

Aspendale Gardens Primary School

Newsletter—Friday 7th February



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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.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Monday 10th February

Please remember to bring your envelope

2020 DIARY

FEBRUARY 2020

Monday 10 School Photo Day—please bring photo envelope on the day
 School Council Notice of Election—Call for Nominations

Wednesday 12 First Fundraising Meeting for 2020 (new members welcome) 7.00pm in Staffroom

Thursday 13 Running Group Begins—7.30am
Foundation Buddy Bear Picnic 5—6.30pm

Monday 17 Year 6 Canberra Tour departs
 Closing Date for School Council Nominations at 4.00pm

FEBRUARY 2020

Wednesday 19 District Swimming Carnival @ Pines Aquatic Centre, Frankston
 School Council List of Candidates posted

Thursday 20 Foundation Information Night (5.30pm—6.30pm)

Friday 21 Year 6 Canberra Tour Returns

Monday 24 School Council Meeting—Current Members—7.00pm in the Staffroom

Wednesday 26 Class Reps Meeting at 7.00pm in the Staffroom

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

School Photos

Our School photos will be taken **next Monday 10th February**. Payment can be made by credit card on-line or payment by cash on Photo Day in the envelope the students have received. Students present their own envelope to the photographer on the day. Please do not send envelopes to school prior to Photo Day.



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

2020 Information Nights

Our Parent Information evenings have been well attended by many parents from Year 1 – Year 6. Thank you to all parents who came along. Thank you also to the classroom teachers for their very informative presentations.

Parents of Foundation students will have the opportunity to meet with their child's teacher during their Wednesday assessment session being held in February, and at their Information evening being held on Thursday 20th February at 5.30pm.

Running Club

Running Club will begin again for 2020 on Thursday 13th February for any students in Years 3 – 6. It is on each Thursday morning commencing at 7.30am. Students are provided with a light breakfast afterwards at 8.15am at the cost of \$5.00 for the term. If your child would like to attend and has not already completed a form and paid, please log in to Compass and find details under 'Course Confirmation'. Thank you **Mr King** for organising this activity and to all the amazing teachers who help out with the running and the breakfast preparation on Thursday mornings.



Swim Squad

Swim squad training began again this week at Don Tatnell Pool in Parkdale. Students are training for the upcoming District Swimming Carnival being held on Wednesday 19th February at the Pines Swim Centre. The remaining Swim Squad training dates are on Monday 10th and 17th February from 7:30am – 8:30am. Thank you Mr King and Ms Hunt for giving up their time before school to train the swim squad.

School Levy Payment/Excursion Levy



Thank you to the many families who have already paid their school fees. We ask that all school fees be paid **no later than Friday 21st February**. If you are opting to pay the excursion levy up front for the year, the final date for this payment is also Friday 21st February.

Fee schedules are located on Compass under 'Course Confirmation and Payments'.

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

We will host our annual Buddy Bear Picnic **next Thursday 13th February** at 5.00pm to 6:30pm on the school's basketball court. Please come along with your family picnic dinner, rug or chairs. If the weather is inclement, we will meet in the hall. This is a wonderful chance for all Foundation parents to meet other Foundation parents in an informal and friendly atmosphere.



Year 6 Camp



The Year 6 Camp is **only** just over a week away. Some student medical forms are yet to be returned. Please return medical forms to classroom teachers no later than **Monday 10th February**.

Year 5 Camp

The Year 5 Camp is in the final week of this term (Monday 23rd – Friday 27th March). Please make payment via the Compass portal under 'Course Confirmation and Payments'. The total cost of the Year 5 Camp is \$510.00



Student Absences



To assist our school to monitor absences we ask that parents please log in to Compass and register your child's absence through the portal. Alternatively, send a note on the day of your child's return to school, or contact the office, by phone or email, to let us know your child will be absent on the day and the reason for your child's absence. It is a requirement from the Department of Education that all absences are accounted for.

Second Hand Uniforms

Thank you to all the wonderful parents who have donated second hand uniforms to school. Special thank you to Sabine Heenan and Janette Cowley who have been taking the clothes home to spruce them up and keep the uniform shop tidy. You are brilliant. Our second hand uniform shop is open all day and all items are **\$5.00**. The clothes are in very good condition so certainly a bargain.



Parent Reps

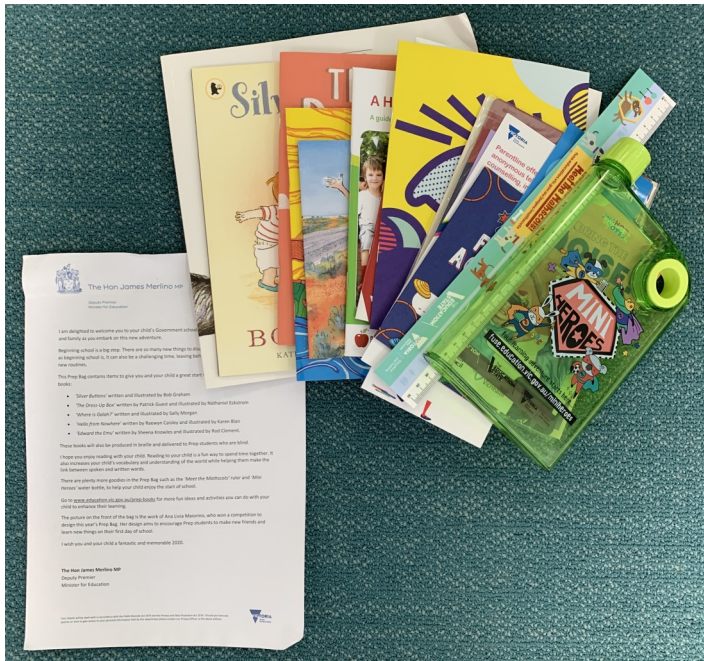


Each year we ask for one or two parents to be a parent rep for their child's class. The position involves working with the class teacher to assist and promote relationships with all the parents / families in the class.

Next week a notice will be sent out seeking an 'Expression of Interest' for this very important role. Please volunteer if you are interested in becoming a class rep. The first meeting for the year will be on **Wednesday 26th February at 7.00pm** in the staffroom. If you are interested, and would like more details, please feel free to attend the meeting.

Thank you Department of Education

All of our Foundation students were presented with a welcome to school bag from the Department of Education. The bag contained items to give the students a great start to school which included a drink bottle, an information book about literacy and numeracy and five picture story books. The bag can also be used as a library bag. It is a wonderful gift to start school from the government which I know the students will really enjoy.



Fundraising Meeting

We are having our first fundraising meeting for the year on Wednesday 12th February. We are always looking for new members. It is a great way to get involved in the school and to meet up with a great bunch of parents to discuss and work towards raising funds for the school. We would love to have you on board.



Cheryle Osborne

COMPASS INFORMATION

As we move to becoming a paperless school we now have all events, camps, activities, and school fees uploaded to Compass.

Please complete all payments and permission forms online.

If you have any difficulties with this process please contact the ladies in the office in person, or phone on 9587 0877.

So far, for this year, we have already saved over 7,000 sheets of paper being printed and sent home.

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



Glee Club

Rehearsals for Glee Club are held every **Tuesday morning at 8.30am** in the Performing Arts studio. Please bring a display folder for your music. All Year 3 to 6 students are welcome to attend. Please complete the consent form on Compass.

Band Unit

Students were excited to start ukulele and keyboard this term. You may purchase a ukulele through AGPS at a discounted rate of \$35.00 if your child would like one to practice at home. An order form is available through Compass.

Next term, students will be introduced to stick drumming. ALDI is currently selling electric drum kits for \$269 which includes headsets and sticks!

Recycling

We are still looking for donations of old thongs/flip flops, even broken ones to Performing Arts. Big ones are better (mum's & dads) to repurpose into instruments. We also need any size plastic tube containers with lids to recycle as shakers. If you have any old beads at home that you no longer require, they will also come in handy to fill shakers!

Thank you for your support.

Merry Singing

Mrs Lucy Nicolson

WELL DONE CHLOE!

Over the holidays Chloe celebrated her 8th birthday.

In lieu of presents, Chloe asked her friends for donations of back to school items, to support the Back to School drive that 'Mums Supporting Families in Need' ran.

Here she is with some of the items she collected.



Occasional Child Care

Term 1, 2020

Do you need a break for a few hours?

Occasional Care is an affordable alternative to long day care, and a chance for you to do whatever you need to do without the kids!

We provide an opportunity for you to get those jobs done while your children have lots of fun and learn to feel comfortable in a new environment.

Sessions are facilitated by our qualified Preschool staff.



3½ hour sessions:
Monday 12.15pm to 3.45pm
Thursday 8.30am to 12.00pm
Cost: one child \$35.00
or family \$65.00

NEW 5 hour session!!
Friday 8.30am to 1.30pm
Cost: one child \$50.00
or family \$95.00

(plus \$15 AGCS annual membership)

First Session - Friday 31 January 2020
Permanent positions may be available - contact the office
Bookings essential | 9587 5955





24-HOUR VISUAL ART AND CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION

**ENTER NOW AT: kingstonarts.com.au
for a chance to win!**

Artz Blitz is an annual community visual art and creative writing competition where artists and writers of all ages and abilities have 24 hours to create a piece of work based on a secret theme for exhibition at Kingston Arts.

ENTRIES CLOSE

Tuesday 10 March, 5pm

SECRET THEME ANNOUNCED

Friday 13 March, 5pm

VISUAL ARTWORKS AND CREATIVE WRITING SUBMITTED

Saturday 14 March, 3-5pm

OPENING

Sunday 15 March, 4-6pm (free admission)

EXHIBITION

Monday 16 March - Friday 24 April

ENTRY FEE

Adult \$25 / Concession \$20 / Youth \$15 / Junior \$10

Kingston Arts Centre Galleries (G1 + G2), 979 Nepean Hwy, Moorabbin
Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm, Sat 12-5pm
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MORDI BRAE SEASON 2020



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GIRLS/BOYS/MIXED TEAMS

UNDER 8 – 17.5/18 | PACK COLLECTION 16 FEB*



Kingston Melbourne VIC

Aspendale Community Preschool, 103-105 Kearney Drive VIC 3195

Saturday 15th February 2020 10:00am-1:00pm

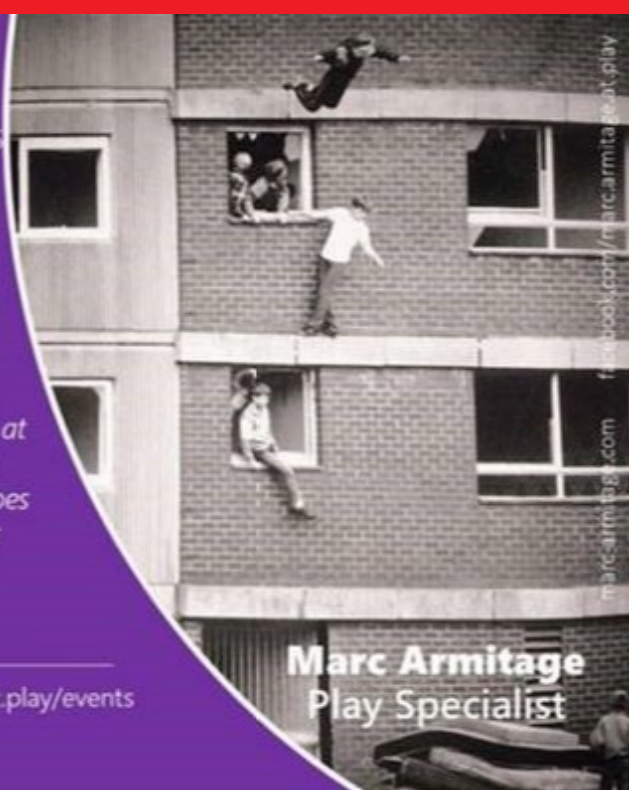
A PD session for ECE, School, OSHC & Parents

Risk, Hazard, Danger, Injury, Fear:
and other words that get in the way of playing

We seem to have become 'risk averse' & feel uncomfortable at the idea of children playing in risky ways. This is not helpful, so where has this 'risk averseness' come from; what affect does this have on children and on adults; what 'risky things' must we ensure they experience and why?

\$70 if booked before 1st January \$80 after 1st January

for more details and booking see facebook.com/marc.armitage.at.play/events



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