

Aspendale Gardens Primary School

Newsletter—Thursday 15th February



**INQUIRER THINKER BALANCED COURAGEOUS KNOWLEDGEABLE
REFLECTIVE PRINCIPLED CARING OPEN-MINDED COMMUNICATOR**



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.

2024 DIARY

FEBRUARY

Friday 16 **BOOK CLUB Orders Close**
Year 6 ISS vs Patterson Lakes
(home)

Thursday 22 Running Group

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 Environmental Leaders Workshop

MARCH

Friday 1 District Swimming Carnival

Tuesday 5 2025 School Tour @ 9:15am

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

BOOK CLUB ORDERS CLOSE FRIDAY 16TH FEBRUARY

FROM OUR ACTING PRINCIPAL

It has been another great week at Aspendale Gardens PS. The students in Years 3 – 6 have been writing short speeches and deciding whether they would like to take on a role in our Student Representative Council (SRC). This group will meet regularly to work through suggestions around school improvement, wellbeing and fundraising. Two students are selected from each class.

Last Friday our Year 1 students enjoyed a Brickworks Incursion. Below you can read a recount of their experiences from April in 1DA and see some photos of the students' creations.



Wednesday 14-2-2024 Feb
last Friday 1DA went to the CLC for the Brickworks incursion half of 1LC went to first I built a tiger with Sammy then I Made a Barbi Dream house then I Made a candy track and then I Made a Raffy portrait! :o)





Chinese Lunar New Year

On Friday of last week, we were welcomed into school by our lion dancers, dragon dancers and pandas. With the rhythm of the drum, the dragon paraded around the courtyard to celebrate the lunar New Year (Year of the Dragon). See a photo montage of this event later in the newsletter.

Happy Lunar New Year! Xin nian kuai le!

Meet our Staff - Education Support Staff (ES) - Librarian - Welfare Coordinator.

Our Education Support Staff support our students with their learning and wellbeing within the school. They do an amazing job in supporting a range of students and adding to the positive culture of the school.



*Glenys B, Marie S, Kathy M, Sarah B, Deb H, Sarah K.
Deb W, Maria J, Dellayne P, Dharshi S, Simone K, Simone O (Ruby - Therapy Dog)*

Parent Information Sessions

Our parent information sessions were held after school this week in the classrooms. The weather was not favourable, with Monday being incredibly hot and Tuesday a combination of heat, hail, wind, driving rain, thunder and lightning. Thank you to those parents who did manage to attend. We hope it was a worthwhile session. For those parents who were unable to attend the sessions, the teachers will make the slides available to keep you informed. Should you have any further questions, please contact your child's class teacher.



Swimming Trials

On Wednesday Mr King organised the swimming trials for the Year 3 – Year 6 students at The Pines. The swimming times will be used to decide on which students will represent AGPS in the District Swimming carnival on Friday 3rd March. Well done to the 49 students who attended, on their excellent effort. Thank you to Mr King, Mr Murphy and Ms Hunt who assisted with these trials.

Notice of School Council Elections

On Monday 12th February all families received a notice of election and call for nominations for our School Council. Notices were 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. Nominations need to be sent back to the office by 4pm on Monday 19th February. We look forward to receiving the nominations.

Flags

We approached Mark Dreyfus' office as our 3 flags were getting a bit tattered and torn. Within a couple of days we accepted delivery of new Australian, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags. These new flags will now be proudly displayed on our flag poles at the front of our school.



Kiss and Go



As most of you know, we have a 'Kiss & Go' parking arrangement on Kerr Crescent.

Between the hours of 8am - 9.30am in the morning and between 2.30pm and 4pm in the afternoon the Kiss and Go comes into action. This is a quick and safe process if done correctly. The morning time appears to be working well, with parents dropping their children off, saying goodbye and making way for the next car. The afternoon process is not working as smoothly as we need it to. The system allows for parents to pick up their child(ren) who are waiting beside the zone. The Kiss and Go area is not a parking space during these times and drivers must stay with their vehicles. We ask all our parents to adhere to these simple rules to allow for safety

around our school.

Lunchtime Clubs in Term 1

A number of teachers are giving up their time at lunchtime to run clubs for our students to enjoy. There are a blend of clubs to suit different interests and age groups. See the flyer later on in the newsletter to find more information about the clubs. The clubs will vary each term to ensure there is a broad range of activities.

Library News from Glenys

It has been a great start to the year in the library. The Library Leaders for 2024, Zara 6BH and Sophie 6BM have been busy, spending a large part of their lunchtimes helping out.

We have some exciting things happening in the library this year!

We would love some parent, grandparent or guardian helpers to come into the library and help with shelving, labelling and book covering. If you have a WWCC and have completed the Volunteers agreement and are available Mondays mornings for a half hour or so, or possibly Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday afternoons for half an hour or so, we would love your help. Feel free to pop in and Glenys can show you the ropes.



Emergency Evacuation

Next Wednesday we will be running an emergency evacuation drill. As this will be the first one for the year, our teachers will be talking to their classes to prepare them and to ensure they will not be too worried when they hear the siren. The teachers will be explaining the importance of the emergency evacuation drill, the procedures and expectations. We encourage parents to also have conversations with their children about emergency procedures at school and also what they might do in an emergency situation at home. At school our main assembly point is on our school oval. Following the evacuation drill, we will reflect on our processes and the time it took to safely evacuate all people on site.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone,

Jonathan

YEAR 6 LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATES

On Monday 12th February, we were fortunate to have local MP Tim Richardson visit our Year 6 cohort to not only present the student leaders with their badges and certificates on behalf of the Honourable Mark Dreyfuss KC but he also shared with us his parliamentary experiences. This included details about how the electorate functions with local and federal government as well as how we can be change-makers. Our students made some extremely insightful and mature suggestions for Tim to take back to parliament with him including expansion of the NDIS eligibility, resources for people with sight impairment at our local libraries as well as many other recommendations. We wish to thank Tim for taking the time to visit our school and share his knowledge and experiences.





STARS OF THE WEEK

TERM 1 WEEKS 1 & 2



Foundation — Year 2



Year 3 — Year 4



STARS OF THE WEEK



TERM 1 WEEKS 1 & 2



Year 5 — Year 6



Year 5 — Year 6



Specialists

PYP at Aspendale Gardens Primary School

Aspendale Gardens Primary School is an International Baccalaureate (IB) school that presents the Victorian Curriculum under the Primary Years Program (PYP) umbrella. What does this mean for your child?

The IB, PYP program encourages teachers to provide experiences that provoke student thinking, invite wonder and encourage going further whilst interconnecting the Victorian Curriculum content.

The aim is to foster open-minded, curious and knowledgeable children.

There are six Transdisciplinary themes in which the Victorian Curriculum content is presented and connected to:

Who we are

How the world works

How we express ourselves

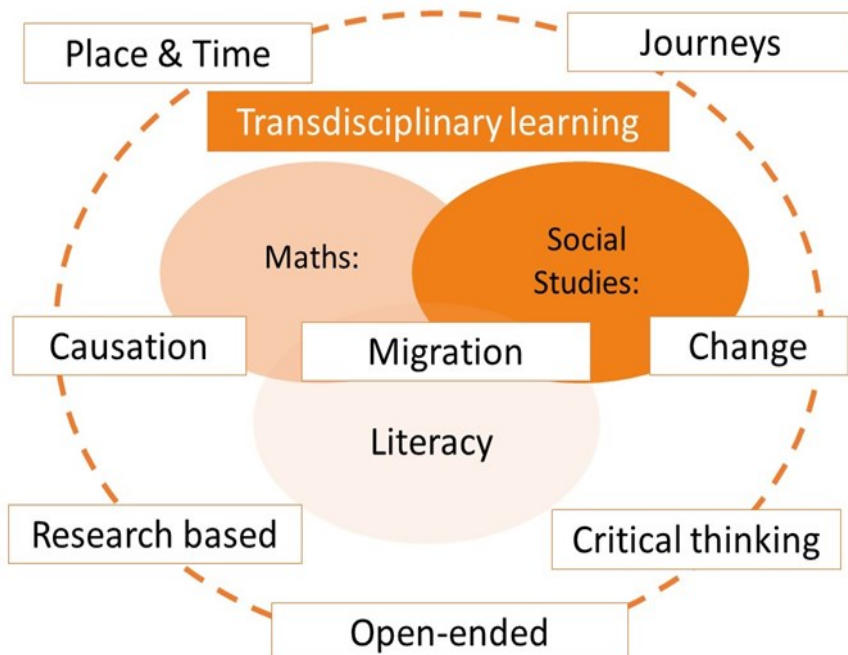
How we organise ourselves

Sharing the planet

Where we are in place and time

We also focus on fostering the following dispositions, called the Learner Profile Attributes:

inquirers, knowledgeable, thinkers, communicators, principled, open-minded, caring, courageous and balanced .



This diagram is an example of a transdisciplinary unit integrating maths, social studies and literacy content as well as employing critical thinking and research skills.

MELBOURNE UNITED BASKETBALL CLINIC & VISIT

Last week on **Wednesday 7th February**, we had the opportunity to have the Melbourne United Basketball Team come and visit AGPS to conduct clinics for students in Years 3 - 6. The clinics were conducted by Adam Bellinger who ran activities allowing students to show off their dribbling and shooting skills. Students in Years 1 & 2 will have their clinics with Adam on **Wednesday 13th March**.



After lunch when the clinics were finished, selected students from each year level in Years 3 - 6 had the opportunity to play a game against players from Melbourne United. Additionally, there were selected students in Years 1 & 2 who participated in a **'Dress & Dribble'** competition and a **'Mini Dunk Contest'** during the breaks of the game.

During the basketball game, it was great to see so many students cheering on the AGPS students and the Melbourne United players. It was also great to see so many posters that were created for the basketball game.

Thank you to Adam Bellinger, Nicola Parkinson, Wayne Peterson, and the players on the Melbourne United player roster who came down to play against our students. We appreciate your organisation of the GameTime program and your support for allowing AGPS to participate in such a fantastic program. Good luck to the Melbourne United Basketball Team in the upcoming NBL Finals.

YEAR LEVEL SPORT WINNERS – TERM 4 (2023)

During Term 4 of last year, students in Years 3 – 5 participated in modified games of **Tee Ball** and **Volleyball** as part of their Year 3, Year 4, and Year 5 Sport programs. While participating in these games, students would further develop their knowledge and skills of these sports, while also showing good sportsmanship towards their teachers and peers.

Each week students competed against each other in their houses of the **Falcons**, **Kestrels**, **Kookaburras** and **Owls**, aiming to beat each other to try and finish Term 4 at the top of the ladder. Congratulations to the following houses who finished Term 4 at the top of the ladder for their respective year levels:



Year 3—Kookaburras



Year 4—Kookaburras



Year 5—Kookaburras

Throughout Term 1, students will be participating in modified games of **Cricket** and **Soccer**, aiming to finish at the top of their respective ladders to win the Year Level Sport trophies for Term 1. Good luck to all houses!

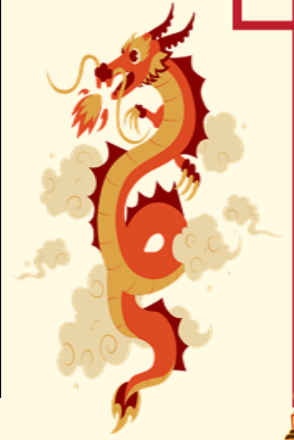
Mr. Braden King

Lunar/Chinese New Year Celebration





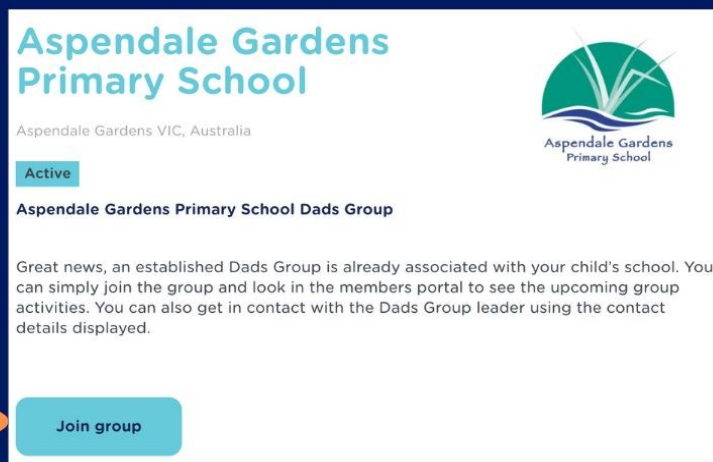
Lunar/Chinese New Year Celebration



How to join our dads' group: DAG's

Step 1:

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



Aspendale Gardens Primary School

Aspendale Gardens VIC, Australia

Active

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



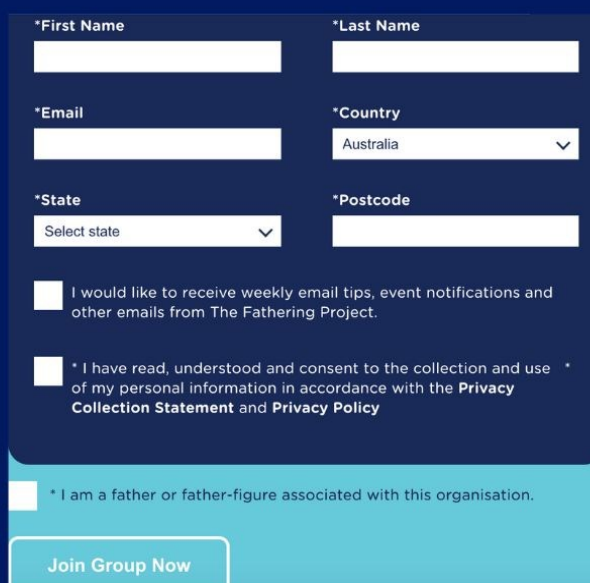
*Are you a member of The Fathering Project?

Yes

No

Step 3:

→
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.

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Join Group Now

Step 4:

Enter your details and select "Join Group Now"



Term 1 LUNCHTIME CLUBS!

	JUNIOR (F-2)	SENIOR (3-6)
MONDAY		 <p>Lego Masters in Library with Mr. Cracknell (Year 4 only)</p>
TUESDAY	 <p>JUNIOR Drawing Club in Room 3 with Mrs. Tangey</p>	 <p>SENIOR Drawing Club in Room 26 with Mrs. Coltman</p>  <p>Band in Music Room 1 with Mrs. Nicholson</p>
WEDNESDAY	 <p>Garden Club (All year levels) in the Garden</p>	 <p>Garden Club (All year levels) in the Garden</p>  <p>SENIOR Choir in Music Room 2 with Mrs. McGregor</p>  <p>Robotics Club in the library with Mr. Cracknell (Year 6 ONLY)</p>
THURSDAY		 <p>Senior Dance in the gym with Mrs. Archer (Year 5 and 6 only)</p>  <p>Chill out club in Room 19 with Mrs Ahrens</p>
FRIDAY	 <p>Junior Choir in Music Room 2 with Mrs. McGregor</p>	

MESSY PLAY

Fridays 10am – 11am


A time for kids to get messy with paint, sand, mud & more -- with no clean up for you! Parents required to stay, so come meet local families!




TERM 1 AT AGCS


BOOKINGS AT
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ASPENDALE GARDENS PRIMARY SCHOOL
AUSKICK CENTRE

Aspendale Gardens School Oval

February 21st

3:30 - 4:30



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JOB OPPORTUNITY



BOTTLING OPERATOR AND WAREHOUSE ASSISTANT BRAESIDE

Are you looking to return to work now that school's back? Or want to work only a few hours in the morning or afternoon? Want to leave work at work, once your shift is done? If you're looking for a local job and are available one day/week or more, from 9:00am-5:00pm (preferred), or 9:00am-1:15pm and 12:45pm-5:00pm, we have a number of opportunities for casual workers.

Artisan Bottling Pty Ltd and Artisan Beverages Pty Ltd are 100% Australian-owned, with a locally-based team, servicing the artisanal distillers and producers industry. With new owners and a focus on quality, we're looking to build a team who really care about what we produce, with have an exceptional work ethic, mature attitude, and who know how to have fun as well.

The Bottling Operator/Warehouse Assistant plays a crucial role in our operations by operating bottling equipment and undertaking various warehouse activities, including picking and packing orders, forming packaging, and recording incoming and outgoing stock. You will need a high level of attention to detail and must be committed to maintaining a safe, clean and organized work environment.

There's no need to have experience in bottling or warehousing, training will be provided. You will need physical stamina, be able to stand for extended periods, and lift and move heavy objects (up to 20kg). It's a fast-paced environment and you must be able to adapt to changing priorities.

If you're interested, you'll have the opportunity to learn the technical elements of the machinery, how to troubleshoot minor issues, and how to operate our 'walkie stacker'.

There is the potential for permanent part-time or full-time work, in time. Wages are paid according to the Award Rate for the Manufacturing and Associated Industries Award, MA00010

Artisan Bottling Pty Ltd is an equal opportunity employer. We encourage applications from people of all backgrounds and experiences. We look forward to welcoming dedicated team members who are determined to contribute to, and enjoy, our growing success.

Please contact **Trish on 0409 304 821 or trish@artisanbottling.com.au** to have a confidential chat.



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Carolyn Susan Rossis

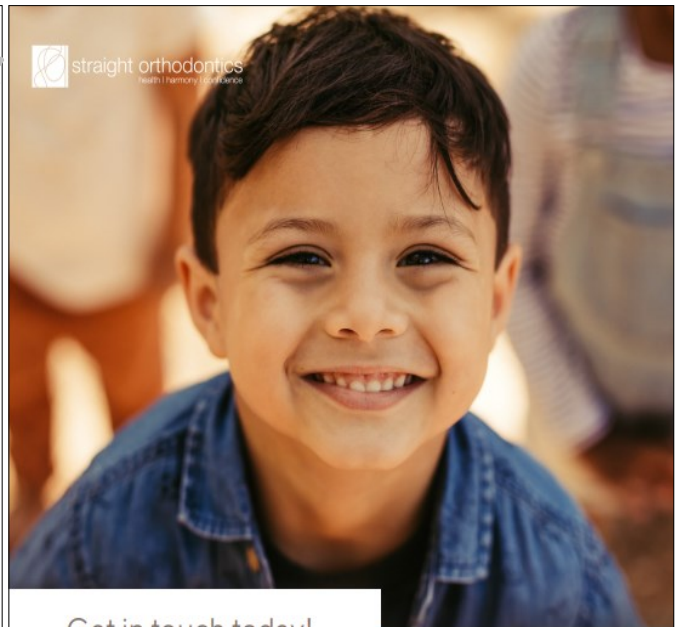
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