# Aspendale Gardens Primary School Newsletter—Thursday 9th December



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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, emotionally intelligent and socially competent as they strive to achieve their potential as global citizens.

#### DIARY 2021

DECEMBER

Friday 10 Last Assembly for 2021—announce

2022 School Leaders

Wednesday 15 Year 6 Gumbuva Park Excursion

Class Transition—meet 2022 teacher

& classmates (10:20am—11:00am)

**JANUARY** 

**DECEMBER** 

Friday 28 Monday 31 Teachers Start 2022 School Year

HAPPY HOLIDAYS EVERYONE!!

Students Start 2022 School Year

Last Day of 2021 School Year

Early Dismissal @ 1:30pm

#### FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

#### Year 6 Graduation

Friday 17

Last night we enjoyed our 2021 Year 6 Graduation dinner and ceremony. The students were so excited and really looking forward to their special evening. It was fantastic to be able to invite parents and siblings along.



Thank you to the amazing team of teachers, parents and aides who worked so hard to make this event as wonderful as possible for the students. The time and effort they all have put in has been amazing and is greatly appreciated. The students who won the awards at the presentation ceremony last night were:

AWARD	RECIPIENT	
Dux	Aathira Binoy	
English	Deshna Karnavat	
Maths	David Tan	
LOTE	Marcus O'Meara-Hayes	
P.E	Souljah Sok	
Visual Arts	Maraea Toleafoa	
PYP Award	Brooke Sweatman	
Performing Arts	Jasmine deWever	
Tim Richardson Community	Danielle Henry	
Mark Dreyfus Leadership	Max Wadeson	
City of Kingston Community Award	Ashmay Chandoke Will Ervine Blake Wellington	
Mrs V's Resilience Award	Kalani Freeman	
Athlete	Madison Lurie	
Principal's Award	Nixon Balcke	
6JM	Aaron Yan	
6JC	Rafael Alpuerto	
6AK	Naomi Eecen	
6КС	Hannah Ross	

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A huge congratulations to these students. You all deserved your wonderful accolade for excellence in each particular area.

#### Farewell to our Exiting Year 6 Families

We have a number of our Year 6 families leaving us at the end of the year. I would like to wish all these families the best for their futures and thank you from us all for being a wonderful part of the AGPS community. These families are: Arvanitakis, Ashton, Bamford, Batten, Bendeli, Chandoke, Cook, Del Rio, Denney, de Wever, Dunster, Edgerton, Farr, Freeman, Fury, Gambhir, Hargrave, He, Henry, Jazownik, Lucy, Lurie, Maltman, McCarthy, Miller, Mitchell, Pillai, Ryan, Saravanakumar, Scaife, Sednaoui, Silberer, Sok, Sutton, Sweatman, Thai, Tovia, Walker, Warren, Wellington and Wu. Farewell—we will miss you all!

#### **School Council**

We had our final School Council meeting for the year last Monday evening. I would like to thank our President Adam Maltman for his wonderful service as a council member for the past 8 years and our President for the past 3 years. We thank Adam for his excellent commitment and perspective he brought to the Council. I would also like to thank our other School Council members, Matt Hill (Vice President), Mark Heenan (Treasurer), Jono Whalan, Melissa Ross, Catherine Pinches, Stacy Mason, Ashley Williams, Jonathan Baker, Kelly Cornelius and Leanne Cairns. Your time and input have been greatly appreciated and valued by all.

#### Staffing Update

#### Farewell Eunice Robertson

**Eunice Robertson** is retiring after being an office staff member at AGPS for the past 18 years. That is an incredible commitment from Eunice and one that is certainly a standout. We will miss Eunice's smiling face and wonderful company each day. We have really valued Eunice's input and wish her all the very best for her retirement.



We also farewell **Rachel Leahy** who will be going to Seaford North after being a staff member at AGPS for the past 12 years. We thank Rachel for all her input and the wonderful difference she has made to the lives of many students at AGPS. We also farewell **Liz Kelly** who will be going to Parktone PS after being at AGPS for almost 3 years. **Stacey Lolas** is taking time out to spend time with her family. We wish them all the very best at their new schools and thank them for all their wonderful work whilst at Aspendale Gardens.



We have staff members returning: Nat Tangey, Hayley O'Donnell, Lucy Gill and Emily Ahrens (formally Spicer). We are very happy to welcome them all back.

We also welcome **Paola Decarli** who is our new appointment for the office position. Paola has filled in for us in the past and we are really looking forward to Paola joining us once again.

The teacher class placements for 2022 is just about finalised and will be published in the newsletter next week.

#### **Student Reports**

End of year student reports will be released through Compass on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 3:45pm. In preparation for this, we ask all parents to make sure that they have access to their Compass account. Should you have any login issues, please contact the school office. For parents of students in Year 6 or any other students across the school who will be leaving AGPS, we remind you to download your child's reports on



to your computer so that you can still have access to these reports after your Compass account is closed. Those families who are leaving us will have their accounts closed at the end of business on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

#### **COVID Update**

We have had 3 classes affected by positive COVID cases over the past week. These were limited to isolated cases in the classes. Following the new procedures all students are back at school after receiving a negative result which was great news. Parents are now welcome to come into the school grounds for the final week of term, however access to the classrooms is only available for pre-arranged appointments with the class teacher.

#### Final Assembly

Our final assembly will be held tomorrow 10th December where we will be announcing our 2022 school leaders. As always it was a very difficult decision as we had many eligible and well deserving candidates for our leadership roles.

#### Year 6 to Year 7 Orientation Day

Last Tuesday our Year 6 students, who are going to Government secondary schools next year, attended their orientation day at their respective schools for 2022. The students had a wonderful day. They were introduced to their form groups and participated in subjects which they will undertake in 2022.



#### 2022 Foundation Students' Orientation Session

Last Tuesday we held our final orientation day for our 2022 Foundation students. Our new Foundation students met their classmates and teacher for next year, and were able to have a session in their classroom. The students were excited to be back at school, and cannot wait for the start of the 2022 school year. A huge thank you to the amazing Foundation team who worked tirelessly to ensure that the new Foundation students had a wonderful transition program that was engaging and fun. Also, thank you to our new and current parents who brought their children along to enjoy the day.



#### Crazy Hair Day

Our Foundation students were all excited with their crazy hair day yesterday. There was certainly some pretty crazy and wild hair-dos out there, and that wasn't just restricted to the students. Some of our staff members were pretty crazy too!

#### Library Books

If you have any outstanding school library books at home, please return them to school tomorrow. The end of year library stock take has already commenced and Glenys would like to have this completed before the end of the year.

#### Meeting 2022 Class Teachers

On the **last day of term**, students will spend some time in their new classes with their new teacher. This will give your child an opportunity to get to know their teacher and to meet the other students in their class. Parents will receive a list of the students in their child's class so that they can organise play dates over the holidays if they wish. We encourage parents to keep up some of the basics of reading, writing and maths over the holidays.



#### Canteen—Last Day on Thursday 16th December

The last day for lunch orders will be **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December**. The canteen will be closed on Friday, the last day of term, for stocktaking purposes.

Last Day of the 2021 school year is Friday 17th December—1:30pm Finish

Have an enjoyable weekend everyone,

Cheryle Osborne



# STARS OF THE WEEK



# TERM 4 WEEK 9











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Year 4





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## Performing Arts News

Please remember Christmas dress ups for the last two weeks of Performing Arts: Santa hats, elf ears, reindeer horns, head boppers, tinsel, Christmas T-shirts, onesies (try to avoid the colours blue and green).

We are making Christmas Music Videos with our new Green (Blue) Screen created by Graeme and my mum! Huge thank you to both. We will have so much fun with it.



#### Recorders

Children may take their recorders home for Christmas holidays but must remember to bring them back first day next year. Please re-label with their new class name and room number.

#### **Great Ideas for Christmas Presents**







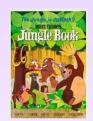




#### **Production News**

The video link for the senior school production has been posted on the website as well as below. We hope you all enjoy watching. Congratulations again to all cast, crew and production team. We are all so proud of you.





Mrs Nicolson & Mrs McGregor

#### Garden News

Despite so many interruptions at school this year, the garden has continued to grow! Many thanks to everyone who helped during the year, both students and staff when they were at school. We have had many mulching and planting teams, plus the Year 5 'Weed Warriors' who have done an amazing job recently.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and I'll look forward to more gardening fun in 2022.



*Elly*—School Gardener

#### LOST—GOLD CHAIN— SENTIMENTAL VALUE

Unfortunately, at Year 6 Graduation last night, Ewan lost the gold chain that he is wearing in this photo.

This chain has sentimental value to Ewan as it belonged to his grandfather.

PLEASE, if you find this chain, hand it in to the school office.

Thank you.

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Dear AGPS Staff and Students,

Hello everyone — I'm back!!

Santa sent me to see how wonderfully behaved the students and staff at Aspendale Gardens Primary School are.

My job is to report back to Santa on how you are doing this year. We all know that right before Christmas things can get crazy but I am here to help.

This time before Christmas is SO much fun for me, I come in the morning (and sometimes I bring mischief) and then at night I fly to Santa and give him an update on how AMAZING the kids at AGPS have been!

While I am here you have to remember that you cannot touch me. When you touch me I lose my magic powers and I cannot fly back to Santa that night. If you do accidently touch me, you can dance around singing 'Jingle Bells' and that helps me get my powers back.

I am so excited to be back at AGPS this year.

Make sure you are going to bed on time, using your manners and are being kind. Each day I will return to a new hiding spot.

# Love—Bling Bling xxxooo



# Aspendale Gardens Primary School 2021 Yearbook



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Name on Card:

Signature: \_

Our 2021 Yearbook is currently at the printers and will be distributed in the last week of this term.

Our Yearbook displays all the amazing things that our students have been involved in over the 2021 school year – a wonderful memento to keep for years to come.

Those who have already paid for their Yearbook, with their 2021 School fees, need do nothing more – your child/ren will bring their Yearbook home in the last week of term.

If you can't remember if you have already paid, please phone the office on 9587 0877 and the lovely office ladies will be able to help you.

#### If you HAVE NOT already paid for the Yearbook it is not too late!

Please complete and return the below payment slip to the office by next Friday – 10<sup>th</sup> December and your child will also receive their book in the last week of term.

Annie Low				
Yearbook Editor				
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Saturday/Sunday 9:00am - 6:00pm

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# **ASPENDALE GARDENS PRIMARY**



#### 7:30AM START 6:00PM END

PLEASE ARRIVE BY 9AM ON EXCURSION DAYS







# **NERF GAMES**

## JAN - TUE





#### + NO HANDS RACE

TeamKids is set for a dynamite day of fun & adventure! We won't know where to start with hundreds of blasters to choose from in Nerf Games. Are you ready to play a safe & fun game with all your friends?

<b>@</b>	Base Fee	\$67.50
	Exp Fee**	\$17.00
	Daily Total	\$84.50

#### + SWAP BEFORE THEY HOP

There's no time to spare! TeamKids is hosting our very own bowling tournament & we need your help to knock down as many pins as possible! Are you & your friends up for the challenge? \*Socks required.

e	Base Fee	\$67.50
	Exp Fee**	\$32.00
	Daily Total	\$99.50

#### BY BOXWARS

#### + PONY EXPRESS

What's Cardboard Mayhem by Boxwars? It's an experience combining art & total destruction! We'll use nothing but cardboard to make mega creations that we'll use in the final challenge. \*Closed-toe shoes required.

Base Fee \$67.50 Exp Fee\*\* \$32.00 **Daily Total** \$99.50

#### **BUCKETS OF FUN**

#### + ZOMBIE TAG GAME

Drum roll, please! We'll have Buckets of Fun today at TeamKids because a high energy, action-packed drumming session is waiting for us. We'll be taken on a musical journey of rhythm & imagination.

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	Base Fee	\$67.50

#### **ESCAPE TO SPACE**

14th JAN • FRI

#### + FIZZ ROCKETS

It's time to blast off because this day will be out of this world! Today, TeamKids is making an Escape to Space-We'll make Jupiter Orbiter Craft, create Erupting Moon Rocks & play Saturn Ring Toss.

Daily Total	\$74.50
Exp Fee**	\$7.00
Base Fee	\$67.50

21st JAN - FRI

#### 17th JAN - MON



#### SPLASHTASTIC!

#### + TREASURE CHASE GAME

TeamKids is as cool as a cucumber with Splashtastic! Today, we'll beat the heat with team games as we try the Waterfall Run, Steal the Water, Water Tag & so much more. \*Towel & change of clothes required.

\$67.50 Rase Fee Exp Fee\*\* \$16,00 **Daily Total** \$83.50



**ROCK CLIMBING** 

#### + FRENCH CRICKET

Today, we're making our way to the tippy top as we go Rock Climbing! We'll learn the ropes & then, there'll be countless climbing challenges for us to complete. How high will you go? \*Closed shoes required-

Base Fee

Exp Fee\*\* \$30,00 **Daily Total** \$97.50

\$67.50

Exp Fee\*\* **Daily Total** 

#### 19th JAN – WED



#### CHEMICAL REACTIONS

#### + PAPER SPINNERS

Are you ready to have a sublime time with wacky slime?! Today at TeamKids, we'll experiment with Chemical Reactions to create our own colourful Magic Sand & goopy, glorious Galaxy Slime to take home.

\$67.50 Rase Fee \$19.00 \$86.50

#### 20th JAN • THU



#### + SHARKS 'N' MINNOWS

TeamKids is off to the movies to see this season's blockbuster, Clifford the Big Red Dog! We'll get to see our tiny puppy friend grow to a mind-boggling size. \*Allergy alert, packet popcorn provided.

Base Fee \$68,50 Exp Fee\*\* \$30,00 Daily Total \$97.50

Adventure! So, take a trek down to TeamKids as we create friendly Pet Rocks, do some unique Leaf Rubbings, play the hectic Fire Tender game & more.

+ POTTING BOX

We'll be monkeying around

today in a Wilderness

\$67.50 Rase Fee Exp Fee\*\* \$7.00 **Daily Total** \$74.50

Administration and Late Booking Fees do apply. For full terms and conditions please head to our website - www.teamkids.com.au \*Child Care Subsidies may apply and payment plans are available.

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# SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

#### 17th January 2022 - 21st January 2022

#### TO BOOK VISIT www.agcsinc.org.au/schoolholidays2022jan

Tuesday, 18th January - 9:30am - 11:00am

#### Netball Action (6 - 8 years)

Come along and learn the basic skills of netball for some fun based minor games and activities in our indoor court with Ruth, Alex and Hayley.

\$20 - BYO Ball, water bottle and snack

#### Parents:

Not required to stay

#### Wednesday, 19th January - 9:30am - 10:30am

#### Messy Play (Toddler - Preschool)

Messy play or sensory play, is a process where children can engage all of their senses as they explore different materials. The play is open ended, and focused on process rather than end result. Messy play sessions provide children with an opportunity to be creative, to try new things and have a lot of fun!

#### Cost:

\$15 - materials supplied

#### Parents:

Required to stay

#### Wednesday, 19th January - 11:30am - 12:30pm

#### Kids Art Class (6 - 12 years)

Join Artist & Art Therapist Kylie, for a fun, hands-on art class & create your

No experience necessary, we will run through techniques & work step-bystep to finalise your very own art work to take home.

\$20 - materials supplied

#### Parents:

Not required to stay

#### Thursday, 20th January - 1:00pm - 3:00pm

#### Junior Basketball Clinic (5 - 8 years)

Come along and learn some great Basketball skills with Michelle, who has been playing Basketball for more than 30 years.

Basketball is Michelle's passion and she is looking forward to teaching some great skills and also having some fun!

\$25 - BYO Ball, water bottle and snack

#### Parents:

Not required to stay

#### Thursday, 20th January - 3:30pm - 5:00pm

#### Kids Basketball Clinic (9+ years)

Come along and learn some great Basketball skills with Michelle, who has been playing Basketball for more than 30 years.

Basketball is Michelle's passion and she is looking forward to teaching some great skills and also having some fun!

#### Cost:

\$20 - BYO Ball, water bottle and snack

#### Parents:

Not required to stay

#### Friday, 21st January - 10:00pm - 12:00pm

#### Nutty Scientists Clinic (5 - 12 years)

Nutty Scientists® shows and workshops stimulate the imagination and spirit of children, arousing their curiosity and fostering an environment where they are encouraged to participate, boosting their self-esteem.

#### Cost:

\$25 - materials supplied

#### Parents:

Not required to stay



# SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

Our supply of second hand uniforms is getting quite low. If you have any school uniform that is in good condition (without tears or stains) please launder & hand in to the office.

ALL items are \$5.00 each



Is your child interested in playing netball in 2022?

Aspendale Arrows Netball Club are looking for players born from 2014 onwards to join teams for 2022.

To express interest: https://forms.gle/ms8cem8tmcWy8v9A8

For more information email us at aanc3195@gmail.com

Registration details to come shortly!





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