

Aspendale Gardens Primary School

Newsletter—Thursday 29th February



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REFLECTIVE PRINCIPLED CARING OPEN-MINDED COMMUNICATOR



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

MARCH

Friday 1	District Swimming Carnival	Wednesday 13	Years 1 & 2 Melbourne United Basketball Clinics
Tuesday 5	2025 School Tour @ 9:15am	Thursday 14	Running Group @ 7:30am
Wednesday 6	Senior House Cross Country Foundation Team Building Incursion	Friday 15	Year 6 ISS vs Chelsea PS (away) Year 6 Coral Vass Incursion
Thursday 7	Running Group @ 7:30am Year 3 Emotional Intelligence Incursion FREE DRESS DAY for Easter Raffle	Thursday 21	Running Group @ 7:30am Harmony Day School Assembly @ 2:30pm in Gym
Friday 8	Year 6 ISS vs Chelsea Hts PS (home) School Assembly @ 2:30pm in Gym	Friday 22	Year 6 Summer Lightning Premiership NO ASSEMBLY
Monday 11	Labour Day Holiday	Wednesday 27	Regional Swimming Carnival
Tuesday 12	2025 School Tour @ 9:15am Division Swimming Carnival	Thursday 28	END OF TERM 1—2:30pm Finish

FREE DRESS DAY for EASTER RAFFLE
THURSDAY 7TH MARCH
Donations of Easter Chocolates or Gold Coin

FROM OUR ACTING PRINCIPAL

With the unsettled weather of the past fortnight, we extend our thoughts to those communities who have been affected by the storms and more recently the fires. We have had a couple of 'hot weather' timetables where the students have stayed inside, but on the whole our students have been able to have recess and lunchtimes outside and have been able to use our school grounds as an extension of their learning. As we move from summer to autumn, the weather is likely to become more changeable. Parents, please remind your children to bring appropriate school clothes in their bags for changes in weather.

The end of February marks the end of the Foundation students' assessment days, so from next week they will be joining us for the full 5 days. This may be an adjustment for some of our Foundation students, as they may need more relaxation and downtime after school for the first few weeks. It was lovely to have our Foundation students join us for their first whole school assembly last week. They have achieved a few milestones over the past 5 weeks and this was another step along the way. The students listened well to the information being shared and some even came up to receive a Star of the Week certificate.

This week, the Year 2's went on a walking excursion to investigate our local environment of the wetlands. This excursion is linked with their central idea 'Taking care of your well-being involves many factors.' Students investigated the importance of physical movement, social connection, balanced nutrition and mindfulness.

Meet The Year 5 Team



Lee Wonnacott, Rochelle Keulen, Athena Archer and Ross Graham

Meet The Year 6 Team



Chris Taylor, Jackie Morrison-Woolcock, Belle Munro and Brooke Hiscock

Maths at AGPS

Our students have begun the year with some enjoyment and fun! Each year level has begun their exploration into all aspects of Maths and its place in our world. At AGPS we believe that students can learn and practise foundational skills through the use of games. This encourages enjoyment within Maths and is something that we value highly. Our Foundation students have all received their Maths Packs which include a variety of hands-on resources to explore different games.

We have dedicated our Friday Maths session to the review of previously taught maths concepts and recall of key maths vocabulary, as well as a focus on developing maths fluency. To improve our teaching of maths, our Maths Leaders have been working closely with the Kingston school network, participating in rich discussion and sharing good practise.



Parent / Teacher Communications

We do encourage parents to make contact with their child's teachers, to discuss progress, goals, academic, social / emotional needs. We do have a 3-step approach for addressing issues when they arise. These are detailed later in this newsletter.

Parent Feedback

This week we will be sending out a survey to parents on Compass. This survey is to capture our parent community's opinions of our information sharing at the start of the year. This includes the student questionnaire, the parent information sessions and the invite to meet for a 1-to-1 session with the classroom teacher. We would appreciate any feedback you may have, so that we can tailor these to the needs of our parents. The Compass post will have some information for parents regarding how they can support their child's learning in Maths and English. We will also have a follow-up session later in the term for parents to ask any questions of our Learning Specialists relating to how you can assist with your child's learning.



School Council

We had our final meeting of the 2023 School Council on Monday night. A big thanks go to the 2023 School Council for their time, suggestions and support. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jono Whalan for his contribution to our School Council over the past 5 years. The election for the 2024 School Council is still under way, with the ballot closing at **4pm on Monday 4th March**. Good luck to our 5 nominees.

Taking Action - Willow K fundraiser

Willow K (6JM) has been 'taking action' by making products to sell in order to raise money for the RSPCA. She will be setting up a stall (with her mum) beside Mordialloc Woolworths to sell her products. You can see more details of her fundraiser here:

<https://fundraiseyourway.rspcavic.org/page/WillowKing>

District Swimming

On Friday (1st March), 32 students will be competing in the District Swimming Gala. They will be representing our school and swimming against a number of local schools. We wish our students all the best and encourage them to swim to the best of their ability and represent AGPS well, both in the pool and out of it.

Clean Up Australia

Here is an opportunity for us all to 'take action'. Our local communities will be organising Clean Up Australia activities over this weekend, so keep an eye out for opportunities to join in. If you are unable to join in with an organised event, families may choose to look around their locality and clean / tidy / beautify areas. At school we will be recognising Clean Up Australia next week, with year levels assisting with tidying our school environment and local area. We recommend that students bring in a pair of gloves to assist with this activity.



Free Dress Day

On Thursday 7th March, we will have a 'free dress' day, where students will be able to wear their choice of clothes. We ask for either a donation of an Easter egg / bunny or a gold coin donation. These contributions will be organised into baskets and will be our prizes for our Easter raffle to be held later in the term.

Have a great weekend everyone.

Jonathan
Acting Principal



PYP focus in Year 4

Who We Are

Central Idea: Our connection with the environment impacts our physical, spiritual and emotional wellbeing.

The Year 4 students have been exploring the transdisciplinary theme, 'Who we are', by looking into their wellbeing. They have been busy using their senses in different environments, participating in a range of wellbeing activities and reflecting on their feelings and emotions before and afterwards. During this process, students have spent some time in the garden and they have participated in regular meditations that have demonstrated how effective breathing techniques have an immense impact on their relaxation. Students have also created some beautiful mandalas during wellbeing time in the afternoons.



Parent / Teacher Communications

Balanced

Reflective

Principled

Courageous

Thinkers

Inquirers

Caring

Communicators

Open Minded

Knowledgeable

Student wellbeing and educational progress is at the heart of everything we do. A key element in our students' success is effective two-way communication between parents and teachers. Aside from our organised teacher talks, parent/teacher interviews and school reports, we also encourage you to make a time with your child's teacher to catch up with their progress throughout the year.

We understand that at times you may have some concerns or challenges that require further attention. Should this occur, there are steps you can take to address any problems you may have.

Step 1

Discuss classroom concerns with your child's teacher. They want your child to thrive and want to know of any issues.

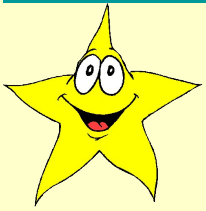
Step 2

Request a meeting with both the teacher and year co-ordinator. Perhaps there may be an alternative way to address your concerns if they are still unresolved.

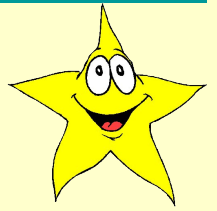
Step 3

Request a meeting with the Welfare Officer, Assistant Principal or Principal. We are passionate about the welfare of every student and will endeavour to work with you on a mutually beneficial solution.





STARS OF THE WEEK



TERM 1 WEEKS 3 & 4



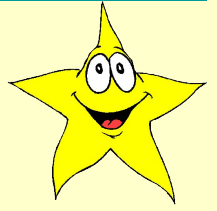
Foundation, Year 1 & Year 2



Year 3—Year 4



STARS OF THE WEEK



TERM 1 WEEKS 3 & 4



Year 5 — Year 6



Specialists

Chelsea & Patterson District Swimming Carnival – Tryouts Report



On **Wednesday 14th February**, students in Years 3 - 6 had the opportunity to try out for the **AGPS District Swimming Team**, hoping to represent AGPS at the Chelsea & Patterson District Swimming Carnival in Term 1.

Well done to the **50 students** that attended the tryouts. It was great to see everyone trying their best to get a place in the team! A big thank you to Mr. Murphy and Ms. Hunt who assisted with the tryouts.



Following the tryouts, **32 students** have been selected to represent AGPS at the **Chelsea & Patterson District Swimming Carnival** this **Friday 1st March**.

Well done to the following students who have been selected

<p>William F (3JB)</p> 	<p>Andrew H (3JB)</p> 	<p>Max U (3JB)</p> 	<p>Ava C (4DG)</p> 
<p>Chloe M (4DG)</p> 	<p>Sarah P (4DG)</p> 	<p>Logan H-I (4KC)</p> 	<p>Morgan B (4OM)</p> 

Zac D
(5AA)



Tullow D W
(5AA)



Emel K
(5AA)



Anastasia B
(5LW)



Kenzie C
(5LW)



William H
(5LW)



Layla K
(5LW)



Olivia M
(5LW)



Madison W
(5LW)



Harrison B
(5RG)



Archie F
(5RG)



Charlie F
(5RG)



**Andrei P
(5RK)**



**Leah P
(6BH)**



**Beau B
(6BM)**



**Sophie C
(6BM)**



**Kiara C
(6BM)**



**Jonah D W
(6BM)**



**Isaiah E
(6BM)**



**Maxx M
(6BM)**



**Makenzie P
(6CT)**



**Savannah W
(6CT)**



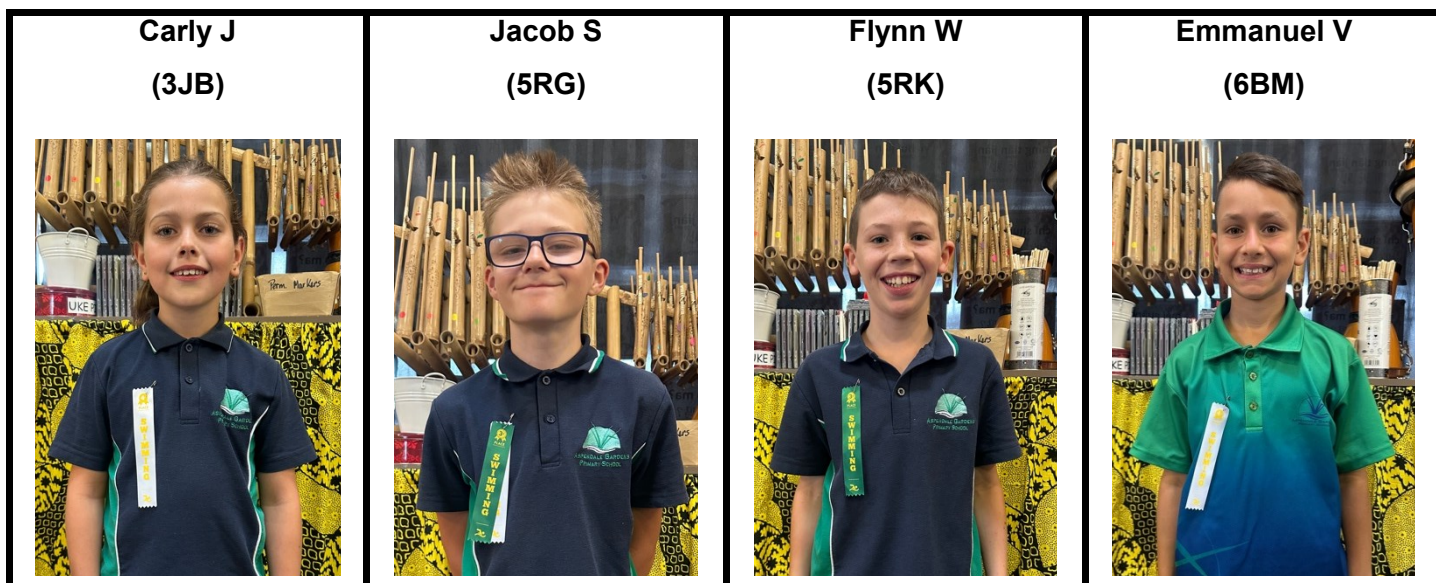
**Alison Y
(6CT)**



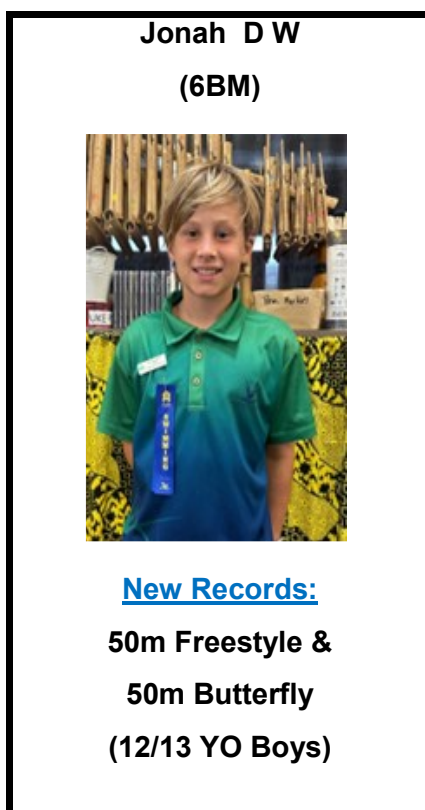
**Aydan G
(6JM)**



A special mention to the following students who placed in the Top 4 for one of their events at the swimming try-outs and received ribbons for their efforts:



Another special mention to **Jonah D W (6BM)** who broke previous AGPS School Records at the swimming try outs



On behalf of AGPS, good luck to the **32 students** competing at tomorrow's **Chelsea & Patterson District Swimming Carnival**. We know that you will all represent AGPS extremely well. **GO AGPS!**

Mr. Braden King



Year 6 Interschool Sport (ISS) Match Report



Last Friday, the Year 6 students hosted St. Louis de Montfort's School for their second round of ISS for Term 1. Additionally, some students travelled to St. Louis de Montfort's School to play basketball and Chelsea Bowling Club to play 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	39	AGPS	30
St. Louis	34	St. Louis	12
Best Player/s:	Jordan T	Best Player/s:	Jade P

Cricket (Mixed #1)		Cricket (Mixed #2)	
AGPS	106	AGPS	103
St. Louis	207	St. Louis	158
Best Player/s:	Harley L, Savannah W & Olivia W	Best Player/s:	Ewan H, Anika K & Chris Y

Kickball (Mixed #1)		Kickball (Mixed #2)	
AGPS	20	AGPS	13
St. Louis	16	St. Louis	15
Best Player/s:	Metehan I & Amelia U	Best Player/s:	Ishak A & Elina L S

Volleyball (Boys)		Volleyball (Girls)	
AGPS	2	AGPS	1
St. Louis	1	St. Louis	2
Best Player/s:	Jonah D W & Emmanuel V	Best Player/s:	Melek S & Violet O

Lawn Bowls (Mixed)	
AGPS	13
St. Louis	9
Best Player/s:	Ava R & Rhys B

There will be **NO** Year 6 ISS tomorrow due to the District Swimming Carnival. Our next game will be against **Chelsea Heights PS** next week at **AGPS**. Venues for each sport will be posted on Class DOJO next week. 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)

A final reminder that next **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)**.

Thank you to all of the parents who have offered to assist Mr. King & Mr. Murphy in the roles of course Marshalls on the day. We will be in contact with you over the next few days. If there are any other parents who would like to assist and haven't told Mr. King or Mr. Murphy yet, 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 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

Volunteering is a great way to meet people, make new friends within the school community and have some fun along the way!

Don't want to be a full committee member but you have a special skill that could help the fundraising team, we could use your special skill.

2: Help out at an event

If you are interested in volunteering to support individual events throughout the year, please fill in the form that your youngest child will be bringing home or keep an eye out on Dojo for news of upcoming events and reply accordingly.

3: Donations welcome

All donation, however big or small, are always welcome. So if you are interested in donating or know of any businesses that are, please reach out to the fundraising team on:

agpsfundraising.team@gmail.com

or contact the office.

Thanks for your support'

The Fundraising Team



Save the
Date

Fundraising Calendar of Events

Term 1

March - Chocolate drive.

Thursday 7th March - Free dress day, proceeds go towards the Easter raffle prizes.

Term 2

Saturday 4th May - Trivia & social night, adults only.

Monday 6th May - Mother's Day stall, during school hours.

Friday 21st June - School disco.

Term 3

Thursday 25th July - Christmas in July - Christmas card competition.

Monday 26th August - Father's Day Stall, during school hours.

Term 4

Thursday 5th December - Christmas carols with Christmas raffle draw, to be held straight after school.

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

AGPS needs you

Thanks for your support.



Volunteers Needed

The Fundraising Team



MORDIALLOC COLLEGE EVENTS 2024



SEAL Information Night

Our information session will be held on Thursday 18th April from 6:30pm—7:30pm

Sports Excellence Program (SEP)

SEP information video available on our website in late April

Open Night

See our whole College at work on Wednesday 24th April from 6:30pm—8:30pm

SEAL Entrance Exam

Registrations open Thursday 18th July and close Friday 9th August 2024
Exam held Friday 16th August.

SEP Application Dates

Online applications open Monday 22nd July and close Monday 26th August 2024
Trials week: Week beginning 9th September 2024

College Tours

College tours with our Principal, Michelle Roberts, are held Fridays at 9:30am.
Bookings Essential. Please contact Reception on 9580 1184



2024

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Tuesday 26th March

6.30 - 8.30pm

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SUNDAY 17 MARCH 2024

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5, 10 OR 15KM

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TEAM OR FAMILY

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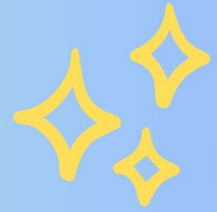
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THEIRCARE

NEWSLETTER WEEK 5



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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, spending time with your families and loved ones :)

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.

We are so grateful to all our regular families and new families who have been booking into our program, our numbers are rapidly increasing on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The last two weeks our program themes entailed the children focusing on their individual skills using their hand eye coordination to catch, throw, kick, dribble and pass a ball. We have been utilising our indoor/outdoor transitions to work in small groups with children, whilst incorporating fun games for them to show case these skills

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 are discussing at every the beginning of every group time the out of bound areas within the school. We practice our safety moto every afternoon as well "If you cant see us, we cant see you. Children understand this applies to their safety and wellbeing. We are observing children to ensure they are constantly reviewing their surroundings to ensure they can always see where we are.

We created a sports jersey and character, popsicle stick soccer medals and a shoot to win diy basket game from recycled paper bags, cups and paper.



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.
- ✓ Reminder; Children must have sun hats with them for outdoor play as per sun smart policy

EVENTS

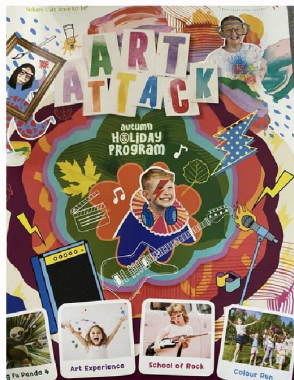
Weekly Theme
Week beginning 4th
March; fine motor builders

Holiday Program
Bookings open 29th
February 2024

**Public Holidays -
TheirCare Closed**
Labour Day, March 11

Good Friday, March 29th

HOLIDAY PROGRAM PREVIEW :)



THEME: ART ATTACK

- Excursion - Movies to watch:
Kung Fu Panda 4
- Excursion: Disco Party
- Excursion: Mini Golf 18 holes
- TC excursion: Marble making pencil cases
- TC Incurion: FizzTastic lemonade stand

This program will be full of creating, getting messy, fun, laughter, dancing and all things ART :)

Our team will be running our HP program





TheirCare
Where Kids love to be!

Hey Parents!

Curious to know what happens at TheirCare?
We thought we'd take this chance to tell you more about us.

What to Expect at TheirCare

exceptional care focused on children



Awesome activities

Our original programs are filled with awesome activities that are adored by primary school children across the country.



Incredible educators

Our people are open, caring and engaged. They are trained, mentored, and supported so they can be focused on your child and their play.



Fresh + healthy food

Delicious, nutritious, and culturally diverse menus are planned in consultation with children and nutritionists, to support growing bodies & minds.



Amazing + fun toys

Our selection of amazing toys is rotated across all our services and adds to the wonderful resources at the service. This offers children a variety of valuable play experiences, whilst being sustainable.

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Piano Tuition



Piano and theory lessons available in Patterson Lakes by accredited fully qualified music teacher.

Students are tutored in private one-to-one lessons all age, beginners to adults and may choose to study music for leisure or for exam purposes. Through tailored lessons, all students are encouraged to maximise their musical potential to the fullest. All lessons include basic music theory. Specialized theory classes also offered.

The core work covers the following: TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT, SIGHT READING, THEORY and A.M.E.B. EXAM PREPARATIONS.

Special: 1st Lesson Half Price

Carolyn Susan Rossis

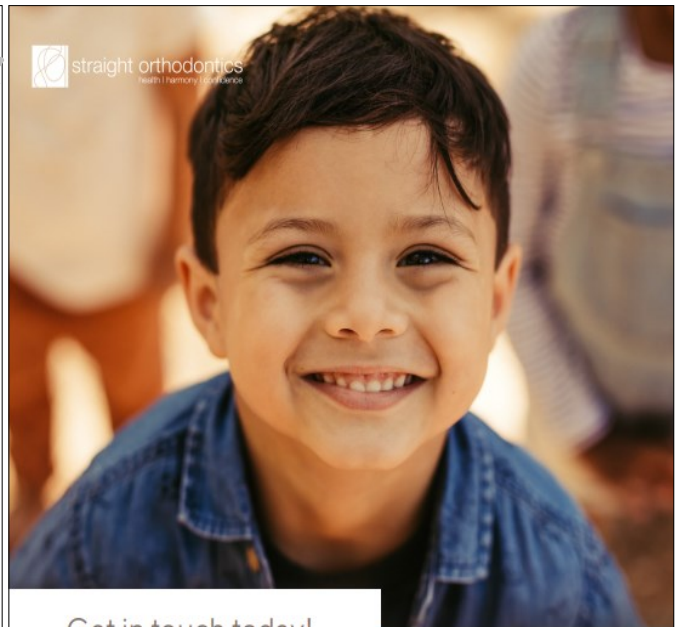
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