

FRIDAY 18th OCTOBER 2019

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PRINCIPLED

COMMUNICATOR
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OPEN-MINDED

KNOWLEDGEABLE
BALANCED

Aspendale Gardens PS 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.

2019 DIARY

OCTOBER

Friday 18	Year 3 Campers Return to School
Monday 21	Year 4 Campers depart for Camp Manyung, Mt Eliza
	Year 2 Melbourne Museum Excursion
	School Council Meeting—7.00pm
Wednesday 23	China Tour Returns Home
	Year 4 Campers Return to School
Thursday 24	2020 Foundation Transition Session 3
	Book Club Issue #7 Orders Due
	Yearbook Front Cover Comp Closes
Friday 25	Curriculum Day—NO Students at School on this Day
Thursday 31	2020 Foundation Transition Session 4
	Parent Info Session—'Building Fine Motor Skills' 9.05am—10.00am

NOVEMBER

Friday 1	Year 3 Melbourne Shrine Excursion
Tuesday 5	MELBOURNE CUP DAY HOLIDAY
Thursday 7	Year 2 Royal Flying Doctors' Incursion
	WHOLE SCHOOL ART EXPO 6pm—8pm
Friday 8	Grandparents' Day—assembly in Gym 9.00am—10.00am
Monday 11	Foundation Swimming Begins
Tuesday 12	Year 6 Click Against Hate Refresher
Wednesday 13	Junior Sports Day 9.00am—11.00am
Thursday 14	Year 5 Scienceworks Excursion
Monday 18	Swim Squad Begins 7.30am—8.30am
	School Council Meeting –7.00pm
Wednesday 20	Year 4 M-Clelland Sculpture Garden

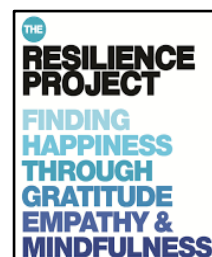
TERM 4 CURRICULUM DAY **FRIDAY 25th OCTOBER**

FROM OUR ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – Mrs Walker

Resilience Project Parent Session

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Resilience Project parent session on Monday evening. We had an amazing response and a large turnout for the event. Martin, the presenter, had some very interesting and informative ways to develop positive mental health strategies in order to build resilience and promote happiness in our children. I'm sure everyone who attended got a lot out of the night.

G.E.M., standing for gratitude, empathy and mindfulness, will become a strong part of our whole school wellbeing strategy and will link into our units of inquiry across the school.



Year 1 Gould League Excursion

Our Year 1 students visited the Gould League Sustainability Centre in Cheltenham on Tuesday. The students were able to explore every day materials and identify connections to natural resources. They had hands-on activities that let them investigate the 4Rs: Rethink, Reduce, Reuse and Recycle in context to everyday life. This experience linked to their 'Sharing the planet' unit of inquiry.



Year 3 Camp

Our Year 3 students headed off to Mt Evelyn Recreational Camp on Wednesday morning. The students were very excited to be going on their first camp! They will be involved in lots of outdoor activities including flying fox, bush cooking and sense trails over the three days. There will be a full report in next week's newsletter.

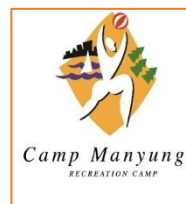
A quick word on the importance of camps ... Camps help make children resilient!

At AGPS, we encourage all students to attend school camp because of the opportunities to build self-confidence, to take 'healthy risks' supported by our wonderful teachers and to undertake personal challenges that can't be experienced at school. Building resilience is not just about self-esteem, it means having the ability to see challenges in a positive light, to manage stress and to interact confidently with their peers. All of this (and so much more) happens while on camp.

We hope all our students enjoyed their camp experience.

Year 4 Camp

Next Monday morning our Year 4 students will depart for Camp Manyung in Mount Eliza. Year 4 students will be required at school by 8.45am on Monday, as buses will be departing at 9:30am. Everyone is looking forward to a fantastic camp, especially the beach activities!



China Tour

Our students and teachers are having a fantastic time in China. They are currently in Shanghai. We look forward to their return next Wednesday.



2020 Foundation Transition Session 2

We hosted another successful session for our 2020 Foundation students on Thursday morning, with nearly 100 children doing a wonderful job of showing us that they're ready to start school next year. Thank you to the parents who attended the 'Early Literacy' session in the library, supported by Ms Leahy, our Literacy Learning Specialist. There was a fantastic turnout of parents exploring strategies for learning letters, sounds and developing early reading habits. Next week, the parent session will focus on 'Early Numeracy'.

Curriculum Day

Next Friday is a curriculum day. Staff will be involved in professional development with Dr Jared Cooney Horvath. Jared is an Educational Neuroscientist. He has worked as a teacher, curriculum developer and brain researcher in Mind, Brain & Education. We are really looking forward to learning more about how can we apply knowledge about the brain to improve teaching and learning in the classroom.

Students do not attend school on this day.

Second-hand uniforms

Thank you to those families who continue to donate their second hand uniforms. We have new families looking for second hand uniforms, so if you have any at home that you no longer use and is in good condition, please consider donating them to school.



A reminder that all children must be wearing their
broad brimmed hats in the yard.

No hat, no play!

Hats need to be named to ensure that the right hat ends up on the right head. It is good practice to put sunscreen on your children before they arrive at school and for them to have a roll-on sunscreen in their school bag so that it can be reapplied if necessary.



Lastly, we send our well wishes to both Karli Mullucks (1KM) and Kira Fischer (2FK) who are beginning their family leave. Karli has her last day with us today as she awaits the arrival of her first baby, and Kira finishes next week awaiting the arrival of her second child. We look forward to meeting your new babies.

Have a great weekend everyone!

Nadia Walker

Performing Arts @ AGPS



Recorder club Started this week – Thursdays, first half of lunch time in the Performing Arts Studio. Years 3 to 6 are welcome. Don't forget to bring recorders back to school.

Glee Club Accepting new members for Christmas concerts. Rehearsals Tuesdays at 8.30am in Performing Arts studio. We are scheduled to perform at the Aspendale Gardens Community Day on Saturday Nov 30th at 12 noon and on Tuesday Dec 10th at the community center 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 CD recording mid November! They will make great presents for all the family!





STARS OF THE WEEK

Week 1 – Term 4

Foundation – Year 2



Year 3 – Year 6



Sport Awardees



Production Awardees



PYP focus in Year 6 - Sharing the Planet

Whilst looking into our central idea of *'Local and global communities share the responsibility to look after the planet'*, the Year 6 students inquired into what global warming is and how greenhouse gases and the use of fossil fuels affect our planet. Students went through the design process to create an alternative way to generate electricity in Australia. Here are some of the amazing projects the students presented.

Waterfall Turbine Water Recycler by Henry, Tom and Denilson

The way our idea works is that water comes through the top path, creating momentum. The water then falls down the edge of the lane and spins the turbine that is placed under the falling point, creating kinetic energy and feeds it to the converters. The converters change the kinetic energy into mechanical energy, which still isn't usable. The mechanical energy is then sent to a generator which does the last step of converting the mechanical energy to electricity. This is now ready to be sent out to data centres and be sold to consumers. A portion of the energy is kept as a power source of a couple of vital pumps in the waterfall. Back to the mechanics of the machine, the water is then lead towards the pumps that push the water back up towards the top path. This is a way to reuse the water that has already been used to spin the turbine so no water is wasted. Once the water is pushed back to the top path, it re-enters the cycle of the waterfall and continues to spin the turbine.



Solar Panel Vehicles by Julian, Thomas and Declan

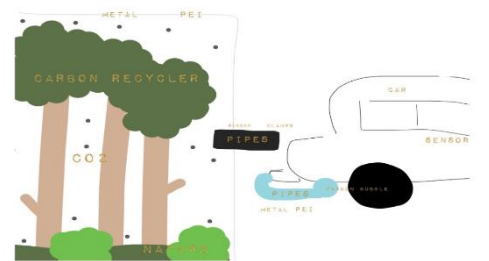


We explored installing solar panels on vehicles such as planes and trucks. We decided to construct two models consisting of cardboard to act like metal and black coloured plastic which acted as the solar panels, to put this together we used a hot glue gun. We struggled with the materialisation of our choices we tried to make our first design using paper and tape, although it looked wonky and did not go to plan so we scratched the idea and thought of our master plan.



Carbon Dioxide Recycler by Emily K, Hana-Joy and Leilani

For our Sharing the Planet project, we had to invent something to help our planet. Our design was that we would attach a pipe to the end of a car's exhaust pipe, which is connected to a small 'Carbon Bubble' underneath the car. The carbon dioxide would flow from the exhaust pipe into the pipe then through into the carbon bubble, which it would be temporarily stored in until you emptied into a 'Carbon Recycler', (a small structure containing trees and bushes) conveniently located near a gas-station. Once you have attached the 'carbon bubble' to a pipe leading into the 'carbon recycler' the carbon dioxide would eventually get 'recycled' into oxygen through the plants process of photosynthesis. The benefits of this invention is that it prevents the Co2 from being released into the atmosphere helping to reduce the rates of global warming.



We really enjoyed this unit of inquiry and learnt so much from it!

Annual Art Show

ALICE AT AGPS

Thursday 7th Nov
6-8pm

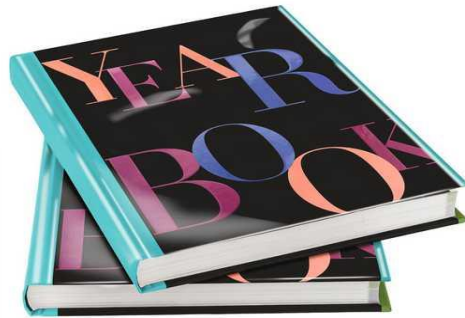


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AGPS Yearbook Front Cover Competition

IT IS TIME TO DESIGN OUR 2019 YEARBOOK
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- If using your own paper, you MUST leave a margin of 1.5cm at the top AND bottom of your page, and margin of 1.5cm down on the left and right side of the page.
- ALL entries must be in PORTRAIT orientation.  
- Your entry should represent our school: this could be showing our PYP attributes, Houses, our location, activities, classes etc.
- The design should be hand made by the student only
- Please do not put any embellishments on your design (i.e. stickers, glitter, collage)
- To enter you must hand your design into the office ladies.
- Place your name and grade **ON THE BACK** of your design
- DO NOT fold or bend your entry.
- Please **DO NOT** put names of students or teachers on the front of your design
- Please check for any grammatical or spelling errors BEFORE submitting.

Entries close: Friday 25th October, 2019

GOOD LUCK EVERYONE!!

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Children's Week Activity

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Book your place now for these fun filled Nature Play events to ensure you don't miss out - places are limited!

11am - 12pm (2-5 years) parents to stay:

Nature Crowns & Wands - inspiring play with crafted natural objects

4pm - 5pm (for primary school aged children):

Nature Mobiles - create impressions of nature into clay and construct a hanging mobile.

Children are able to let their imaginations go wild as they explore the garden and collect materials needed to create their very own nature crafts.



Tuesday 22nd October - BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL!

11.00am to 12.00pm - www.trybooking.com/BGALI

4.00pm to 5.00pm - www.trybooking.com/BGALN

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Small Change, Big Difference

If you have any unwanted foreign currency lying around at home, please consider bringing it to the office where it will be donated to the “Small Change, Big Difference” program established by UNICEF.

Please see below for more information.



What is Small Change, Big Difference?

The Small Change, Big Difference program 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.

Travel Money Oz and UNICEF have united to establish collection points for unwanted foreign coins, so that you can make a big difference with your small change. UNICEF collects coin from any country and can convert it into meaningful work to help children, especially those most disadvantaged and hardest to reach.

You can deposit your foreign coins at any Travel Money Oz outlet in Australia and donate today.

About UNICEF

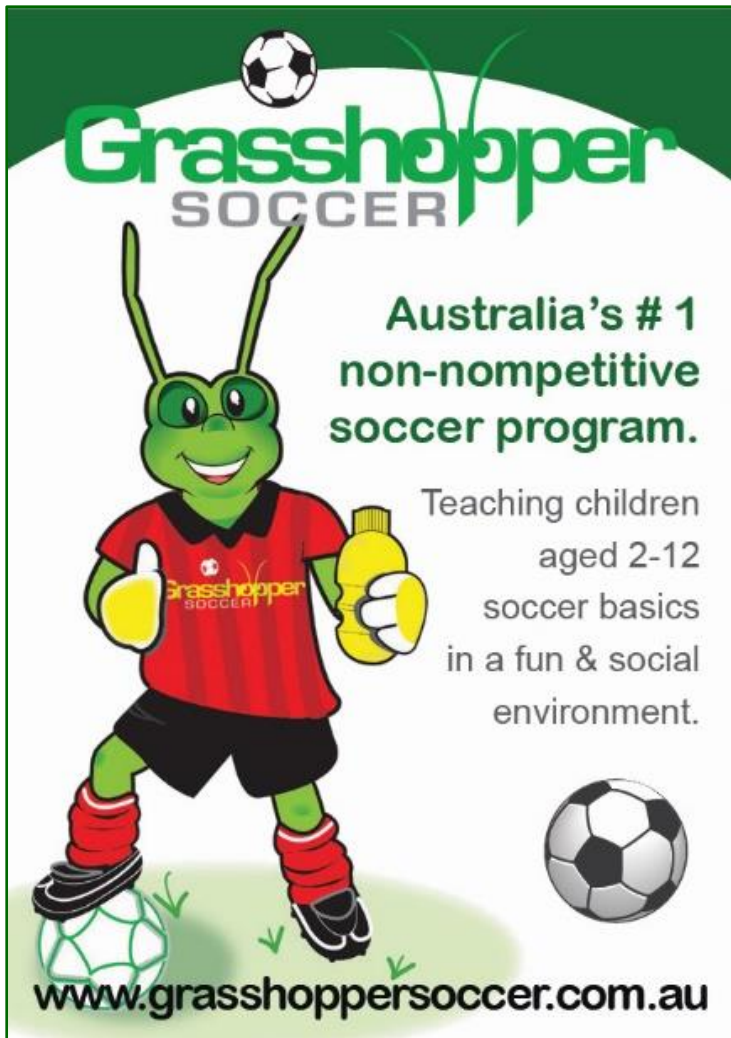
UNICEF is the United Nations Children's Fund. Established after WWII, UNICEF exists to save, protect and empower children to reach their full potential. They work with families, communities and governments to ensure every child has the right access to healthy food, safe water, an education and are protected from harm. UNICEF is the world's leading organisation for children and operates worldwide.

UNICEF Australia works with partners such as Travel Money Oz to collect and manage the donations of foreign coins. UNICEF, through existing systems, relies on the collection and processing of this 'unwanted' foreign coins and converts it into real, meaningful work for children.

How unwanted foreign coins can help

On average when a person donates their foreign money, they give over \$17 per donation, but even the smallest amount can have a profound impact on giving a child the chance to survive and thrive:

- 1 UK penny will provide a child with clean drinking water for one day.
- 65 Euro cents can provide a child with a pencil and book for school.
- Two New Zealand dollars will provide a severely malnourished child enough therapeutic super food for one day.
- 272 Indian Rupees (roughly \$4 AUD) can provide an insecticide-treated malaria net to a vulnerable family.
- 243 Thai Baht (roughly \$9.50 AUD) will provide 20 doses of life-saving measles vaccine.



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