

Aspendale Gardens Primary School

Newsletter—Thursday 2nd November



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Primary School

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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.

2023 DIARY

NOVEMBER

Friday 3 Year 6 ISS vs Seaford Nth P.S. Away
Monday 6 'Purple Day' Gold Coin Donation to
Alannah & Madeline Foundation
Tuesday 7 Melbourne Cup Day Holiday
Wednesday 8 Junior House Sports 9am—11am
Thursday 9 Running Group @ 7:30am
Friday 10 Year 6 ISS vs Patterson Lakes P.S.
@ Home
Year 3 Mindfulness Incursion
Tuesday 14 Year 5 RSPCA Excursion 5AA & 5RK
Enviro Leaders Seal Rocks Boat Trip

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 15 **WHOLE SCHOOL ART SHOW**
5:00pm—6:30pm
Thursday 16 Running Group @ 7:30am
Year 2 Flying Doctor Service Incursion
Year 6 ISS vs St Louis P.S. (Away)
Friday 17 **Grandparents' Day 11:30am—12:30pm**
Tuesday 21 Year 5 RSPCA Excursion 5BM & 5LW
Thursday 23 Running Group @ 7:30am
COLOUR FUN RUN—1:45pm start
Friday 24 Year 6 ISS vs Seaford P.S. @ Home
Final Game for 2023

SAVE THE DATES

School Art Show—Wednesday 15th November
Grandparents' Day—Friday 17th November
Colour Fun Run—Thursday 23rd November

FROM OUR ACTING PRINCIPAL

I have enjoyed visiting the classrooms this week and hearing and seeing the positivity of the students as they engage in their learning. The Year 4s were busy making their Lego vehicles and then used their iPads to program the vehicles to move. The conversations, teamwork and skills shown demonstrated such a rich learning experience for the students.



The Foundation students were representing 2-digit numbers in a variety of different ways, including showing them as bundles, as addition / subtraction equations and including them within worded problems. They were also using their creativity to write about the adventures of Forky. I was thrilled to read vocabulary like 'sneaky thought', 'mischief' and 'surprise' in their writing.

Optus Tower Update

Following the initial survey results that AGRA received in regards to installing an Optus Tower, the shopping centre management have decided not to go ahead with this project. Our school results also reflected the local community's views with 86% saying they were not in favour of it going ahead.

Facilities Improvements

Last year we installed new shade sails beside the gym to add much needed shade to outdoor working and playing spaces. To develop this play space further we have had a garden surround built which has increased the amount of seating space whilst the students use the 4 square courts and for parents to wait at pick-up times. This project involved the input from a few of our students who assisted in the planning, measuring and installation of the benches.



We have purchased basketball post pads which arrived this week and have been installed. These pads will assist in keeping the students safe whilst playing basketball and netball and also look excellent. We recently applied for a grant, which if successful, will assist us in getting pads for the footy goals.



Purple Day – Monday 6th November

School will be running as per usual next Monday. We are having a 'Purple Day' to recognise and learn more about the amazing work that the Alannah and Madeline Foundation does.

The Foundation was set up following the tragic events at Port Arthur in 1996 and aim to champion and strengthen the rights of children and young people to be free from violence and trauma wherever they live, learn and play. They provide care programs, prevention programs and advocacy programs across Australia.

We have been aligned with the Alannah and Madeline Foundation for a number of years and use their strategies and programs across the school. Our Buddy Bear system, eSmart digital licence program and our Respectful Relationships Programs all align with the work that the Alannah and Madeline Foundation advocate for.



Here is a reminder of when Princess Mary came to visit AGPS in 2006 in her role as an Ambassador for The Alannah and Madeline Foundation.

We ask our students to wear **a splash of purple** on Monday and bring in a gold coin donation to support this essential Foundation and the work they do.

Remembrance Day



The SRC will be selling poppies and wristbands over the coming weeks to support the Longbeach RSL. Poppies, pins and wristbands are available ranging from \$2 - \$5. For more than 100 years, the annual Poppy Appeal has supported Australian veterans and their families. Your donation can help the RSL continue to deliver life-changing support to veterans when they need it the most. Our school leaders will be laying a wreath at the Chelsea Shrine on Saturday 11th November, as representatives of our school. We invite our families to attend this commemorative service.

Reminders

A reminder that on Tuesday 7th November school will be closed due to the Melbourne Cup Day.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Jonathan



Year 6 Kingston Division Summer Finals—Basketball (Boys)

Last week, the **Year 6 Basketball (Boys)** team competed in the **Kingston Division Summer Finals**. The Boys' Basketball team ventured to Springers Leisure Centre with Miss Hiscock. At Springers Leisure Centre, the **Basketball** team showcased their strong basketball abilities across 3x games, taking on schools within the Kingston area. The 8 boys that were part of the boys' basketball team represented AGPS extremely well, showing extraordinary teamwork, sportsmanship and respect in all the games they played. At the end of the tournament the **Basketball (Boys) team** ended up **winning 1 game** and **losing 2 games**.

Boys' Results

<u>Game #1:</u>	<u>Game #2:</u>	<u>Game #3:</u>
AGPS 22	AGPS 36	AGPS 46
Parktone PS 30	Malvern Central PS 56	Bentleigh West PS 30
<u>Best Players:</u> Will T & Max S	<u>Best Player:</u> Ethan D	<u>Best Player/s:</u> Chevy S & Archie S

Division Basketball (Boys) Team		
Kaden E (6AK)	Ethan D (6BH)	Eddie L (6JM)
Will T (6JM)	Leon K (6KC)	Chevy S (6KC)
Archie S (6KC)	Max S (6KC)	<u>Coach:</u> Miss Hiscock



Thank you to all the wonderful parents and family friends who came down and supported the **Basketball (Boys)** team last week. Well done on a fantastic effort. Miss Hiscock is an extremely proud coach! **Go AGPS!!**
Mr. Braden King

AGPS Sporting Achievement

Congratulations to **Finn Cowley (3JB)** who won silver last week in a Jiu Jitsu competition. He trains with, Flow State, in Chelsea Heights. This was his first competition as a Grey Belt and he did really well, coming in second place!

Congratulations, Finn! Awesome effort!



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!

We have been exploring the central idea 'People have the power to preserve or destroy the Earth's natural resources.' With a deeper understanding of the key global environmental issues we all face, through the key concepts of connection and change, students are learning of the responsibility we have for a sustainable future.

PERSUASIVE WRITING

In Writing, we have been focusing on persuasive techniques. Inspired by *Dear Children of the Earth*, we have written a letter from the perspective of someone or something in need of help and a call for action. Many students chose to write through the eyes of a natural resource in danger, including endangered animals. Here are some student examples of our powerful persuasive writing:

'Listen everybody, where will my Arctic animals live when my ice has melted?' **(Sarah, 3KA)**

Pay attention, humans of the Earth, what will we breathe when the air is poisoned? **(Lily, 3KA)**

I wonder, people, how will all of the animals in the ocean survive when their oceans are murky black with oil? **(Logan, 3RP)**

Listen up water waster, if you want to make the environment a better place then you'd better start saving water so we don't dry up the Earth! **(Isabelle, 3KA)**

Koala's habitats are getting destroyed! There's only 40,000 koalas left and they are dying rapidly due to wildfires, pollution and deforestation. **(Tyler, 3KA)**

Our Year 3 PYP Classroom News

Sharing the Planet Unit of Inquiry



TUNING IN

We began the unit with a thought provoking activity about our access to water. Through the simple yet crucial activity of washing our hands, we timed students washing their hands using the tap. We then compared this everyday experience to having to trek to the back of the oval where a water tank with a limited supply was kept. Imagining this journey to be many more kilometres and lugging the jug back to class challenged their thinking. Informing them that on average, 10 of these tanks is what a human being uses per day opened up their minds to the reality of others around the world who have to make this trip twice a day for their families. Discussing the many uses of water we could not live without was an eye-opener to students that lead us to further explore its conservation.



BUILDING OUR RESEARCH SKILLS

We have been finding out and researching the many natural resources we rely on everyday to survive and how we source them, including their environmental impact. We then sorted these resources into natural vs manmade. We researched the many ways we can help preserve our Earth's natural resources. Inspired by children from around the world through our mentor text, *Old Enough to Save the Planet*, we were encouraged to make more informed choices and proactively reduce our impact.



Birds squawking,
Rushing rivers,
Clear waters,
Happy animals,
Endless rainstorms,
Fresh air,
Vanishing birds,
Disappearing forests,
Detained animals,
Distraught humans.

Linkin, 3JB

Imagining 'a world without' opened our eyes to what our future may become if we continue on the path to destroying our home. We listened to soundscapes before and after logging in the Amazon forest, witnessing the worrying changes that are impacting our world.

Creating 10x2 poems and Haikus, we created descriptions of what could become of us and shared these with each other. This week, we will be creating our own '*Old Enough to Save the Planet*' pages to represent the action we are taking to preserve and restore the Earth.

SPIRIT ANIMALS

Big pine trees swaying,
white snowflakes twirling around,
wolf howling loudly,
oceans rising high,
beautiful beaches,
flooding islands
shrinking fast.

Felix, 3JB



STARS OF THE WEEK

TERM 4 WEEKS 3 & 4



Foundation—Year 2



Years 3 & 4



Years 5 & 6



Specialists

**MONSTAR MANIA
EXTRAVAGANZA!**

COLOUR FUN RUN

Thursday 23rd November

1.30 PM

TUNNEL 1



TUNNEL 2



TUNNEL 3



get SPONSORED and win prizes

Australian school club
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specialists
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The Fundraising Team

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Year 6 Interschool Sport (ISS)



Match Report

Last Friday, the Year 6 students hosted St. Joseph's Primary School for their fourth round of Year 6 Interschool Sport (ISS) for Term 2. The Year 6 students did a fantastic job, representing AGPS in their chosen sport, while also showing excellent sportsmanship throughout their games.

Below are the results from last week's games

Basketball (Boys) Year 5		Basketball (Girls)	
AGPS	21	AGPS	26
St. Louis'	27	St. Louis'	13
Best Player/s:	Jordan T & Colby G	Best Player/s:	Mia M & Hanna M

Cricket (Boys)		Cricket (Mixed)	
AGPS	106	AGPS	111
St. Louis'	210	St. Louis'	99
Best Player/s:	Emmett B & Koby F	Best Player/s:	Riley B & Lia S

Kickball (Boys)		Kickball (Girls)	
AGPS	28	AGPS	22
St. Louis'	26	St. Louis'	21
Best Player/s:	Malachi D & William M	Best Player/s:	Everyone

Volleyball (Boys)		Volleyball (Girls)	
AGPS	0	AGPS	2
St. Louis'	3	St. Louis'	1
Best Player/s:	Jack D	Best Player/s:	Everyone

Lawn Bowls (Mixed)	
AGPS	10
St. Louis'	4
Best Player/s:	Scarlett G, Ash G & Declan G

Well done once again to all of the Year 5 & 6 students on their efforts last week. Tomorrow students will be competing away against Seaford North PS. Venues for this week's games have been posted on Class DOJO. Most games will begin around 9.30am tomorrow. **GO AGPS!**

Mr. Braden King



Thursday Morning Running Group (Term 4)

It was fantastic to see so many students, teachers and parents of **Thursday Morning Running Group** continue to take on the challenge of seeing how far we can run around Australia over the last five sessions.

Across **Terms 3 & 4**, we are setting a challenge to anyone who takes part in Thursday Morning Running Group. We are setting the challenge of seeing how far as a group, we can **run around Australia (13,995km)** before our final session of the year.



To keep track of our progress across **Terms 3 & 4**:

<https://sites.google.com/education.vic.gov.au/agps-run-around-australia/running-group>

Following the completion of the 1st stage of travelling from **Hobart > Melbourne** last term, we are currently travelling from **Melbourne to Canberra (663kms)** as part of the 2nd stage. We are now only **347kms** from completing this stage. Well done to everyone who has so far contributed towards our progress.

The current Top 3 leaders for Year 3 are:

Place	Name	Class	Distance (km)
Boys			
1 st	Hayden F	3RP	19.4
2 nd	Logan H-I	3RP	19.2
3 rd	Felix C	3JB	12.1
Girls			
1 st	Morgan B	3KA	21.9
2 nd	Ayla N	3RP	15.8
3 rd	Meryem A	3JB	15.6

The current Top 3 leaders for Year 4 are:

Place	Name	Class	Distance (km)
Boys			
1 st	Elijah O	4DG	32.7
2 nd	Lexi Z	4DG	22.8
3 rd	Tullov D W	4RG	21.9
Girls			
1 st	Sylvia H	4RG	21.2
2 nd	Ivanka Y	4RG	18.3
3 rd	Layla K	4OM	17.9

The current Top 3 leaders for Year 5 are:

Place	Name	Class	Distance (km)
Boys			
1 st	Jonah D W	5LW	31.6
2 nd	Ari W	5LW	30.6
3 rd	Mitch A	5AA	27.7
Girls			
1 st	Jade P	5BM	18.7
2 nd	Kiara C	5RK	14.8
3 rd	Ada W	5AA	5.6

The current Top 3 leaders for Year 6 are:

Place	Name	Class	Distance (km)
Boys			
1 st	Leon K	6KC	21.6
2 nd	Max S	6KC	13.3
3 rd	Koby F	6AK	12.4
Girls			
1 st	Indi M	6BH	21.5
2 nd	Poppy B	6KC	13.2
3 rd	Bella Q	6BH	8.8

If your child would like to be part of **Thursday Morning Running Group** and take part in our challenge in Term 4, please ensure that their **consent form and payment of \$5.00** have been completed via Compass.

Mr. Braden King

Year 6 Interschool Sports (ISS) Pennant Presentation

A few weeks ago, we had a special presentation to recognise the success of students in Year 6 throughout the Year 6 Interschool Sports (ISS) program in 2023. As part of the program, students in Year 6 have been competing each week against a number of schools in the local area. Students have had the opportunity to try out, and compete for AGPS against these schools in the following sports across the year:

AFL	Basketball	Cricket	Lawn Bowls	Kickball
Netball	Soccer	Tee Ball	Volleyball	

Throughout the year, students have taken part in the Summer & Winter Lightning Premiership (LP) competitions where they competed against six other schools in the Chelsea District in the sports mentioned above. On these days' students would aim to win the competitions and progress through to the various stages that followed. In 2023, this year's Year 6 cohort were able to have one team become **Chelsea District Premiers** of their respective sport after winning the LP competition. While seven teams were **Chelsea District Runners Up** of their respective sports after narrowly losing the final of the LP competitions.

Well done to all of the students who have taken part in the Year 6 ISS program in 2023. You have all represented AGPS extremely well this year. **Congratulations to the following teams and students below who were awarded with a pennant flag to recognise their success in 2023. GO AGPS!**



2024 Year 6 Commemorative Garments

Thank you to those families who have already placed orders for their child's 2024 Year 6 Commemorative garments.

PLEASE can you ensure that you hand in the hard copy of the order form so that we can receipt QKR payments to order forms.

Thanking you in advance—Annie

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS \$5.00 PER ITEM

Uniforms are available to purchase during office hours: 8:30am — 4:00pm

ALL donations can be left at the school office.

If you have any pre-loved uniforms in good condition please consider donating them. All donations can be left at school reception.

2023 SCHOOL TERM DATES

TERM 4: Monday 2 October to Wednesday 20 December

2024 SCHOOL TERM DATES

TERM 1: Tuesday 30 January (students) to Thursday 28 March

TERM 3: Monday 15 July to Friday 20 September

TERM 2: Monday 15 April to Friday 28 June

TERM 4: Monday 7 October to Friday 20 December

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 Evergreen Christmas Trees

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We acknowledge the Traditional owners of the land, the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung and Bunurong peoples of the Kulin Nation and pay our respect to Elders, past, present and emerging.



What's on this week?

This week, we embark on a delightful journey into the magical world of Disney as we celebrate the remarkable Disney 100! Children of all ages are invited to partake in an array of craft activities that revolve around the enchanting Disney universe. These hands-on experiences will not only inspire creativity but also provide a fun and engaging way for kids to connect with their favourite Disney characters, stories, and movies. From crafting iconic Disney-themed art to designing enchanting Disney-inspired keepsakes, this week promises to be a joyous celebration of all things Disney, bringing smiles and cherished memories to children of all ages.

What's coming?

Our team is hard at work, giving our dramatic play space an exciting makeover. While the pizza shop was a beloved favourite among the children, it's time for a fresh and innovative transformation. Stay tuned as we prepare to unveil a thrilling new concept in this space.

Reminders

PUPIL FREE DAY

December 1st is a Pupil Free Day however TheirCare will be up and running from 7:00AM - 6:15PM so don't forget to book in advance!

BOOKINGS & CANCELLATIONS

Please ensure you let our service know if your child is unable to attend any sessions by contacting us at 0439 161 164. Your proactive communication will assist us in improving our service to you, and we appreciate your cooperation in keeping us up to date.



Artworks showing individual expression



Halloween Craft

TIMES

Before School: 7:00AM - 8:45AM
After School: 3:30PM - 6:15PM
Holidays: 7:00AM - 6:15PM

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HELP NEEDED: If you any have 8ply acrylic/wool blend yarn, please donate it for KOGO at our centre!



Soft Plastics Bin

If you can scrunch the plastic into a ball, it is recyclable through special soft plastics recycle programs.



Nappy Collective

In Partnership with the Nappy Collective, we collect your leftover, unused disposable nappies for families in crisis.



Children's Books

We're a collection point for 123Read2Me, who donate books to the Aussie kids who need them.



Chelsea Heights - Aspendale Gardens Cricket Club



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🏏 **WOOLWORTHS CRICKET BLAST AT CHAG!** 🏏

Cricket Blast is back... See more



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