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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.



FRIDAY 29TH MARCH

CURRICULUM DAY – SMART Spelling PD

NO Students Required at School on this Day

DIARY

FEBRUARY

Monday 4	Life Education Van Lessons Begin
Tuesday 5	Swim Squad Training (7.30am – 8.30am)
Wednesday 6	Fundraising Team 'Meet & Greet' 7pm In the Staffroom
Tuesday 12	School Photo Day – please bring your envelope with payment on the day Buddy Bear Picnic 5pm – 6.30pm on the Basketball Court
Thursday 14	Running Group Begins 7.30am – 8.30am
Monday 18	Year 6 Canberra Tour Begins
Thursday 21	Foundation 'Home Learning' Information Session (5.00pm – 6.00pm)

FEBRUARY

Friday 22	Foundation 'Home Learning' Information Session (9.15am – 10.15am)
	Year 6 Canberra Tour Returns
Monday 25	'Meet the Teacher' Sessions 3.40pm – 6.00pm
Wednesday 27	'Meet the Teacher' Sessions 3.40pm – 7.00pm

MARCH

Friday 1	Premier's Reading Challenge Begins
Tuesday 5	'Think U Know' Cyber Safety Presentation – 6.30pm in the Library
Wednesday 6	COLOUR FUN RUN (2.30pm - 3.30pm)

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to all of our wonderful families for the commencement of the 2019 school year. A special welcome to all our Foundation students and to our new families. We look forward to sharing an exciting and successful educational journey with you. This year we welcome 706 students from 499 families. The Foundation students have settled in extremely well. Judging by the smiles on both children and teachers faces, we look forward to another fabulous year at Aspendale Gardens Primary School. A huge thank you to the teachers who came in over the holidays to ensure their classrooms were ready for the students. The rooms look brilliant. Thank you also to the office staff who came in to prepare for the start of the school year.

Welcome New Staff Members

It is with great pleasure that I welcome our eight new teachers this year. We have a second Assistant Principal – Mrs Nadia Walker, Mrs Lucy Nicolson – Performing Arts, Hayden Broadbent – Year 4, Ebony Nijenhuis – Year 5, Liam Murphy – Physical Education, Rebecca Riley – Year 3, Dharshi Subhawickrama - Integration Aide and Yaoyuao Liu our new Chinese Assistant. We welcome our new staff members and are looking forward to having them with us. There is a staff list with teachers and grades listed attached to today's newsletter.

Welcome Back Returning Teachers

I would like to welcome back Ms Shannyn Day in Year 2 who has returned from family leave.

School Photos

The 2019 school photos will be taken on **Tuesday 12th February**. Envelopes will be distributed as soon as they arrive. Payment can be made by credit card on-line, or payment by cash can be made on Photo Day. Students must present their own envelope to the photographer on Photo Day. Envelopes are not sent to school prior to Photo Day.

If you would like to have a Family Photo of your children please collect a Family Photo envelope from the office prior to Photo Day.

Working with Children Checks

As part of the Education Department's guidelines and school accountability, we now require each parent volunteer at our school to please obtain a "Working with Children Check". These will need to be seen at the school office as you sign in. If you already have a WWCC please ensure it is current.
Please obtain these ASAP as we value your support for our school programs.

School Council Notice of Election



Nominations for the Aspendale Gardens Primary School Council will be called for later this month. Please consider applying for a position. It is an excellent opportunity to become more involved in your child's school.

Facilities Update

During the holidays Graeme, our amazing maintenance man, was busy at school organising jobs to be completed. Eight classrooms were painted, two new gates were installed, one on the oval and another that can access the garden area. Two new air conditioners were installed in the small hall (CLC) which was excellent for the holiday care program. The student toilets were painted and Graeme finished the edging around the garden in the courtyard. Graeme also fixed the fence which was damaged by a tree and installed a new dishwasher in the Kitchen. Well done Graeme – excellent work.

Kiss and Go

Thank you to Michelle Galileos for organising the wheel stoppers in Kerr Crescent. They have been installed to prevent the cars parking over the footpath so there is more shared space for pedestrians and bike riders. The remaining section will be completed in the coming weeks.

'Meet the Teacher' Evenings for Parents of Students in Years 1 - 6

On Monday 25th February and Wednesday 27th February we will be hosting our 'Meet the Teacher Evenings' for Years 1 – 6 parents. This will be an opportunity to meet your child's new teacher and to pass on any useful information that will assist in ensuring a positive school year ahead. Bookings will open on Tuesday 8th February.

Bookings can be made through your Compass Account. <https://agps.vic.jdlf.com.au/>

If you have forgotten your password, there is a 'can't access your account' option where you will be asked to give your Compass Username, or alternatively your linked email address or linked mobile phone number. Should you still not be successful please contact the school office.

Parents of Foundation students will have the opportunity to meet with their child's teacher during their Wednesday assessment session in February.

School Uniform Policy

Attached to today's newsletter is our Uniform Policy. Please familiarise yourselves with the expected requirements. The main things we have noticed that have been slipping is the wearing of hats that are not school hats and hair that is not tied back that is past shoulder length. Hair tied back is a very important one as it decreases the spread of head lice if we ever have an outbreak. We have sports tops now for the Year 5 and 6 students. The Year 5 students can wear these on Thursdays only for their sports sessions and the Year 6 students on Fridays only for their sports sessions.

School Levy Payment/Excursion Levy



Thank you to all the parents who have already paid their school fees. We request that all families please pay the school fees by **no later than** Friday 22nd February. If you are opting to pay the Excursion Levy up front for the year, the final date for payment for this is also Friday 22nd February. If you are having any difficulties regarding payment of fees, please make an appointment to arrange a payment plan with our Business Manager, Rebecca Russell.

Foundation Families Buddy Bear Picnic

As a welcome to our new Foundation students and their families, we will be hosting a Buddy Bear picnic on the school's basketball court. This will be held on Tuesday 12th February at 5.00pm to 6:30pm. Parents are invited to bring along a picnic dinner to have at school. This is a wonderful chance for all parents to meet other parents in an informal and friendly atmosphere. We hope you can join us for this happy occasion.



Energy Drinks

Please remind your children that energy drinks, fizzy drinks and Sherbet Straws are not appropriate food for school. The imbalance of the sugar and caffeine infusion affects behaviour and concentration levels.



Asthma / Anaphylaxis /Allergy Plans



Documentation regarding student asthma plans is available from the office. Please update your child's details and return to the office as soon as possible. Parents of anaphylactic children and children with allergies should visit the office to update necessary paperwork and provide appropriate medication. Please ensure that the school has medication that is 'in date'.



Year 6 Camp

The Year 6 Camp is **only** three weeks away. Some parents need to finalise payment. In addition, some student's medical forms are yet to be returned. Please hand payments and medical forms to classroom teachers. Please return these ASAP so final preparations for the camp can be completed.



Year 5 Camp

The Year 5 Camp is in the final week of this term Monday 1st April – Friday 5th April. If you have not returned your 'Expression of Interest' form and deposit please complete these as soon as possible. The 1st instalment of \$100.00 is due on Monday 25th February. The total cost of the Year 5 Camp is \$470.00.

I am delighted to be back at school. We have had a magnificent start and I look forward to another fabulous year at Aspendale Gardens Primary School.

Cheryle Osborne

2019 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 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 involved with coordinating and managing the on-the-day activity. Please consider coming to our first meeting for 2019 on **Wednesday 6th February at 7.00pm** in the staffroom. We look forward to seeing some new faces!

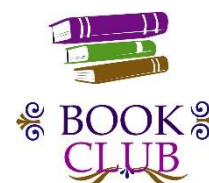


Fundraising Team

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Club

Scholastic Book Club Issue #1 brochures will be going home during the next week. All money and orders need to be back to the school by Thursday 14th February. To place orders online head to **scholastic.com.au/LOOP** or download the app, and follow the prompts. For families unfamiliar with Book Club it is a service provided by Scholastic Australia to schools enabling parents to purchase books and resources for students at reasonable prices. Every purchase made through Scholastic awards our school with reward points which we then use to purchase new books and equipment for our school.



Library Helpers

Our library is a hive of activity and utilized by all students in the school. We are always looking for people to help out in the library. If you can spare some time to help shelve books please leave your details with the ladies in the office. Thank you.

CANTEEN NEWS

With a new year starting parents will need to update or set-up their child's details on QKR before placing canteen lunch orders. The canteen is open on Thursdays and Fridays for lunch orders and over the counter sales at lunchtime. The canteen is closed from Mondays – Wednesdays.

SECOND HAND AGPS UNIFORMS

We have second-hand AGPS uniforms for sale. Each garment is \$5.00. Cupboards are located at the end of the Admin building near the staffroom. If you have any uniforms in very good condition that your child has outgrown, please consider donating these items to our second-hand supplies. Just drop your **laundered** items into the lovely office ladies.



STAFF LIST 2019

Principal
 Assistant Principal
 Assistant Principal
 Leading Teacher
 Student Welfare Officer / Integration Coordinator
 Business Manager
 Administration Manager
 Administrative Officer
 Integration / Library Management / Admin Support

Cheryle Osborne
 Jonathan Baker
 Nadia Walker
 Julie Lach
 Debbie Hatfield
 Rebecca Russell
 Annie Low
 Eunice Robertson
 Glenys Balik

TEACHING STAFF

Foundation	Diana Anagnostou	Room 1	FDA
	Alex Taylor	Room 2	FTA
	Maddy Chapple	Room 3	FCH
	Malory Cain	Room 4	FMC
	Lauren Brodie	Room 5	FLB
Year 1	Karli Mullucks	Room 6	1KM
	Rena Pallan	Room 7	1RP
	Emily Crawford	Room 8	1EC
	Kirsty Allan	Room 9	1KA
	Susan Hunt	Room 10	1SH
Year 2	Rachel Leahy	Room 23	2RL
	Leanne Cairns	Room 24	2LC
	Kira Fischer / Rochelle Keulen	Room 25	2FK
	Niamh Aherne	Room 26	2NA
	Chris Taylor / Shannyn Day	Room 33	2TD
Year 3	Lucy Gill	Room 11	3LG
	Maddie Kelly	Room 12	3MK
	Kylie Butcher	Room 17	3KB
	Lee Wonnacott / Rebecca Riley	Room 18	3WR
Year 4	Ross Graham	Room 19	4RG
	Jackie Morrison-Woolcock	Room 20	4JM
	Jamie Briones	Room 21	4JB
	Hayden Broadbent	Room 22	4HB
Year 5	Brooke Hiscock	Room 27	5BH
	Ebony Nijenhuis	Room 28	5KC
	Athena Archer	Room 29	5AA
	Jemima Itkin	Room 30	5JI
Year 6	Kelly Cornelius	Room 13	6KC
	Hayley O'Donnell	Room 14	6OH
	James Cracknell	Room 15	6JC
	Olivia McKaskill	Room 16	6OM
LOTE	Mei-Lin Chu	Room 31	LOTE
	Weibin Fang (0.6)	Room 32	LOTE
	Yaoyuao Liu	Chinese Teacher Assistant	

LEARNING SPECIALISTS

Mathematics	Chris Taylor and Lee Wonnacott
ICT	James Cracknell
Literacy	Rachel Leahy

SPECIALIST TEACHERS

Physical Education	Braden King / Liam Murphy
Performing Arts	Lucy Nicolson / Fiona Davidson
Visual Arts	Julie Lach / Emma Murphy
INTEGRATION	Coordinator Deb Hatfield

Kaylee Athanasiou, Sarah Byrnes, Paul Elvish, Catriona Funnell, Dawn Holley, Maria Janecic, Simone Kenington, Kathy Mooney, Claudine Nelke, Simone Oke, Dellayne Patterson, Marie Sherris, Dharshi Subhawickrma, Deb Watkins



Aspendale Gardens Primary School

Uniform Policy

Purpose

A Uniform Dress Code provides:

- Students with pride in their own appearance
- Recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community
- Pride when representing their school
- Equality, and a practical and economical range of clothing
- **Aims**
- To promote equality amongst all students
- To further develop a sense of pride in and identification with our school
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of our school in the community

Implementation

- The Dress Code applies during school hours, whilst travelling to and from school and when students are on school excursions
- Wide brimmed or hats (Sunsmart approved) must be worn in Terms 1 and 4.
- Parent co-operation will be sought to ensure correct uniform is worn.
- The student Dress Code, including details of uniform items and places of purchase, will be published in the newsletter at the start of each year, on the school website and in the school information folders given out to prospective and new students.
- School Council requires the Principal to be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.

The School Uniform Consists of:

Summer

Summer Dress - school print (only to be worn in Terms 1 & 4)

Dress Fabric Culottes - school print (only to be worn in Terms 1 & 4)

Skort Navy

Windcheater Navy

Plain Track Pants Navy (no stripes, checks or logos)

Unisex Shorts (just above the knee) Navy

Bootleg Pants Navy

Rugby Shorts Navy

Polar Fleece Jacket Navy

Polar Fleece Vest Navy

Wide brimmed hat (Sunsmart approved)

Bomber Jacket Navy with Jade Sleeves and stripes on cuffs and collar

Netball Skirts and Leggings are not allowed

Winter

Box Pleat Skirt Navy

Box Pleat Tunic Navy

Short Sleeved Navy or Jade – Polo Shirts striped collar, multi colour embroidery

Long Sleeved Navy or Jade – Polo Shirts striped collar, multi colour embroidery

Bomber Jacket – Navy with Jade sleeves and stripes on cuffs and collar

Windcheater Navy

Track Pants Navy

Unisex Shorts (just above the knee) Navy

Bootleg Pants Navy

Rugby Shorts Navy

Polar Fleece Jacket Navy

Polar Fleece Vest Navy

Skivvy – White or Navy (Under tunics only)

Netball Skirts and Leggings are not allowed

No other coloured T shirts or long sleeved shirts to be worn under any part of the school uniform if visible.

Footwear

Shoes should be appropriate for school wear such as black school shoes or lace up/Velcro runners. For safety reasons thongs, surf thongs and open toed sandals are not permitted.

Socks – navy or white

Jewellery

Earrings: For safety reasons only studs or sleepers should be worn, one per lobe (with a diameter no bigger than 10mm). No other visible piercing acceptable. (eyebrows, tops of ears, etc).

Make Up

No make-up or nail polish should be worn to school and no visible tattoos.

Hairstyles

Extreme hairstyles are not permitted. This includes brightly coloured, striped, bleached, spiked or dyed hair or hair extensions.

Uniforms can be purchased through the PSW Uniform Shop, 15 Mills Street Cheltenham, 3192.

The Student Dress Code reinforces the important consideration of "Sunsmart" procedures. As such, all students are required to wear the approved wide brimmed hat during sun danger periods (compulsory during Terms 1 and 4) whilst in the playground. Children who do not have a hat during Term 1 and Term 4 are restricted to the shaded area near the library, during recess and lunch breaks.

For the safety of our students and to provide a sense of unity in public, Aspendale Gardens students will not be permitted to attend out of school activities (i.e. excursions, neighbourhood walks, swimming, representative school teams, trips, etc.) unless they meet the requirements of the Student Dress Code.

In designing its Student Dress Code the School Council has been mindful to ensure that the style of clothing is reasonable by contemporary standards; is suitable to the role of being a student and to the tasks performed as a student; that health and safety issues have been considered; and allows for some provision for individual expression through the offering of a range of alternatives.

Exemptions from the Dress Code:

A process for the granting of exemptions from the Student Dress Code is provided to ensure that the School Council is able to comply with its obligation under equal opportunity laws. These reasons for exemption allow the School Council to determine a uniform standard across all students, but to still recognise cases in which the application of these standards may affect some students unequally.

Grounds for exemption after consultation with the Principal to the Student Dress Code will be provided where:

- an aspect of the code offends a religious belief held by the student;
- an aspect of the code prevents the student from complying with a requirement of his or her ethnic or cultural background;
- an aspect of the code prevents students with disabilities from being able to attend school or participate in school activities on the same terms as other students;
- the student has a particular health condition that requires an aspect of the code to be departed from. This must be accompanied by a medical certificate.

In the case of where the parents can demonstrate particular economic hardship that prevents them from complying with the code, arrangements can be made with the Principal.

The school may also declare "free" days or social service days where students are allowed to wear clothing or change their appearance to other than that stipulated in the Student Dress Code.

To protect the privacy of students, the School Council has delegated to the school Principal the power to grant exemptions. A written record of the decision on any application for an exemption and the reasons for the decision will be kept confidential.

Where exemption to the Student Dress Code is required, parents should make contact with the Principal or Assistant Principal. If it is a temporary matter (i.e. failure to have clothing washed/dried; waiting for damaged or out grown items to be replaced through an order placed at the uniform shop) a letter should be sent to the student's teacher explaining the situation. If no representation or letter is sent to the class teacher, Principal or Assistant Principal then the child will be placed in the restricted play area for that day.

Enforcement of the Dress Code:

The following procedure will be implemented when the Aspendale Gardens Primary School's Dress Code is not followed and no written explanation is received.

- 1) The class teacher will phone or send a standard letter to the parent reminding them of their responsibility in ensuring the adherence to the school's Dress Code.
- 2) If this fails to solve the matter, the Principal or Assistant Principal will arrange a meeting with the parents.
- 3) If no satisfactory explanation is given the matter will be referred to the School Council.

Issues such as above will be addressed with the students and then taken up with the student's parents. All prospective students and parents will be notified of the Student Dress Code requirements prior to enrolment at the school.

Review of the Dress Code:

The Student Dress Code will be reviewed bi-annually. Reviews of the Student Dress Code will be handled by the School Council and will involve a process of consultation with the community. Recommendations will be passed on to School Council for review and, if necessary, adoption of adjustments to the policy as agreed.

For students transferring to the school, the school uniform from the previous school will be acceptable until this needs to be replaced. If no uniform is present upon enrolment, new students have two weeks to comply with the Student Dress Code.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....	20 th August, 2012	
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FLY WITH THE EAGLES IN 2019



EDI-ASP JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

2019 Registrations are now open.
U8-U17 and Under 10, 12,14,16,18 Girls

OPEN DAY - FEBRUARY 17, 2019

Glen Street Oval -10am - 12pm

Junior football clinics, Q&A, mouthguard fittings, apparel sales
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