

Aspendale Gardens Primary School Newsletter—Thursday 19th 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.

TOMORROW Friday 20th December "Last Day of 2019 School Year" 1.30pm Dismissal Students Start 2020 School Year - Wednesday 29th January,



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our families at AGPS

Have a safe & happy holiday!!



2019/2020 DIARY

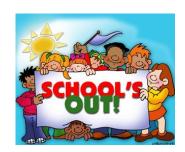
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DECEMBER		FEBRUARY 2020	
Friday 20	Class Transition 10.20am—11.00am	Tuesday 4	Year 1 Information Night 5.15pm—6pm
	End of the 2019 School Year at 1.30pm		Year 6 Information Night 6.15pm—7pm
JANUARY 2020		Wednesday 5	Year 3 Information Night 5.15pm—6pm
Tuesday 28	Staff Begin 2020 School Year		Year 5 Information Night 6.15pm—7pm
Wednesday 29	Students Start 2020 School Year	Monday 10	School Photo Day
FEBRUARY 2020		Thursday 13	Foundation Buddy Bear Picnic 5—6.30pm
Monday 3	Year 2 Information Night 5.15pm—6pm		

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Final Newsletter for 2019

Another fantastic year comes to a close at Aspendale Gardens Primary School. There have been so many highlights, successes and incredible learning experiences for the students, staff and parents. It is such a pleasure for me to come to school every day and be a part of this wonderful community.

Year 4 Information Night 6.15pm—7pm



Staff Farewells

Retirement of Mrs Melissa Godeassi



After 32 years of teaching Mrs Godeassi has made the decision to retire.

Melissa commenced her career in the Western suburbs as a District Reliever then taught at Kingswood Primary School for 10 years. She then finished her career at AGPS for the past 13 years.

I would like to thank Melissa for all her wonderful work during her time at AGPS and I wish her all the very best for her future plans. She has a few things in mind which will certainly keep her active.

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Miss Ebony Nijenhuis is leaving us and has a position at our neighbouring Aspendale Primary School. We wish her well with her Foundation class in 2020. Thank you for your dedication and hard work with the Year 5 students and team this year.

Thank you to **Ms Rachel Windley** who has been in Year 6 to cover Ms O'Donnell's Family Leave position. We wish Rachel all the very best with her future endeavours.

We also farewell **Mrs Karen Coltman** who has been in Year 1 covering Ms Mullucks class whilst she is also on Family Leave. I thank Karen for all her great work throughout the term and wish her all the best for the future.



Mrs Claudine Nelke and Mr Paul Elvish, our wonderful Integration Aides, are leaving us at the end of the year. Claudine has been a part of our school community for over 12 years and she will certainly be missed. We wish her well finding a position closer to home.

Paul has worked brilliantly with the students over the past year. Thank you for all your hard work Paul and enjoy you new position at Doveton P-9 school.



Teaching and Integration Staff

I would like to thank **Mr Baker** and **Mrs Walker** who do a wonderful job as our Assistant Principals. I would also like to thank our amazing teachers and integration staff who go above and beyond the call of duty. Along with their dedication to the students' academic and social development the staff provide a wide range of extra-curricular activities which include many lunch time clubs. Some of the clubs we had this year were:

Photography	Greek Club	Friendship Room	Chess Club Dodgeball	
Junior Dance	Senior Dance	Swim Squad		
Robotics	French Club	Writers Club	Crafternoon	
Junior Singing	unior Singing Science Club		Art Club	
Make a Difference Monday				



The students are very fortunate to have such a choice of activities.

Office Staff

I would also like to thank **Annie**, **Eunice**, **Rebecca** and **Glenys** who do a fantastic job keeping the office running smoothly.

School Council

Thank you to our 2019 School Council led by our President Adam Maltman. The school Council have been very supportive and our meetings have been very productive.

Thank you Adam for all your wonderful work throughout the year along with our councillors Jamie Honan, Andrew Gale, Jamie Sweatman, Melissa Ross, Mark Heenan, Matt Hill, Jonathan Baker, Nadia Walker and Kelly Cornelius. Thank you to Jono Whalan for



Matt Hill, Jonathan Baker, Nadia Walker and Kelly Cornelius. Thank you to Jono Whalan for being our Community member. A special thank you to Rebecca Russell for organising the School Council documents each month and for taking the minutes at each meeting.

<u>Fundraising Team</u>

Thank you to our amazing Fundraising Team led by **Stacy Mason** who raised an incredible **\$40,001.83** this year for our school. What an absolutely brilliant effort from the fundraising team!!

Parent Helpers

Thank you to all our parent helpers who supported learning in the classroom and assisted in the Kitchen Garden Program. Without your generous support many of our school programs would not be as successful as they are.

Families Leaving AGPS

I would like to farewell all our wonderful Year 6 families who no longer have any children at our school and also our families who are transferring to new schools. We have loved having you with us, and thank you for sharing your wonderful children with us during their time at AGPS. We wish you all the very best for all your future endeavours.

SURNAME	NAME
AMUTHAN	Rithik
BALDRY	Мас
BARTHOLOMEW	Alicia
BERENDS	Zoe
BEYDAG	Kaya
BIJELAC	Alex
BOUGATEF	Cha
BROMLEY	Todd
CATALA-PRIETO	Julian
CETINICH	Georgia
DALRYMPLE	Lara
DAVIS	Rohan
DEMCZUK	Reece & Piper
DOAK	Lachie
DRACOS	Cerise
DURI	Zahara
GAVIN	Sammi
GAZEAS	Thomas
GERAN	Charlotte
GIACONE	Ruby
GONINON	Jimmy
HARKIN	Tyler
HO LOV	Jordan

SURNAME	NAME		
HUANG	Tengyi & Tengz		
IMLACH	Cooper		
JACKMAN	Emma		
JOHNS	Caitlin		
KINGI	Chas & Teja		
КОН	Emily		
LAWRENCE	Ashton & Harper		
LAXTON	Ashlee		
LIMNEOS	Ben & Angelina		
LOSEFF-SILVER	Jonathan		
MAUGHAN	Casey		
McINERNEY	Josh		
McMULLEN	Connor		
MECONI	Charli		
MULCHANDALI	Naysa		
MULLOY	Lily		
NAGATA	Kino		
NGUYEN	Jack		
NGUYEN	Linh		
O'BRIEN	Abigail		
ORMSBY-GOARD	Jasmine		
PAWSON	Samuel		
PEARSON	Grace		

SURNAME	NAME
POLO	Emma
PUC	Denilson
RANDAZZO	Declan
RAPOPORT	Taya
RODRIGUEZ	Laila & Grace
ROUGHTON	Oliver
SARMA	Priithika
SATISH KUMAR	Naresh
SHERRY	Ava
SIPEK	Dino
SKEGGS	Olivia
SKOSYREV	Anastasia
sok-ton	Senita
STRANGE	Tom
SZABO	Carli
TAY	Maeson
TEOH	Zen
TONG	Declan & Levinia
VAKSMAN-STOVERN	Shannon
VALENTA	Maddie
VANMIDDE	Nick
WALFORD	Grace
WELSH	Josh
WENKE	Rori
WISE	Ashton

Library Books

If you have any library books or reading books still at home, please return them tomorrow. There are still quite a few outstanding, overdue books. A \$20.00 lost book fee will be required to replace the lost books.

Meet Your 2020 Teacher & Classmates

Tomorrow the students will be meeting their new teacher and classmates for the 2020 school year. The 2020 staff list is included further in the newsletter.



End of the 2019 School Year



School finishes for the holidays tomorrow, Friday 20th December, at **1.30pm.** Please ensure you have arranged for your child to be collected or make their way home at this time.

I wish everyone a happy and safe holiday and look forward to seeing everyone back on Wednesday 29th January. Thank you everyone for an absolutely fantastic year!

Thank you once again to all students, staff and parents for making our school a magnificent place to come to each day.

Cheryle Osborne

Graeme Harley

Thank you to **Graeme**, our maintenance person, who continues to provide Aspendale Gardens Primary School with invaluable services that cover building, gardening, recycling, painting, odd jobs, security and totally exceptional all round 'fix-it guy' skills. Also, thank you to Ellly who keeps our gardens looking so beautifully manicured and watered.

Canteen Ladies

A big thank you to our canteen ladies, **Sarah**, **Meagan** and **Cathy** who continue to provide lunches and snacks at very reasonable prices and always with a smile.

Instrumental Music

Thank you to our instrumental music teachers **Glen**, **Lachy**, **Matt**, **Greta** and **Katani**. The students are very fortunate to have the opportunity provided by these teachers.

A big thank you to all you amazing people. You certainly all make a very positive difference to all at AGPS.

Farewell Year 6 Students of 2019

I would like to wish all our wonderful Year 6 students all the very best as they commence their next journey. We have loved having them with us and will certainly miss their happy, smiling faces. They have been wonderful students who will be a fantastic addition to the secondary schools they will be attending. I send you off with a quote from one of our favourites – Dr Seuss "Oh the places you'll go!" Take care and enjoy every opportunity that comes your way.

Christmas Raffle and Carols Evening

We were blessed with beautiful weather for our Christmas Carols concert. Thank you to the students for



their brilliant performances, the teachers for teaching the songs and to **Mrs Nicolson** and **Mrs Davidson** for organising the evening. Thank you also to **Mr King** for being the MC on the night. Thank to our Fundraising Team and School Council for organising the Sausage Sizzle, and the Fundraising Team for organising the Christmas Raffle. It was a fantastic way to end our school year and it was wonderful seeing so many parents and extended families join us on the night.

2020 School Leaders

We announced our 2020 school leaders at our last assembly last Friday. I congratulate Charlie Dean and Mia Sardellis who are our new School Captains. I know they will be excellent leaders. I would like to thank our current School Captains Oliver and Emily. They have been fantastic. I would also like to congratulate Finn and Hana-Joy our School Vice Captains. They have also been excellent leaders who should be proud of how they have conducted themselves. The remaining leaders are listed further in the newsletter.

Student Reports

Student end of year reports have been uploaded on to Compass. They will be available for downloading after 3:45pm today. If you require any assistance accessing your child's report please call the school.

2019 Year Books

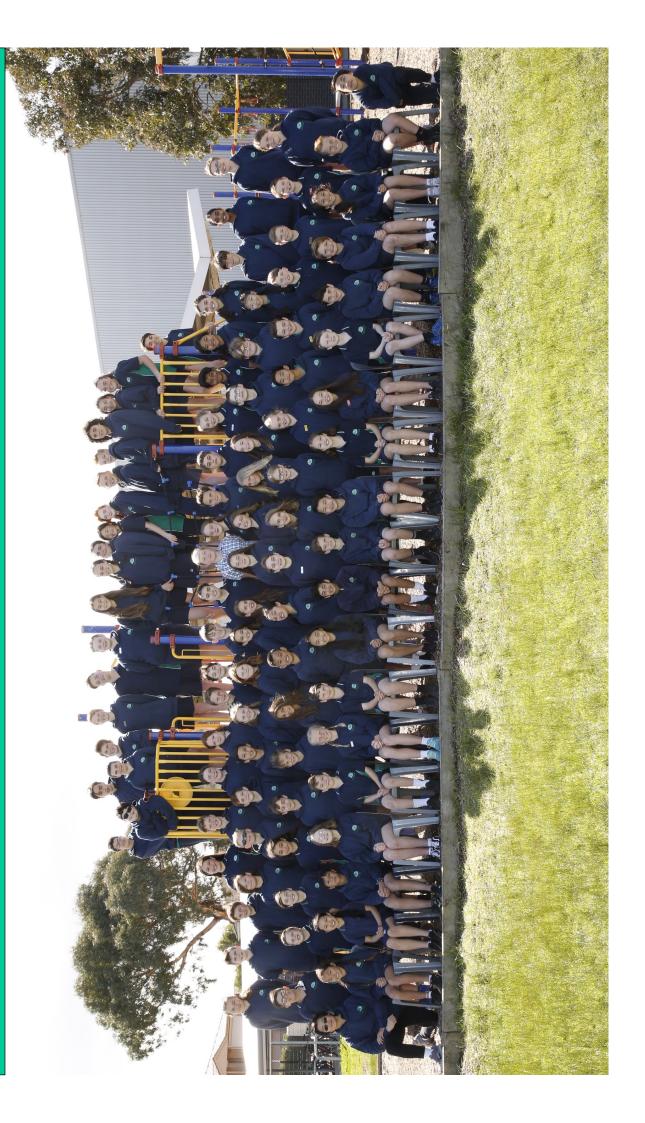
The 2019 Year Books were distributed last week to the families who pre-purchased them. Additional copies are available for sale for \$20.00. A huge thank you, once again ,to Annie for putting the Yearbook together. The end product is excellent.



'Food for Families'

This year again we supported the 'Food for Families' cause. This supports families who are not as fortunate as we are. Thank you to all to the families who supported this very worthy cause. We donated **35** large boxes of goods. Thank you to **Mrs Pallan** for organising this charitable event. It is very important to give at Christmas.

GRADUATION CLASS of 2019



STAFF LIST 2020

Principal Assistant Principal Assistant Principal Leading Teacher Student Welfare Officer / Integration Coordinator Business Manager Administration Manager Administrative Officer	Cheryle Osborne Jonathan Baker Nadia Walker Julie Lach Debbie Hatfield Rebecca Russell Annie Low Eunice Robertson
Administrative Officer Integration / Library Management / Admin Support	Eunice Robertson Glenys Balik

TEACHING STAFF

Foundation	Maddy Chapple Alex Taylor Emily Crawford Malory Cain Lauren Brodie Diana Anagnostou	FCH FTA FEC FMC FLB FDA	Room 1 Room 2 Room 3 Room 4 Room 5 Room 6
Year 1	Rena Pallan	1RP	Room 7
	Niamh Aherne	1NA	Room 8
	Kirsty Allan	1KA	Room 9
	Susan Hunt	1SH	Room 10
Year 2	Shannyn Day/ Vanessa Macdonald	2DM	Room 23
	Leanne Cairns	2LC	Room 24
	Ross Graham	2RG	Room 25
	Liz Kelly	2LK	Room 26
	Rochelle Keulen/ Liam Murphy	2RK	Room 33
Year 3	Lucy Gill	3LG	Room 11
	Fiona Davidson/ Jess Burton	3DB	Room 12
	Kylie Butcher	3KB	Room 17
	Maddie Kelly	3MK	Room 18
Year 4	Chris Taylor	4CT	Room 19
	Brooke Hiscock	4BH	Room 20
	Olivia M°Kaskill	4OM	Room 21
	Hayden Broadbent	4HB	Room 22
Year 5	Lee Wonnacott	5LW	Room 27
	Rachel Leahy	5RL	Room 28
	Athena Archer	5AA	Room 29
	Jemima Itkin	5JI	Room 30
Year 6	Jamie Briones	6JB	Room 13
	Kelly Cornelius	6KC	Room 14
	James Cracknell	6JC	Room 15
	Jackie Morrison-Woolcock	6JM	Room 16
LOTE	Mei-Lin Chu	LOTE	Room 31
	Weibin Fang (0.6)	LOTE	Room 32

SPECIALIST TEACHERS

Physical Education Braden King / Liam Murphy
Performing Arts Lucy Nicolson / Steph Kegen
Visual Arts Julie Lach / Emma Murphy

LEARNING SPECIALISTS

ICT James Cracknell Literacy Rachel Leahy

ADDITIONAL TEACHING STAFF

Release/Extra Support Rebecca Riley Hayley O'Donnell

INTEGRATION STAFF

Kaylee Athanasiou, Sarah Byrnes, Catriona Funnell, Maria Janecic, Simone Kenington, Kathy Mooney, Simone Oke, Dellayne Patterson, Marie Sherris, Dharshi Subhawickrama, Deb Watkins



Week 10 – Term 4



Foundation - Year 2





Year 3 - Year 6





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Congratulations to our 2020 Student Leaders











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2020 School Leaders

SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Mia Sardellis

Charlie Dean

VICE CAPTAINS

Teagan Lay

Jensen Srisuwan

ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERS

Maddison Stewart

Zara McAdam

Ryan Westwood

Jayaka Subhawickrama

LIBRARY TECH

Kate Earles

Indu Alappatt

VISUAL ARTS

Ellie Galileos

Cooper Stray

PERFORMING ARTS

Matilda Owen

Matilda Roka

LOTE

Ayva Quinlan

Murray Hamilton

SPORT

Miley Brown

Ruby Poppett

TECHNOLOGY

Bay Sonter

Joshua Wang

HOUSE CAPTAINS

Falcons

Amelia Balog

Jaxson Murphy

Owls

Holly Schwabe

Aidyn McLachlan

Kookaburras

Tam-Nhu Le

Lucas Merheb

Kestrels

Sarah Munro

Josh Stratton

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Christmas Raffle

Thank you to all those families who supported our Christmas raffle this year. We managed to raise \$3,495.45. The raffle was drawn after our Christmas Carols on Tuesday evening.

The winners were:

1st Prize: Di Munro (Sarah in 5EN)

2nd Prize: Maltman family (Oscar 6OH & Mackenna 4JM)

3rd Prize: Andrea Funke (Charlotte 1SH)

4th Prize: Cataldo family (Alessandro 4JB & Stefano 2NA)

5th Prize: Angela Ziagas (Stephanie 3KB & Emmanuel 1RP) 6th Prize: Cooper Boyle in 3KB

7th Prize Selena Soh in 2RL 8th Prize Kelly Cornelius (staff)

9th Prize Clare Henderson (Dylan FDA)

10th Prize Luke Pavey (Isabella 1EC)
11th Prize Lisa Wenke (Rori 6OM)
12th Prize Vicki John (Caitlin 2RL)



Thank you to the wonderful sponsors of our raffle: Steve Turner at Buxton Keysborough, Cadbury Fundraising, Bunnings Keysborough, Mordialloc Fine Foods, Adam Maltman, Village Cinemas, Mel Pereira at Precinct Travel, Bay Hotel Mordialloc, My Chemist—Aspendale Gardens, Modastique Hair & Beauty Bar, Sporting Globe Mordialloc, Emerson & Harper—Aspendale Gardens, Chelsea Heights Hotel, Lunar Drive-in, General Public Bowling and Kids Factory.

A massive thank you to the members of our Fundraising team: Stacy Mason, Michelle Darlow, Narelle Kingi, Melissa Ross, Denise Szabo, Claire Hunter, Shannon Lisson, Tracee Hill, Lisa Tagg, Electra Tounis, Annie Low, Jamie Sweatman and Jamie Heenan, and to all our parents who assisted with all our fundraising events for 2019.

2020 Fundraising Team

We are always looking for new members to join our team. By coming on board you are helping to make a difference to our school as well as making some new friends. You also don't have to put your hand up to do every fundraising event as little groups will be assigned to each event and you will only be responsible for coordinating and managing the on-the-day activity. Please consider coming to our first meeting for 2020 on Wednesday 12th February at 7.00pm in the staffroom.

Thank you all for your support this year.

Fundraising Team

2019 FUNDRAISING TOTALS

Over the year we have had a number of fundraising activities which we thank all our families and community members for supporting so generously.

The following list details funds that were raised for each activity.

Easter Raffle \$ 4,476.40 Mothers'/Fathers' Day Stall \$ 4,659.45 \$ 715.15 Entertainment / Small Ideas Book Cadbury Chocolate Drive = \$ 8,437.15 Colour Fun Run = \$12,375.92 Movie Night 78.00 \$ Disco \$ 4,116.31 Scout Raffle \$ 1,648.00 Christmas Raffle \$ 3,495.45 **TOTAL FUNDS RAISED** \$40,001.83

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IMPORTANT DATES 2020 INFORMATION NIGHTS

In 2020, we will be starting the school year off by hosting a series of Parent Information Sessions for each year level, in lieu of the 'Meet the Teacher' interviews.

The purpose of these information sessions is to ensure teachers and families have a shared understanding of the expectations for the year level, including homework expectations, important dates and events, classroom routines, weekly timetable, communication guidelines and much more!

These sessions are an important step in helping families start the new year off with confidence.

It is also a chance to meet your child's new teacher.

Please put these dates in your diary.

More information to come later.....

Year 2	Year 1	Year 3		
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Foundation	
3 rd February	4 th February	5 th February	Thursday 20 th	
5.15pm—6pm	5.15pm—6pm	5.15pm—6pm	morsady zo	
			February	
Year 4	Year 6	Year 5	5.30pm	
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	5000	
3 rd February	4 th February	5 th February		
3 rd February 6.15pm—7pm	4 th February 6.15pm—7pm	5 th February 6.15pm—7pm		

In the new year, there will be an opportunity to let your child's new



'Tis the season for fundraising!

The silly season is fast approaching and with the new Entertainment Christmas campaign about to launch, your supporters can buy a meaningful gift that also supports a worthy cause.

Easy to buy, easy to use and packed with 12-months worth of savings, the new range of Entertainment Memberships are set to be a popular addition under the Christmas tree for friends, family and colleagues.

The new Entertainment fundraiser goes live on 18th November and gives the gift-receiver a 12-month Entertainment Membership, valid from the day they activate. As a fundraiser, you'll receive 20% of the proceeds from every sale through your Online Order Page.

We have 3 New Memberships to select from:

\$11999 \$6999 Multi Plus Multi City Single City Single City Membership Unlock all 21 Memberships Unlock all 21 Memberships 1 year Digital Membership 1 year Digital Membership 2 years Digital Membership 20% goes to your fundraiser All Australia, NZ, Bali All Australia, NZ, Bali 20% goes to your fundraiser Offers refresh each year 20% goes to your fundraiser





ASPENDALE GARDENS COMMUNITY SERVICE INC. 103-105 Kearney Drive ASPENDALE GARDENS VIC 3195 Business Hours: Monday, 12pm to 3pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 9am to 3pm Thursday, 8.30am to 3pm

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AT ASPENDALE GARDENS COMMUNITY CENTRE

STORYTIME & CRAFT for kids aged 2-5 years Thursday 23 January | 10.30am to 11.30am



Bookings have opened for our Storytime & Craft session for January school holidays.

Don't miss your place and book today by calling 1300 135 668, in person at your local library or online at kingston.vic.gov.au/library

BASKETBALL ACTION Wednesday 22 January



4 to 7 years
10.00am to 12.00pm:
\$25.00
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7 to 11 years
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2020 SCHOOL TERM DATES

TERM 1: Wednesday 29 January to Friday 27 March

TERM 2: Tuesday 14 April to Friday 26 June

TERM 3 Monday 13 Jul to Friday 18 September

TERM 4: Monday 5 October to Friday 18 December

What is Small Change, Big Difference?

The Small Change, Big Difference programs allows individuals to donate their unwanted and unusable foreign coins to support UNICEF's work saving and protecting children around the world.

We believe that right now, there is approximately \$832m worth of foreign coins lying dormant across Australian homes and offices. With just over 8 million dwellings in Australia, that's an average of over \$100 in foreign currency in each.

Most people believe that their few dollars, rupees, baht or euros is not enough to make a difference, but when AUD\$1.75 is all it takes to feed a malnourished child for a day – you can help to save a life by giving to UNICEF what many think might be "useless" foreign coins.

Travel Money Oz and UNICEF have united to establish collection points for unwanted foreign coins, so that you can make a big difference with your small change. UNICEF collects coin from any country and can convert it into meaningful work to help children, especially those most disadvantaged and hardest to reach.

You can deposit your foreign coins at any Travel Money Oz outlet in Australia and donate today.



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