

Aspendale Gardens Primary School

Newsletter—Thursday 1st 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
Tuesday 13 MSP School Photo Day—order online via portal on Compass
Wednesday 14 District Swimming Tryouts
Friday 23 School Assembly @ 2:30pm in Gym
Thursday 29 Environmental Leaders Workshop

MARCH

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

Welcome Back to School

I would like to welcome our new families to Aspendale Gardens Primary School and welcome back our existing families. The students are happy to be back in school, meeting up with their friends and settling back into school routines. A special mention goes to our Foundation students who have settled into school life so well this week.

The staff have been busy during the holidays and on Monday of this week to set up the learning activities and activities to welcome our students back. The teachers will have a key focus for the first two weeks on creating an inclusive classroom environment and developing engagement with our students.

Arriving at School on Time

I would like to pass on the importance of students arriving at school on time ready to learn. The school yard is supervised and rooms open from 8.45am. This allows time for our students to have a social catch up and get prepared with their things ready to start their learning at 9:00am. Students should not arrive at school before 8.45am, as there will be no supervision and they will be asked to attend the before school care service (which will incur a charge). Students arriving after the morning bell can be disruptive to the teacher and to the other students in the class.

Absences from School

On the occasions when children are absent from school, we would ask you to either make contact with the school office or add the absence on to Compass. If we have not been notified of an absence by 10:00am, parents will receive a text message.



Get to Know our Staff

This week we will be introducing our Administration Team and our Principal Team.



**Admin Team: Annie Low (Office Manager)
Rebecca Russell (Business Manager) and
Paula Decarli (Admin Officer)**



**Principal Team: Jonathan Baker (Acting Principal)
and James Cracknell (Acting Assistant Principal)**

Kearney Drive Crossing Supervisor

Chris is our Crossing Supervisor on Kearney Drive. Chris supports our students crossing the road outside our school from 8:15am – 9:15am and from 3:00pm – 4:00pm. Chris will be on leave from Monday 5th February for two weeks. During this fortnight we will have a temporary replacement. We hope you enjoy your time away Chris. Vaia and Claude are the supervisors on Well Road. They help families with crossing the busy road from 8:00am - 9:00am and again between 3:00pm - 4:00pm. Say 'Hi' to them as they assist your family crossing the roads around our school.

Assemblies

Our whole school assemblies will run fortnightly on a Friday afternoon, commencing at 2.30pm in the gym. We welcome our parents to attend, as this will enable them to feel more connected to our school and experience the richness of our school life.

In Term 1 the assemblies will be on:

- ◆ Friday 9th February
- ◆ Friday 23rd February
- ◆ Friday 8th March
- ◆ Thursday 21st March (note the change of day, as we will be celebrating Harmony Day)

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.

Canteen

Our canteen will be operating three days per week: Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. A reminder that canteen meals can be ordered and paid for through the QKR app which can be downloaded onto mobile devices. Should you need further guidance, please contact the school office.

Ritchies IGA

We at Aspendale Gardens Primary School have an ongoing relationship with Ritchies IGA. Aspendale Gardens Ritchies IGA have a Community Benefit Program where 0.5% of a customer's spend gets donated to their chosen organisation. We would ask our parent community to support our school in this way and nominate Aspendale Gardens PS as the beneficiary, so we can continue supporting your children with quality resources and experiences. See the QR code on page 6.

Safe Riding of Bikes and Scooters

We ask parents and students to be mindful of others when on the pavement areas around the school. At the beginning and end of the day there are large numbers of people moving in different directions around the school. Cyclists need to ride very slowly or walk on the pavements and keep attentive at all times, to avoid any accidents.

Bike Shed

Last year we had two instances where the bike shed fencing was cut open and bikes stolen. We recommend that students who ride bikes to school (particularly if they are kept at school overnight) are secured to the bike stands with a bike lock. I am currently in discussions with the Proactive Policing Unit, as we plan to organise a bike identification engraving activity, which will support the police in returning recovered bikes to their owners. More information will be to follow in future newsletters.

Department of Education Privacy Policy

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#).

Please take time to remind yourself of our school's collection notice, found on our website <https://www.agps.vic.edu.au> under the school policies section.

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents](#). This information is also available in nine community languages: Amharic, Arabic, Dari, Gujarati, Mandarin, Somali, Sudanese, Turkish, Urdu and Vietnamese.

It has been great to be back in school this week and get the year off to a good start. I am sure the students have had a busy week, getting back into the school routines and would benefit from some relaxation time during the weekend.

Have an enjoyable weekend!


Jonathan

OFFICE NEWS

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. Photographs can be ordered through our Compass portal. You will now see the message below on your 'home page' when you login to your Compass account.

Order your MSP school photos



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Student Medical Information & Medication

All students who have medication at school will have a 'Medication Authority Form' sent home in an addressed envelope for parents to complete and return to the office as soon as possible.



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 for asthma, hayfever, etc. (e.g. 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 and in-date Action Plans.



CSEF

Applications for the CSEF for 2024 are now open and close at the end of Term 2. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) provides payments for eligible students to attend activities like school camps or trips, swimming and school-organised sports programs, excursions and incursions. Applicants must hold a current means-tested eligible health care card.

Annie, Bec & Paula

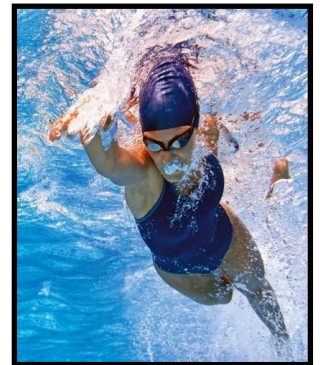
District Swimming Trials (Years 3 - 6)

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 which will be 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** for 2024. 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.**



Melbourne United Basketball Clinic & Visit



Next **Wednesday 7th February**, we have been offered the opportunity to have the Melbourne United Basketball Club come and visit AGPS to conduct clinics for students in Years 3 - 6. On the day, selected students from each year level in Years 3 - 6 will have the opportunity to play a game against players from Melbourne United. These students will be selected by Mr. King & Mr. Murphy. There will also be an opportunity for selected students in Years 1 & 2 to participate in activities during the breaks of the game. These students will be selected by the Years 1 & 2 teachers.

During the basketball game, Melbourne United will be giving out prizes to students who have the most creative posters for the game. If your child would like to be in the running for a prize, they will need to have their poster created (either supporting AGPS or Melbourne United) before **Wednesday 7th February.** Parents are welcome to watch the basketball game.

If there are any questions regarding the visit, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. King.

Mr. Braden King

STAFF LIST 2024

Acting Principal			Jonathan Baker
Acting Assistant Principal			James Cracknell
Student Welfare Officer / Integration Coordinator			Debbie Hatfield
Business Manager			Rebecca Russell
Administration Manager			Annie Low
Administration Officer			Paula Decarli
Library Management			Glenys Balik
TEACHING STAFF			
Foundation	Lauren Brodie	FLB	Room 1
	Suzie Jones	FSJ	Room 2
	Nat Tangey	FNT	Room 3
	Alex Taylor	FTA	Room 4
			Room 5
Learning Enhancement	Learning Enhancement		
Year 1	Diana Anagnostou	1DA	Room 11
	Bec Riley (3) / Lauren Reed (1)	1RR	Room 12
	Leanne Cairns (4) / Niamh Aherne (1)	1LC	Room 17
Year 2	Susan Hunt (3) / Genevieve Kamus (2)	2HK	Room 6
	Lucy Gill (2.5) / Vanessa Macdonald (2.5)	2GM	Room 7
	Shannyn Day	2SD	Room 8
	Amanda Curtain	2AC	Room 9
	Kira Fischer	2KF	Room 10
	Instrumental Music Tuition		Room 18
Year 3	Jamie Briones	3JB	Room 19
	Steph Kegen (3) / Emily Ahrens (2)	3KA	Room 20
	Rena Pallan	3RP	Room 21
	Dog Therapy		Room 22
Year 4	Fiona Davidson (3) / Lauren Gomolis (2)	4DG	Room 23
	Amy Kelly	4AK	Room 24
	Olivia McKaskill	4OM	Room 25
	Karen Coltman / Liam Murphy	4KC	Room 26
Year 5	Lee Wonnacott	5LW	Room 27
	Rochelle Keulen	5RK	Room 28
	Athena Archer	5AA	Room 29
	Ross Graham	5RG	Room 30
Year 6	Jackie Morrison-Woolcock	6JM	Room 13
	Chris Taylor	6CT	Room 14
	Brooke Hiscock	6BH	Room 15
	Belle Munro	6BM	Room 16
SPECIALIST TEACHERS			
Kitchen / Garden	Angela Loh / Seila Hierk		
LOTE	Mei-Lin Chu / Weibin Fang (2)	LOTE	Rooms 31 & 32
Performing Arts	Lucy Nicolson / Cat McGregor (2)	MUSIC	Rooms 1 & 2
Physical Education	Braden King / Liam Murphy	P.E.	GYM/HALL
Visual Arts	Julie Lach / Niamh Aherne (2)	ART	Rooms 1 & 2
LEARNING SPECIALISTS			
English	Shannyn Day		
ICT	James Cracknell		
Mathematics	Chris Taylor & Lee Wonnacott		
PYP	Jackie Morrison-Woolcock		
LEARNING ENHANCEMENT	Susan Hunt (1)		Room 5
	Hayley Gent (2)		Room 5
WELLBEING	Liam Murphy (1)		
INTEGRATION STAFF	Glenys Balik, Sarah Byrnes, Maria Janecic, Simone Kenington, Sarah Kerr, Kathy Mooney, Simone Oke, Dellayne Patterson, Marie Sherris, Dharshi Subhawickrama, Deb Watkins		
CANTEEN	Meagan Barrett / Sarah Taylor		
ICT TECHNICIAN	Fenil Mangukiya / Ty Lim		

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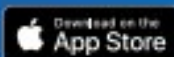


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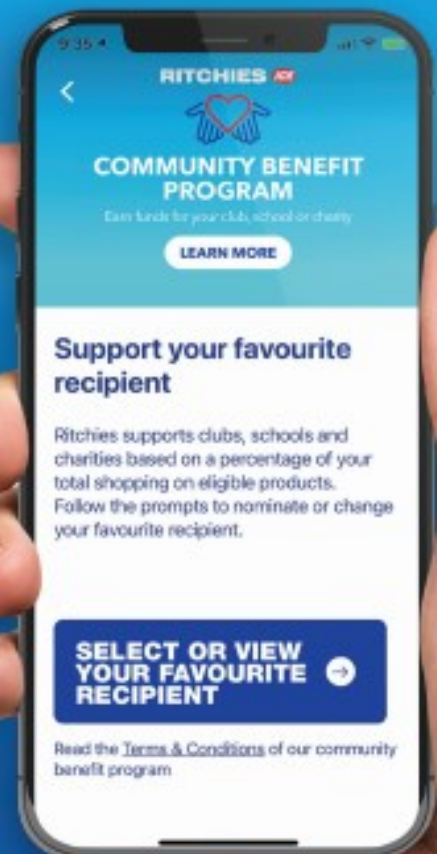
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DATES	GROUP ACTIVITY	CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY
Mondays 5/2/2024	Coffee & Chat	Dancing  Craft activities 
12/2/2024	Make: Chupa Chups Bouquet of Flowers	toys and blocks 
19/2/2024	Guest Speaker: Julie Fisher (Author/Disability Advocate) topic - General Discussion	Stories and Singing 
26/2/2024	Coffee & Chat	
4/3/2024	Bunnings: Craft Activity - all materials supplied	
18/3/2024	Guest Speaker: Jane Pirouc (Moirra Services) talking about NDIS Plan Management/Carer Programs	
Final Session 25/3/2024	Make: Chick, Bunny & Carrot shaped Edible Treats	

BAM DETAILS

Bam Arts Inc are dedicated to providing art programmes, events and opportunities for people with disabilities of all ages. MyTime at BAM Arts Inc will be a creative and fun time for children and adults. We will host a 30 minute weekly music and movement session for children where we will sing, dance and make new friends.

NOTE: NO SESSION 11th MARCH



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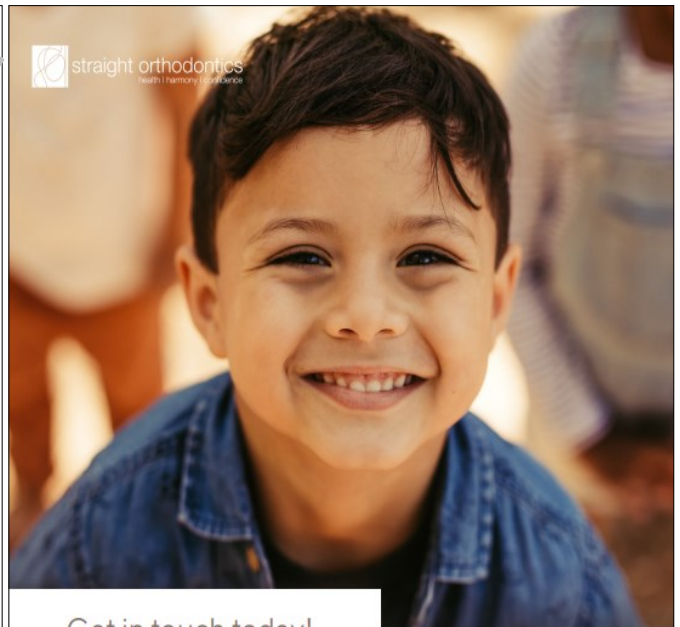
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