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2012 Key Dates

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ON TIME AT 9

It's cool to be at school
From The Principal

If the weather is fine, I hope to catch up with many families at the picnic night we have planned for this Friday 17 February- beginning around 5 p.m. The rain has been holding off so let's hope this lasts!

As I walked around the school last week, the children were settling into their lessons and, in some cases, their new Units. I have seen many examples of older buddies assisting our new Preps and I feel very proud of these students and appreciative of their help. Prep assessments began last Wednesday and will continue throughout this month by appointment.

Before our next newsletter, our Unit Information Sessions will also be held to give teachers and parents time together to clarify daily routines, school programs and home / school support and advice. Please attend if you can:

Unit 5 5.30 pm
Unit 4 6.00 pm
Unit 3 6.30 pm
Unit 2 7.00 pm
Unit 1 7.30 pm

Unit assemblies have begun on Monday afternoons 3.00 - 3.30 pm so join us if you are able to at this time. So you know when your child(ren)’s Unit is hosting assembly, we place the assembly roster in the Key Dates section on the front page of the newsletter each week. If the weather is fine and we do not need inside technology and equipment, we will hold assemblies under the outdoor blind near the music room deck. If you don't find us there, please come to the Hall. This year the Specialist teachers have asked to be in the roster so the children can showcase their work in these subjects too.

Enjoy your week,

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

From The Assistant Principal

SWIMMING LESSONS for grade 2, 3 & 4 students
During Term 1, children in Grade 2, 3 & 4 will be participating in an 8 session Intensive Swimming and Water Safety Program at Ascot Vale Leisure Centre. The program runs over 2 weeks. Swimming is a vital component of our Physical Education Program which will include a water safety focus. Students will be ability grouped for the lessons.

The intensive course starts on Monday 27th of February and runs through to the 9th of March, excluding Wednesdays. The cost for the program including bus travel is $95. Full Payment is to be made by Thursday 23rd February. If you have any payment concerns please speak to Joanne or myself. Permission forms must be returned by no later than Friday 17th February. Please return forms to classroom teachers, separate from the payment envelopes. Thank you to the families who have paid already.

SWIMMING TRIALS
Ascot Vale Primary School will be entering the District Swimming Sports again in 2012. Children in grade 3, 4, 5 and 6 (students must be turning 9+ in 2012) will be eligible to try out for the events. All events are 50 metres. We will be holding trials at the Queens Park Outdoor Swimming Pool, starting at 7:45 am sharp on Friday 2nd March. Notes have been handed to interested students at their PE lesson last week. All information is included on this note

PREP FOR PARENTS
Did your child start Prep this year? Would you like tips on how to support your child in their first year at school? Then subscribe to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development’s new weekly Prep for Parents email.

You will be sent an email every Wednesday during school term that will include tips, advice and information about the day-to-day experiences children have in the classroom and things you can do at home to assist and encourage your child.

To subscribe to Prep for Parents, see: http://www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/prepare/prepforparents/default.htm

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK
Happy birthday to: Raf U3, Lorenzo U4, Coco U2, Hayden U4, Kyra U1, Will U2 & Cosima U1

I’m looking forward to playing cricket with some of you at this Friday’s picnic.

Michael Downing – Assistant Principal
downing.michael.j@edumail.vic.gov.au
From The Business Manager
Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) & School Start Bonus Eligibility
Submission date 29th February, 2012

A reminder to parents that EMA and SSB application forms are due by 29th February and will not be able to be accepted after that date. Please bring your Centrelink card with you when applying. For further information, please refer to last week’s Newsletter or see me at the office.

Payments to the School
Thank you to all the families who have paid their fees. If you have any queries regarding charges, or you are having difficulty with payments, please do not hesitate to contact Joanne, Michael or me to discuss a payment plan.

Kind regards, Janet Coward
Coward.janet.r@edumail.vic.gov.au

Writing @ Ascot Vale PS
Text: In Unit 2, Grade 1 students explored the Dr Seuss book "Hooray for Diffendoofer Day!" which is a book that celebrates creativity, originality and differentiated learning styles.

At Diffendoofer School they have a librarian who shouts out louder when students are reading to themselves and teachers who teach laughing or how to tell a cactus from a cow. Grade 1 students invented their own imaginary teacher at work in the classroom. Students had to name their imaginary teacher with a name that gave a clue about what they teach or do and write a sentence about the wild and wacky subject they were taught. Some Grade 1 suggestions were Mrs Waddle who teaches you to waddle like a penguin and Mr Standaroo who teaches standing still. Grade 1 students: Lydia and Alyssa have a few suggestions as to the teachers they would like to see at Ascot Vale Primary School!

French Club Update
Bonjour! Due to staffing issues the 2012 commencement of the French Club has been delayed. Please watch-out for updates in the upcoming newsletters.

Newsletter Articles
Articles for the Newsletter must be received by midday on Mondays. Please email your articles to Joanne, Michael or Janet.

Fundraising News
Could you please add for newsletter this week FUNDRAISING - we are looking for new members to join our dynamic & enthusiastic fundraising team for 2012. It is a great way to get involved in the school, help coordinate fun activities, and meet you people.

We are having our first meeting for the year this Thursday 16/2/12 at 2.30pm in the staffroom. We would love to see some new parents come along whether you can help a lot or a little.

If you are unable to attend meeting but interested in fundraising please contact Danielle Paea 0423271868 or dpaea@optusnet.com.au

Uniform Shop
The Uniform shop opens in the School Hall on the first Thursday of every Month. The next scheduled opening is Thursday 1st March 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.
Chess Coaching

Where: Ascot Vale Primary Library
When: Wednesdays 3.30pm – 4.15pm
15th Feb to 28th Mar 2012
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 14th February. Cheques made payable to “Hooton Consulting Pty Ltd”

For more information contact Phil from Checkmate Chess Coaching on 0390295962 or 0421 901 530

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Child’s Full Name: ____________________________
Grade: ______
School: ____________________________
Payment Due: Tuesday 14th February.

$75 cash: □ or $85 cheque: □

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OSHC NEWS

Hope Everyone had a great weekend. We are slowly, but surely settling in. It is absolutely wonderful to see the children taking the time and getting to know Alex a little bit more each day.

This week we will have our first Zumba lesson on Thursday and Kelly Sports on Tuesday and the cooking lesson (Honey Joys) will take place on Wednesday.

If your contact details have changed in recent times, please inform me as I am in the process of updating all the child information sheets.

Wishing everyone a pleasant week.
Dee and the OSHC team.

WHAT’S ON THIS WEEK

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**ZUMBA® FITNESS CLASSES AT ASCOT VALE PRIMARY SCHOOL!!!!**

*Zumba® is an exhilarating, effective, easy-to-follow, Latin-inspired, calorie-burning dance fitness-party™*

**BEGINNERS WELCOME!!!**

**Where:** Ascot Vale Primary School Hall, Bank St, Ascot Vale  
**When:** Wednesday evenings 7.00pm -8.00pm  
**Cost:** $10 per class ($8 conc.) or $40 for 5 class pass (1 class free)  
**What to bring:** Water bottle & towel

For more information contact Nada Newman on 0416 019 796 or zumbawithnada@optusnet.com.au

PRESENT THIS FLYER TO RECEIVE YOUR FIRST CLASS FOR FREE

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**Zumbatomic® classes at AVPS on Tuesdays from 3.45pm – 4.30pm in the school hall**

Zumbatomic® is aimed at children aged from 4-12 years and is adapted from the popular adult Zumba® fitness program to encourage children to develop a healthy lifestyle and incorporate fitness as a natural part of their lives. It offers a mixture of both specially choreographed and modified dances, games and insights into where the dances originate and why fitness is important.

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Nada Newman (mother of Tiana U5 & Laura U3) is bringing Zumbatomic® to AVPS and has the following qualifications: fully qualified Zumbatomic® & Zumba® instructor, Cert. III in Fitness, CPR & First Aid & Working with Children Check.

Classes cost $10 per child (sibling discount available) and fees are payable on a Term by Term basis. For more information please do not hesitate to contact Nada on 0416 019 796 or by email zumbawithnada@optusnet.com.au. New students may receive their first trial class for free.

**CLASSES RECOMMENCE ON TUESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY – SEE YOU THERE!**
**Essendon Ladies Hockey Club**

**Have a Go @ Hockey**

**Summer Intra Club Games**

*Essendon Ladies Hockey Club* is committed to keeping girls playing sport and to increasing the participation of girls in Hockey at all levels.

**Our Junior Section** supports Girls aged from 10 to 17 in U13, U15 & U17 Club Competitions and provides a pathway to **Senior Grades**. Opportunities are provided to advance into Zone and State representative teams should that be a goal.

**YOU** and your friends are invited to join in with some of our current players and our newest recruits as they play Intra Club games for skill building, fun and fitness.

This is a great opportunity to **Give Hockey a Go..!**

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You should wear sports clothing (shorts or leggings), runners and long football type socks. Bring a Hockey Stick and Shin Guards if you have them, AND a Mouth Guard (compulsory). Don’t forget a water bottle. We can supply Hockey sticks and shin guards if needed.

**Contact** Cathy Manning on 0408 799 633 or junior.convenor@gmail.com to register your interest.

**Club Information** – Junior Girls train on Wednesdays from 5.45 – 7.00pm at Essendon Hockey Ground. Games are played on Friday nights, at Essendon or at opposition grounds. The Winter season runs from April to September. 2012 Registration Evening - Tuesday 28 February.
YES, OF COURSE YOU CAN DANCE!

AT

DANCE THEATRE

FIRST LESSON FREE

Ballet, Tap, Jazz, HipHop

Where: Ascotvale Neighbourhood Centre
cnr Munro St & Union Road,
Ascotvale.

When: Saturday mornings & Tuesday
afternoons

Enquiries: 0423089981
0431136989

Email: dancetheatre@gmail.com

Principal: Raelene Brady
Dip Ed & Grad Dip Ed, CSTD
Drama at AVPS
Commencing Term 1 2012

kids act up

drama classes for 8-12 year olds

- Theatre sports & drama games
- Improvisation
- Role play & exploring character
- MASK fun
- Motivation & meaning
- Approach to text
- Presentation skills and public speaking
- Voice

*kids act up* is a drama skills programme that begins with an exploration of self and moves outwards to encompass the broader environment in which we exist.

Children gain a greater understanding of who they are in the world and the impact they have on others. This knowledge brings improved confidence and an acceptance of themselves as unique individuals.

By observing and recreating the actions and mannerisms of others, children also develop greater empathy and acceptance of difference.

Children today are expected to perform in a range of social and educational settings, and drama skills enhance their ability to confidently meet these challenges.

Drama is social, interactive, and involves live performance. Most importantly, it's FUN! Unlock your child's creative potential and experience *kids act up* today.

**Class Structure**

1.25 hours per week (Mondays from 3.45pm-5.00pm)
$160 per 10 week term (school term dates)
Location: Ascot Vale Primary School

**Class Facilitators**

Elizabeth Walley: A trained Speech Pathologist, Elizabeth works professionally as an actor, director and presentation skills trainer. She is currently completing her Masters in Creative Writing at RMIT.

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
After School TENNIS Program 2012.

This is a learn to play Tennis program, and recommended for Grades 1 to 4.

**When:** Wednesday @ 3.45pm till 4.30pm

**Where:** School Oval  
**Cost:** $54.00 (6 Weeks)

**Dates:** Wed 15 February to Wed 21 March 2012.

**Registration:** Name.............................................  Unit No..............

**Parents Name & Phone Number** ........................................ Ph........................

Lessons are conducted by Martine Baillon 0416 038 432 (parent of Phoebe in Unit 1)
FAMILY PICNIC TEA

TO ALL NEW AND CURRENT FAMILYS OF AVPS

PLEASE COME TO A FAMILY PICNIC TEA ON THE OVAL

FRIDAY 17TH FEBRUARY FROM 5-7PM,

CATCH UP WITH FRIENDS AND MEET NEW FAMILIES, WHILE BEING ENTERTAINED BY SOME OF OUR MVIMP STUDENTS AND PARTICIPATE IN SOME FUN FAMILY GAMES

SAUSAGE SIZZLE OR BYO PICNIC
you were taught.

Miss Tennis teaches dolphins how to play tennis.
My teacher teaches me how to pick petals of flowers.