Aspendale Gardens Primary School Newsletter—Thursday 11th November



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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.

	<u>2021</u>	DIARY		
NOVEMBER		DECEMBER		
Friday 12	Year 6 Graduation Payment Due	Thursday 2	Year 5 Expedition to Mars	
	Yearbook Cover Competition		5DG and 5RL	
	Winners Announced @ Assembly	Friday 3	Year 5 Expedition to Mars	
Thursday 18	2022 Foundation Transition		5AA and 5LW	
	Session 3 @ 2:30pm—3:20pm	Tuesday 7	2021 Foundation Orientation Day	
Tuesday 23	2022 Year 6 Hoodie & Polo		9:10am—10:30am	
	Orders Close		Year 6 to Year 7 Orientation Day	
Wednesday 24	Year 1 Gould League Excursion		(Government Secondary Schools)	
Thursday 25	School Production (in-house)	Wednesday 8	Year 6 Graduation	

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents.

Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey Report

Thank you to the parents who completed our Department of Education Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey in September. We have received the preliminary results, which we will use to evaluate our school programs, policies and procedures. We have a goal within our school's Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) which relates to our Parent Opinion Survey. This year's goals were:

School Communication / Support

Last year we received a 78% positive response and set a target of 85% this year. RESULTS: 81%

Teacher Communication

Last year we received a 73% positive response and set a target of 75% this year. RESULTS: 76%

Teacher Communication sub-section:

Teachers communicate with me often enough about my child's progress.

Last year we received 64% positive response and set a target of 70% this year. RESULTS: 70%

Areas for Celebrations include:

School Support – 'Able to get the information I need through the school's communication channels.' (95%)

Physical Environment – 'The school has clean and well maintained grounds and facilities.' (92%)

Stimulating Learning Environment – 'Teachers are very good at making learning engaging.' (88%)

Effective Teaching - 'Teachers are enthusiastic and positive about teaching.' (92%)

Student Agency + Voice - 'Provides opportunities to develop a sense of responsibility.' (91%)

Managing Bullying – 'My child feels safe at school.' (95%)

Promoting Positive Behaviour – 'Teachers at this school model positive behaviour.' (91%)

Respect for Diversity – 'School treats my child with respect.' (95%)

School Connectedness – 'School gives my child opportunities to participate in school activities.' (95%)

Positive Transitions – 'My child has been supported this year to adjust to his/her new Year Level.' (91%)

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Areas that we need to evaluate and action further:

School Support – 'Feel comfortable about approaching this school with any concerns.'

School Improvement – 'The school has a clear understanding of its strengths and areas for improvement.' **Effective Teaching** – 'Understand how my child is assessed.'

Our School Parent Survey - Remote Learning

Thank you to all the parents who have responded so far to our school-based survey. We will leave it open for one more week. The link is: https://forms.gle/7QgEryvrhGNMd8Th7

Thank you to the parents who have already completed the survey. We really appreciate your feedback.

Yearbook Front Cover Competition

Well done to all those students who entered the Yearbook Front Cover Competition. The competition closed yesterday. The winners will be announced at an upcoming assembly. The best drawing will be placed on the front cover of the yearbook and the next four best drawings will be placed on the back cover.



Masks

Please remind your children if they are in Year's 3 – 6 to remember to bring their mask to school. They can leave them in their tubs overnight to use the next day. Also, please provide them with spare masks in a zip lock bag that can be kept in their school bag.

Kinder Transition Program

Our 2022 Foundation students had their second transition session this morning. The students are settling into school life already and enjoying their time in the classroom. There is one more session to go next week and then orientation day on Tuesday 7th December.



WEEK	DATE	SESSION	TIME
Week 7	Thursday 18th November	Transition Session 3	2:30pm – 3:20pm
Week 10	Tuesday 7th December	Orientation Day	9:10am – 10:30am

2022 Year 6 Hoodie & Polo Tops

Orders for next year's Year 6 commemorative hoodies and polo tops close on Tuesday 23rd November.

Please ensure that you choose the correct size for your child – they can grow a lot in 12 months. Students' preferred names will be used on the back of the garments.

Well Done Alisha!

Alisha Henderson in 1DA has cut her hair and donated it to children with cancer. What a wonderful and thoughtful thing to do!! Here is a photo of her new hairstyle.

Leaving AGPS at the End of the Year? Please Let Us Know

If you are moving and leaving AGPS at the end of the year, please let the office know as we will soon be placing students in classes for next year.



Class	Relocating To	New School's Name
_	Class	Class Relocating To

IB PYP Evaluation Review

Aspendale Gardens Primary School was involved in the IB PYP Evaluation process over three days in August. The aim of this evaluation is for the IB to ensure that the standards and practices of the programme are being maintained. AGPS passed with flying colours. Some of the commendations were:



Commendations:

The school is commended for:

- 1. The school is commended for its clear vision, collaborative planning and open communication that ensures that the school community understands and is committed to the programme.
- 2. The school references key IB documentation and policy and this clearly informs decision making supporting programme implementation.
- 3. The school is commended on its collaborative culture and ensuring the school community's commitment to a collaborative approach to curriculum development.
- 4. The school engages international mindedness through the broad use of the learner profile.
- 5. The school is commended on specialist learning areas that have been developed to support the arts, language, environmental studies, sport and technology.
- 6. The school is commended on its facilities and specialist learning areas that are well-organised and maintained to a very high standard.
- 7. The school is commended for ensuring that the school community optimizes learning opportunities and available resources to address concepts relating to human commonality, diversity and multiple perspectives. This is particularly evident regarding embedding authentic and culturally sensitive indigenous Australian culture.
- 8. The school has built a stimulating learning environment based on understanding and respect throughout the school community.
- 9. The school is commended on its strong focus on ensuring teaching and learning empowers students to take self-initiated action as a result of the learning.
- 10. The school is commended on its review and implementation of assessment practices.

Recommendations:

- 1. The school should provide access to the programme of inquiry and overall learning expectations to members of the school community through its website and school publications.
- The school should consider reviewing and developing systems and processes such as three-way interviews and student-led conferences for reporting student progress.



The overall result of the evaluation was excellent. The commendations were extensive and the recommendations very few.

Kelly Cornelius, our PYP coordinator, is to be commended for her excellent work collating the information for our evaluation. It is an enormous task and one that was completed to an exceptionally high standard.

The teachers are also to be congratulated on their input into the evaluation process. It was a brilliant team effort where their work in the IB PYP area was acknowledged, commended and celebrated.



Enjoy your weekend and stay safe.

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FROM THE OFFICE



Borrowed School Devices

For those students/families who borrowed iPads during remote learning, please hold on to these devices until further notice. We will look into retrieving these in Week 10 of this term.

2022 Year 6 Commemorative Garments

The 2022 Year 6 Commemorative Garments order form has been sent home via our Compass app. Please keep in mind that these garments will still need to fit your child at the end of next year, so it can be a good idea to purchase one size bigger, especially in the hoodie or if you dry clothes in a clothes dryer.



Please ensure that paper order forms are returned to the school office for database entry by **NO LATER** than Tuesday 23rd November. To enable an early February delivery we cannot accept any late orders.

Take care & stay safe,

Annie & Eunice

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

Our supply of second hand uniforms is getting quite low - particularly Sizes 4 & 6.

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

CANTEEN IS OPEN

Our canteen is open again for LUNCH ORDERS ONLY

Please place orders using our QKR app.
Window sales will not be available just yet—we will let you know when this service becomes available.

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Saturday/Sunday 9:00am - 6:00pm

Monday - Friday 2:00pm - 6:00pm



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ONLINE EVENTS

Free ZUMBA Online



When: Thursday

Time: 7.00pm to 7.30pm

For more information go to: Zumba Michelle Bayside VIC page on Facebook

JKA KARATE Online

When: Monday, Wednesday & Friday | Time: 6.00pm to 7.00pm

Cost: \$99.00 (pro rata for term) + JKA Insurance (plus \$15.00 AGCS annual membership if not already paid)

Bookings are essential



Scan the code

or go to: www.trybooking.com/BUNVE

The zoom link will be sent once booking and payment have been made.

If you would like any further information about the above activities or programs at our Centre, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Aspendale Life Saving Club Nippers Progran





2021 Nippers Program

With COVID safety procedures in place, we're ready to get back in the water!

Nippers will be held on Sunday mornings, commencing Sunday 28 November.

To register, head to aspendalelsc.com.au

Participants carers must be COVID vaccinated as per Life Saving Victoria Regulations.



Our stores are still open for Online orders and Click & Collect

If you place your online order by 11pm on Monday evenings we will have it prepared for despatch or contactless Click & Collect from our stores between 1pm and 5pm every Tuesday only.

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