



ASCOT NEWS

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Term 3 Key Dates (Please keep for future reference)

15 July	Unit 4 Assembly
16 July	School Bank
Sunday 19 July	School Working Bee 10 am- 12 noon
20 July	School Council and Sub-Committee meetings
21 July	Parent Teacher Interviews 3.45 – 7.30 pm
22 July	Unit 5 Assembly
30 July	Science Fair 5 – 7 pm
31 July	Parent Rep Meeting/ Special Lunch Day
5 August	Unit 1 & 2 Assembly
12 August	Unit 3 Assembly
17 August	School Council & Sub-Committee meetings
18 -21 August	MVIMP Camp
19 August	Unit 4 Assembly
26 August	Unit 5 Assembly
28 August	Parent Rep meeting/ Special Lunch Day
2 Sept	Whole School Assembly
9 Sept	Unit 1 & 2 Assembly District Athletics Carnival
15 Sept	AVPS MVIMP Concert
16 Sept	Unit 3 Assembly
18 Sept	Last Day Term 3- early dismissal at 2.30 pm

School Assembly Wednesday mornings 9 – 9:30am

Yard supervised between 8:45 - 9:00am before school and 3:30 – 3:45pm after school

IT'S NOT OK TO BE AWAY

From The Principal

The last week of term brought exciting news for our school community. I am pleased to announce that Ascot Vale PS will receive funding up to \$2 million

from the Commonwealth Government to refurbish our Library/ Art/ Computer space and to extend our facilities by building learning decks at each end of the Library and new music and Community Room facilities. The two old portables are to be removed

and a new brick building will replace them. Designs for our central Learning Studio include Art, Science, Media, Film, Library, Computing, Performance and hospitality facilities. A mezzanine level will provide storage and meeting spaces. Where 95% of Australian primary schools have been funded with government designed buildings we have been successful in receiving a non-template grant to refurbish around our own needs, interests and recent research. I have placed the concept designs and drawings near the front office for you to view.

The refurbishment of the Admin building and Units 1-3 will continue over this term too as painting and furniture is finalised. To bring some of the Learning Studio feel, look and design to all classrooms, 'multi-level reading towers/ classroom libraries' have been designed by our architects and these too will move into the classrooms throughout this term. The first one to appear will be in Unit 2.

I hope the children have had a happy holiday but also that the older students have been working on their Science projects for our Science Fair at the end of the month.

Before this great night, we have the usual Working Bee first Sunday of each term, School Council next Monday and Parent Teacher interviews next Tuesday. We are off and busy! Welcome back to the new term.

Joanne Roberts
Principal
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From the Assistant Principal

What fantastic news! But as you know these things don't just happen. While I am new to the AV community, I have heard about and seen many of the plans and concepts for this space. The Design Team, lead by Joanne with the team of teachers, with parent and student input, sought out the best designs and spaces to ensure that a design would suit us; the way we do things!

Since my arrival at the beginning of the year, which closely coincided with the introduction of the Government funding for schools, there really hasn't been a team or a group of people leading our application for funding. I want to acknowledge all of the hard work, the extra hours on top of an already very busy job, that Joanne has put in to ensure our school would apply for and eventually receive funding; funding for a non-template design. Joanne's persistence and hard work in the previous months will no doubt benefit us all.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Just a reminder that PTI will be held next Tuesday and a confirmation sheet with your child's time will be sent home by the end of this week.

New Laptops



Last term, we purchased 16 new laptops. Students from unit 1 got an opportunity to use these for the first time during the last week of term. The laptops are imaged to our needs and are wireless which gives the students and teachers flexibility when connecting to the network and internet.



Student Birthdays this week

Samuel P – Unit 2– who turns 7 on the 14th July
Reece W – Unit 4– who turns 8 on the 16th July
Lilyanna K – Unit 5– who turns 10 on the 18th July

Student Birthdays during the holidays

Daniel B – Unit 4– who turned 8 on the 29th June
Chloe W – Unit 1– who turned 7 on the 30th June
Nick K – Unit 3– who turned 7 on the 31st June
Maddie U – Unit 2– who turned 6 on the 2nd July
Rosalie M – Unit 1 – who turned 12 on the 8th July
Daniel H – Unit 3– who turned 12 on the 9th July
Gemma H – Unit 3– who turned 6 on the 12th July
Elsie H – Unit 3– who turned 6 on the 12th July

I hope that you all had a great break. I certainly enjoyed spending quality time with my family and friends.

Michael Downing
Assistant Principal
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WORKING BEE 10 -12 noon THIS SUNDAY! Come along and help as you can. BYO gloves, tools please.

Sport & PE

These children have also been selected for the half time grid game on the 17th of July at Etihad stadium. Thanks for your quick response grade 2.

Sarah Hordern	Wooley Arnold
Jamel Zayden	Bronte Edwards
Diago Wain	Samuel Beckinsale
Craig Findlay	Emily Martin
Rachel Lowe	Lucas Krassaris
Paul Chatziopoulos	Jamie O'Brien
William Macdonald	Reece William

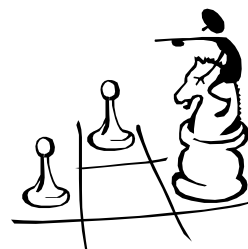
J Lo will complete his program early next term with a trip to Windy Hill and the MCG still in the pipe line.

Tania Crook

Writing @ Ascot Vale

We are starting off our writing samples with this amazing poem from Craig Horwood in Unit 5. Craig has chosen to use a poem to tell us all about his day at the Zoo and what a wonderful poem he has penned. This poem is lyrical and highly descriptive and easily conjures for us all the images Craig saw at the Zoo. This is a wonderful piece of work Craig. Congratulations on such a fine piece of work.

Marg



Congratulations AVPS Chess Team

Well done to all the students who participated in the Chess tournament at Wesley College at the end of term. Our senior team did exceptionally well and came third in the overall competition so go on to play at the State level. Congratulations to Stefan Paporakis, Daniel Horwood, Liam Wilson, Michael Dowd, Aaron Tong and Max Bellofiore. Good luck to you all.

Ascot Vale Primary Science Fair

THURSDAY JULY 30TH 5-7PM

This is a reminder to all budding scientists at Ascot Vale Primary. We hope that you have had your test tubes, notepads, cameras, pipettes and microscopes out.....its time to work on that entry for our Science Fair. Don't forget that your presentation needs to be completed by Thursday July 30th. We are looking forward to seeing what you have discovered! If you have any questions head straight to Amanda or Loretta.

Numeracy News - Mathletics

I hope that your children have enjoyed using Mathletics at home. It is now time for you to pay for the use of this excellent program. Your child will have use of Mathletics until 31st December 2009. If you do not have the internet at home, please let me know and I will arrange for your child to have some extra access at school. The cost per child is \$6.00. All units will be using Mathletics as part of their program.

World of Maths

On Friday, July 24th all children will be participating in hands-on math activities in the hall. Each session lasts approximately 90 minutes and all equipment is provided by World of Maths. It will be a fun day where we can explore math further. You are welcome to come and look on the day. The cost of this incursion is \$5.00 per child. Notes will be coming home shortly.

These two activities strengthen our excellent numeracy program.

Please see me if you have any enquiries about our numeracy program.

Julie Clarke.

Planet X Film

The Planet X film is now complete and ready for those who would like a copy. The film is \$5 and available from Alex in Unit 3.



AFTER SCHOOL TENNIS PROGRAMME.

There will be no Tennis after school in Term 3. However we will resume in Term 4 when the weather is not so cold and would like to invite all Prep students to join in. Watch out for enrolment forms at the end of Term 3.

If there are any questions please call Martine Baillon 0416 038 432

School Banking

Commencing from Thursday July 16th Student Banking will operate on a weekly basis rather than fortnightly. The school bank operates through the Bendigo Bank in Flemington and students are also welcome to bank at the branch. Their hours are 9.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday and 9.00am to 12.00pm on Saturday. If you are interested in opening a new account, forms are available from the school office.

Uniform Shop

The next dates for the Uniform Shop are **Thursday 16 July and 6th August** between 3.00pm and 4.00pm. 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.

OSHC NEWS THIS WEEK 'we make kids smile'



Please ensure that all cancellations are made before closing (6pm) the day before. Cancellations made after this time are charged at the normal rate. Cancellations or bookings can be made through the school office, the program (9326 0936) or through Camp Australia Head Office on 8851 4160. All enquiries in regard to invoicing, payment or CCB (Child Care Benefit) should be made to the OSHC administration team on 8851 4160.



Chess Coaching



FREE CHESS lesson 22nd July

3.30pm in school library!!

- Where:** Ascot Vale Primary School Library
When: Wednesdays 3.30pm – 4.15pm
22nd July to 9th Sept 2009
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 cheque prior to Wednesday 22nd July**. Cheques made payable to "Hooton Consulting Pty Ltd"

For more information contact **Phil** from
Checkmate Chess Coaching on
9598 2006 or **0421 901 530**
www.lifecoaches.com.au

Forward this section with your payment to your school office.

Child's Full Name: _____

Grade: _____

School: _____

Payment Due: Wednesday 22nd July

\$75 cash: **or** **\$85 cheque:**