

Aspendale Gardens Primary School

Newsletter—Thursday 4th March



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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.

2021 DIARY

MARCH

Monday 8 LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY
 Tuesday 9 School Tour @ 9.15am
 Wednesday 10 Years 3—6 House Cross Country
 9.00am—11.00am
 Thursday 11 District Swimming Carnival
 Pines Aquatic Centre, Frankston
 Friday 12 School Tour @ 9.15am
 Monday 15 Division Swimming Carnival
 Year 4 Botanic Gardens Excursion
 School Council AGM @ 6.30pm
 First 2021 School Council Meeting
 to elect Office bearers @ 7.00pm
 Tuesday 16 **SCHOOL PHOTOS** provided by
 'Advanced Life Photography'
 Friday 19 Foundation Responsible Pet

Tuesday 23 Ownership Incursion
 School Tour @ 9.15am
 Wednesday 24 **Buddy Bear Picnic**
 5.00pm—6.00pm
 Friday 26 School Tour @ 9.15am
HARMONY DAY Assembly
 Easter Raffle Drawn at Assembly
 Year 5 Cave Hill Creek Campers
 Depart @ 7.00am
 Monday 29
APRIL
 Thursday 1 Year 5 Cave Hill Creek Campers
 Return
 End of Term 1
 School dismissed at 2:30pm
 Friday 2 **GOOD FRIDAY**
 Monday 19 Term 2 Begins

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

'DAGS' Welcome Night

Thank you to all the dads who attended our DAGS welcome night held last week. There was a fantastic turn out with 35 dads coming along. The evening was hosted by the ex AFL player and coach Rodney Eade. Everyone had a wonderful evening chatting over pizza and a beverage or two. There is a report further in this newsletter.



Year 6 Canberra Tour

The campers arrived safely back at school last Friday after a fantastic week away in our nation's capital. The students and staff visited attractions like The High Court of Australia, The Australian Institute of Sport, The National Museum, and Parliament House to name a few. I would like to thank the staff members who attended:

James Cracknell, Kelly Cornelius, Jackie Morrison-Woolcock, Amy Kelly, Alex Taylor, Braden King, Liam Murphy, Dellayne Patterson and Rebecca Russell who all did an outstanding job during the camp. There is a detailed report further in the newsletter. See photos further in the newsletter.



Free Dree Day for Easter Raffle



We had a fantastic response to our Easter Raffle Free Dress day held yesterday. There were many Easter chocolate goodies donated and even more gold coins that will be used to purchase more goodies to create our amazing Easter Raffle prizes.

Today each family should have received their Easter Raffle tickets to sell. If you would like to sell a second book there are extra books available at the office. Thank you for your continued support with our fundraising ventures.

Years 3 – 6 House Cross Country

Our Senior House Cross Country is being held next **Wednesday 10th March**. Students from Years 3 – 6 will be running through the open parkland behind the main school ground, (Melbourne Water Reserve), using the existing bike paths. The event will begin at approximately **9.30am** and will finish at approximately **11.15am**.



Finally, Mr King is looking for parents who are able to assist on the day in the role of marshals. If you are able to assist, please contact Mr King via CLASS DOJO or phone the school on 9587 0877 by Tuesday 9th March.

School Photo Day

Our school photos are scheduled for Tuesday 16th March. All students should already have received their individual envelopes. Sibling photo envelopes are available from the office. Students who are paying cash are to bring their envelopes, with money enclosed, on photo day.



Labour Day Holiday

There will be no school on Monday 8th March as it is the Labour Day public holiday. I hope you all have a lovely long weekend.

Cheryle Osborne

NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

CSEF FUNDING – Important Notice!

The Department of Education & Training has an annual payment which replaced the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA). This is known as Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF).

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school excursions, camps and sporting activities to the value of \$125.00 per student.

If you received CSEF payments last year, and your circumstances have not changed, you do not need to fill in the CSEF form. Your details will rollover to 2021.

If you are a new recipient of a means tested concession or pension card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for the CSEF. Please come to the office and complete the CSEF application form and show your card to office staff. Please ensure all return applications are returned to the office no later than Friday 25th June—end of Term 2. Late applications will not be accepted.

THE FATHERING PROJECT

Last Wednesday we had 35 parents and some staff attend the launch of The AGPS Fathering Project, fondly known as the D.A.Gs. The evening was hosted by the ex AFL player and coach Rodney Eade who is an ambassador for the organisation. The evening was a great opportunity for the father figures of AGPS to get to know each other and to share some experiences, challenges and strategies together.

<https://thefatheringproject.org/about-us/>

The vision of The Fathering Project is to:

...“inspire and equip dads and father-figures to be the best they can be and remind our dads and father-figures that they have an important role in building resilience, self-respect, positive self-worth and emotional intelligence in their children”.

We look forward to planning further events with our father figures throughout the year, some of which will involve activities with their children. Liam Murphy is our school coordinator for this initiative, so if you have any questions, or can help out at all, please make contact with him on 9587 0877.

To sign up, please see the page further down in the newsletter for a step-by-step guide on how to register with the group.



Year 6 Camp: PYP Focus



The Year 6 Canberra Camp was another roaring success in 2021.

Our students came back with a wealth of knowledge about how our system of government operates and the power we, as citizens, have because we live in a constitutional democratic nation, such as Australia. This was made possible thanks to the fantastic educators and volunteers who guided us through Parliament House, Old Parliament House and the Australian Electoral Commission.

We were also taken to the many significant landmarks and places in Canberra, with visits to the CSIRO Discovery Centre, the Australian Capital Exhibition, the Royal Australian Mint, Deep Space Communication Complex, the Australian War Memorial, the Telstra Tower and the Australian Institute for Sport (AIS). Each of these visits showcased many different elements to our nation's capital, offering fun and exciting activities. Some, including Sportex, where students tested their athletic abilities through simulations and games; Questacon where students were amazed by all the phenomenal experiments and areas of science and the amazing view from Telstra Tower. Standing 195 metres above sea level, it's Canberra's highest point.

One of the most significant moments of our trip was being able to pay our respects to our past and present soldiers through a very special poppy laying ceremony at the Australian War Memorial. Our School Captains took part in an additional ceremony, laying a wreath and writing a special message thanking the soldiers for their sacrifice. At Parliament House we were able to see the House of Representative and the Senate and to learn about the structure of the Australian Federal Government System.

We would like to thank The Australian Government who recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$45 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

Well done to all the students who attended camp. They were excellent representatives for our school, always showing respect to everyone they met whilst we were in Canberra.

Transdisciplinary Theme How We Organise Ourselves

An inquiry into the interconnectedness of human-made systems and communities; the structure and function of organizations; societal decision-making; economic activities and their impact on humankind and the environment.



**YEAR 6
CANBERRA TOUR**





STARS OF THE WEEK



Foundation — Year 2



Year 3 — Year 6



AGPS Senior Cross Country Carnival (Years 3-6)

Time	Age Group	Distance
9.30am	12/13 Year Old (Girls)	3km
9.35am	12/13 Year Old (Boys)	3km
10.00am	11 Year Old (Girls)	3km
10.05am	11 Year Old (Boys)	3km
10.30am	8/9/10 Year Old (Girls)	2km
10.35am	8/9/10 Year Old (Boys)	2km
11.00am	Conclusion	



A reminder that next **Wednesday 10th March** will be our **AGPS Senior Cross Country Carnival (Years 3-6)**. The event will be held in the Open Parkland behind the main school ground, (Melbourne Water Reserve), using the existing bike paths.

The event will begin at approximately **9.30am** and will finish at approximately **11.15am**. Above is a list of the age groups and distances that students will run, and approximate times the students will compete.

Students can wear their **House Colours** as well as appropriate clothing and shoes to run in for their event. The Top 10 students in each age group will progress through to the **CPDPSSN District Cross Country Carnival** on **Tuesday 4th May**.

Mr. King and Mr. Murphy are also looking for **parents** who are able to assist on the day in the **roles of marshals** around the course. If you are able to assist, please contact **Mr. King** on **Class DOJO** by **Monday 8th March**. For more information on the event, please look on Compass or contact Mr. King.

Mr. Braden King

SPECIAL DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Wednesday 10 **Years 3—6 House Cross Country 9.00am—11.00am**

Wednesday 24th March **Buddy Bear Picnic** **5.00pm—6.00pm**

Tuesday 16th March **SCHOOL PHOTOS**

Friday 26th March **HARMONY DAY Assembly**
Easter Raffle Drawn at Assembly

Performing Arts @ AGPS

PRODUCTION NEWS

RECORDERS

ALL Years 3—6 students are required to have their own recorder for Performing Arts lessons. Please bring these to school as soon as possible.

Recorders ordered through Compass portal should arrive at school by mid March.

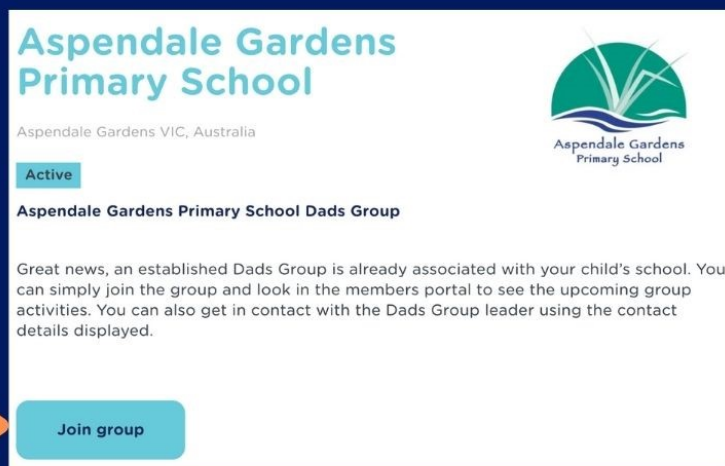


How to join our dads' group:

DAG's

Step 1:

<https://thefatheringproject.org/dads-group/aspendale-gardens-primary-school/>



Aspendale Gardens Primary School

Aspendale Gardens VIC, Australia

Active

Aspendale Gardens Primary School Dads Group

Great news, an established Dads Group is already associated with your child's school. You can simply join the group and look in the members portal to see the upcoming group activities. You can also get in contact with the Dads Group leader using the contact details displayed.

Join group

Step 2: →

Join Group

Step 3: →

Select NO



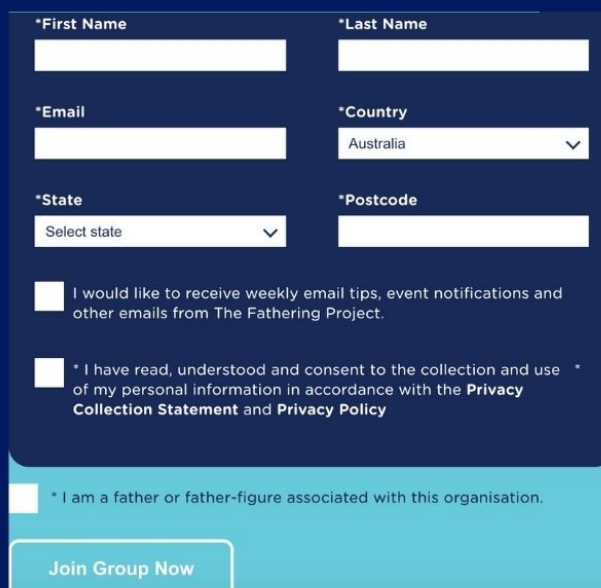
*Are you a member of The Fathering Project?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Step 4:

Enter your details and select "Join Group Now"



*First Name

*Last Name

*Email

*Country

Australia

*State

Select state

*Postcode

☐ I would like to receive weekly email tips, event notifications and other emails from The Fathering Project.

☐ * I have read, understood and consent to the collection and use of my personal information in accordance with the **Privacy Collection Statement** and **Privacy Policy**

☐ * I am a father or father-figure associated with this organisation.

Join Group Now

2021 AGPS FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Term 1

EASTER FREE DRESS

Wednesday March 3rd

EASTER RAFFLE

Friday March 26th



Term 2

MOTHER'S DAY STALL

Wednesday May 5th

CHOCOLATE DRIVE

Wednesday May 26th

DISCO (JUNIOR AND SENIOR)

Friday June 18th



Term 3

FATHER'S DAY STALL

Wednesday September 1st

SCHOOL PRODUCTION

Wednesday + Thursday
September 8 + 9th



Term 4

TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday October 16th

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Tuesday December 14th



Thank you to the families who have returned their "Just One Thing" forms and have put their hand up to volunteer at one of our upcoming fundraising events. We appreciate your help and support. We will be in contact with you prior to each event to provide you with more information.

If you have not returned your form yet, it is not too late!

~2021 Fundraising Team

Our next meeting: Wednesday March 10th, 7pm. All welcome!

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NOW

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MONDAY 15 MARCH, 5PM

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FRIDAY 19 MARCH, 5PM

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Taking responsibility - the mark of leadership!

Michael Grose

Personal responsibility is the mark of true leadership. However shirking responsibility or shifting the blame to others is a national sport in many western countries.

"Its not my fault" can be heard in court rooms, political rallies and in sporting tribunals everywhere as blame for a transgression is shifted away from the individual and placed on a scapegoat. It is little wonder that many children are experts at shirking personal responsibility.

Lack of personal responsibility is shown when children find excuses or blame others for their misbehaviour. It is shown when siblings are blamed for starting fights, parents for children's school lateness and classmates for misbehaving at school. Anything or anyone but themselves is to blame!

"Its not my turn" is another way of shirking responsibility.

Most parents want their children to be responsible for their actions. Taking responsibility means that a child sees a problem and fixes it. A child who takes responsibility helps out regardless of how many times they have helped before or who causes a situation.

When a child complains that the toilet roll is empty then he or she can be invited to take responsibility for it. Similarly, if the bread bin is empty, the fire is out or the living room floor is a mess then the message could be that they should 'do something' about these situations.

When a child is late for school, forgets to hand in homework or deliberately hurts a classmate



even though some teasing occurred then he or she needs to shoulder the blame and take responsibility for their actions.

Sounds tough but this is the approach to take if we are to promote a true sense of responsibility, initiative and accountability.

In families some children become adept at ducking their responsibilities. It is smart management to share the load using rosters and other organisational strategies.

But in the myriad of informal situations around the house where someone needs to take responsibility then it is helpful to take the "don't tell me, please fix it" approach.

Next time a child responds to your request for help with that classic line "but it's not my turn" look them straight in the eye and say, "You know, you may be right but isn't it lucky that you are so willing to help" and simply walk away. No buts, no arguments.

Try This . . .

PUTTING IT INTO PRACTICE

To promote personal responsibility in your child:

1. Help them identify BUT NUTS and BLAME GAMERS.
 - BUT NUTS look for excuses such as tiredness, moods or other people when things go wrong. "BUT I am too tired to help."
 - BLAME GAMERS blame others when things go wrong. "It's not my fault. Sarah started it."
2. Make sure they have some **jobs** at home so that others rely on them.
3. Use a **roster** for jobs and place responsibility on children to do tasks without being reminded.

Action Plan

First Step . . .

Next Step . . .

For more ideas about promoting responsibility and accountability in children visit www.parentingideas.com.au

What's your child like?

Does your child take responsibility?

DOES HE

1. Usually help at home without being reminded? **Yes 2 No 0**
2. Take the initiative and fix things or help even if he won't receive recognition? **Yes 2 No 0**
3. Blame others when things go wrong? **Yes 0 No 2**

4. Own up straight away if he has done the wrong thing? **Yes 2 No 0**
5. Start games and initiate activities at home or at school? **Yes 2 No 0**

SCORE:

- 10: What a responsible child! Leadership potential.
- 6-8: Knows about taking responsibility but needs an occasional reminder!
- 0-4: Needs someone on his shoulder all the time! May need to be given more responsibility.

Quote

"The reason people blame things on the previous generations is that there is one other choice." Doug Larson

parentingideas.com.au

HOLIDAY REPORT

SUMMER
20-21

Team
Kids

Aspendale Gardens Primary

This Summer TeamKids shook off 2020 and welcomed in the new year with arms open wide! We were excited to see more families venturing out for the fun, friendship and adventure that is synonymous with the school holidays, as we tentatively dipped our toe back into excursions nation-wide.

Whether children got active with Epic Inflatables, pushed out of their comfort zone with Bugs Alive! or Wild Reptiles, explored their inner movie-maker with clay animation or demonstrated culinary prowess during 'Make It 'til You Bake It', the TeamKids Summer program aimed to bring wonder, energy and laughs every day.

335
TOTAL
NUMBER OF
BOOKINGS



17
AVERAGE
DAILY
ATTENDANCE

20 TOTAL NUMBER
OF DAYS



KIDS LOVED: Wild Reptiles

94%



SCHOOL FAMILY
ATTENDANCE



Luka has amazing patience and listening skills, which he used to create his award winning rocket.

Luka



Alexander is a very passionate and knowledgeable about historical figures and enjoyed using VR to learn about the planets.

Alexander

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2021 3YO PRESCHOOL places available

Cost: \$155.00 per term
(subsidised by the Victorian Government)

Application forms available at
<https://www.agcsinc.org.au/3-year-old-preschool>

For more information visit our website
or email kim.fulton@agcsinc.org.au

EASTER FUN FOR KIDS

in conjunction with the City of Kingston

Friday 26 March – 2.30pm to 3.30pm

Join the fun with Easter themed stories and
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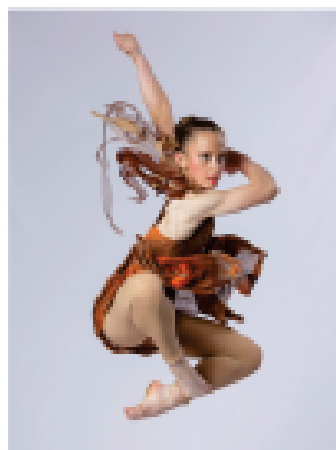
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