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ON TIME AT 9  It’s cool to be at school
From The Principal

The international news bulletins continue to shock and sadden us all. Being concerned as to the impact of the continual media coverage, we are listening to the children and reporting to each other regarding any of their queries and/or comments. So far, we have had very few questions but we will continue to monitor this situation. Perhaps you are facing them all at home? Our advice from psychologists has been to affirm with the children their comparative safety and to support them if they, proactively, would like to do something to help others in need. I know that the SRC has already planned a ‘Blue Day’ to help raise money for Australia’s flood victims.

As we get the opportunity, small groups of staff and parents have been inside the Learning Studio to have a look around. So far, the comments have been very positive and visitors have been delighted by the new learning space. The heating is in, the flooring is going down and then the final electrical work will install power and computer points, the interactive whiteboard and the stage lighting. It is due to be finished this Friday! Most of the cupboards are in and you can really see where all is going to go. The outside areas look great with their new shade sails and some outdoor furniture is due to arrive this week as well. It is all coming together beautifully. As we set up our main corridor display, a timeline across the history of the school, for our 1 April Open Day and school reunion on the 2nd, the Learning Studio is the ‘now’ and endpoint of our timeline. I hope many families will take the opportunity to come for a tour on the 1 April and stay for the Olden Day Fair from 3 – 6 pm. Please buy tickets for the school reunion from the office if you intend coming as catering needs to be finalised by next Friday 25 March. There will be no ticket sales on the night.

It will not be possible to send home a school newsletter next week. Michael and I will be attending the WMR Principal’s conference, also at Lorne, from Sunday to Tuesday, and then involved with the school camp for the remainder of the week. While both of us are off site, Marg Blair Gannon will be Officer-In-Charge at the school. I have heard that the children are looking forward to their beach activities this year and I am looking forward to visiting them at camp and seeing them up on their boogie boards!

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

(Please use my email address to contact me directly around any school matters but this is not a good contact point for daily/ immediate student arrangements as I am sometimes off site at meetings or training. For daily student arrangements, please ring the office on 9370 6507 to ensure your message is noted and acted upon that day. Thankyou.)

From The Assistant Principal

Swimming Team – District Carnival 11/3/2011

Our swimming team represented us with distinction at the District sports Carnival last Friday. Well done to Aaron, Luke, Lachlan, William, Ewan, Matthew, Lennie, Rachel, Sarah, Lillyanna, Hannah, Tiana, Jaslyn, Zoe, Gabriella, Emily, Emily and Jessica. Congratulations to Will B who has successfully made it through to the zone swimming Carnival.

Tips on talking to children about the events in Japan

Create a safe environment
• Repeatedly reassure your children of their safety and your love for them.
• Give extra attention and time at bedtime. Children may become more anxious about separating from you, particularly at bedtime.

Limit exposure
• Don’t expose children to mass coverage of the devastation. It’s important to limit the amount of exposure where possible, and ensure they are supervised so you can answer questions and concerns.
• Minimise exposure to scary images and adult conversation about the devastation of the disaster. Listen to their concerns and answer questions honestly
• Take time to listen. Children may have many worries from exposure to a disaster. Listen and answer their questions as simply and honestly as you can. Correct any misunderstandings that may have come from other children.
• Give factual information about what happened, appropriate for their age. Provide a learning experience by giving facts about the type of the disaster to help children understand and have a sense of mastery about the event.
• With younger children, follow disaster-related conversations with a comforting activity or story to help them feel safe and calm.

**Don’t avoid the issue**
• Be honest, don’t avoid their questions. Children need to feel that there is a sense of control and will look to adults for this.
• Explain all the things people are doing to assist the situation. Show them positive steps are being taken and that people are in control of a response.
• Allow children to be sad and cry; these are normal expressions of emotion.
• Some children express fears that the disaster will affect them and their loved ones. Give reassurance that you are looking after them and love them.
• Help children see the good things in the world around them.

Taken from Save The Children Australia - [http://savethechildren.org.au](http://savethechildren.org.au)

**Happy Birthday this week to:**
Jordan U5, Maya U4, Campbell U1, Lauren U5, Toufic U1, Luca U2, Jamie U5

Michael Downing - Assistant Princip
[downing.michael.j@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:downing.michael.j@edumail.vic.gov.au)

**AVPS Open Day, Fair & School Reunion**

On Friday 1 April, the children and staff will have the opportunity to come in historical costumes to get into the spirit and history of this celebration. Think pioneers, settlers, bush rangers, the gold rush, soldiers, the 20’s, 50’s, 70’s…. The scope across 125 years provides a huge range and choice! We hope to have a photographer on site at the Fair (3-6 pm) and families might like to have some individual or group photos taken in costume.

**Program for the Friday 1 April 2011:**

9 – 10 am Costume parade- Oval (weather permitting)

10 – 1.30 pm Classes as usual, visitors touring

1.30 – 2.30 pm Lunch and lunch recess

2.30 – 3.00 pm Units set up Unit stalls for Fair

3.00 – 6.00 pm Olden Day Fair in school grounds

**SCHOOL REUNION FUNCTION**

Saturday 2 April 2011, 7-10 pm
(Agent only event $30.00)

**TICKETS ARE ON SALE at the office!**

**RSVP by Friday 25 March 2011**

**AVPS Memorabilia and Photos**

We have had offers from families who have historical school photos or memorabilia to add to our Open Day display and collection. If possible, we would like any material scanned electronically and sent to [ascot.vale.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:ascot.vale.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au). We would then print and display this material and have a copy for the school. If you cannot do this but are prepared to lend us your photos etc… please bring them up to the office for us to scan or photocopy. Alternatively, a hard copy you have made yourself would also be welcome and then be able to be added to our display.

Very shortly, the display Timeline will appear along the main corridor and be continually added to as we move towards 1 April. Any contributions from family photograph albums will enhance this display so THANK YOU!

**Writing @ AVPS**

This week we have two fabulous pieces of work from Catherine and Craig in Unit 3. This semester at Ascot Vale PS we are very fortunate to have the services of Terri Campbell who is a world renowned literacy expert and she is spending time with staff to stimulate the children’s ideas and enthusiasm for writing. This week’s samples demonstrate what fine work our children can produce. The children were researching their names in keeping with our theme and their topic was the history of their names.

**Uniform Shop**

To order online, use the PSW website, [www.psw.com.au](http://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
The College provides two sessions for parents:
4.00pm Information session and Tour
7.00pm Information session and Tour

Tours - The college will conduct tours on Tuesdays at 8.45 am to 9.30am and Thursdays at 8.45am to 9.30am.

Tours will commence on Tuesday 15th March and end on Thursday 5th May.

Tour bookings can be made by contacting the General Office on 9389 0600.

Further information about the enrolment process and important dates are posted on the website – www.phsc.vic.edu.au

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Essendon Keilor College Junior Campus Open Days
For students in Years 7 to 10

Niddrie Campus          Wednesday 16 March
Peters St, Airport West.

East Keilor Campus       Wednesday 23 March
Quinn Gve
East Keilor

Tours from 1.30 – 3.00 pm
Information Evening at 7.00 pm
School Tours are also available on Wednesday and Friday mornings at 9.15 am by appointment.

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NTH MELBOURNE - AUSKICK
CONDUCTED BY FLEMINGTON JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB
at ARDEN ST NTH MELBOURNE

Children grouped on grade levels prep to 6

Register Now at www aflauskick.com.au

Or register at ARDEN St on Sat 26th March 9:30 - 11:00

Sessions Commence Saturday 2nd April

Enquiries: Rob Moore 0403 659 659
Jeremy Kruisheer 0488 594 574

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PRINCES HILL SECONDARY COLLEGE
ARNOLD STREET PRINCES HILL
3054

INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE YEAR 7 PARENTS 2012

An Information Evening will be held in the College Theatre on Thursday 5th May
### Maribyrnong College 2012 High Achievers

Year 7 Enrolments Open Now

Applications close on Friday 29th April, with testing scheduled in May. Please contact 9091 8100 for further details and application forms. Scholarships to the value of $250 for high performing applicants for Year 7 are also available. For any queries, please don’t hesitate to contact me on 9091 8100.

Thank you
Angela Field
High Achievers Program Manager

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### Ascot Kindergarten Open Day

**Where:**
Ascot Kindergarten
1 West Street
Ascot Vale
Phone: 9375 3548

**When:**
Wednesday 16th March
5pm - 7 pm

Come along to:
- View the kinder environment
- Observe the learning spaces offered to the children
- Ask the teachers questions about our program and philosophy
- Collect a 2012 Enrolment Form

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### MARKET

**Over 45 Stalls, Lots of Variety!**

Free Face Painting & Kids Activities!

**Sunday 20th March 2011**

9.30am – 12.30pm

**Huge Range of New & Pre-loved Baby & Kids’ Goods**

Maribyrnong Community Centre,

9 Randall St, Maribyrnong VIC

Enquiries: Shelli - 0400 118 153

Email: info@munchkinmarkets.com.au

Website: www.munchkinmarkets.com.au
Club Lorne Camp  
GRADE 3/4/5/6 CAMP  
Monday 21st – Friday 25th March

It’s getting closer to Camp so here’s some important information you will need. Please make sure you are ready at school by 8.45am on Monday/Wednesday as the bus will be ready for departure at 9.15am. The children will be returning to school at approx. 3.30pm. **Children need to bring their lunch and a drink for the first day clearly labelled in a small bag.** Any medication is also to be clearly labelled with instructions and given to Emily (5/6) or Joanna (3/4) on the morning of departure. If you have any inquires please speak to Unit teachers or Lucy.

### ESSENTIALS FOR CAMP (Please Label all items)

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**Please NO lollies (these will be provided)**  
**No electronic games or mobile phones.**

Thanks Camp Crew
Ascot Vale Primary School

“Celebrating 125 years in the Community”

To mark this special occasion, the Ascot Vale Primary School will be holding a Reunion evening for: past students**, teachers, parents of past and present students, principals and vice principals. (**NB: This event is open to those over 18 years of age.)

The event will take place on Saturday 2nd April, 2011, at the school grounds in Bank Street, Ascot Vale.

Event details are as follows:

5 pm – 7 pm  Guided tours will be conducted around the school facilities

7 pm – 10 pm  School Reunion Function

Fingerfood, a welcome drink, tea and/or coffee, will be included in the cost of the event. Additional beer, wine, or soft drinks can be purchased at the bar.

The evening will provide all guests with the opportunity to meet old friends and acquaintances and rekindle some of those childhood memories. Special speakers and entertainment will be provided.

The cost for the Reunion function will be: $30.00 per head. To purchase a ticket please complete the form below and return it back to the school no later than Friday 25 March, 2011.

All further enquiries can be directed to the school by phoning 03 9370 6507 or faxing 03 93705150. Information about Open Day tours, displays and the Fair can be found on the school website: www.ayps.vic.edu.au.

Tear off and return to school no later than Friday 25 March, 2011

Ascot Vale Primary School Reunion Function

I wish to purchase ________ tickets at $30.00 each. Total amount to be paid: $________

I attended the school back in this year:

[ ]

I wish to pay by: [ ] Cheque – made payable to Ascot Vale Primary School

[ ] Credit card - made payable over the phone to the school directly

[ ] Cash

Please select if you would like your ticket sent to you via email or via a nominated address once receipted:

Name: ____________________________________________ Contact Number: ______________________

[ ] Address: ____________________________________________

[ ] Email address: ____________________________________________
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