



ASCOT NEWS

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Term 1 Key Dates (Please keep for future Reference)

23, 24, 26 & 27 Feb 2, 3, 5 & 6 Mar	2/3/4 Swimming program Ascot Vale Leisure Centre
16 & 17 Feb	Year 3/4 camp
16 Feb	School Council and Sub Committee meetings
17 – 20 Feb	Year 5/6 camp
18 Feb	Unit 3 assembly
Tues 24 Feb	Parent/Teacher Interviews
25 Feb	Swimming Carnival Unit 4 assembly
27 Feb	Parent Rep meeting/ Special Lunch Day
3 March	Author Visit AVPS– Christopher Milne Family Picnic/ Unit Information Evening
4 Mar	Unit 5 assembly
5 Mar	Uniform Shop open at AVPS 3.00 – 4.00 pm (in Unit 6)
Mon 9 Mar	LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY
10, 11, 12 & 13 Mar 16, 17, 19 & 20 Mar	5/6 Swimming program Ascot Vale Leisure Centre
11 Mar	Whole School assembly
Sun 15 Mar	Working Bee 10 a.m.- 12 noon (BYO tools please)
16 Mar	School Council and Sub Committee meetings
18 Mar	Zone Swimming carnival Unit 1 & 2 assembly
Sat 21 March	SCHOOL FETE
25Mar	Unit 3 assembly
27 Mar	Parent Rep meeting/ Special Lunch Day
1 April	Unit 4 assembly
3 April	Term 1 ends- 2.30 p.m. dismissal

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

Many thanks for all your generosity supporting Joan and her neighbours at Christmas Hills. The Hall is well stocked and a local truck company will move the goods to the Christmas Hills residents shortly. The offers of help have come from everyone and everywhere. While I was shopping for toiletries to send, a complete stranger noticed my basket looked a lot like hers and, in the end, handed her shopping over to me to bring to school for our collection for the Christmas Hills residents! Thank you also to Jacinta, Sue and Ros for leading the organisation and boxing of our donations. Help needed in the area is now clearing the land. If you would like to be a Landcare volunteer, please leave your name and contact details at the office and we will pass them on to the Christmas Hills organisers.

The gold coin donation activity last Friday produced a line along the oval boundary of 9.5 m and brought in another \$627.30 that we will be able to forward as a cash donation from our school community to the Victorian Bushfire Relief fund.

The news from Camp Campaspe has all been positive with teachers and students reporting challenging and fun activities. The staff are keeping in constant touch throughout the week, so please give the school a ring if you require any additional information.

Please note that the Term 1 Parent /Teacher interviews have been scheduled for next Tuesday 24 February. Please complete the sheet indicating your preferred appointment time(s) and return this to school before next Monday. I am hoping that all parents will be available at some time during the evening to share information with the teachers in Units.

Joanne Roberts,
Principal
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From the Assistant Principal

Prep Health Assessments – Victorian Primary Schools Nursing Program

Please return questionnaires to school this week.

Student Birthdays this week

Happy Birthday to:

Rory W- Unit 2 - who turns 6 on the 19th February
Kyra O- Unit 3 - who turns 6 on the 19th February
Cosima G- Unit 1 - who turns 6 on the 20th February
Amin D- Unit 1 - who turns 5 on the 21st February
Joanna L- Unit 5 - who turns 9 on the 21st February
Mitchell L- Unit 3 - who turns 11 on the 21st February
Hamsa N- Unit 4 - who turns 8 on the 22nd February
Jope S- Unit 5 - who turns 10 on the 22nd February

Michael Downing, Assistant Principal
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Working Bee Sunday 15 March

We have a LOT of leaf debris around the yard, within boundary gutters and along fence lines that needs to be cleared. I am in the process of arranging tree trimming and the removal of some dead trees from the yard and this work should take place shortly. Generally then, on the 15th, we will need some assistance sweeping up leaves, tidying up garden beds and the back block generally. This will ensure all is ready for the School Fete on the following Saturday.

Please come along to help, even for an hour, if you can. Volunteers will need to bring their own gloves and gardening tools.

YOUR HELP WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

Joanne

Yard Supervision

The school yard is supervised from 8.45 a.m. until the bell in the morning and after school until 3.45 p.m. Children at school outside these times, without parent supervision, need to be booked into the Before/After School program. Unsupervised children in the yard will be taken to the OSHC in the Community Room to wait for the bell or to be collected to go home. Please note that there will be an OSHC charge if your child needs to be supervised. OSHC information and their contact number is always at the end of each newsletter.

2009 AVPS Calendar

The school calendar for the 2009 year has been finalised and is available to collect from the Office if you would like a copy. Please ask Janet to photocopy one for you if there are none available on the counter.

School Council Elections

At the 16 March meeting of the School Council, the election of office bearers and Parent representatives will be announced. We are seeking nominations for parent reps on School Council. Nomination forms can be collected at the office and nominations close next **Monday 23 March at 4.00pm.**

G.A.T.E.W.A.Y.S

A number of Grade 5/6 On Location programs to be held later this term for interested children. Whilst 'Hot Hits' at the Alfred Brash SoundHouse is now full **we still have places available in the following programs:**

- DigiTales - digital story telling (at [Sh@re](#) Community Campus at Firbank GS in Brighton)
- Stop It! Animated Art at the Australian Centre For the Moving Image at Federation Square
- Take 5 - film making- at the Australian Centre For the Moving Image at Federation Square
- ArtTrax at the National Gallery and the Alfred Brash SoundHouse - Arts Centre , Melbourne - art and digital imaging

Program details are still available on www.gateways.edu.au

Calling all parents and guardians – 2009 Fundraising Volunteers needed!

AVPS relies on much needed funds to help maintain our school, purchase the latest technology for our children and valuable library resources. To do this, we hold events and activities throughout the year. However, to hold these events, we need a team of volunteers who are willing to implement a 2009 Fundraising Action Plan. The team of volunteers can meet either during school hours or as an evening activity, giving parents who work, the opportunity to help participate in this area. If you are interested, could you please contact Cheryl Blair (Jessica & William U4) on 0410 312228 or via email on wc_blair@tpg.com.au by Friday 27 February. Also, let me know whether you prefer to attend meetings during or after school hours. I'll then co-ordinate a meeting in the first week of March.

Many thanks to all parents who have offered to help out at the Fete, which will be held on Saturday 21st March. We would love to hear from more parents! Any offer of assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Bushfire Relief Effort – Christmas Hills

A huge thank you to everyone who has donated and/or assisted with our relief effort. We have sorted and packed over 100 toiletry and first aid kits. Also, an amazing amount of clothing, sturdy shoes, manchester, pet food and household items.

We have now completed this immediate response and all goods will be transported to the Yarra Glen Community on Wednesday 18th February via Tina McCarthy.

At this stage there is no need for any more donations of items. If you have anything to donate – please go to Union Road Op Shop, Ascot Vale, OR, St. V's Op Shop in Maribyrnong Road.

The Union Road Traders Association is still taking cash donations on the School's behalf.

Thanks to all,
Jacinta and Team

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA) Payments for 2009

If you believe you are eligible for the EMA payment, please collect a form from the school office and return the completed form by close of business on **Friday 27th February, 2009.**

NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Uniform Supply

The next date for the Uniform Shop is Thursday 5th 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.

Thank You

What a wonderful, supportive community we share at Ascot Vale Primary School. We, the "Gilbert Family" from Unit 1, have been overwhelmed by the generosity and support shown to us by families and staff members, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your kindness.

For those who haven't heard the tale, Isabella, Cosima and I were involved in a traffic accident during the holidays, and have some broken bones and assorted injuries to deal with this term. We are all on the mend, but Isabella and I have legs in plaster and all the associated difficulties that entails.

Iain has become the chief cook and bottle washer, taxi service extraordinaire, and carer for us all, and has been very grateful for the assistance from this very special school community. So on behalf of our family, may I say how blessed we are to be part of the extended Ascot Vale Primary School family, and we thank you for all your support.

from Elizabeth, Iain, Isabella and Cosima.

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.

Peter and the OSHC team.