



Aspendale Gardens Primary School

Newsletter—Friday 22nd 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.

MUSIC SOIREE # 2—Guitar & Keyboard **Wednesday 27th November — 6.00pm**

2019 DIARY

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 27 Music Soiree 2—Guitar & Keyboard

Saturday 30 Aspendale Gardens Community Day

DECEMBER

Monday 2 Year 5 RSPCA Excursion 5AA & 5EN

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 5BH & 5JI

DECEMBER

Thursday 12 Year 6 Graduation—7.00pm in Gym

Friday 13 Last Assembly for 2019—2.30pm

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

Early Dismissal at 1.30pm

JANUARY 2020

Tuesday 28 Staff Return to School

Wednesday 29 Students Start 2020 School Year

FROM OUR ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Year 2 Sleepover

Last Friday evening our Year 2 students had a fantastic experience sleeping over at school. This was a little taste to prepare them for next year's Year 3 Camp. The students had an amazing time, which started with an incursion during the day and culminated in games and movies. There were some tired looking faces in the morning! Thank you to the Year 2 teachers and all other staff members who assisted on the night with setting up beds, games and dinner, and in the morning with breakfast and pack up. The number of staff members who helped out was absolutely amazing. Well done team!



Year 4 Excursion



On Wednesday, the Year 4 students participated in an excursion to the McClelland Sculpture Park in Langwarrin. They attended a workshop to support their inquiry into 'How We Organise Ourselves' and their central idea that 'Public spaces provide people with opportunities to make connections and establish a sense of community'.

The students then got to explore the form and function of public spaces and the connection they have with people. In particular, the workshop provided inspirations for our own community space that the students will be designing for our school garden area.

Year 5 Mordialloc College Visit

In order to prepare students for Year 7, and give them a small taste of secondary school, on Wednesday our Year 5 students ventured to Mordialloc College where they took part in a variety of Year 7 subjects – Science, Home Economics, Art and Technology. The students had a very enjoyable time.

Soirees

On Wednesday evening, the school hosted the first of two end of year Soirees. This week we focussed on violins, drums and vocal. The performances were brilliant and the students should be very proud of their level of achievement. On Wednesday 27th November, we will host another Soiree which will focus on keyboard and guitar. Please feel free to join us from 6.00pm – 7.30pm. We are looking forward to another night of wonderful performances.



Foundation Swimming



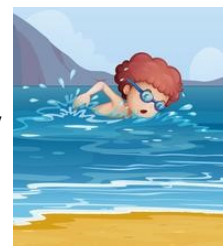
Today was the last day for of our Foundation intensive swimming program. The students have really enjoyed learning new strokes and improving their swimming abilities. The staff at the pool were very impressed with our students and the progress they made. Today they had a 'fun day' at the pool which was very exciting.

School Improvement

Last week our SEIL (Senior Education Improvement Leader) came to school to hear about our school's progress against our AIP (Annual Implementation Plan). This gave our School Improvement Team an opportunity to reflect on our school goals for the year and share the progress we have made. The SEIL was impressed with the direction the school is moving in, the shifts in teacher practice and the progress the children are making. Over the next fortnight we will be writing our 2020 action plan which will be based around further improvements to Mathematics, Reading / Writing and giving feedback.

Year 5 and 6 Beach Program

The Year 5 and 6 students begin their beach swimming program on Monday 25th November. During the week the students will participate in 10 different activities which include; DRSABCD First Aid / Rips / Tides / Dangers / CPR / Basic First Aid / Board Paddling / Life Support / Swimming / Radio and Rescue Operations / Body Surfing / and Basic Initiatives. This will be a fun time for the Year 5 and 6 students where they will learn and practise some very important skills.



Aspendale Gardens Community Day

On Saturday 30th November, we hope that our Glee Club will be singing at the Aspendale Gardens Community Day. We ask for those Glee Club members who have not returned their forms to do so as soon as possible.

Jonathan Baker

PERFORMING ARTS @ AGPS

Recorder Club We are looking for new members! We rehearse on Thursdays first half of lunch time in the Performing Arts Studio. Year's 3 to 6 welcome. We are playing Christmas songs.



Glee Club Performances: Aspendale Gardens Community Day Saturday 30th November. Please return permission slips ASAP. Tuesday 10th December Christmas Concert at the Community Centre at 2.30pm. Choir member families welcome.

Bands New Bands forming at AGPS this coming week. Still needing singers and drummers from Years 5 & 6. If you think you can play Djembe in a band come and audition on Monday 25th November at recess. Singers come at lunch time Monday 25th November for an audition. First 'Band' meeting Tuesday at lunchtime.

Keyboard Our unit is starting in December for middle and senior school. If you possess a keyboard or piano, and to get the most benefit from this unit, please place the keyboard in a room where your child will not be alone. Listen to your child play and encourage practice. Consider purchasing headsets to reduce noise.

Christmas CD Our very first Christmas CD would be a fabulous Christmas gift for Nan & Pop! Get your orders in ASAP. \$10.00 each. Order forms available from the office. Only 200 CD's available to buy.



Week 6 – Term 4



Foundation – Year 2



Year 3 – Year 6



AGPS FOUNDATION – YEAR 2 JUNIOR SPORTS DAY

What a fantastic morning we had on Wednesday 13th November for the AGPS Foundation to Year 2 Junior Sports Day! There were so many students sprinting, throwing, cooperating, showing fantastic sportsmanship and cheering their teammates on across the oval, all in the spirit of earning extra points for their houses. It was great to see so many parents, grandparents and friends at the sports day cheering and supporting the students on at the events.

The students enthusiastically rotated around the 7 tabloid sporting events of sprints, bean bag throw, discus quoits, closest to the pin, keep the bucket full, sack racing and jolly javelin for the day. All the events were magnificently run by the Year 6 Sport, House and School Captains, the Foundation – Year 2 teachers and many of the specialist teachers. Students gained lots of house points for coming 1st place in various events, while lots of students won house points for showing outstanding sportsmanship, working hard, listening to teachers and cooperating with their teams.

But WOWEE what a finish we had in the end!!! It was a close race in the final sprint off for the 2019 Junior Sports Day shield! It came right down to the wire with all four houses still in contention of taking out the glory until the last rotation! Congratulations to all students who worked so hard to earn their houses extra points by participating in excellent style and encouraging their teammates. But after a photo finish a huge congratulations to the Owls who won their 1st Junior Sports Day!

FINAL PLACINGS

1st PLACE	Owls	471 points
2nd PLACE	Kestrels	448 points
3rd PLACE	Kookaburras	425 points
4th PLACE	Falcons	383 points

Another big thank you to the awesome teachers and ES staff who always go above and beyond on these days, putting in so much effort to make the day run smoothly and fun for the students. We are so lucky at AGPS! Thank you and well done everyone!



JUNIOR SPORTS DAY



Yearbook Cover Winners



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OVERDUE PAYMENTS

Year 6 Graduation

Payment = \$35.00

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2019 Year 6 Canberra Tour

Instalment 1 & 2

Payment = \$170.00 x 2

Year 5 RSPCA Excursion

Payment = \$19.00

NOTICES & PAYMENTS DUE

Year 6 Luna Park = \$40.00
due Monday 26th November

2019 Year 6 Canberra Tour
Final Payment = \$150.00
Due Thursday 12th December

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