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| 26 March   | Specialist Programs Assembly, 3 pm  
AVPS Camp Years 5 & 6 26- 28 March |
| 28 March   | AVPS Camp Years 3 & 4 28 – 30 March                                  |
| 30 March   | Last day of Term 1. Students dismissed at 2.30pm                     |
| 16 April - 29 June | Term 2                              |
| Wed 18 April | Year 6 into 7 Transition Parent Information Evening, 7 pm            |
| Wed 2 May  | Prep 2013 Parent Information Evening, 7 pm                           |
| 16 July – 21 September | Term 3                                           |
| 8 October – 21 December | Term 4                              |
From The Principal

Congratulations to all of these students!

To begin, our Swim Team for winning the ‘Small Schools’ trophy. This was very exciting news last Friday and classes were temporarily suspended as we welcomed home our triumphant team. Thank you Michael for your work at the trials and for supervising the team at this local carnival.

Congratulations to our new Student Representative Council leaders! It is wonderful to have a great group of leaders across the school.

UNIT 1: Campbell Edwardes, Kim Vo, Ricky Hayward, Kara Thomson.

UNIT 2: Tomas Morrissy, Poppy Eltringham-Smith, Elsie Howe.

UNIT 3: Liora Wilson, Daniel Gooley, Riley Walsh.

UNIT 4: Leo Reid, Ainslie Slattery, Kaylin Hassan.

UNIT 5: Olivia Smith, Ewan Grierson, Andrew Tsironis.

The Peer Mediation Program will run continuously throughout the year. A selected group of senior students were trained by the external agent, The Stride Foundation, to support the resolution of low level disputes in the yard and school grounds. Our objective in introducing this initiative is to maintain a safe and co-operative school environment while increasing student leadership skills.

Well done to the following students for volunteering and being selected.

Unit 1  Campbell Edwardes, Violet Young

Unit 2  Emma Hyland, Rosie Hanna

Unit 4  Euan Burke, Roland Wood, Emily Martin, Kaylin Hasan, Catherine Dowd, Jaslyn Potter, Campbell Menton, Paul Chatziopoulas, Macca Macaulay

Unit 5  Alex Marum, Wendy Dang, Phoebe Nguyen, Bronte Edwardes, Maya Kimpton, Louise Rogers, Olivia Smith, Zoe Usher, Gabriella Scollo, Rachel Lowe, Rosie King

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From The Assistant Principal

PEER MEDIATION

We have recently introduced peer mediators to support students at play and lunch times. 24 students from grade 4, 5 & 6 were chosen (after applying for the position) and trained and are now on ‘duty’ during student breaks. Peer mediators have 6 important steps to follow:

1) Agree to mediate (between students having problems with another student)
2) Find out what the problem is
3) Find out what each person wants
4) Finding solutions
5) Choosing the best idea
6) Create an agreement

Students are timetabled on a rotation basis and Fiona from U3 is managing the team of students. Paul C, from U4 had this to say about peer mediation training...

“On Tuesday the 28th of February grade 24 students got chosen by Fiona in unit 3 to be a peer mediator. A peer mediator’s job is to go around the yard solving low problem conflicts and arguments and to help the teachers at play time and lunch. On the 1st of March those 24 students had a whole day of training with a man named Dan from Stride. Dan told us about the six skills.

- Understanding body language.
- Understanding feelings.
- Active listening and reflecting.
- Effective questioning.
- Being assertive.
- Brainstorming.

2012 Peer mediators

We also learnt about the six steps of mediation going through the both sides of the story and agreeing on an agreement. We also played games, learnt a lot and had heaps of fun. We are all responsible and are proud to take on the job as a peer mediator.”
PREP PARENTS SURVEY
Ascot Vale Primary School offers a Prep transition program for students and families each year. We aim to provide a very personal and exciting program for all Prep children coming to our school. All 2012 prep parents will shortly receive an invitation to complete an online survey about their experiences with our transition program. Feedback about the program is very valuable to help us improve our future Prep transition programs. It should only take approx 10 minutes to complete. It closes on Friday 23rd April. Your feedback is anonymous. Thanks - Joanne & Michael.

AVPS SWIMMING TEAM
Congratulations to our swimming team who came 1st amongst the ‘smaller schools’. Our team swam very well producing many personal best times. More importantly there was a great feel of ‘team’ as we were also supported by many families and friends. Further congratulations must go to Nick K and Will B who yesterday represented the AV district at the zone finals. Olivia S has written a recount of her experience from the carnival, later in this newsletter.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK
Happy birthday to: Jordan U1, Maya S U3, Campbell M U4 & Lauren U5.

Take the challenge and do 30 minutes of exercise for 30 days between 19 March and 30 April 2012. It’s fun, it’s free and it’s a great way to get healthy and active. Plus, you’ll receive exclusive discounts and offers, help, advice and tips along the way and the chance to win fantastic prizes. Register now!

Participants are eligible for rewards such as:
- 20 free YMCA passes*
- 15% off Rebel Sport*
- one free child Melbourne Aquarium pass*
- one free child National Sports Museum pass*

Michael Downing – Assistant Principal
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Writing @ Ascot Vale PS
It is one of the great pleasures of the Early Years teacher to witness the development of our young students as writers.

This week the two writing samples are from Unit 3, May & Kavvy. May has recounted her very active weekend. Her record is sequential, easy to read, and certain spelling conventions have been upheld viz. ‘ee’ in ‘weekend’, and ‘ir’ in church. The more developed writer recognises that the ‘ir’ is not necessarily ‘correct’, while at the same time acknowledging that May knows something is going on in the word ‘church’. As discussed before, use of capital letters in young writers is a developmental stage.

Kavvy has also grown very pleasingly since coming to us about a year ago. Kavvy’s written and spoken English was almost non-existent, he is now able to effectively communicate with the spoken & written word. He is observing many of the conventions of written English and is developing a voice. Marg
**Fresh Fruit Friday**
Our Children are fortunate to receive fresh fruit in their units each Friday thanks to a Government Grant. All we need to prepare it is about 20 minutes of parent help in the canteen from 9.00am. Each unit is rostered twice per term. Please see your parent rep/s if you can help, or just turn up.

*This week, 16th March, Unit 2 parents*
*Next week, 23rd March, Unit 3 parents*

**SRC Fundraiser – RSPCA Homeless Animals Drawing Competition**

Raising money to help animals

Draw your favourite animal and enter it in a drawing competition to raise money for the RSPCA. RSPCA is a community based charity that works to prevent cruelty to animals by actively promoting their care and protection. Help the SRC and Ascot Vale Primary School raise money for RSPCA!

You can:
- Draw your favourite animal
- Donate $2 to enter the competition
- Hand in your entry to your SRC rep in your unit.

Don’t forget:
- Entries need to be in by THIS Friday 16th March
- Winners to be announced at assembly on Monday March 19th.

We look forward to your entries!

**SRC committee**

**Icy Poles – Friday After School**

The Fundraising Committee will be selling icy poles ($1.00) on Fri 16/3 directly after school outside the canteen.

**School Photos – 20th March**

A reminder to bring your photo envelopes to school next Tuesday, 20th March. If you would like to order a family photo, please hand your form to Janet in the office.

**TRY-athlon**

A handful of our students, Rachel, Olivia, Zoe, and Phoebe participated in a triathlon over the weekend. Congratulations girls.

**Walking School Bus News**

**VOLUNTEER WALKERS NEEDED**

If you have 30 mins to spare one morning a week and you come from the south side of AVPS, please consider being a volunteer for the Walking School Bus. In order to get the second route started from Wingate community centre to school, we need at least two more volunteers. If there are more volunteers we can do this route on multiple days. Again, please contact me if you require more information.

I am contactable on thampotter@bigpond.com or 0412023688 or 93842448.

**Swimming carnival – a student’s perspective**

On Friday the 9th of March A.V.P.S attended the swimming carnival at Queens Park Pool. There were 9 other schools participating.

There were lots of events to compete in such as: freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly, relay and open medley.

Our school competed in all of them. We would like to congratulate 2 students who got into the zone, Will B and Nick K. We would also like to congratulate everybody else who tried-out. Each finishing place gave the participant’s school a certain number of points such as 3rd place got you 6 points and 7th got you 2 points.

All of our points added together got our school a great 43 points, in the end winning us the shield of small schools. The shield is won every year by a school and they have their name engraved on it. We have previously won the shield in 2008. We greatly enjoyed our day and would like to thank the teachers and parents who were there to cheer for us. –Olivia S.

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**GILMORE COLLEGE FOR GIRLS**

**OPEN DAY**

Saturday, March 17

**1-3pm**

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A Conversation with Alan Davis, Principal of Mount Alexander College (MAC)

When: Tuesday 20 March, 7.30 pm

Where: Kensington Primary School Library (McCracken St, Kensington)

Mount Alexander College, formerly known as Debney Park Secondary College, has been undergoing some big changes in the last year. If you are interested in hearing about new developments, and would like an opportunity to ask some questions of the principal and some current parents and students at the school, come along to this gathering in Kensington.

The event has been organised by Alice Garner, a member of the Mount Alexander College Parents and Friends Association and parent at Kensington Primary School.

If you need more information about the 20 March gathering please email Alice on amogarner@gmail.com

For more information about Mount Alexander College, check out the school's new website: http://www.mountalexandercollege.vic.edu.au

Uniform Shop

The Uniform shop opens in the School Hall on the first Thursday of every Month. However, the next scheduled opening is Thursday 19th April 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.

Please Note: The store will be closed between Wednesday 21 December 2011 – Monday 2 January 2012 (Inclusive) for Christmas and will re-open from Tuesday 3rd January 2012.

OSHC phone: 0423 795 247
Coordinator: Dee Seneviratne

REMINDEERS

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

Hope everyone enjoyed the long weekend. Time has passed very quickly indeed and we are getting closer to the end of Term One for 2012. This week we will start getting ready for Easter as last year children could not finish their Easter craft activities in time.

It was great to see all our prep children very well settled and enjoying OSHC. Most of them now manage to come quietly to OSHC in the afternoons. However, we will continue to drop them to, and pick them up from their classroom until the end of term. In Term 2 we will monitor them closely until such time we are confident they can get to OSHC safely. This week too, we will have Soccer on Tuesday and the Zumba session on Thursday.

Wishing everyone a great week.

Dee and the OSHC team.

WHAT’S ON THIS WEEK AT OSHC

| MONDAY  | Holiday |
| TUESDAY | Kelly Sports - Soccer |
| WEDNESDAY | Cooking – Scones |
| THURSDAY | Zumba |
| FRIDAY | Sticks and Connectors Competition |
STEP UP & LEARN- Secondary Study Strategies!!!

Did you know that 90% of VCE students just copy out, thinking this is how to learn?

In this exciting extension program your child

- Develops creative strategies to make sense of new concepts and complex written material.
- Learns to create meaningful notes.
- Practises re-telling to consolidate and embed new learning.
- Steps up to the challenge of studying for tests and exams.
- Begins to develop metacognition: the ability to understand one’s thinking.
- Learns skills and attitudes which will take them through VCE and beyond.
- Is rewarded by a sense of mastery.

Eligibility
STEP UP & LEARN is an extension program, not a remedial program. To benefit, children must be in Grade 6 and already reading at Year 7 level or above.

The teacher
All classes are delivered by former secondary teacher, Gail Crennan. A warm, encouraging and inspiring teacher, she has extensive experience in teaching from Year 7 to Year 12, presenting at VCE and Literacy Conferences and Seminars, and managing a whole-school literacy program.

Visible results
Your interest and encouragement is an important part of the process. Each week your child will explain what they have learned, speaking from their own notes. You will be able to compare their efforts with the written text, and watch their confidence and mastery grow.

Tuition
10 x fifty minute weekly sessions cost $390 (Health Care Card holders $190)
Groups of 4 students interact and share their discoveries
Classes held at 33 Bank St - three houses from Bank St Primary School
For enquiries phone Gail on 0400 769 942 / 9375 3573

Free introductory sessions for all interested parents: Wednesday 21 March
2.30-3.15pmin the Community Room, Bank Street Primary School or
7.15-8pm in the Staff Room
Mums' Night Out! 2012

featuring

An Unexpected Variety Show

When: Friday 13th April 2012

Where: The Butterfly Club, South Melbourne

What:

You are welcomed with a glass of wine, then sit back and be entertained by the hilarious Brisbane comedian and mum to three Jenny Wynter with

An Unexpected Variety Show

Then, join us upstairs for an evening of fun, laughter, dancing, food, more fun, more laughing and even more dancing ...

Cost:

Show Only ticket (includes drink on arrival) $39 per person

VIP Ticket (includes drink on arrival, seat at the Show, and the “after party”) $64 per person

Bookings Essential

Tickets are strictly limited and must be purchased by Sunday April 1st 2012

Visit: www.mumsnightout.com.au
Phone: 0414 548 103

or see Amanda Cox (Mum to Matthew U5 and Jamie U1)
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ESSENDON STARS AUSKICK
Auskick is now on Sunday morning

Auskick is the key introductory program for primary school aged boys and girls from ages 5 - 10 years old. Auskick teaches children the basic skills of AFL football, in a fun, safe and non-competitive environment.

The Essendon Stars Auskick program is run every Sunday morning at Buckley Park Reserve, Cooper Street, Essendon with sessions from 9.00am - 10.00am. The first session is Sunday 15th April.

You can register online now at www.afkauskick.com.au and select Essendon Stars for your centre. Or you can come along on our registration day which will be Sunday 1st April from 10.00am - 12.00midday at Buckley Park Reserve, Cooper Street, Essendon.

If you require further information please contact Bradleigh Andrews on 0400 908 593

The Essendon Football Club will be hosting “On The Ball” at Essendon Doutta Stars Football Club.

On the ball is a school based health promotion program that uses elite athletes as role models in the delivery of a resiliency program, it is for girls and boys and is designed to improve long term health outcomes for kids. Angus Monfries and other Essendon players will host the program. This is an event NOT to miss.

When: Wednesday, 21st of March, 2012

Where: Essendon Doutta Stars Football Club

Location: Buckley Park, Cooper St, Essendon

Time: 5.00pm – 6.30pm

Cost: FREE

BBQ meals available for purchase.
Books Bonding & Moonee Valley Library Service presents:

**Jacqueline Harvey**

will be talking about writing her bestselling Alice-Miranda books

**Niddrie Library**

**Thursday 22nd March 2012 at 4pm**

Booze Sales and Signings


Moonee Valley Library • 117 Victoria Road, Moonee Ponds • Tel 9418 1925 • www.mvplibrary.vic.gov.au
Complete these magic squares to also make a total of 15.

Lisa is cooking muffins. The recipe calls for 7 cups of sugar. She has already put in 2 cups. How many more cups does she need to put in?
2) At a restaurant, Mike and his three friends decided to divide the bill evenly. If each person paid $13 then what was the total bill?

Answers to last week’s problems

Suzy is 19. Billy is 9

Mathematics Challenge

We have 16 students ready to participate in this year’s challenge. This will take place during 3 weeks from April/ May.
Watch this spot for some sample questions.
The sun shone.
At the Mt. Vernon home.
Church. He went to 10:30.
After we went to the
Crispings.
To the church for a
And then it rained.
For swimming lessons.
I went swimming
On the M.F.K.
March 2, 12.
Monday, March 2012.

Dad went home afterward
to the park. I played with
On the weekend. I went.