

Aspendale Gardens Primary School

Newsletter—Thursday 7th March



**INQUIRER THINKER BALANCED COURAGEOUS KNOWLEDGEABLE
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, emotionally intelligent and socially competent as they strive to achieve their potential as global citizens.

2024 DIARY

MARCH

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

Monday 11 Labour Day Holiday

Tuesday 12 2025 School Tour @ 9:15am
Division Swimming Carnival
Easter Raffle Tickets Sent Home

Wednesday 13 Years 1 & 2 Melbourne United
Basketball Clinics

Thursday 14 Running Group @ 7:30am

Friday 15 Year 6 ISS vs Chelsea PS (away)
Year 6 Coral Vass Incursion

Tuesday 19 Mordialloc S.C. Visit Year 6 Area

MARCH

Thursday 21 Last Running Group for Term 1
Harmony Day School Assembly @
2:30pm in Gym

Friday 22 Year 6 Summer Lightning Premiership
NO ASSEMBLY
Easter Raffle Drawn

Monday 25 2025 School Tour @ 9:15am

Tuesday 26 Regional Swimming Carnival

Wednesday 27 END OF TERM 1—2:30pm Finish

Thursday 28 END OF TERM 1—2:30pm Finish

APRIL

Monday 15 Term 2 Begins

Tuesday 16 2025 School Tour @ 9:15am

FROM OUR ACTING PRINCIPAL

Our students have been busy out and about in the community over the past week.

Our Year 1 students have been thinking about showing their appreciation to others. Having written letters of appreciation, and addressed their envelopes, they went over to the shops on Tuesday to post these appreciation letters.

On Wednesday the senior students participated in the House Cross Country event in the wetlands. After an introduction from Mr King, the House Captains motivated their House groups with their chants. The House colours were on show, as the students each participated in running the 2km or 3km course.

It was a fantastic event with the students trying their best for themselves and to earn House points. The morning ended with the **Kookaburras** House winning. Thank you to Mr King, Mr Murphy and our student leaders for their organisation, and to the staff and parents for assisting with marshalling, timing and first aid.

The students across the school have been cleaning up the local environment. They competed in a class competition to see which class could pick up the most rubbish from our environment.



Easter Raffle

Today was our first Free Dress day fundraiser for the year. There were a large amount of Easter eggs brought in and gold coins donated. The Fundraising Team will be putting Easter baskets together, using these donations, to be our prizes for the Easter Raffle. Easter Raffle tickets will be sent home via the youngest in the family next week. Please ensure all ticket butts have a name and contact number on them. Tickets are \$2 each.

NAPLAN

Over the coming fortnight our Year 3 and Year 5 students will be participating in the NAPLAN assessments. The Year 3 and Year 5 parents have been made aware of the timetabling of these assessments. We remind the parents and students to make sure they are well rested, have had a good breakfast and arrive at school on time, so that our students can do their very best.

Entrance Display



Our school entrance has come to life with an art display from the Foundation and Year 1 students based around the book, 'Horrible Hair'. Thank you to our students and Visual Art teachers for brightening up this area.

Counselling Sessions

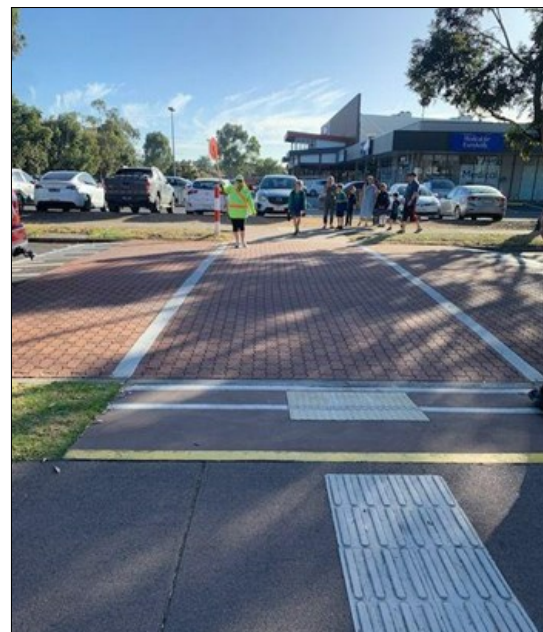
We are fortunate to have Brendan, who is studying a Masters in Counselling at Monash University, join us at AGPS. As part of his course Brendan (and a course supervisor who is also trained as a counsellor or psychologist) will be providing counselling sessions on a Friday each week. Brendan is supported by his 'seeing eye dog' Gunner.

He will be attending assembly on Friday, to introduce himself and talk to us about some rules when greeting Gunner. Parents wishing their children to be considered for counselling sessions will need to complete a consent form which can be collected from the school office, or by contacting our Welfare Officer, Deb.



Safety Around the School

I have been outside the front of school at the start and end of the school day to ensure that the students are travelling in a safe manner. During assembly on Friday we will be reminding our students to use the designated crossing on Kearney Drive. We have had some reports of students on bikes crossing the road closer to the roundabout.



Feedback on our Information Sharing at the Beginning of the School Year

We would like to offer parents the opportunity to give the school some feedback on this transition process in order to ensure we are completing this as effectively as possible. If you could please spare 5 minutes of your time to complete this survey that would be greatly appreciated in helping us plan for 2025 and beyond.

As part of this process we have developed a set of information packs created by our Learning Specialists that help identify what parents can do to help support their children within English (Literacy) and Mathematics (Numeracy) at home. Please see Compass post from Monday for these links, and a link to complete the survey.

Assembly on Friday

We welcome our parents to our school assembly this Friday, the 8th March, starting at 2.30pm. We will be handing out certificates to our SRC (Student Representative Council) elected members at this assembly.



Long Weekend

A reminder that Monday is Labour Day and as such there will be no school. We wish everyone a good long weekend and look forward to seeing everyone back on Tuesday.

Have a fantastic long weekend everyone.



Jonathan

AGPS Sporting Achievement



Congratulations to Layla Kolvenbach (5LW) for a very successful Lifesaving Carnival at Black Rock recently. Layla won the Under 11 Girls Club Championship as an Under 10!

**Her events included six events – Surf Race, Board Race, Beach Sprint, Beach Run, Beach Flag and Iron!
A huge effort, well done Layla!**

Please send through your child's sporting achievements and a photo to Mr Murphy or Mr King on Class Dojo to feature in future newsletters!

Library News

Scholastic Book Club Issue 2 brochures have gone home this week. In order to receive your purchases before Easter, the cut off is Wednesday 13th March for all orders to be submitted.

The **Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge** has started! For those families who do not know what the Challenge is **The Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge runs every year** and students are encouraged to read a set number of books, and to record their reading efforts online via the website: <https://vprc.eduweb.vic.gov.au/home>

All Years 3—6 students have received their username and passwords to log onto the Challenge. These students have already started using the website to enter in their book titles. The Challenge closes on Friday 6th September. The Foundation – Year 2 students book titles will be entered in at school during the Challenge. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Regards—**Glenys**

YEAR 3: HOW WE ORGANISE OURSELVES

LOCAL COMMUNITY WALK

COMMUNITIES PROVIDE US A SENSE OF BELONGING

As part of our investigation into our key learning question 'How do communities foster a sense of belonging?', the Year 3 classes ventured on a concept walk through our local community. Through the conceptual lens of FUNCTION, we discovered examples of rules and how they help our community stay safe. We also found inclusive ways in which local council and community groups welcome the shared characteristics and diversity of our members right at our doorstep.



TAKING ACTION

In the next coming weeks, we will be looking to take action by organising proposals for a community group or event. Inspired by our mentor text 'The Invisible' by Tom Percival and building upon our social skills, this will aim to provide opportunities for those who may feel like they don't belong or are feeling disconnected in our community. We look forward to the action to come!

Wellbeing at AGPS

This year, staff and students have placed a tremendous focus on creating strong, respectful relationships across the school. This has taken place in all school settings, from teachers prioritising building strong connections with their students in the classroom, to the Respectful Relationships curriculum content being taught. We have our wonderful purple brigade, the Peer Support Team, walking around the school yard at lunchtimes to support other students in feeling safe and included.

RRRR – Rights, Resilience and Respectful Relationships

Respectful Relationships education is a core component of the Victorian Curriculum from Foundation to Year 12. It is all about embedding a culture of respect and equality across the entire school community. The Respectful Relationships program supports schools and early childhood settings to promote and model respect, positive attitudes and behaviours. It teaches our children how to build healthy relationships, resilience and confidence.

In the Classroom – Year 4

The Year 4 cohort are currently working through Topic 5 of the RR's, Stress Management. Activities within this topic assist students to explore, develop and apply different strategies that can be used in different situations that make them feel uncomfortable. Evidence suggests that children who cope better with life's stressors develop good mental health and wellbeing. The focus in Week 6 is "Calming and Coping".

Self Calming Techniques-

What do you do to calm yourself down at home?

How about at school?

Do you use different calming techniques for different feelings? Like sad, or angry?

Miss Mack likes to lay on the floor with her dog after having a stressful day.

Make a list of these for your RRRR display.



Self Calming Strategies-

Here are a few more strategies that you may not have thought of:

CHECKLIST OF COPING STRATEGIES	
<input type="checkbox"/> Go for a run	<input type="checkbox"/> Go to the park
<input type="checkbox"/> Read a funny story	<input type="checkbox"/> Write about it
<input type="checkbox"/> Ride a bike	<input type="checkbox"/> Play sport
<input type="checkbox"/> Play a computer game	<input type="checkbox"/> Talk to someone
<input type="checkbox"/> Play with friends	<input type="checkbox"/> Tidy your room
<input type="checkbox"/> Bounce on the trampoline	<input type="checkbox"/> Draw a picture
<input type="checkbox"/> Go for a swim and splash a lot	<input type="checkbox"/> Read a book
<input type="checkbox"/> Watch TV	<input type="checkbox"/> Help your parent
<input type="checkbox"/> Make something	<input type="checkbox"/> Ring your grandparent
<input type="checkbox"/> Play an imaginary game	<input type="checkbox"/> Play a favourite game
<input type="checkbox"/> Cuddle someone you love	<input type="checkbox"/> Have a drink of water
<input type="checkbox"/> Lie on your bed	<input type="checkbox"/> Wash your face
<input type="checkbox"/> Have a bath or shower	<input type="checkbox"/> Take some deep breaths
<input type="checkbox"/> Eat something delicious	<input type="checkbox"/> Sing a song
<input type="checkbox"/> Listen to some music	<input type="checkbox"/> Pat a pet

Peer Support Team

Our Year 5 students were given the opportunity to nominate themselves to join the Peer Support team (purple brigade). The Peer Support Team is a group of students who volunteer to support the school community by giving up one half of lunchtime once a week to walk around the school yard and support other students who may need help in overcoming some challenges, like finding someone to play with. They also display values of kindness and care to all students, assisting the school in building a truly safe, inclusive and respectful environment for all.

Students wear a purple vest and are easily spotted in the school yard. They are also on the lookout for other students doing amazing things and can nominate these students to receive some recognition of their actions at Assembly. Great job so far to all that are a part of the team! Keep it up!



VISITING TEACHERS FROM CAMBODIA

We are very excited to be welcoming two young Cambodian teachers, Lai Hun and Sok Vun, to our school this Thursday. A huge thank you to the Velberto-Coutinho family for so kindly offering to host them while they are with us. These teachers are from ODA (Opportunities of Development Thru Art) the organization our school has supported over the years from Siem Reap in Cambodia <https://www.odaopportunitiescambodia.org/>

ODA proudly helps create opportunities for disadvantaged children by providing free English language and computer classes in the outlying villages of Siem Reap. They now have eight schools offering kindergarten, night English and computer classes to over 1450 children who lack access to education. ODA also supports their teachers to further their education.

Lai Hun and Sok Vun have been sponsored to come to Melbourne for two weeks. They will be visiting our school to learn from our teachers and students and take back ideas to help them with their teaching in the free village schools.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cEuwG7cBkAI>

Please say 'Hello' and give our special visitors a friendly, warm AGPS welcome if you see them around our school.

Any questions please just ask Julie Lach

CAMBODIAN GREETINGS:

Choum Reap Sur	=	Hello
Choum Reap Lir	=	Goodbye

Cambodians traditionally greet each other with palms together, in a manner of prayer. They lift up their hands to the chest level and bow slightly. This is called Som Pas. In general, the higher the hands and lower the bow, the more respect is being shown.



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.



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

Fundraising Date Calendar of Events Term 1

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

Monday 25th March - Easter raffle draw.

Term 2

Monday 27th May until Friday July 19th - Chocolate drive.

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

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

Friday 21st June - School disco;

Foundation - Year 2: 5.15 - 7.00 pm, Years 3 - 6: 7.30 - 9.00 pm.

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:

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or contact the office.

AGPS needs you

Thanks for your support.



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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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Picture yourself at Parkdale S.C

A community event for
prospective families, past and
present families and friends

Tuesday 26th March

6.30 - 8.30pm

Choose your own adventure in an
evening of interactive events.



SUNDAY 17 MARCH 2024

CHOOSE FROM
5, 10 OR 15KM

RACE SOLO, AS A
TEAM OR FAMILY

SAVE WITH EARLY
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NEWSLETTER WEEK 6



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Coordinator: Debra Moshos

BSC: 7-9AM

ASC: 2:30-6:15PM

HP/PFD: 7AM-6:15PM



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Hello families,
Welcome to our weekly newsletter, week 6

We hope you all had a wonderful weekend with your children, families and special members :)

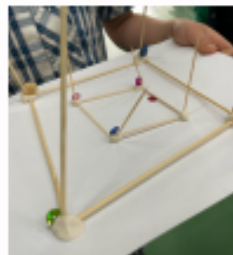
In our last week at TheirCare our children have been putting on their thinking caps, fingers and hands ready to create. Our focus has been STEAM thinking, planning, and building.

Children created 3D matchbox stick houses, sticks and dough houses, craft houses using strongest materials to hold an object, fairy houses and towers.

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 can't 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.

Come visit our space; we have new baskets, dress up costumes, games and new foosball table delivery to arrive soon :)



REMINDERS

✓ Holiday PROGRAM BOOKINGS OPEN, REVIEW OUR PROGRAM AND GETTING BOOKING TO AVOID DISAPOINTMENT

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

EVENTS

Weekly Theme

Week beginning 11th March

- Animals, love and care

Holiday Program

Bookings open 29th February 2024

Public Holidays -

TheirCare Closed
Labour Day, March 11

Good Friday, March 29th

CURRENT PROJECT

FAMILIES; WE NEED YOUR HELP

We invite all families who attend or thinking to attend our program to reach out to us and share family favourite cultural recipes.

Our team is seeking delicious, meals and snacks your children love that we can mirror and serve up for breakfast or afternoon tea :)

Email us, hand in a hard copy or chat to us at drop off/pick up - we would love to hear from you





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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Or contact Customer Support at 1300 072 410 or
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 www.agcsinc.org.au





Meet your local **Emergency Services at our Community Safety Day**

Saturday 16 March | 10am - 2pm

Join us as we unite with our local community and emergency services partners to make safety a fun and engaging experience for all!

Where:

Westfield Southland

Yellow P1 car park, entrance off Karen Street, near Target and JB Hi-Fi.

- Meet and greet the real-life heroes from our emergency services, including Fire Rescue Victoria, Victoria Police, Ambulance Victoria and more.
- Meet Marshall from Paw Patrol!
- Face painting and fun for the whole family.
- Collect free information on securing your home, car, bike and staying safe in your neighbourhood.
- Find out how to join your local Neighbourhood Watch group.

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Carolyn Susan Rossis

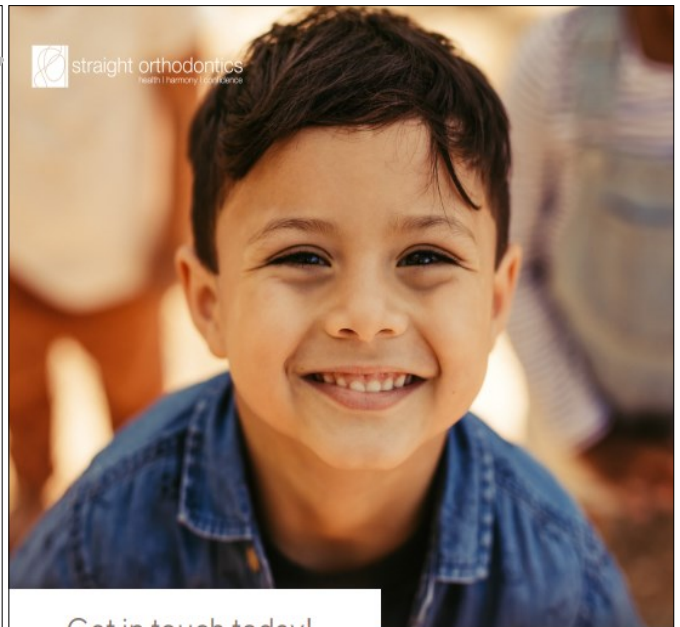
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