### 2013 – Term 2 Key Dates

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| 19 April | District Cross Country Race 9-12.00pm  
Parent Rep meeting, 9 am, Community Room  
Fresh Fruit Friday- parent volunteers from All Units |
| 21 April (Sunday) | WORKING BEE 10am-12pm                                                                      |
| 22 April – 2 May | Year 5/6 Swimming (no lesson Anzac Day)                                                   |
| 24 April | Year 6 into Year 7 meeting, 7 pm, Community Room                                          |
| 25 April | ANZAC DAY HOLIDAY                                                                          |
| 2 May   | Unit 2 Assembly                                                                            |
|         | Prep 2014 Parent Information session, 7pm                                                  |
| 3 May   | Interschool Winter sport begins                                                           |
|         | Unit 1 Cup Cake Stall, after school                                                       |
| 9 May   | Unit 3 Assembly, 3 pm Hall                                                                 |
| 10 May  | Mother’s Day afternoon tea, Hall                                                          |
| 14 – 16 May | NAPLAN testing days- Numeracy & Literacy Year 3 and Year 5 students                      |
| 16 May  | Unit 4 Assembly, 3pm                                                                      |
| 20 May  | School Council & subcommittee meetings  
(Thursday 16th Finance)                                                                      |
| 23 May  | Unit 5 Assembly                                                                            |
| 24 May  | Parent Rep meeting, 9 am, Community Room                                                  |
|         | Special Lunch Day (U5)                                                                     |
| 30 May  | Specialist Program Assembly, 3 pm                                                          |
| 6 June  | Whole School Assembly, 3pm                                                                 |
| 7 June  | Report Writing Day (Pupil Free)                                                            |
| 10 June | Queen’s Birthday long weekend- public holiday                                              |
| 13 June | Unit 1 Assembly, 3pm                                                                       |
| 14 June | Unit 2 Cup Cake Stall, after school                                                       |
| 17 June | School Council, 7 pm  
(Thursday 13th Finance)                                                                           |
| 20 June | Unit 2 Assembly, 3 pm                                                                      |
| 21 June | Interschool District Soccer Carnival  
Parent Rep meeting, 9 am, Community Room  
Special Lunch Day (U4)  
Student reports sent home |

**WORKING BEE THIS SUNDAY**

**10 AM - NOON**
From The Principal

Term 2 has started smoothly with the children listening to a dental health presentation on the first day. By now, I am hoping you have all heard your child’s version of how they intend to best to care for their teeth. Have they all delved excitedly into their showbags to trial their samples?

I hope the holiday period was a time to relax together and step out of the usual term routines. It certainly was for me. I was waiting, a bit impatiently, for the birth of my first grandchild and I am happy and proud to announce that I am now the proud grandmother of baby Nicholas. My daughter and the baby are both well and it was ever so lovely to be home from work during this special time as a family. What a good little grandson he was to arrive early so his Grandma could visit him in her term break!

In making this big announcement, perhaps I will just continue on to make a second one. I would like to let you all know that I have also decided to retire from teaching at the end of this school year. After much consideration, I have decided I would like more family time to be with my grandson, my parents who need more support and to spend more time with my husband who has already retired. I am hoping to work part-time with other educators in the Big Picture Company. I have been involved in voluntary work with this company for many years now. It is a national group of educators rethinking schooling for our most disadvantaged young people. I want to be able to choose my work commitments and better match these to my family needs. Unfortunately, I cannot be a part-time Principal. I really do love working within this school community and I know I will miss it. In December, I will have worked for the Education Department for 36 years and I think it is the right time for me to make a move. Please be assured when I say that planning my retirement is energising me and urging me on to finalise projects I have begun here and not the reverse. Therefore, I know my remaining months at AVPS will be busy and happy ones, just as they have been since I first took up this appointment in October 2006. As the end of the year approaches, the School Council, staff and the Region will be involved in selecting a new Principal for Ascot Vale PS. Strategically, the end of this year is a good time for a leadership change as it will be the end of our current school strategic plan and 2014 will bring whole school evaluation and planning processes to set new goals and targets around continuous school improvement. I hope you will all understand and support me with this important decision. Please chat to me about this matter if you have any questions.

In the meantime, there are three full terms to go and lots more to achieve and work towards—beginning this SUNDAY, 10 am – noon at our first working bee for 2013 ☺ Before then, on Thursday evening, the year 5/6 team and I will meet the parents of Year 6 students, leaving AVPS with me, but going onto to their secondary school placements. This meeting will be held in the Community Room at 7 pm.

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

From The Assistant Principal

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

Education Sub Committee (School Council) has 2 draft policies for community feedback. Your views and feedback would greatly assist us.

• Homework Philosophy (for review 2010)
• Student Medication Policy (new)

Both are available online. Feedback is to be in writing, addressed to me, by no later than Friday 26th April.

HATS

Students are still required to wear the appropriate sunhats until the end of April. Our policy states that “Children and staff are required to wear hats that protect their face, neck and ears, i.e. legionnaire, broad brimmed or bucket hats, whenever they are outside. Baseball caps do not offer enough protection and are therefore not recommended. No hats, no play. Students not wearing appropriate hats will have to remain in the shade that is offered outside the front of unit 4 and 5.

CAN YOU HELP?

With Autumn here, and an already full and busy schedule for our handyman Alan, we need a few parents or grandparents that could spare an hour or so a week to help with some sweeping around
our school. Thank you to the one family who has offered to help; we need a few more. If you can help, please contact me to discuss further.

**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.

**Play is important**

We Play is fun!

Play is also important. It’s so important that children’s play must be supported and encouraged from the day they are born. And it doesn’t stop when your child starts school.

You could say that play is an all-round work out for your child. And what a work out! Play develops your child’s:

- imagination and creativity
- reading, writing and counting skills
- problem solving skills
- social skills, including learning to get along with others and resolving conflict
- physical skills, including coordination, balance, flexibility
- talking and listening skills
- confidence
- understanding of others and the ability to accept difference
- understanding of themselves and their place in the world.

This is why play times are an important part of your child’s day at school.

**Types of play**

There are many different types of play. For example, role playing, imaginative play, playing with others, making all sorts of creations using everyday materials, arranging objects, discovering how things work and quiet play like solving puzzles or building things by themselves.

Children can make up their own rules when playing, or they can play by the established rules of a game. Either way, this teaches them the value of having rules and following them.

Sometimes your child may be content to watch other children play before joining in, especially in new or strange environments. They may also sit beside other children, playing near but not with them.

Play also helps your child form friendships. We’ll talk more about friends next week. Your child will probably prefer a particular type of play. Where possible, try to encourage your child to experiment with different types of play and playing with others.

You don’t have to spend a lot or buy expensive things for your child to enjoy and participate in play. The important thing is that your child enjoys themselves, either on their own or with other children.

**Your role in your child’s play**

Of course, the most important thing is to make sure your child is in a safe and secure environment. But this doesn’t mean you have to be there every time your child plays. Whilst it is fun and important to play with your child, it is also important to encourage their independence.

You can just sit back, watch and enjoy as your child learns, explores and tests new ideas through their play. You can also be a stage manager, organising space, time and things to support your child's play. You might also have to resolve conflicts.

If your child is unwell or has special needs, you may also play as an assistant, inviting children who are shy or do not how to join in in a way that can help them ease into the activity.

You might also need to join in the play or even if you are not actually part of the play, sit alongside imitating what they’re doing. You could then introduce something different or use something in a different way into what you are doing and hopefully your child will imitate you in their own play.

Always remember it’s not your play, but your child’s.
Playfulness continues throughout our life. Researchers believe that when we play, we live happier, healthier lives and have a more positive outlook on life.

So what are we waiting for? Let's play!

Related links:
- Encouraging play at home
- Raising Children Network – School Age play and Learning

Happy Birthdays during the holidays:
Piperlily U1, Sanyam U5, Jackson U1, Lydia U3, Junes U2, Rebecca U1, Lochie U5 & Christian U1.

Happy Birthday this week:
Jasper U5, Ebony U2, Cara U1, Erin U1, Tyreece U2, Gabriella U5, Roba U3 & Henry U1.

See you all next term; enjoy the start of the footy season!
Michael Downing - Assistant Principal
downing.michael.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

Uniform Shop
The uniform Shop will be open next on Tuesday 7 May, 2013 in the School Hall between 3pm and 4pm. 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 Closed, Tuesday-Friday 8.30am – 5.00pm, Saturday 9.00am – 1.00pm.

Dear Parents,
From Monday 29th April: You can purchase your school uniform from PSW’s Deer Park store during the following times:

**TRADING HOURS**
Monday
CLOSED
Tuesday - Friday
8:30am - 5:00pm
Saturday
8:30am - 2:00pm
Sunday
CLOSED
PSW DEER PARK
58 Westwood Drive, Ravenhall, VIC 3023
Phone: 03 9363 8458
PLEASE NOTE: Store hours may be reviewed/changed to meet demand. PSW will communicate any changes to store trading hours with your school.

Are you able to help us do some welding? Please let Joanne or Michael know if you have this skill and could help our maintenance man repair/ weld some metal supports on a table in our yard. Your help would be appreciated.

Fresh Fruit Friday @ AVPS
Please note the FFF Unit roster listed on the front page of the newsletter within the ‘Key Dates’ section. We only need about half an hour of your time first thing in the morning on Fridays. Volunteers prepare the fruit in the Canteen. Volunteer parents from Unit 1 are on duty next week.
Ascot Vale Primary School

OSHC phone: 0423 795 247
Coordinator: Dee Seneviratne

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

It is simply delightful to see all our children back after the break looking very fresh and relaxed and ready to go. We in OSHC are also ready to give them a good time, bearing in mind the impending cold days. There will be many craft activities this term, some even to suit the older boys. We will also have other indoor activities, board games, construction activities, cooking and music. We will of course have plenty of outdoor activity when the weather permits. Active After Care will commence from next week with Footy clinics on Thursday afternoons. I will keep you informed of Tuesday’s activity as soon as it is confirmed by the Sports commission.

We, the staff, have had a very detailed discussion on keeping our children safe- even though our accident records are very low. We’ve discussed all aspects of safety and we are determined to keep all our children safe and very happy as well. I would also be requesting parents to update their child information records at the service so that I can be in contact with you should the need arise. It is brilliant to see everyone again and wishing everybody a great second term at school. Dee and the OSHC team.

WHAT’S ON THIS WEEK AT OSHC

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CITY OF MOONEE VALLEY

(DRAFT) PLAYSSPACE PLAN

Moonee Valley City Council is preparing a Playspace Plan that will guide the upgrade, replacement and installation of new public playspaces over the next 15 years. The draft plan can be viewed at mvcc.vic.gov.au/play and hard copies are available at the Moonee Valley libraries at the Civic Centre. MVCC is seeking feedback until Friday 26 April, 2013.

If you would like more information about the draft plan you can email parkimprovements@mvcc.vic.gov.au or call 9243 8704. Liz Chapman, Senior Landscape Architect.
Ascot Vale Primary School
2014 Prep Enrolment

You can enrol your child at Ascot Vale PS now. Enrolment forms are available from the office. You will also need to bring a birth certificate and an up to date Immunisation status certificate when presenting your enrolment form.

School Tours

Please call or email us to book into one of the following school tours (each tour will take approximately 30 minutes):

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Prep 2014 Transition – Key Dates.

Prep 2014 Parent Information evening will be held on Thursday 2nd May from 7-9pm.

As we get closer to the new school year, the Prep 2014 Information session (for enrolled families) is scheduled for Tuesday 22nd October at 7pm.

Our two Prep Transition programs will take place on Wednesday 27th November and Wednesday 4th December. Both sessions run from 2.15 pm to 3.30 pm.

More information will be sent via the post to families who have enrolled their child. Please call us if you have any questions.

Ascot Vale Primary School
Principal: Joanne Roberts
Bank Street
Ascot Vale 3032
Phone (03) 9370 6507
Email: ascot.vale.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
Approx. time I/we can help: Starting time: Finishing time: 

Tools we will be bringing: 

Contact email: 

Contact phone: 

Can help out with task (circle preferred): 1 / 2 / 3. 

1 / (name) 

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Please check in to the drama lab before on the deck of the learning studio before starting. Thank you for your consideration.

If you can help, please fill in and return the form below by no later than Wednesday 17/4/2013.

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<td>Weeding, moving fence.</td>
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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 or $40 for 5 class pass (1 class free)
What to bring: Water bottle, towel & cross trainers

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

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AT ASCOT VALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**Recommended for Grades 1 to 4.**

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

**Where:** School Oval  **Cost:** $70.00 (7 Weeks)

**Dates:** Wed 24 April - Wed 5 June 2013.

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

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

Lessons are conducted by Martine Baillon 0416 038 432 (parent of Phoebe in Unit 4)

Please call to register.