

# Aspendale Gardens Primary School

## Newsletter—Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April



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Primary Years Programme

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### FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

Congratulations on all your wonderful work throughout week 2 of our remote learning. I know it seems a lot longer than one and a half weeks for some. The students are producing some excellent work and hopefully daily routines are in place at home and the day is running smoothly. Routine is the key. Have your children create the daily timetable with you so they have ownership, then they are more likely to stick to it.



We have had a great deal of positive feedback from parents regarding the learning program provided by the teachers. I really thank the teachers for their dedication and willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty to ensure the remote learning works. I have also had excellent feedback from the teachers about parents doing a wonderful job and keeping their children on task. It is all very new to us all and certainly a situation we would never have thought would occur. We are all embracing the new challenges with enthusiasm and expertise (certainly in the making) so need to continue to support each other and keep in mind that this is a temporary situation. Life WILL get back to normal. So well done once again. Hang in there and remember everything does not have to be perfect. All we expect is that you and your children have done your best.

### A Wonderful Resource For Remote Learning

I know most of our parents are working from home so I would like to remind you of the **ABC ME** website which is excellent. I know it is screen time however the programs are very educational and engaging. One of my favourites is BTN (Behind the News) which is brilliant. There are also podcasts to listen to which can create some excellent family discussions. The details are below.

### **LEARNING FROM HOME**

#### **ABC ME Learning for Primary School Students**

Primary school students now have access to interactive learning resources to support their remote and flexible learning thanks to a partnership between the Victorian Government and the ABC. Minister for Education James Merlino announced this week that the first set of fifteen learning activities connected to educational programs are screening on ABC ME (20<sup>th</sup>—24<sup>th</sup> April) and have been added to the Victorian Government's new Learning from Home website:



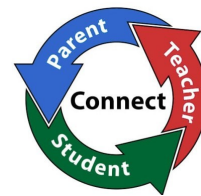
[Click here to see this week's ABC ME programs](#)

The activities for English, Mathematics, Science and Geography, have been designed for primary school students and are aligned to the Victorian Curriculum. Teachers will be able to use these resources to assist in delivering remote learning as well.

Students will be able to watch programs on TV via [ABC ME](#) or online via [ABC iview](#), and then complete learning activities linked to the programs. The activities are engaging and fun so please access these if you need something extra for your children at home.

### Teacher Parent Contact – No Caller ID

Teachers have been ringing parents to check in and say 'hi' to the students. The teachers have their phone setting on "No Caller ID" so if you don't normally answer those calls could you make the exception during this time as some parents have not answered their phone. It is important that teachers make these calls to connect with the students, answer any questions, offer support and motivate the students.



### 2021 Foundation Enrolments



If you have a child starting in Foundation next year we have the enrolment packs ready to be collected from the office. You can also access the enrolment form on our website [www.agps.vic.edu.au](http://www.agps.vic.edu.au)—just go to our home page. Thank you to Malory Cain and Maddy Chapple for all their work in this area. Also thank you Annie for her organisation and putting the packs together.

### Year 7 Applications for 2021

Last week Mr Baker posted a Compass information letter to Year 6 parents about the secondary school application process. This included a link to the Department of Education site with important information. This week all Year 6 parents should have received an application form in the post, to complete and return to school. Due to the COVID-19 situation, the deadline for returning these application forms has been extended and will now be Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May. Mr Baker will be posting another Compass update on Friday for parents with answers to some frequently asked questions.



### School Photos



We were expecting the photos to be delivered this week. We are not sure why the delay however we have been making regular contact with the company. We will let you know when they arrive.

If you urgently need your child's school photo then you will be able to collect it from school, following the delivery. If it is not urgent you will receive them the first day the students return to school.

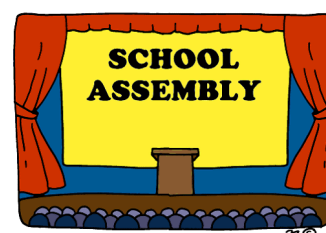
### On-site Attendance

If you are an essential service worker and require your child to be supervised on site please send in the application form by Thursday the week before. The forms will be available on Compass each week. If your child can stay at home they **MUST** stay at home. School is only for children of **ESSENTIAL SERVICE WORKERS ONLY** where **BOTH** parents are in the approved industry and cannot work from home. We have volunteers only at school to look after the children. At school it is the same as remote learning. There are no formal classes occurring as all classroom teachers are teaching from home.



### Assembly Today

There will be an on-line assembly uploaded today for you to view. The link is in Compass. We would love for you and your children to visit. There are a few messages and information about ANZAC Day which is tomorrow, Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April.



Thank you all once again for your patience and understanding.

Take care.

**Cheryle Osborne**





**Week 8 – Term 1**

**Foundation – Year 2**

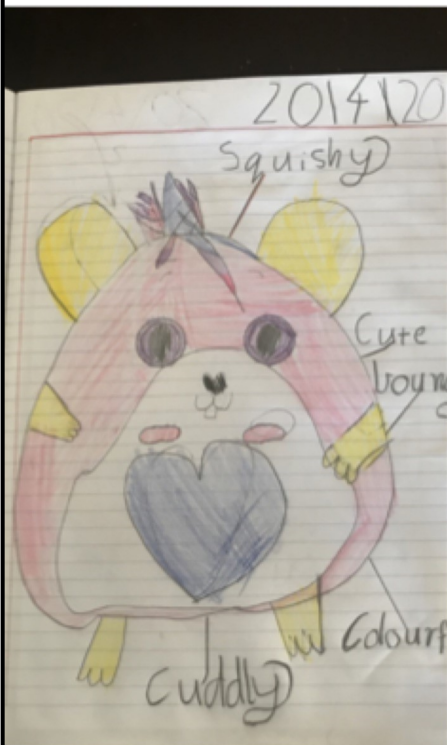
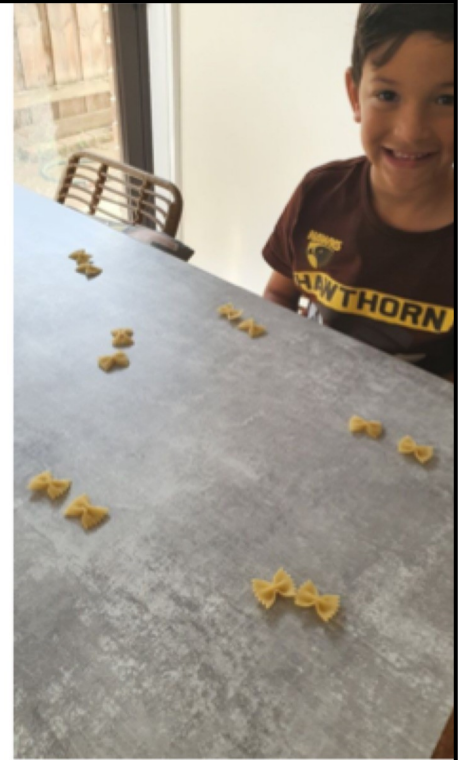


**Year 3 – Year 6**





Year 1 students have had a great start to Remote Learning and are producing some fabulous work! In Writing, they started with an acrostic poem about themselves and then came up with amazing adjectives to describe their favourite toys. In Maths, we challenged them to create equal groups and their ideas were so creative! Well done Year 1s!





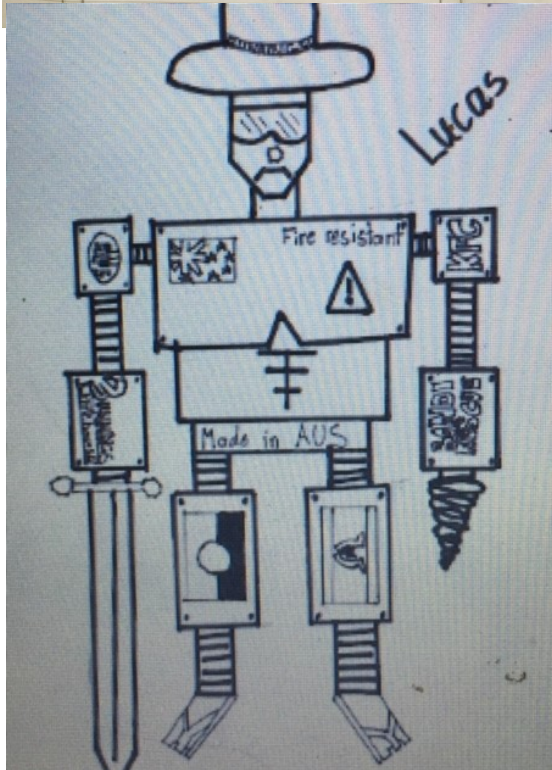
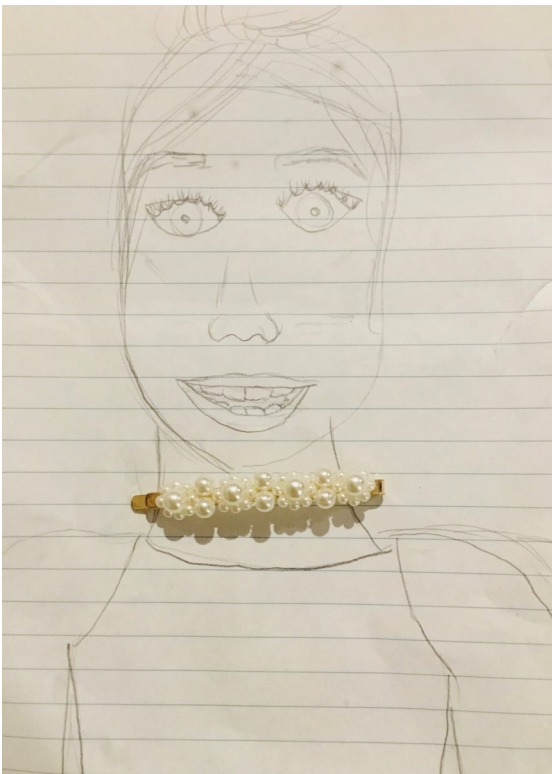
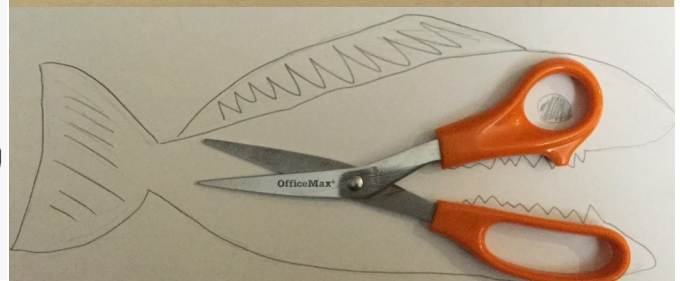
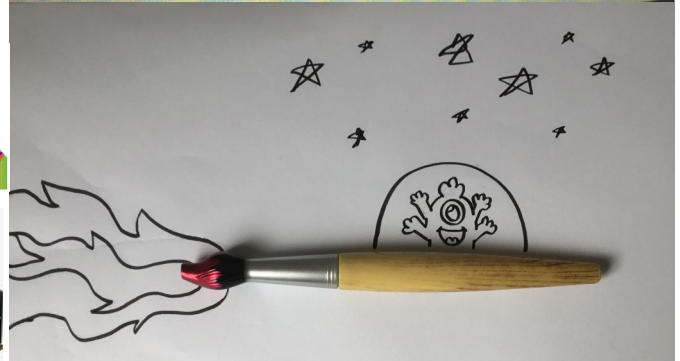
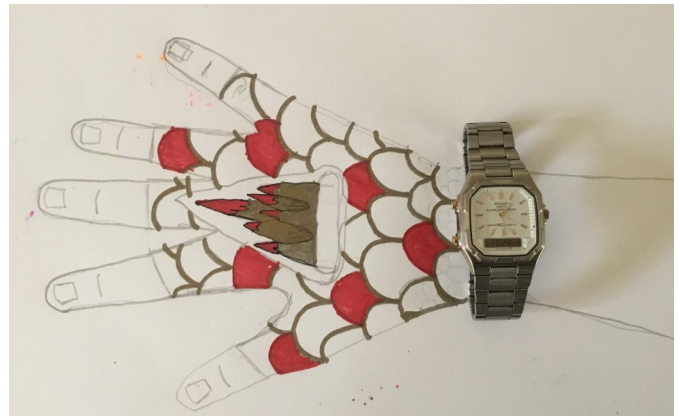
# COOL ARTS this week...DRAWING CHALLENGES



SOOO excited to see everyone having a go.....lots of fun and really great ideas! We are LOVING seeing what you are creating and loving even more hearing how you enjoyed our lessons and can't wait until next

week!! See you all next Tuesday on Class DOJO!!

*Mrs Murphy and Mrs Lach*







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