



# Aspendale Gardens Primary School

## Newsletter—Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November

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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.

### Year 3 Parent iPad Information Night

**TUESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 6.30pm—7.15pm**

### MUSIC SOIREE—Drums, Violin & Vocal

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November—6.00pm**

### MUSIC SOIREE—Guitar & Keyboard

**Wednesday 27<sup>TH</sup> November — 6.00pm**

### 2019 DIARY

#### NOVEMBER

Monday 11 Foundation Swimming Begins  
 Tuesday 12 Year 6 Click Against Hate Refresher  
**Year 3 iPad Information Night**  
**6.30pm—7.15pm in Library**  
 Wednesday 13 Junior Sports Day 9.00am—11.00am  
 Thursday 14 Year 5 Scienceworks Excursion  
 Friday 15 Year 2 Sleepover at School  
 Monday 18 Swim Squad Begins 7.30am—8.30am  
 School Council Meeting –7.00pm  
 Wednesday 20 Year 4 McClelland Sculpture Garden  
 Wednesday 20 Year 5 Mordialloc College Transition  
**Music Soiree 1—Drum, Violin & Vocal**  
 Monday 25 Year 5 & 6 Beach Program Begins  
 Wednesday 27 **Music Soiree 2—Guitar & Keyboard**

#### DECEMBER

Monday 2 Year 5 RSPCA Excursion  
 Monday 9 Year 5 Leadership Incursion  
 School Council Meeting & Dinner  
 Tuesday 10 **Year 6 to Year 7 Orientation Day for Government Secondary Schools Only**  
 2020 Foundation Orientation Session (9.05am—10.00am)  
 Wednesday 11 Year 4 Public Spaces Event  
 Year 5 RSPCA Excursion  
 Thursday 12 Year 6 Graduation—7.00pm in Gym  
 Tuesday 17 AGPS Community Christmas Carols  
 Xmas Raffle Draw at 7.30pm  
 Wednesday 18 Year 6 Luna Park  
 Thursday 19 School Reports available via Compass  
 Friday 20 Class Transition 10.20am—11.00am  
**End of the 2019 School Year**

### FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

#### “Alice at AGPS” Art Expo

Last night we celebrated our students' absolutely magnificent artwork. It was fantastic to see so many of our families join us to enjoy this spectacular event. A huge thank you to **Mrs Lach** and **Mrs Murphy** for all their hard work to enable this Art Expo to go ahead. Mrs Lach and Mrs Murphy should also be very proud of the creative and engaging Visual Arts program they provide for our students.

The children should be very proud of their art pieces. Our grandparents also visited our Art Expo where the students proudly showed them their wonderful art pieces. We really value the Arts at AGPS and appreciate and celebrate the talent of our excellent teachers.

### Grandparents' Day

What a wonderful morning we have had with so many of our grandparents present at our morning assembly followed by engaging activities in the classrooms. Thank you to **Mrs Nicolson** for the wonderful student performances which included the Glee Club and 2 school bands. Well done to the students who performed. It was both band's first performance and what an audience they had to perform in front of, with well over 1000 people in the hall.

Thank you so much to all the grandparents who attended and to our parents who accompanied them. I'm sure the grandparents loved their time in the classrooms as much as our students loved having them there. The students enjoyed showing their grandparents around our vegetable garden and our "Alice at AGPS" Art Expo. Thank you to the children for their lovely comments shown on the big screen at assembly. We really appreciate the amazing support we have on grandparent's day and it is also a great time to reflect on family members who are a very special part of our lives.

### Year 3 Parent iPad Information Night

Next Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> November, we have our Year 3 Parent iPad Information Night. All parents of Year 3 students are requested to attend in preparation for our Year 4 iPad program.

**Mr Cracknell** will outline the goals of the program, device specification requirements and information on our iPad agreement. The session runs from 6.30pm – 7.15pm in the library.



### Junior Sports Day

Next Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> November, we will celebrate our Junior Sports Day for Foundation to Year 2 students. This will run from 9.00am – 11.00am. Children are asked to wear their House colours.

**Falcons – blue, Kestrels – green, Kookaburras – red & Owls – yellow.**

Please come along and enjoy a great morning cheering on our students in our junior classes.

### Year 2 Royal Flying Doctor's Incursion

Yesterday our Year 2 students were treated to a visit from the "The Royal Flying Doctor Helicopter Aeromedical Simulator" as a part of their inquiry into transport. The students experienced a flight and medical simulator, and participated in other activities and entertaining games.



### Foundation Swimming

Next Monday our Foundation intensive swimming program begins. Please remember students need to wear their bathers under their uniform and don't forget your towel and goggles. Thank you to **Mr King** for making all the arrangements for this program.

### Compass Log In

All student reports will be sent to parents electronically via Compass at the end of the year. If you do not have a log in please contact the office as soon as possible to set this up. If you do not have access to a printer please contact the office and a hard copy can be provided.



### Enrolments for 2020 and Departures at the End of 2019

Our enrolments at Foundation level for 2020 have now closed except for those families who live in Aspendale Gardens and Waterways. If you have not as yet enrolled a sibling for 2020 and live locally, please do so as soon as possible. This will assist us immensely with our staffing processes for 2020.

If you know you are definitely moving from Aspendale Gardens Primary School at the end of this year could you please let the office know ASAP. This will greatly assist our planning for 2020 also. Thank you to those families who have already let us know.

Name of Student	Class	Relocating To	New School's Name

Have a fantastic weekend everyone.

**Cheryle Osborne**





# Week 4 – Term 4



## Foundation – Year 2



## Year 3 – Year 6





# 24 Challenge Winners



## Chess Competition





## CHESS

This year has been another very competitive year for our chess players who meet on a Friday lunchtime. A number of new students have attended and improved their understanding of the rules.

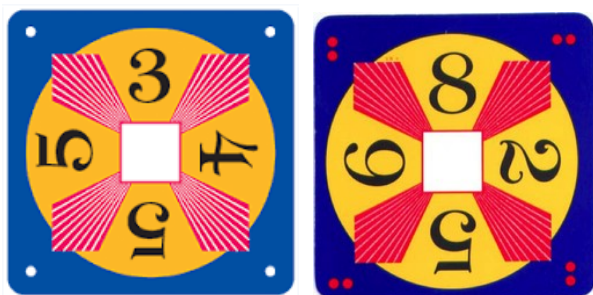
The semi finals of the competition were held two weeks ago between Lachlan W, Julian C-P, Oliver D-R and James N. The final was contested between Lachlan W and Julian C-P and was won by Lachlan W. A big congratulations to Lachlan who has won the year level competition each year since he was in Year 3. A great effort!

Thank you to all the students who have attended the Chess Club this year and we look forward to another good year of chess in 2020.



## MATHS 24 COMPETITION

Last week, during Maths Week, the finals of the 24 competition were held. The 24 Game is a number card game where the player needs to identify a way to use all 4 numbers and any of the 4 operations to make the number 24. An example card can be seen below:



The students who made it through to the finals had a play-off against other finalists from their year group.

Congratulations to all our winners:

Year 1 – Akshat K

Year 2 – Emmett B + Tommy T

Year 3 – Eric Z

Year 4 – Brooke S

Year 5 – Jamie W

Year 6 – Hana-Joy L





Primary Years  
Programme

## PYP in Year 1: Sharing the planet



An inquiry into rights and responsibilities in the struggle to share finite resources with other people and with other living things; communities and the relationships within and between them; access to equal opportunities; peace and conflict resolution



### Visit to Gould League

The Year 1s kicked off Term 4 by exploring our new unit of inquiry: ***'Everybody has a responsibility to minimise their waste impact'***.

We visited the Gould League and explored the many ways we can make small changes to help our environment and sort waste to ensure we are being sustainable. We explored worms and composting, the recycling process, as well as learning how to make smarter choices when shopping. We came back with a great understanding of the '5 Rs' and have already begun taking action around the school and at home.

We encourage everyone to make small changes such as refusing straws, using reusable bags and containers and even start a small compost bin at home!



Year 1 team

Mrs Walker – Assistant Principal & PYP Coordinator





# Performing Arts @ AGPS

## Recorder Club

Recorder Club is held on Thursdays first half of lunch time in the Performing Arts studio. Year's 3 to 6 are welcome. Don't forget to bring recorders back to school.



## Glee Club



'Glee Club' is accepting new members for Christmas concerts.

Rehearsals are held on Tuesdays at 8.30am in the Performing Arts studio. We are scheduled to perform at 12 noon, at the Aspendale Gardens Community Day on Saturday 30th November. Please return permission slips ASAP so I can accept the engagement if we have enough singers available. We are also performing on Tuesday 10th December at the Community Centre at 2.30pm.

## Music

We just took delivery of two octaves of Federation Handbells on loan from the Museum of Victoria! Stay tuned for our performances!



## Christmas CD



All levels are busy rehearsing a Christmas song for our first AGPS CD being recorded on Monday 18th November! Order forms available soon. They will make great presents for all the family!

## Bands

We currently have a Year 6 band and a Year 5 band who made their debut at Grandparents' Day Assembly. We have six competent keyboard and guitar players waiting to start more bands. Next week I will be auditioning drummers and singers!

Get practicing!! Merry music making Mrs Nicolson.

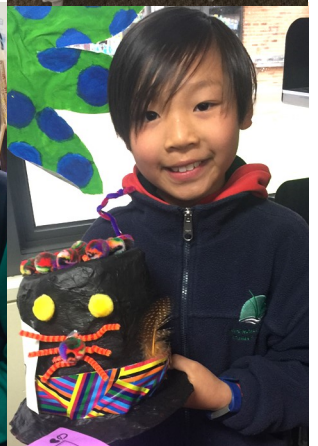
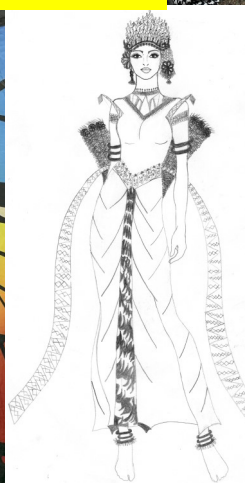
## 2020 TERM DATES

TERM 1:	Wednesday 29 January—Friday 27 March
TERM 2:	Tuesday 14 April—Friday 26 June
TERM 3	Monday 13 July—Friday 18 September
TERM 4:	Monday 5 October—Friday 18 December





# 'ALICE @ AGPS' ART EXPO





# Line Dancing

Dancing is known to improve strength in older adults, as well as increase balance and flexibility, leading to better stability and few injuries.



Monday

1.00pm to 2.00pm

\$10.00 per class

103-105 Kearney Drive, Aspendale Gardens

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## FREE INFORMATION SESSIONS

### RETIREMENT VILLAGES

If you are thinking of moving into a retirement village, this information session is for you!

When: Tuesday 26 November

Time: 10.30am to 11.30am

Bookings essential: [www.trybooking.com/BFIGB](http://www.trybooking.com/BFIGB)

### FAKE TRADIES

Beware of the scammers and fake tradies at your doorstep. This session will empower you to safeguard yourself and your family.

When: Tuesday 19 November

Time: 10.30am to 11.30am

Bookings essential: [www.trybooking.com/BFIHI](http://www.trybooking.com/BFIHI)

Aspendale Gardens Community Centre

103-105 Kearney Drive, Aspendale Gardens

Tel: 9587 5955



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## OSTEOPATHY

- back and neck pain
- headaches
- sporting injuries
- pregnancy and children
- upper and lower limb pain

## MASSAGE

- remedial massage
- relaxation massage
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- lymphatic drainage

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## NEW LOCAL FUN RUN OVER 6.6KM AND 2.2KM

**BANGHOLME/CHELSEA HEIGHTS  
10 NOVEMBER 2019**

Come and run on the beautiful local horse racing track in Melbourne Cup week. Prizes (medals and sponsors awards) for top 3 males and females in many age groups.



A fun family day with a variety of activities for all. For more info see:  
**[jolongparkfunrun.com](http://jolongparkfunrun.com) • 0412 206 821**

## 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.

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