on their efforts last week. **GO AGPS!**

Mr. Braden King



## AGPS Senior Cross Country Carnival (Years 3 - 6)

In just under four weeks, on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Mr Braden King**

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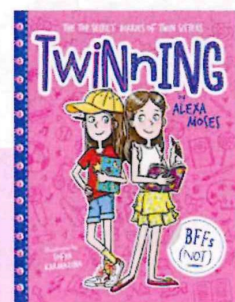
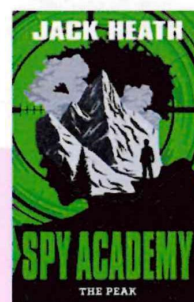
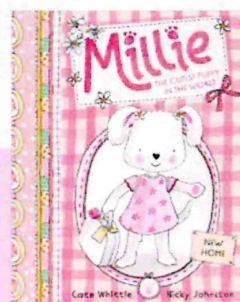
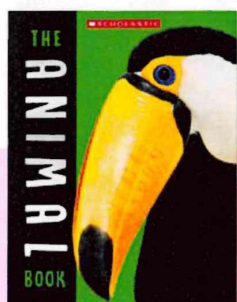
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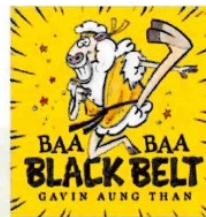
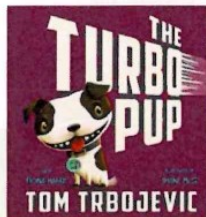
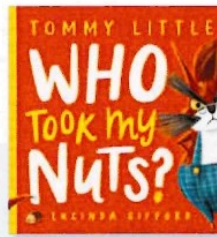
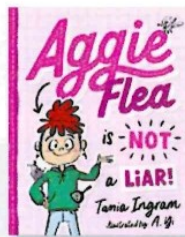
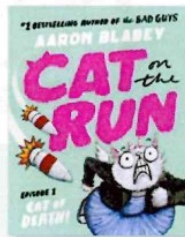
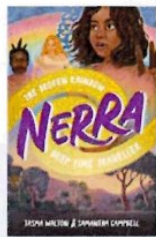
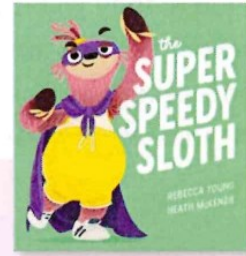
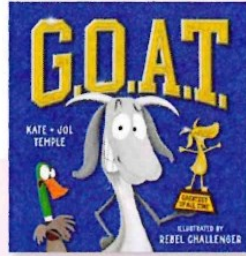
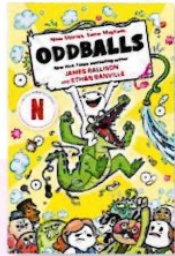




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# THEIRCARE

## NEWSLETTER WEEK 4



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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 this week's newsletter issue

We hope you all had a wonderful weekend, enjoying the sunny weather.

In our last two weeks at TheirCare our children have been crafting, constructing, building, exploring new board games, developing their understanding of boundaries and respect within our space - Busy as always.

To find your child in one place for the afternoon is rare. Children navigating our around space every program reviewing what is on offer, getting together with their friends or children from other grades they bonded with to engage in something together.

The last two weeks our program themes entailed the children reflecting on themselves, their interests, who they are and their place within our program and explore their creative side through craft activities, mindfulness, reading new books and trying something new/different.

Children have been encouraged to support each other, become attune to other children's feelings and guiding our foundations to maximise their time with us.

We created a family tree, about me spinners, monster wing blow paint, and puzzles to give to someone special on valentines day.

We love our outdoors at TheirCare. On the nice sunny days we tend to head outside from 4:30pm, with the option of indoor/outdoor play. At time we may all be outside. Our outdoor play space includes the junior playground, senior playground and oval pitch.

### 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

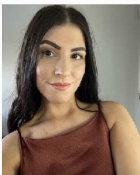
### EVENTS

**Weekly Theme**  
**Week beginning 26th Feb;**  
Stem; Builders and Inventors

**Holiday Program**  
Bookings open 29th  
February 2024

**Public Holidays -  
TheirCare Closed**  
Labour Day, March 11  
Good Friday, March 29th

### MEET OUR TEAM



#### Coordinator

My name is Debra, I have been working with TheirCare for almost 2 years now. I come from a wealth of knowledge in the education sector. I currently hold a Bachelor of Education. I have worked as kindergarten teacher for 4 years, and in management over the course of my career. I am currently also my regions 2IC manager



#### 2nd in charge Educator

Alisha has been with Aspendale Gardens Theircare for 3 years now. She is hard working and has a passionate for educating children. Alisha is currently working towards Bachelor of Secondary Teaching. Alisha works part time with us



#### Educator

Anna is newly employed with TheirCare, in a short time she has built wonderful connections with the children and getting to know our families. Anna is currently working towards a Bachelor In Secondary Teaching. Anna works part time with us



# the biggest Playdate

CARNIVAL FUN DAY TO HELP CHILDREN WITH CANCER



**SUNDAY 17TH MARCH 2024**

ASPENDALE GARDENS COMMUNITY CENTRE · 10AM - 3PM



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# Visit our Open Day

Saturday 16 March • From 10.00am

During this event you will have the opportunity to attend one of two sessions at **10.00am** or **11.00am**. Each session begins with a Principal's Address, followed by a College tour and will conclude in the Information Centre, where staff will be available for questions.

While visiting, experience our interactive STEM Room and busy Science Labs, sample fresh baked goods from our kitchens and be entertained by our Performing Arts students.

   Register via [kilbreda.vic.edu.au](http://kilbreda.vic.edu.au)



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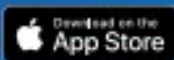


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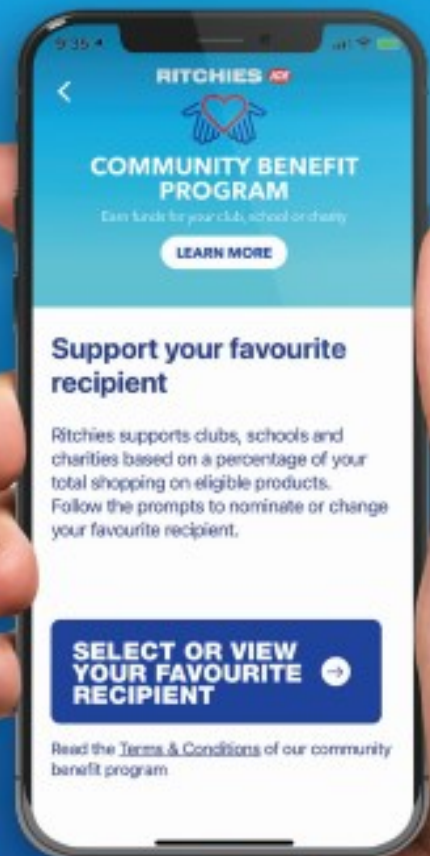
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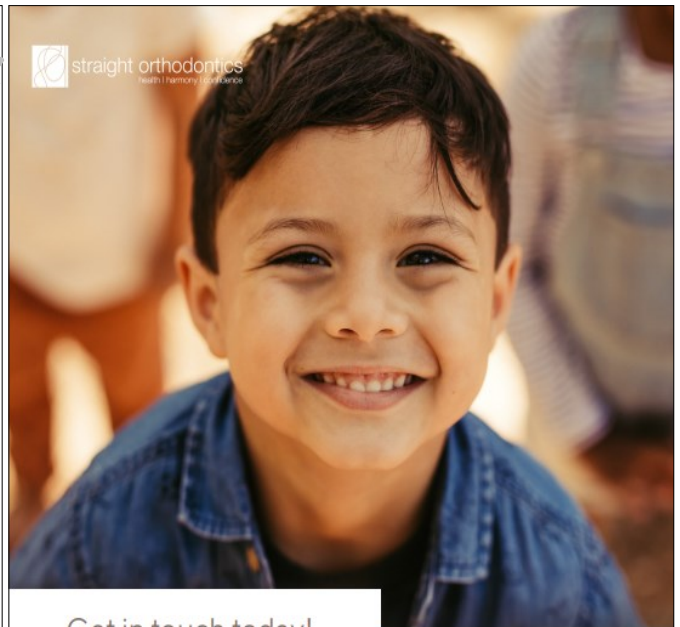
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