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ON TIME AT 9

Buckle them in every time

Your child needs to be correctly restrained even when travelling a short distance. Most crashes happen close to home!

ROAD SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS BEGINS WITH YOU!
From The Principal

I trust all Mums had a happy day last Sunday. I certainly did! There were early celebrations here last Friday at the Mother’s Day afternoon tea in the Learning Studio. The fundraising committee organised delicious Devonshire teas or coffee and the MVIMP woodwind students provided the musical items for our guests. Thank you to all involved in making this activity such a successful and enjoyable one. Nearly $2,000.00 was raised by the stall, the afternoon tea and the raffle activities. What a wonderful combined effort and result for our hardworking fundraising committee!

School Council meets next Monday 16 May, 7 pm in the staffroom, and I invite more parents to join this group. We still have two casual vacancies for 2011 and it would be great if interested parents took up this role. AVPS has 8 parent reps, 4 DEECD staff on Council and the opportunity to co-opt a community member as deemed useful. Please see me or Cheryl Blair, School Council President, if you would be prepared to accept a nomination. All parents are welcome at School Council meetings as observers at every meeting.

The office is slowly being re-established and the occupancy certificate for the Learning Studio is close at hand. Furniture production timelines and some issues with final fittings are delaying final completion at the moment. The carpet in the hallway and staffroom is to be laid early next week and then we will be able to negotiate re-laying the carpet from the Admin area into Unit 3. Quotes and plans regarding this work are being sought this week. I was at a site meeting this morning and our end of June final completion date is still expected. Once the builders hand me there final work schedule I will know when we can empty the Hall and begin assemblies again. I realise some parents have been disappointed by the change of assembly time but we are going to trial this change this term. I needed to prioritise major learning times/blocks to meet DEECD curriculum mandates and I could not cover all specialist classes on the timetable any other way. We’ll see how it goes and, hopefully, available parents will still join us on Monday afternoons.

The children in Years 3 and 5 will finalise their NAPLAN testing tomorrow morning and then parents and the school will await the results. For the first time, the writing test was a Persuasive Text piece instead of the usual narrative (write a story) task. The children and teachers have been working towards this change and I noticed them writing confidently on the topic. They were writing to substantiate their opinion regarding: Too much money is spent on toys and games. My very quick read of their writing told me that, generally, the children at AVPS agreed with this statement. The papers I scanned suggest it is important to prioritise spending on food and health before toys and games. I always find it interesting to listen to the children’s thinking and then I try to ask questions that make them think even harder or from another perspective. I think they have enjoyed the challenge of learning to speak and write persuasively.

Let’s hope all our heating problems are resolved very soon and the coats and scarves go back on the hooks while we work. The wintry weather seems to have arrived so we really need everything working properly and finished now! I will do my best.

Joanne Roberts - Principal
roberts.joanne.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

From The Assistant Principal

Prep parents/caregivers survey - REMINDER

Ascot Vale Primary School offers a Prep transition program for all students and families each year. We aim to provide a very personal and exciting program for all children coming to our school. We would like feedback about the program from all 2011 Prep parents and caregivers. This valuable information will help us to improve our future Prep transition programs. The survey will remain open until Monday May 16th. Please email me if require the link to the online survey.

Walk Safely to School – May 20th 2011

Students and their teachers have discussed Walk Safely to School Day. It is a National initiative to encourage students and families to walk to school. We are encouraging all students (that possibly can) to walk to school safely on the 20th May. More information can be found at http://www.walk.com.au
Happy Birthday this week:
Kanwardeep U3, Ngan U4, Kelly U1, Ewan U3, Kaylin U5 & Callum H U2.

Happy Birthday over the previous holidays & start of the term:
Jackson U2, Lydia U3, Catherine U3, Rebecca U5, Lochie U4, Aisha U5, Romilly U5, Christian U4, Cara U5, Sahra U3, Erin U5, Tyreece U3, Gabriella U1, Roba U2, Henry U3, Mariama U1, Sarah U3, Zoe U5, Ainslie U4, Jamie U4, Louisa U5, Tyson U2, Aliyah U2, Ella U2, Pheobe U1 & Roland U1

Michael Downing - Assistant Principal
downing.michael.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

Uniform Shop
The first Thursday of the month is 2 June. The uniform shop at AVPS will be open from 3-4 p.m. To order online, use the PSW website, www.psw.com.au and follow the prompts. The PSW shop in Deer Park is located at 58 Westwood Drive, Deer Park. Telephone: 9363 8458. Opening Hours are Monday-Friday 8.30am – 5.00pm, Saturday 9.00am – 5.00pm

French Club @ AVPS
WEDNESDAYS 3.30pm – 4.30pm

- Drama, games, and songs to learn French
- Weekly activity sheets and vocab lists
- Membership packs available to every enrolled child
- Free annual subscription to Babelzone, our cool interactive website for French learners
- $19/week all inclusive
- Sibling discounts apply

Enquiries: Jim Callahan
jim.callahan@lcclubs.com.au
0432 719 034

Last week, Madison Browne, local resident as well as Melbourne Vixens and Australian Netball star, visited our school to promote the day with local media.

There will be a special Walking School Bus for the Brunswick/ Moonee Ponds area on Friday 20th May. (It normally only runs on Monday and Thursday). We will meet at the car park area of the Northern Suburban Social Club on the corner of Mt. Alexander Rd and Dickens St at 8.30am and walk to school from there. Usual walkers plus any new walkers who would like to be dropped off are welcome. Usual Walking School Bus rules will apply. Any questions or if you want to join at other stops en route.... Contact Francene Howe - howe@netspace.net.au (0413619617) or Wai Ying Tham (thampotter@bigpond.com)

Interschool Sport:
Last week we played our first game of the winter season home against St. Margarets PS. Final scores were:

Football AV 8.8.56 def SM 7.4.46
Netball A AV 20 def by SM 23
Netball B Av 0 def by SM 3
Bat Tennis AV 2 def by SM 54

This week we play a home game against St. Mary’s A.
Hello Everyone,
Do hope that you all had a most wonderful Mothers Day. I also take this opportunity to thank all the OSHC Mothers and the Fathers for all the good qualities you’ve instilled in our young OSHC children. Myself, Sean, Tom and now Laura are very dedicated in providing a happy and safe environment for your children and at the same time your support has been absolutely fantastic. As our OSHC program has grown and many children of different age groups, it is heartening to see them all playing together, accommodating each other and being tolerant. We the staff will endeavour to keep it this way well into the future.

Our Skate Park is coming along fine. Children have already started playing on the few completed items and they seem to love it. Thanks for everything that was sent in to get this project underway.

On Tuesday we will have Kelly Sports conducting Multi Skills and on Thursday there will be a session of Drama Sport. Wednesday is our cooking lesson and we will be cooking chocolate crackles. There is also ongoing craft activities.

Finally, there has been a lot of interest in commencing a holiday program in our school. If you are interested, I would be most grateful if you could let me know, so that we could evaluate the feasibility of such a program.

Thanking you and wishing you a pleasant week.

Dee and the OSHC team.

Please make note of our OSHC telephone number, 0423 795 247. For all future bookings, account changes or to view your statement please go to www.campaustralia.com.au

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OSHC NEWS THIS WEEK

"we make kids smile"

Monday – Soccer Match
Tuesday – Kelly Sports Multi Skills
Wednesday – Cooking Chocolate Crackles
Thursday – Drama Sport with Jack
Friday – Movie Night with Pop Corn

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Chess Coaching

Where: Ascot Vale Primary Library

When: Wednesdays 3.30pm – 4.15pm
11th May to 29th June 2011

Cost: 12% discount for Cash Payments
$75 Cash or $85 Cheque - per child.

Benefits: Strategic thinking, improved self esteem,
attention span in class, lateral thinking,
team work, analytical skills.

We cater for all skill levels! Each week different lessons are
taught & games are played. A trophy is awarded to the “Best &
Fairest” player, and a Silver badge to 2nd place and a Bronze
badge to 3rd place at the end of term. To enrol your child please
make payment (per child) of $75 cash or $85 by Tuesday 10th
May. Cheques made payable to “Hooton Consulting Pty Ltd”

For more information contact Phil from
Checkmate Chess Coaching on
0390295962 or 0421 901 530
www.lifecoaches.com.au

Forward this section with your payment to your school office.

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Child’s Full Name: __________________________
Grade: ______
School: __________________________

Payment Due: Tuesday 10th May.

$75 cash: ☐ or $85 cheque: ☐

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DEBNEY PARK SC
PARENTS & FRIENDS
ASSOCIATION

The next meeting of the newly established Debney Park SC Parents & Friends Association will take place at the college on Monday 16th May at 6:30pm. The main item on the Agenda will be consideration of the constitution. All welcome

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Name Pavers

Ascot Vale Primary School
(fundraising project)

Your name will go down in history and be a permanent reminder of the time you spent at AVPS!

INDIVIDUAL PAVER
Your donation of $30.00 entitles YOU to have your name engraved into a paver as a lasting record of your valued support. The paver will be permanently installed in September 2011

OPTION 1: Standard name as per engraving details below.

Engraving details: Please print clearly in block letters. Each square represents one letter, number, space or punctuation mark. (34 max)

OPTION 2: Free hand writing.

Complete details on paper attached, using a 2mm BLACK felt pen only. MUST be completed on paver sized template only.

Simply fill out this form and return with full payment by cheque (made payable to Ascot Vale Primary School), cash or credit card details:

ASCOT VALE PRIMARY SCHOOL
BANK STREET, ASCOT VALE. VIC. 3039

Contact Name:  ........................................................................................................................................

Address:  ...................................................................................................................................................

Phone:  ......................................................................................................................................................

Individual paver  Option 1:  □  Option 2:  □

Offer closes on the 31ST JULY 2011

ASCOT VALE PRIMARY SCHOOL needs your support!

A unique and lasting record of your support.
We’re having a **Party** and you’re invited!

**What:**
Mums’ Night Out! 2011

**When:**
7.30pm Friday 13th May 2011

**Where:**
Fredericks, 980 Mt Alexander Road, Essendon

**Why:**
Because we can & because ALL mums deserve a break!

**What’s Included:**
Cocktail party, food, drinks (including wine, beer, bubbles & soft drinks), mini massages, prizes, giveaways, entertainment, fun, dancing, laughing, a gift for you & much more …

**Cost:**
For you … $69 per person. **Enter Code: mno2011b** when you book online (real price is $74 per person)

Can’t wait to see you there!

**From:** Mad Cow (Amanda) and Real Mums

**Bookings Essential!**

**RSVP Sunday May 8th 2011**

Phone: 0414 548 103

Email: info@mumsnightout.com.au

Visit: www.mumsnightout.com.au

Or Print, complete the info below, cut off the slip & send to:
PO Box 1060, Moonee Ponds VIC 3039

Please book me for _______ ticket/s @ $74. $69 per person = $____

Name: __________________________________________________________

Address: _______________________________________________________

_________________________________________________ Postcode: ______

Phone/s: _______________________________ email: ______________________

Card: □ Visa □ Mastercard

Name on card: ______________________________________________________

Card Number: _____________________________________________________

CSV: ___ ___ Expiry: ___ / ___

□ Cheque or Money Order (payable to “Real Mums”) to:
PO Box 1060, Moonee Ponds VIC 3039
YOU ARE INVITED

Prep – Year 12 Autism Spectrum Disorder Educational Provision Consultation

Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD)

Western Metropolitan Region (WMR)

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) is committed to ensuring, that within its resources, students with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) will be able to access the educational option that best meets their needs. As part of the WMR regional strategic ASD plan, a scoping study is being conducted to inform Prep – Year 12 ASD educational provision in WMR.

As a key component of this scoping study, parents are invited to take part in a consultation process to provide feedback. An independent provider, Grant Thornton, has been contracted to coordinate the scoping study including the consultation process. Feedback can be provided personally (both verbally and in written form) through a community forum and /or through completion of an on line survey.

The on line survey can be accessed at http://www.education.vic.gov.au/region/western/

Closing date – May 27, 2011

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If you would like to attend a forum, please express your interest by emailing wmro@edumail.vic.gov.au with your:

Name and preferred contact details and please indicate your preferred forum date

You will receive confirmation of your registration either by email or verbally.

If you have questions or comment regarding the consultations please phone 9291 6500