

# Aspendale Gardens Primary School Newsletter—Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December



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Primary School

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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.*

## 2022 DIARY

### DECEMBER

**Thursday 15** Reports Open on Compass to Parents  
Year 6 Graduation—7:00pm in Gym

**Friday 16** **Class Transition—Meet 2023 Teacher  
& Classmates (10:20am—11:00am)**

**Friday 16** Final Assembly for 2022—Year 6  
Leavers & Christmas Raffle Draw

**Monday 19** Last Day of 2022 School Year  
Early Dismissal @ 1:30pm

**Tuesday 20** **PUPIL FREE DAY - NO Students**

### JANUARY

**Friday 27** Teachers Start 2023 School Year

**Monday 30** Students Start 2023 School Year

### FEBRUARY

**Wednesday 15** District Swimming Tryouts  
4:30pm—6:30pm

### MARCH

**Wednesday 1** Whole School Photo Day

**LAST DAY OF 2022 SCHOOL YEAR  
MONDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER—1.30pm FINISH  
PUPIL FREE DAY—NO STUDENTS  
TUESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**



*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year  
to all our families at AGPS  
Have a safe & happy holiday!!*



## FROM OUR ACTING PRINCIPAL

### Bike Education

The Year 4 and Year 5 students have completed their bike education sessions for the term. They finished with a ride around our neighbourhood to test their new found skills. They have improved their control of their bikes and have a greater awareness of bike safety and road rules. Thank you to Mr King and the parents who assisted with this program.



## Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden.

The final session of the kitchen garden program involved the students making their own pizzas and cooking them in the pizza oven. This was a great celebration of the program.



## Year Books

We were excited that our 2022 Yearbooks were delivered last week and the students who had pre-purchased Yearbooks through their school fees have now received their copy. The Yearbook is an excellent reminder of the activities that have occurred at AGPS throughout the year, within each class, year level and across the whole school. Thank you to Annie who spent a lot of time putting this together this term. There are still copies available for families who would like to purchase one.

## Year 6 Graduation

Tonight, we celebrate the Year 6 Graduation. The students will be having a dinner together, followed by their Graduation ceremony. Students have selected working parties over the last few weeks, where they have participated in different areas of planning for the special evening. We wish all of our graduating students a restful break and a smooth enjoyable transition to their secondary schools. We hope that they will take with them the Learner Profile Attributes of being principled, open-minded, reflective, caring, inquirers, knowledgeable, thinkers, communicators, balanced and courageous.



## Reports Released

The end of Semester 2 reports will be released on Compass at 3:45pm today (Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December). It is often the case that the Compass portal is slow to download on the evening of the release, so if you have difficulties downloading the report, please try again tomorrow morning.

Year 6 parents and any other families leaving AGPS, will need to download any reports that they would like to keep by Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December, as their Compass accounts will close following this.



## Leavers

I would like to acknowledge and thank the families who are leaving Aspendale Gardens Primary School at the end of this year. There are many families who have been with us throughout their children's schooling from Foundation to Year 6, some who have had a number of children attending who have been with us in excess of 10 years.

Thank you to the involvement and support of the following families:..... ANDERSON, BALDRICK, BHANSALI, BURTON, CHAKMA, CHAN-THAI, CHENG, CICORIA, DEAN, DHAWAN, ERVINE, FERRIER, FOSTER, FOSTER, GU, HILL, HIRD, KENINGTON, KONG, LAY, LE, LYON, MAGGS, MALAEB, MALONE, MASON, MICHAELSON, MORGAN, NIEMOELLER, NIKAS, OLIVER, OWEN, PETROU, RAGHAVAN, RODAS ISAAKIDIS, ROSS, ROSS, SAKELLARIOS, SHAH, SHAH, SHEN, SPENCE, SRISUWAN, STEWART, STRATTON, SWEATMAN, TOUNIS, TUBB, UDAWATTHA ARACHCHIGE, VADUJKAR, VUONG, WALKER, WANG, WHITE, WINDLEY, WOLFE, YOU, & ZHENG.

## Student Numbers and Class Sizes

Our student numbers have decreased over the past few years, with a few families moving interstate following the COVID lockdowns in Victoria and other families moving away to other areas within Victoria. With reduced student numbers comes a drop in the allocated budget. After weighing our options up in regards to year group structures next year we have decided on the following:

Year Level	Student Numbers	Number of Classes	Class Sizes
Foundation	72	4	17, 18, 18, 18
Year 1	96	5	19, 19, 19, 19, 20
Year 2	68	3	22, 23, 23
Year 3	94	4	23, 23, 24, 24
Year 4	88	4	22, 22, 22, 22
Year 5	109	4	27, 27, 27, 28
Year 6	85	4	21, 21, 21, 22

## Christmas Tree Winner

After purchasing their own fresh tree, this year's winner of a **FREE** Christmas tree (in 2023) from Evergreen Christmas Tree Farm in Bangholme is **Rebecca Riley**—one of our teachers. Congratulations!

## Final Days....

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as the Acting Principal of Aspendale Gardens Primary School this year. I would like to thank all the staff for their dedication, care and professionalism and for always striving for the best for our students. I would like to thank James Cracknell for his excellent work and support as Acting Assistant Principal.

A reminder that **Monday (19th December)** will be the final day of term for the students. The students will be dismissed at 1.30pm. Tuesday will be a **pupil free day** for teachers to get prepared for 2023.

The 2023 school year starts for students on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January.

We would like to thank the community for their support this year and wish you all a happy and healthy holiday time.



*Jonathan*

*Acting Principal*

## 2023 SCHOOL TERM DATES

**TERM 1:** Monday 30 January (students)  
to Thursday 6 April

**TERM 3:** Monday 10 July  
to Friday 15 September

**TERM 2:** Monday 24 April  
to Friday 23 June

**TERM 4:** Monday 2 October  
to Wednesday 20 December

## STAFF LIST 2023

Principal	Cheryle Osborne
Assistant Principal	Jonathan Baker
Student Welfare Officer / Integration Coordinator	Debbie Hatfield
Business Manager	Rebecca Russell
Administration Manager	Annie Low
Administration Officer	Paula Decarli
Library Management/Administration	Glenys Balik

### TEACHING STAFF

Foundation	Maddy Chapple	FCH	Room 1
	Malory Cracknell	FMC	Room 2
	Emily Garside	FEG	Room 3
	Nat Tangey	FNT	Room 4
<b>Learning Enhancement</b>	<b>Learning Enhancement</b>		<b>Room 5</b>
Year 1	Leanne Cairns / Genevieve Kamus	1LC	Room 6
	Diana Anagnostou	1DA	Room 7
	Shannyn Day	1SD	Room 8
	Bec Riley / Lauren Reed	1RR	Room 9
	Kira Fischer	1KF	Room 10
Year 2	Jess Burton	2JB	Room 11
	Alex Taylor	2AT	Room 12
	Lucy Gill / Vanessa Macdonald	2GM	Room 17
	<b>Education Support / Music Tuition</b>		<b>Room 18</b>
Year 3	Jamie Briones	3JB	Room 19
	Steph Kegen / Emily Ahrens	3KA	Room 20
	Rena Pallan	3RP	Room 21
	Lauren Brodie	3LB	Room 22
Year 4	Fiona Davidson / Lauren Gomolis	4DG	Room 23
	Chris Taylor	4CT	Room 24
	Olivia McKaskill	4OM	Room 25
	Ross Graham	4RG	Room 26
Year 5	Lee Wonnacott	5LW	Room 27
	Rochelle Keulen	5RK	Room 28
	Athena Archer	5AA	Room 29
	Belle Munro	5BM	Room 30
Year 6	Jackie Morrison-Woolcock	6JM	Room 13
	Brooke Hiscock	6BH	Room 14
	James Cracknell / Liam Murphy	6JC	Room 15
	Amy Kelly	6AK	Room 16

### SPECIALIST TEACHERS

Kitchen / Garden	Angela Loh / Seila Hierk		
LOTE	Weibin Fang / Mei-Lin Chu	LOTE	Rooms 31 & 32
Performing Arts	Lucy Nicolson / Cat McGregor		
Physical Education	Braden King / Liam Murphy		
Visual Arts	Julie Lach / Kelly Cornelius		

### LEARNING SPECIALISTS

English	Shannyn Day
ICT	James Cracknell
Mathematics	Chris Taylor & Lee Wonnacott
PYP	Jackie Morrison-Woolcock

### ADDITIONAL TEACHING STAFF

Disability/Extra Support/Tutoring	Susan Hunt
	Hayley O'Donnell

### INTEGRATION STAFF

Kaylee Athanasiou, Glenys Balik, Sarah Byrnes, Maria Janecic, Simone Kenington, Sarah Kerr, Kathy Mooney, Simone Oke, Dellayne Patterson, Marie Sherris, Dharshi Subhawickrama, Deb Watkins

### GROUPS / MAINTENANCE

Elly Corkill / Graeme Harley

### ICT TECHNICIAN

Fenil Mangukiya / Ty Lim

# STARS OF THE WEEK



TERM 4 WEEK 10  
Foundation—Year 2



Years 3—6 & Specialists



# GRADUATION CLASS of 2022



# Congratulations to our 2023 Student Leaders



School Captains



School Vice-Captains



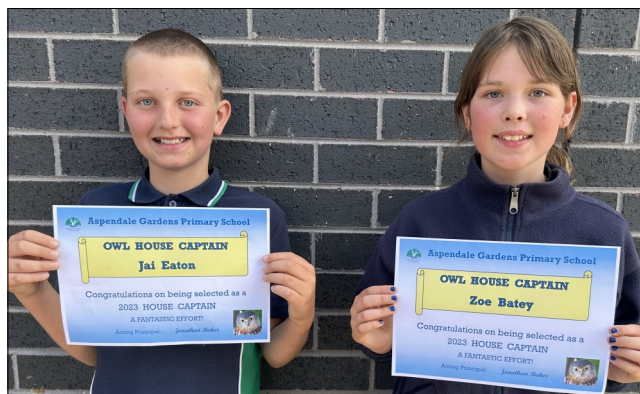
Falcons House Captains



Kestrels House Captains



Kookaburras House Captains



Owls House Captains



Environment Leaders



Library Leaders



L.O.T.E. Leaders



Performing Arts Leaders



Sports Leaders



Technology Leaders



Visual Arts Leaders



# 2023 School Leaders

## **SCHOOL CAPTAINS**

Koby F

Eva H

## **VICE CAPTAINS**

William T

Bella Q

## **ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERS**

Ruby M-B

Leah O'M-H

Eli F

Lewis J

## **VISUAL ARTS**

Mila Z

Evelyn T

Amy T

Polina I

## **LIBRARY**

Jordan L

Indi M

## **PERFORMING ARTS**

Isabella R

Larah P

Alice G

Scarlett G

## **LOTE**

Chloe H

Gemma G

## **SPORT**

Max S

Archie Sp

## **TECHNOLOGY**

William M

Malachi D

## **HOUSE CAPTAINS**

### **Falcons**

Ethan D

Winona L

### **Owls**

Jai E

Zoe B

### **Kookaburras**

Declan G

Alisha H

### **Kestrels**

Kaden E

Mia P

## **AGPS Fundraising Team – 2022 Wrap Up!**

It was amazing that as a team we were able to run fundraising events to raise money for the school after COVID decimated everyone's plans in 2020 and 2021!

We started the year with our usual Easter Free Dress Day in which the children either donated Easter goodies or donated a gold coin. Those goodies were then made into gorgeous hampers that we raffled. Every year, the amount of Easter goodies (mainly chocolate) donated increases and we are overwhelmed by the generosity of our families, for every event, not just Easter.

For the team, one of the highlights this year were the Junior & Senior school discos we held in June. Nearly 75% of kids at the school attended and it was amazing to see the kids dancing, singing along to Rick Astley (!) and generally having an awesome time.

As always, we held our Mother's and Father's Day stalls which are a highlight for the kids. These events are always frantic: from co-ordinating the wrapping of over 2,000 gifts, allocating those gifts to ensure everyone has a fair go (yes there is a touch of science behind it!), and enlisting parent helpers to assist getting kids through the stalls. It takes a huge effort.

Trivia Night was held in October which was also a highlight. We had nearly 200 parents attend which was great fun. This event alone raised over \$9,768.39 A HUGE thank you must go to our 'Quiz Master Extraordinaire' Annie who did an amazing job on the night.

We have finished the year with a Christmas Raffle and again we have some amazing prizes to be won.

To everyone who helped the team this year; whether you wrapped gifts for one of the stalls, stapled raffle ticket books, created the Easter hampers, 'bounced' on the door at school disco in the freezing cold to keep the kids safe, helped us set up for Trivia Night or donated something amazing that we raffled/auctioned – 'Thank You, Thank You, Thank You' - we can't run events without the support of our school community.

We raised **\$34,377.91** this year which will all be used to enhance the learning experiences and the environment for our children at the school. We are enormously proud of this amount.

Chocolates	\$ 3,524.60
Disco	\$ 6,214.76
Easter Raffle	\$ 5,531.88
Election BBQ	\$ 1,316.65
Entertainment Book	\$ 396.73
Mothers & Fathers Day	\$ 2,901.40
Trivia	\$ 9,768.39
Fathers Day Camp Out	\$ 649.50
Christmas Raffle	\$ 4,074.00

The Fundraising Team currently consists of seven mums, who work mainly full time and have eleven kids between us. We also have amazing support from Annie, Paula, Bec and Cat McGregor at the school.

To the team - Sian Carroll, Andrea Roberts, Jenna Neilsen, Jacqui Wright, Clare Henderson – **THANK YOU** for everything you have done for the team this year. It's been hairy at times but mainly a lot of fun.

We are always looking for new members and would love to see some new faces in 2023. You don't have to attend every meeting and any help you can give is much appreciated.

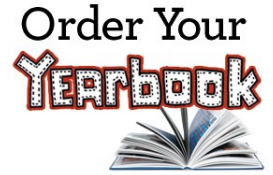


We wish you all a very safe & happy Christmas and New Year and look forward to more events in 2023.

**Catherine Pinches (President) & Michelle Darlow (Vice President)**



# Aspendale Gardens Primary School 2022 Yearbook



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our 2022 Yearbook is currently at the printers and will be distributed in Week 10 of this term.

Our Yearbook displays all the amazing things that our students have been involved in over the 2022 school year – a wonderful memento to keep for years to come.

Those who have already paid for their Yearbook, with their 2022 School fees, need do nothing more – your child/ren will bring their Yearbook home in the last week of term.

If you can't remember if you have already paid, please phone the office on 9587 0877 and the lovely office ladies will be able to help you.

**If you HAVE NOT already paid for the Yearbook it is not too late!**

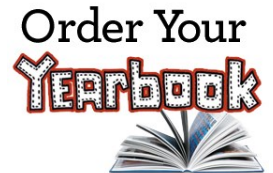
Please complete and return the below payment slip to the office by Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December and your child will also receive their book in the last week of term.

**Annie Low**  
**Yearbook Editor**

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## ASPENDALE GARDENS PRIMARY SCHOOL 2022 YEARBOOK



**PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND HAND INTO THE OFFICE  
AND RETURN BY MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

**I wish to order the 2022 Yearbook.**

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed Payment of: **\$20.00**  **CASH**  
 **CREDIT CARD**

<p><b>Please debit my: VISA / MASTERCARD (Circle Appropriate) Total: \$</b> _____</p> <p><b>CREDIT CARD NUMBER</b> _____ <b>EXPIRY DATE:</b> ____ / ____</p> <p><b>Name on Card:</b> _____</p> <p><b>Signature:</b> _____</p>
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## NetSetGo registrations for 2023 are now open

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# PLAYGROUP IN 2023

**Tuesday 31st January**  
**Thursday 2nd February**  
**9:30am - 11:00am**

**\$6 No Bookings Required - Walk-ins**



Playgroup  
Victoria

# MESSY PLAY IN 2023

## Term 1

**Thursday 23rd February**  
**Thursday 30th March**  
**9:30am - 10:30am**

## Term 2

**Thursday 28th April**  
**Thursday 26th May**  
**Thursday 16th June**  
**9:30am - 10:30am**



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# School Holiday Program



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**2022-2023**



**8:30AM-4:30PM  
\$12+/DAY**



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Time	Activities
8:30-9:00	Registration
9:00-10:00	Soccer/Dodgeball
10:00-11:00	Basketball/Jump
11:00-11:30	Snack
11:30-12:30	Dodgem/Musical
12:30-13:00	Volleyball/Jump
13:00-13:30	Lunch
13:30-14:30	Laser Tag/Nerf
14:30-15:00	Bubble/Tennis
15:00-16:00	Facepainting/Jump
16:00-16:30	Pick-up



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