

# Aspendale Gardens Primary School

## Newsletter—Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> 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.*

### 2022 DIARY

#### FEBRUARY

Friday 25 Year 3 Chinese Museum Excursion  
Monday 28 School Council (2021) Meeting  
7.00pm in Staffroom

#### MARCH

Wednesday 2 Fundraising Team Meeting 7pm  
Friday 4 District Swimming Carnival  
Monday 7 Year 6 Canberra Tour POSTPONED  
Year 4 Royal Botanical Gardens  
Excursion

#### MARCH

Monday 14 LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY  
Wednesday 16 Years 3—6 Cross Country  
Monday 21 Division Swimming Carnival  
Thursday 24 Year 1 Supreme Incursions  
Wednesday 30 African Drumming Incursion  
Thursday 31 African Drumming Incursion

#### APRIL

Friday 1 CURRICULUM DAY - NO school

### FROM OUR ACTING PRINCIPAL

As summer draws to a close, I hope our families have been making the most of the beautiful weather. The weather has meant that our students have been able to have recess and lunchtimes outside and have been able to use our school grounds as an extension of their learning. The end of February marks the end of the Foundation students' assessment days, so from next week they will be joining us for the full five days. This may be an adjustment for some of our Foundation students, as they may need more relaxation and downtime after school for the first few weeks.



#### Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs)

The Department of Education have made a commitment to extend the supply of Rapid Antigen Tests in primary schools. We are currently awaiting our next delivery. As soon as these arrive at school, we will allocate these to our students. We encourage all families to use these RATs twice a week, to identify COVID and stop the spread amongst our community.

#### Student Leaders

This week Mr Cracknell visited the Year 6 classrooms to hand out the badges to our Year 6 leaders. The leaders have already made a good start in their roles and are enthusiastic to contribute. He reminded the Year 6 students that they are **ALL** leaders and all have an opportunity to make a positive difference to our school.



#### Class Representatives

Aspendale Gardens Primary School welcomes and relies on parent involvement in the school in many ways. One role that is very important is that of Class Representative. The role of a class representative is to liaise with the classroom teacher and school, to encourage parent involvement in school programs and to organise social events for the class so that parents can get to know each other in a friendly informal environment. It is a great way to get to know other parents in your child's class. An expression of interest has been sent out to our families on Compass. Please return the slip, or talk to the classroom teacher if you would be interested in the position.

## Fundraising Team

I was pleased to be able to attend the first fundraising team meeting last week. The team looked at the year's fundraising calendar and put some key dates in the calendar. A good number of people have returned their 'Just One Thing' sheets and offered to help out with events throughout the year. If you would like to attend the next Fundraising Team meeting, it will be held at school on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March in the staffroom at 7:00pm. Please enter the school via the staff carpark.

## School Council Nominations

We received nominations for our School Council. The elected members of our School Council for 2022 are: Lee Wonnacott, Jonathan Baker, Mark Heenan, Ash Williams, Jono Whalan & Adam Willrath. These members will join Matt Hill, Catherine Pinches and Stacy Mason who begin their second year on Council. We all look forward to working with the School Council and value their support in making our school the best it can be.



Have an enjoyable weekend everyone,



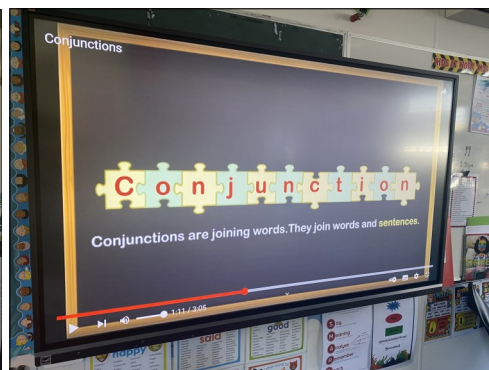
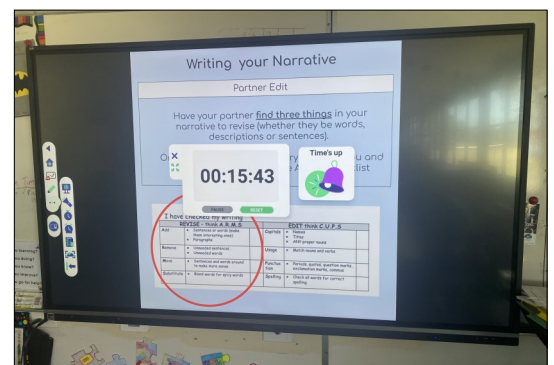
*Jonathan*

## ICT School Improvement

At Aspendale Gardens Primary School, we aim to develop students' skills through engagement in different devices and operating systems throughout their schooling. This includes iPad's with iOS, laptops, 2 in 1 tablets and desktop computers with Microsoft Windows. We have allocated the devices to particular year levels with the purpose of having students develop their ICT skills across their schooling in a logical manner.

We provide opportunities for students to develop their skills in Robotics and Coding through the use of Bee Bots, Sphero's, Lego We Do 2.0 and Lego EV3 Mindstorms. These skills are developed in coordination with their Units of Inquiry to help students make connections between how coding skills can be used in real life.

Over the summer holidays we have begun to update the Interactive Whiteboards within our classrooms. We have just installed 8 brand new ViewSonic 75 inch Interactive Touchscreens into our Year 2 and Year 5 classrooms (see pictures below). These devices give teachers the opportunity to provide students with more creative and engaging lessons. We have budgeted for more classrooms to have this upgrade in 2022 and look forward to our students benefiting from the new technology.



*James Cracknell*



# STARS OF THE WEEK

## TERM 1 WEEK 3



Foundation



Year 1



Year 2



# STARS OF THE WEEK

## TERM 1 WEEK 3



Year 3



Year 4



Year 5



Year 6

## [Year 6 Interschool Sport \(ISS\) Match Report](#)

Last Friday, the Year 6 students competed in their first ever round of Year 6 Interschool Sport (ISS). Students travelled to **St. Louis de Montfort's School** to play some Basketball, Cricket, Volleyball and Kickball. Additionally, some students travelled to **Chelsea Bowling Club** to play some Lawn Bowls. 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:

BASKETBALL (BOYS)		BASKETBALL (GIRLS)	
AGPS	32	AGPS	20
St. Louis	19	St. Louis	16
Best Player/s:	Ben B & Joel D	Best Player/s:	Eve R & Eloise W

CRICKET (BOYS)		CRICKET (GIRLS/MIXED)	
AGPS	230	AGPS	182
St. Louis	107	St. Louis	77
Best Player/s:	Mitch B & Ollie N	Best Player/s:	Isobel M & Aadi C

KICKBALL		LAWN BOWLS (MIXED)	
AGPS	16	Best Player/s:  Jack H, Talia N & Leighton S	
St. Louis	25		
Best Player/s:	Ben T & Thalia F		

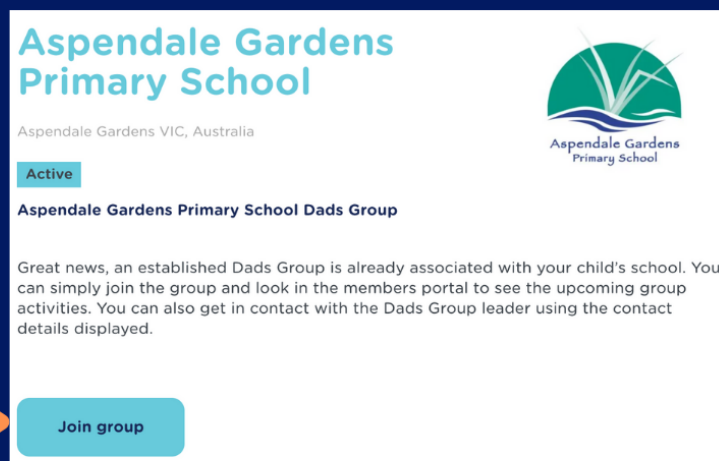
VOLLEYBALL (BOYS)		VOLLEYBALL (GIRLS)	
AGPS	2	AGPS	2
St. Louis	1	St. Louis	1
Best Player/s:	Alex P & Sam R	Best Player/s:	Neena L & Sarah Y

Tomorrow will see us playing our first home game at AGPS against **Chelsea Heights Primary School**. Well done once again to all of the Year 6 students on their efforts last week. **GO AGPS!**

Mr. King

# How to join our dads' group: DAG's

**Step 1:** <https://thefatheringproject.org/dads-group/aspendale-gardens-primary-school/>



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Aspendale Gardens Primary School Dads Group

Great news, an established Dads Group is already associated with your child's school. You can simply join the group and look in the members portal to see the upcoming group activities. You can also get in contact with the Dads Group leader using the contact details displayed.

Join group

**Step 2:** → Join Group

**Step 3:** → Select NO



\*Are you a member of The Fathering Project?

Yes

No

**Step 4:**  
Enter your details and select "Join Group Now"



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