### 2013 – Term 1 Key Dates

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From The Principal

At assembly last week, Michael and I introduced the notion of ‘Student Rounds’ (SR). We randomly selected two students from each Unit and met with them in the staffroom on Monday morning to share and discuss examples of their recent work, particularly their writing. Writing has been selected by staff as a focus for improvement within this year’s School Strategic Plan (2011 - 2014.) The teachers have been meeting and discussing Writing within their regular professional learning teams so the SR’s will now involve our students in this discussion as well. Our multi-age group of students met in the staffroom to display their work, to give and receive feedback from others and to share their next steps/ goals for writing. The older students impressed us with their knowledge of the different genres of writing and were articulate about what ‘a good piece of writing’ looked like. Some were clear about their writing goals. Improving their spelling and punctuation was common this week. The younger students seemed proud and happy to read their draft pieces and to listen to the rest of the group discuss their work. Even our beginning Preps had put pencil to paper and begun to write! I will look forward to these weekly SR’s (Mondays 10.30 am). The imaginative stories today have already made me smile! Anecdotal student comments from SR’s will be fed back to staff for their information and planning.

I trust your children are settling into their classroom routines and families have discussed the extra curricula activities that students may join into as interested. Please see Bev in Unit 2 if you need to discuss the MVIMP program or Aloka in the Learning Studio if you need more information about our many learning partnership programs that are running this term. Some activities operate in lunch recesses but most after school. The choir has also started singing together and I know new members are always welcome.

A reminder that our first round of School Council and subcommittee meetings take place next Monday 18 February in the staffroom. Prospective new members are able to attend as visitors if interested.

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

From The Assistant Principal

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Medical documentation is important to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all of our students. From time to time it is necessary to update student medical and home contact information. If this is the case we ask you to come to the office or write to us to alert us of any change.

PERSONAL PROPERTY

Each year the Education Department (DEECD) asks all Principals to inform their school communities of the following:

• Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises.
• The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it will generally not pay for any loss or damage to such property.
• Staff and students should be discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.
• Schools are reminded that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. These costs may be recoverable where an injury is caused by the negligence (carelessness) of the Department, a school council or their employees or volunteers.
• Student accident insurance policies are available from some commercial insurers. These cover a range of medical expenses not covered by Medicare or private health insurance.

AVPS STUDENT CODE OF COOPERATION

Attached to this newsletter is a copy of the AVPS Student Code of Cooperation. It is a document that is important to support learning, safety and cooperation. Students have been discussing this ‘code’ in their classrooms as part of the transition into the new school year.

PREP FOR PARENTS

Each week, I will share with you articles from DEECD that cover topics like what Preps learn at school, learning to read, understanding maths, the excitement of science, the importance of play, and learning to write. We also include links to further
resources and online content to help you support your child’s learning journey.

**Stages of learning**
During their first year of school children focus on reading, writing, spelling, maths and problem-solving. Preps are at a stage where they’re exploring the world around them, and developing physical, creative and technical skills, like using a computer.

To find out more about what’s coming up in your child’s learning, ask your child’s teacher. Some topics they may be learning about include:

**English** – developing a working understanding of how sounds are represented alphabetically; learning to read and write, drawing on their knowledge of the alphabet and its relationship with the sounds the letters and words make; and listening to and responding to a range of simple texts, including books read aloud, audio tapes, and films.

**Mathematics** – learning to count to 20; relating the items counted to the actual number (for example four children with blue tops); placing objects in order (such as first, second, third) and grouping them in sets (all round objects or red blocks together); using everyday objects to identify and describe points, lines, edges and surfaces; and comparing objects using terms such as longer, heavier, fuller and hotter.

**Science** – exploring things like day and night, the seasons, and living and non-living things; identifying and describing things that are similar, using things like size, shape, colour and weight.

**Health and physical education** – developing skills such as running, skipping, catching, throwing, kicking and balancing. Activities such as dance, gymnastics and games help children progressively gain control of their movements.

**Interpersonal development** – developing skills that let them work and play together in a group, including taking turns and sharing, as well as listening to others and beginning to understand how their actions affect others.

**Civics and citizenship** – learning about respect, concern for others, and being fair; recognising rules and why they are needed, and comparing classroom and family rules with other rules, such as those used in games and sport.

**The Arts** – discussing the things they are creating and, with guidance, beginning to describe their own and others’ work.

**The Humanities** – beginning to understand their local area by investigating the location, direction and distance of their home, school, local parks and shops to each other; as well as exploring how and why natural factors and human activities affect their lives.

To help support their learning, ask your child what they did in class today, and build this question into their routine - make it something that they expect and are happy to answer every day.

**PAYMENT FOR SWIMMING TRIALS**
The cost to participate in the swimming trials is the only sport/PE related expense for students that is **excluded** from the excursions/sport charge in 2013, due to the fact that only (approximately) 30 children across grade 2-6 try out for the carnival.

**STUDENT ROUNDS - Monday 11th February 2013**

Here is a snapshot of our first student round yesterday. Students were quite articulate about their own writing and were able to give critical and supportive feedback to one another. Joanne and I will be meeting with a group of students each Monday for morning tea.

**Happy Birthday this week:**

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

**Earn & Learn Goodies have arrived**
Thank you to everyone who sent in Woolworths Dockets last year. Each Unit is enjoying what they ordered and a big thank you to Dillon, Campbell and Kelly for all your help. We look forward to it for this year. *Julie*
Parents are asked to wait in the yard to collect their child after school. This will avoid potential safety issues associated with congested small spaces and minimise classroom interruptions at the busy end of school day. Please adhere to this new procedure.

Fresh Fruit Friday @ AVPS
I have wonderful news to share regarding Fresh Fruit Fridays. Following my newsletter item last week we had one very generous family offer the school sponsorship so that this program can continue throughout this entire year. The family, remaining anonymous, is committed to the benefits offered to the children and families by the FFF initiative and was keen for this to continue. I sincerely thank them for this unexpected but very welcome donation. The FFF program will now continue each Friday as in previous years. Platters of seasonal fruit and vegetables will arrive in all Units from Friday 22nd February. Please watch out for a FFF parent volunteer roster and help out if you can. Thank You! Thank You! Joanne

Writing @ AVPS
We are starting our writing pieces this year with two superb examples of holiday recounts by Maddie and Elsie in Unit 2.

Teachers at Ascot Vale PS demonstrate passion and knowledge when conducting writing lessons. We believe everyone has the ability to communicate by the written word albeit with varying levels of competence. It is our duty to explore these levels of competence to their greatest extent. Marg

Parent Reps 2013
All parents are welcome to attend the first parent rep meeting of the year. The parent rep meeting is on Friday 15th February, at 9am in the community room. We encourage parents to come along, meet other parents and find out what the parent rep role is about. This year we need parent reps for units 1, 3, 4 and 5.

Thanks, Georgia (Mum of Eleni, Unit 2)

FREE Cycling Program
No lycra neccessary!
On your bikes ladies!

STARTS: Friday 22nd Feb 9.30am
Meet: EA Coulson Gardens, Chifley Drive, Maribyrnong
(on the river, near the Atton St bridge)

This program will be 3 x 2 hours - great for getting back into riding or for those who want to give it a go.

Topics covered aim to build confidence:
Bike fit and ride position, equipment - the basics of what you need, Precision & Emergency Braking, Changing a Flat, Fixing a Dropped Chain, Gears and how to use them, Riding on the road safely.

This is Healthy Communities Initiative program provided by the Federal Government and AustCycle.

Piano For Sale, Alex Steinbach
$1500
Small upright black piano complete with stool. Used but in good condition. H104cm, L126cm, W49cm. Excellent for beginner, tuned recently. One owner only, originally purchased 1997/98. Pick up only. Inspection invited, Flemington area. Contact Kathy on 0418359797
Reminders

How to get started before using our programs you must register online for an account. Registering is quick and easy. Visit our website to begin www.campaustralia.com.au Once registered you can make bookings and cancellations, view your statements and manage your details anytime of the day online. Keep in mind we are able to take bookings at short notice to help busy families. Save on Care You can save 50% or more on Before and After School Care fees with the non-means tested Child Care Rebate. Almost all families are eligible. To find out more call our Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343 Monday to Friday.

OSHC News

The week gone by was ever so exciting to welcome all the children back to school and also the new children and families. Myself and my staff are ever so pleased to meet and get to know the new children better.

Last week the children had fun with the “puzzle” craft activity. It was very interesting to see them use their imagination and extend what we had planned for them. This week the craft activities will have a chinese flair – making chinese lanterns.

On Friday staff member Fei will do a presentation on the Chinese New Year and we hope that this informative interactive session will be interesting for the children.

The most fun day of the week is going to be Tuesday when Aerobics lessons will start. Ana Gonzalez will conduct this session every Tuesday from 4pm to 5pm.

Wishing everyone a happy week and a happy Valentines day.
Dee and the OSHC team.
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- Mask fun
- Motivation & meaning
- Approach to text
- Presentation skills and public speaking
- Voice
- MID YEAR & END OF YEAR PERFORMANCE

FREE TRIAL CLASS

Come and join us for some drama fun on
Monday's from 3.45pm-5.00pm
Ascot Vale Primary School Hall, Bank Street, Ascot Vale

(TERM 1: Monday 11th February – Monday 25th March)

Class Facilitators

Elizabeth Walley: A trained Speech Pathologist with an MA in Media & Communication. Elizabeth works professionally as an actor, director, writer and presentation skills trainer.
Iain Gilbert: A professional actor/director, Iain has trained and worked in London, New York and Melbourne. His body of work includes theatre, television, film and cabaret.

enquiries: 0412 732 087
kidssactup@optusnet.com.au
Lunch time craft classes
AVPS community room

**Thursday 1:45-2:30pm**
**February 14th - March 28th**
$56 (7 weeks)
$35 if more than one child in family attending

**Full payment by February 21st will be required to confirm your child's position.**

All materials provided. Children will be making craft projects such as cards, gifts, jewellery and personal items.

Brigitte Polis, mum to Iggy (U4) and Isabella (U2)
Mobile: 0400 068 091
bridgepolis@bigpond.com

Lunch time craft classes with Brigitte

Child's name..............................................................Unit
Parent/Guardian...........................................................
Contact Number/Email..................................................

Please enclose cash or cheque made to Brigitte Polis with return slip and hand in at the office. Thank You
Thank you.
Dear Amanda,

I am really missing Fiona although I've only been in a different unit for a quarter of a day. In the holidays, I went to south Aussie (Adelaide, Port Pirie, Whyalla). My holiday highlights were going to the beach and having a swim, and playing music because that is my biggest passion.

My goals for this year are to improve my pencil grip, and my grammar needs some improving.

Yes, I have been to camp. I was not nervous and it was fun.

My mum is back studying in March.
Dear Amanda,

I am looking forward to my 3rd year in a row of being in U2. Some highlights from my holidays are; our New Year's Eve party, going to Aireys Inlet and having lots of friends over. The worst thing that happened was having really sore legs from horse riding.

Some of my goals for 2013 are Gemma and I will be in the same unit is trying to keep the frustration level at each other down. One similar thing Gemma and I have in common is we both have our licences and we usually wear one piece of uniform. A difference between us is I have long hair and Gemma does not.

forward being highlights uniform
Aireys horse riding frustration
ASCOT VALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

STUDENT CODE OF CO-OPERATION

STUDENTS AT ASCOT VALE PRIMARY SCHOOL WILL:

- Recognise each others special talents and difference
- Work in teams
- Behave fairly
- Act safely
- Take notice if others are unhappy
- Stand up for themselves in a helpful way

IT IS IMPORTANT TO WORK, BE SAFE & CO-OPERATE

WE WILL THEN SEE ALL STUDENTS:

- Getting a fair go
- Playing by the rules and displaying sportsmanship
- Talking about and solving problems together
- Helping each other - being good buddies
- Speaking politely to everyone
- Respecting everyone’s personal space