

Aspendale Gardens Primary School

Newsletter—Thursday 20th May



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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

MAY

Friday 21 School Tour @ 9:15am
Saturday 22 DAGS Working Bee & BBQ
Friday 28 School Tour @ 9:15am

JUNE

Tuesday 1 Kingston Division Cross Country
Carnival
Friday 4 School Tour @ 9:15am
Wednesday 9 Year 6 CERES Excursion
Friday 11 School Tour @ 9:15am
Monday 14 Queen's Birthday Holiday
Tuesday 15 Years 3 & 4 Swimming Begins

JUNE

Wednesday 16 Regional Cross Country
Friday 18 School Tour @ 9:15am
School Disco
Fdn—Yr 2 5:45pm—7:15pm
Yrs 3—6 7:30pm—9:00pm
Thursday 24 Years 3 & 4 Swimming Finishes
Year 4 Responsible Pet Ownership
Incursion
Friday 25 End of Term 2—2.30pm dismissal

JULY

Monday 12 Term 3 Begins

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Education Week

We had our Open Night on Wednesday evening for all our families and local community. This was an exciting evening for the children, as they loved showing their parents around their classroom and the specialist areas. Thank you to all the parents who attended. Your children were really excited to be able to share what they do at school with you and we thank you for your on-going interest and support.

DAGs Working Bee

Please come along and assist us with our working bee that is being held this Saturday. If you have not yet joined the DAG's group please feel free to do so by logging onto:

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

It is a wonderful way to get to know other Dads in our community and to enjoy some excellent social time together.

D.A.G.S
Dads of Aspendale Gardens
WORKING BEE
Saturday 22/5/21
10am - 12pm
BBQ to follow
ALL WELCOME. Bring your children too!
Come for one hour or the entirety.

Student on-line Chat Rooms

Some students' lives are being negatively impacted at school as a result of on-line chat rooms and various cyber sites that are not suitable for students of primary school age. We are encouraging students to avoid these sites and to report any inappropriate behaviours. Some sites are chat rooms with students from their own class. We ask parents to monitor all chats that students are involved in and minimise these as much as possible. The students are not as often using their iPads or computers, they are now using their phones. So please monitor when they can have their phones to avoid any unnecessary stress that may be caused. Excellent information for parents can be found on the following e-smart site.

<https://www.esmart.org.au/esmart-schools/resources/#forparents>

Year 5 Immigration Incursion

On Tuesday the Year 5 students participated in an incursion which related to their 'Where we are in place and time' unit of inquiry. The incursion addressed some of the reasons that people relocate their homes through migration and immigration. The students were all involved in a variety of activities that were educational and fun.



Senior Inter-House Athletics Carnival

Yesterday all students in Years 3 - 6 took part in our Inter-House Athletics Carnival, which was held at Chelsea Little Athletics Centre (HD Thomas Pavilion, Edithvale Rd, Edithvale). Students walked from AGPS through the Edithvale Wetlands to get to the venue. Students completed eight rotations that included six athletic events & two breaks for snack and lunch. At the close of the day, the Houses assembled for house chants, the staff vs student relay race & the presentation of the AGPS Senior Inter-House trophy to the winning house for 2021. Then everyone walked back to school tired and happy with their accomplishments for the day. There will be a detailed report in next week's newsletter.

Anerien's Raffle

Thank you to all our families and school community for purchasing raffle tickets to support Anerien Becker and her family. The wonderful group of supporters raised an outstanding amount of \$9,000, which is just fantastic! Anerien was humbled by the effort and support.

The winners of the raffle were:

Prize	1	Jasper (1SH) & Sebastian Benson (3FM)
Prize	2	Christie Johnson
Prize	3	Flordiana (Anerien's IV nurse)
Prize	4	Isabella Kojdo (FEC)
Prize	5	Talar Wadeson [mum of Ewan (3JB) , Eloise (5LW) & Max (6AK)]
Prize	6	Sarah Patterson (1KB)
Prize	7	Jessica Stander
Prize	8	Ivonni Jap (Roland L. 3LC)
Prize	9	Tracey Gray [mum of Colby (3JB) & Logan (6AK)]
Prize	10	Kelly Matapo



Year 1 Coal Creek Excursion

Yesterday our Year 1 students journeyed by bus to 'Coal Creek Community Park and Museum' in Korumburra (South Gippsland). Their current unit of inquiry focuses on how 'changes over time influence who we are and how we live today'. This inquiry unit will help them to develop a stronger sense of identity and appreciation of their family history.

Children had the opportunity to see heritage buildings, grounds and train/railway. They undertook a program experiencing a child's life 1901 style! This included an old-fashioned school lesson, bush cooking and games.

Chocolate Drive

Our annual Chocolate Drive has commenced. Thank you to all the families who took boxes to sell or made a \$20.00 donation. Also, thank you to those families who have already returned their \$60.00 payment. Already, just with donations, we have raised over \$1,000.

School Drop Off and Pick Up

Just a gentle reminder to parents that the school yard is not supervised by school staff before 8:45am due to staff attending early morning briefing and classroom organisation for the day. Also, the yard is not supervised after 3:45pm in the afternoon. Parents please drop off after 8:45am to ensure the safety of your child. If you are delayed for after school pick up, which can certainly happen occasionally, please ring the school and we will supervise your child in the office until you arrive. If children are consistently dropped off early or collected late we will have to place them into before and after school care.



Have lovely weekend.

Cheryle Osborne

SCHOOL PRODUCTION NEWS

Production News

Our very busy costume team has already begun sewing and would love some help if you can sew or use a glue gun! Please leave me your contact details on Dojo messages if you would like to offer some time to help. If any families have material or old clothes that they would like to donate, we are looking for any type of jungle prints, elastic, cottons, buttons, ribbons, glue sticks, grey, brown, green and black material as well as brightly colored or fluoro material for clown costumes, felt, party clown wigs, black and white mullet wigs, glow sticks, headbands, face paints, hippy beads, fake flowers, fake greenery (vines, leaves etc.) All donations gratefully accepted.



Recycling

We are making shakers in music class from recycled waste and need any sturdy old containers with lids and old beads or fillers of any kind that you are willing to donate.

Merry Music Making

Mrs Nicolson



STARS OF THE WEEK



Week 3—Term 2

Foundation — Year 2



Year 3 — Year 6





STARS OF THE WEEK



Week 4—Term 2

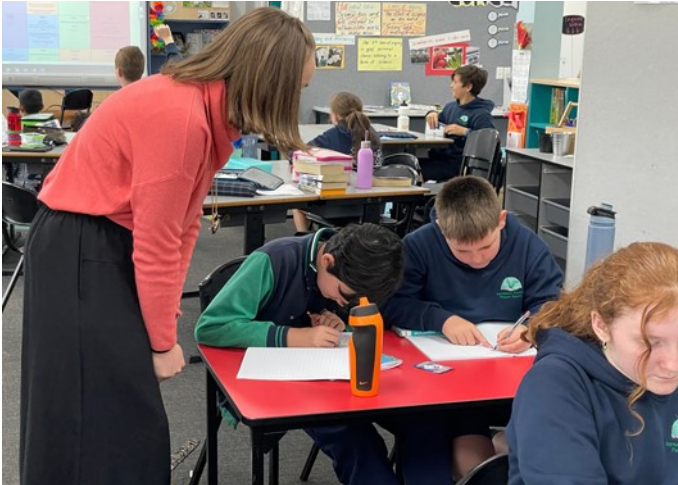
Foundation — Year 2



Year 3 — Year 6



The PYP at AGPS: Year 6 Strawberry Experiment



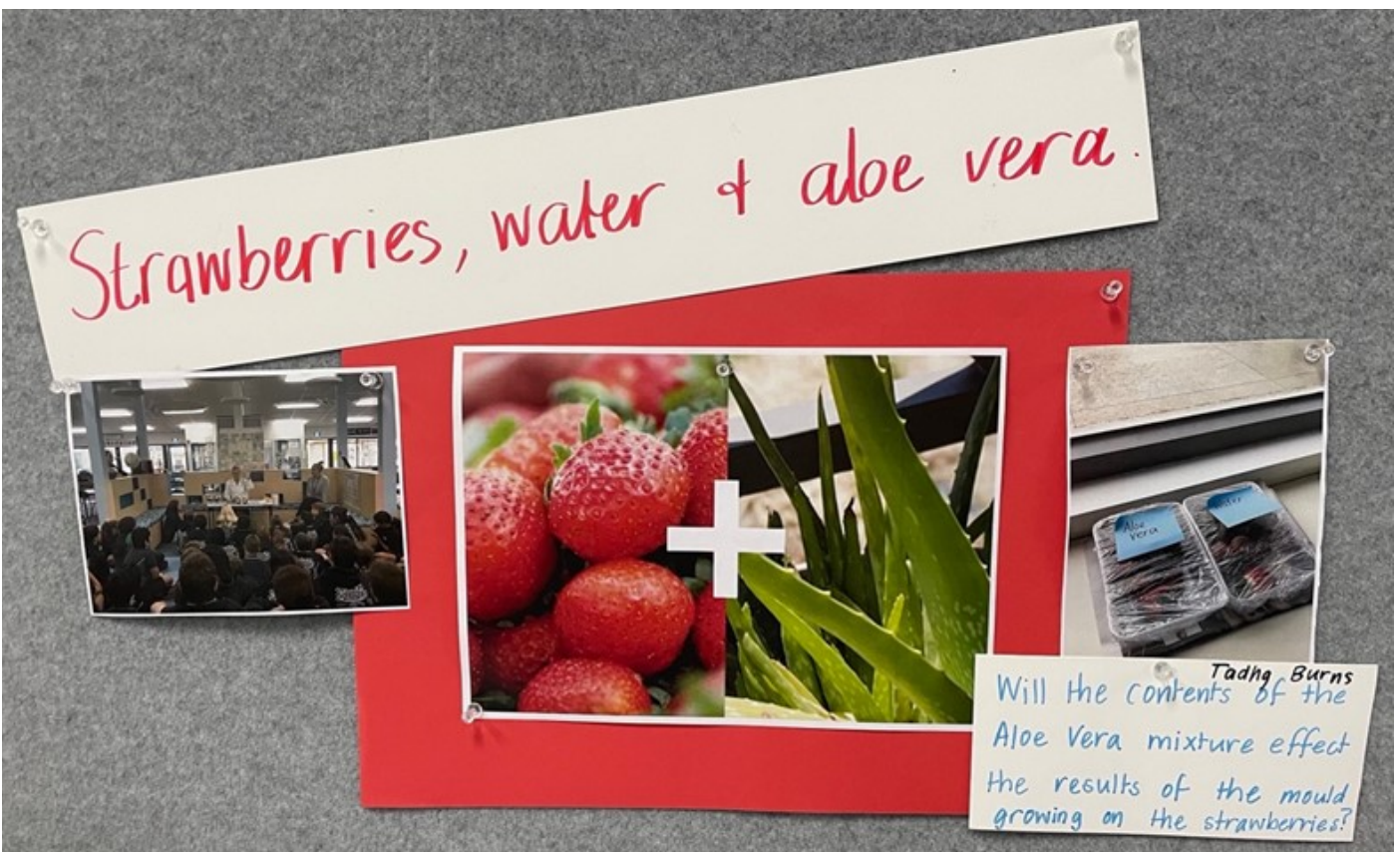
This term, the Year 6 students have been working on the unit of inquiry, 'How the world works' by examining science through experimentation. They have been learning how to communicate effectively using the scientific report method and have conducted a number of experiments during class to fuel their inquiries.

One exciting experiment the students conducted was comparing strawberries washed in water with strawberries washed with an aloe vera

solution to see how mould would develop. The students came up with many interesting questions about what could possibly happen, and each student wrote up their own hypothesis and observed the strawberries over a five day period.

The results were quite astonishing and the students wrote detailed observations and then formed conclusions about what had happened. They also reflected on what other variables they could use if they conducted the experiment again.

The one conclusion made by all of Year 6 was definitely that an inquiry into science is great fun!



Thank you from Anerien and Family

To all the wonderful staff and parents at AGPS,

Thank you so much for your amazing participation in the raffle organised by some of the Grade 2 mums as a fundraiser for my ongoing cancer treatment. It is in the tough times that real character is shown, and this challenge has shown that the AGPS community is deeply kind, compassionate and supportive.

A special thank you to Louise Carter, Catherine Pinches, Louise Bradley, Clare Henderson, Natasha Haakman, Sarah Farrington and Meaghan Costin for arranging everything from the prizes to the printing of the booklets. Also to Ms Osborne for her continuous support and for coming to the prize draw evening. And last but not least, the office staff who has gone above and beyond in supporting this cause.

My family and I feel really blessed and deeply appreciative to be part



of such a caring and generous community.

With thanks and wishing you all the best,

*Anerien,
Iggy and the
Becker boys*

Year 6 Interschool Sport (ISS) Match Report

Last Friday the Year 6 students competed in their second round of Year 6 Interschool Sport (ISS) for Term 2 against **St. Louis de Montfort's School** at **AGPS**. The Year 6 students did a fantastic job, representing AGPS in their chosen sport with pride, while also showing lots of sportsmanship throughout their games. **Below are the results from last week's games:**

Netball (Girls)			Netball (Boys/Mixed)	
AGPS	22		AGPS	7
St. Louis	19		St. Louis	24
Best Player/s:	Danielle Y. Eva M. & Hayley W.		Best Player/s:	Emily D-R. Ariane S. & Lea S-N.
Soccer (Mixed #1)			Soccer (Mixed #2)	
AGPS	0		AGPS	1
St. Louis	7		St. Louis	4
Best Player/s:	Elijah B. & Aaron Y.		Best Player/s:	Adelle S.
Tee Ball (Mixed #1)			Tee Ball (Mixed #2)	
AGPS	14		AGPS	13
St. Louis	9		St. Louis	20
Best Player/s:	Rafael A. & Charlotte J		Best Player/s:	Akira T.
		AFL (Mixed)		
		AGPS	26	
		St. Louis	54	
		Best Player/s:	Deshna K. Chris T. & James D.	

Our next game will see us playing at home this Friday against **Chelsea Heights Primary School**. Well done to all of the Year 6 students on their efforts shown last week. **GO AGPS!** *Mr. Braden King*

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Cadbury Chocolate Drive

Chocolates were distributed to the youngest in the family on Monday afternoon.

Save the Date—School Disco

This year our School Disco will be held on Friday 18th June—save the date on your calendar. Payment forms will be sent home via the youngest child early June.

YEAR LEVEL	ATTENDANCE TIMES
Foundation to Year 2	5:45pm—7:15pm
Years 3—6	7:30pm—9:00pm



FOUNDATION





CELEBRATING OUR AGPS MUMS





Hello from the TheirCare team at Aspendale Gardens!

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

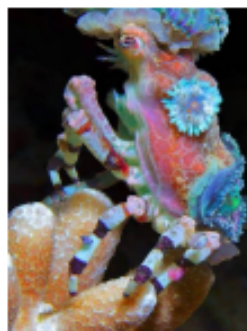
We have had the previous week with the theme of sustainability and had a great presentation on this subject by a team of girls who assisted Akshaya.

They presented an interactive talk with props, and pictures. The children were fascinated and listened intently. We have made changes to our room to be more sustainable.

WHATS ON THIS WEEK?

NATURE

We are exploring the topic of nature and have made a nature table that contains leaves, branches, insects and magnifying glasses to explore with. We have nature heads to make and planting some cool plants of our own. A special feature of this week will be a presentation on nature by a group of our after school care girls which promises to be very exciting!



THEIRCARE TOY LIBRARY

Something exciting is returning!

We will have access to our toy library on the following date:

Tennis games:

Monday 31st May - Wednesday 2nd June

It is going to be a fun time and the children will love it!

OPENING HOURS:

BSC: 7:00AM - 8:45AM

ASC: 3:30PM - 6:15PM



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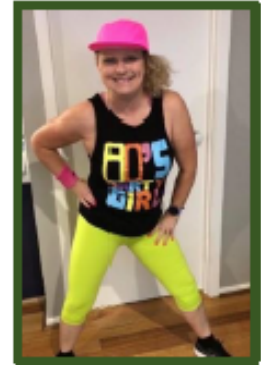
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ZUMBA!!!

ZUMBA is a fun fitness program that combines dance and fitness moves! Don't worry if you haven't danced in a long time or not danced at all! Just let your hair down! Moves can be modified or done from a seated position if needed.

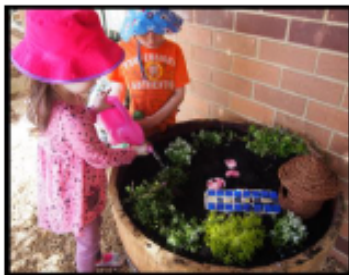
When: Thursday – 7.00pm to 7.45pm

Cost: \$10.00 per class (card only – no cash will be accepted)
(+ \$15.00 AGCS Annual Family Membership if not already paid)



OCCASIONAL CHILDCARE

When you need a little break, Occasional Childcare is what you need!!



When: Thursday – 8.30am to 12.00pm

Cost: \$45 one child / \$75 per family per session

When: Friday – 8.30am to 1.30pm

Cost: \$55 one child / \$105 per family per session

For more information email: enquiries@agcsinc.org.au

2021 3 year old PRESCHOOL places available

If your child turned 3 before 30 April 2021, they are eligible to attend our 3YO Preschool program.

Visit our website (www.agcsinc.org.au) to see our fantastic facilities and read more about our program.

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

For more detailed information email natasha.byrne@agcsinc.org.au





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Now accepting Semester 2 enrolments for our rehearsal venues in Berwick, Burwood East, Caulfield North, Cheltenham, Essendon, Greensborough, Ivanhoe, Kew, Ringwood and Yarraville.



Join us at our free **OPEN DAY** on Saturday June 19

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