



# ASCOT NEWS

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## Term 1 & 2 Key Dates (Please keep for future reference)

16, 17, 19 & 20 Mar	5/6 Swimming program Ascot Vale Leisure Centre
18 Mar	Author Visit
18 Mar	Zone Swimming carnival Unit 1 & 2 assembly
<b>Sat 21 March</b>	<b>SCHOOL FETE 1-4pm</b>
25 Mar	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
20 April	Term 2 begins
21 April	School Photograph day
22 April	No Assembly- School Concert rehearsal day at AVPS
24 April	Parent Rep meeting/ Special Lunch Day
28 April	Year 6 (into 7) Information Night, 7 p.m.
29 April	Whole School Assembly District Cross Country
30 April	Prep 2010 Parent Information Evening, 7 p.m.

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

Very quickly last Wednesday, the donated goods for Christmas Hills were loaded into cars and a trailer and we headed off to make our delivery. I was appreciative that parents on site the week before (preparing fruit for Free Fruit Friday) were willing to do this work on our behalf. We needed people quickly and they were available and volunteered. Thank you Fran, Peter, Jacinta, Ellen and Tina. We were met by the staff and

children of Christmas Hills PS and it was 'all hands on deck' to unload the many boxes and bags! The goods will be distributed to the cluster of 5 small primary schools in the area. Many families have many immediate needs and our donations will help. The Recovery Centres in the area are beginning to leave so our timing was good. The Principal of Christmas Hills PS, Greg, will keep in touch with us and let us know if we can assist in any other ways. One of the younger

students let us know he was really missing his family's TV! 😊

The photo shows one of the teachers, Kurt, and 7 of the 13 CHPS students at their assembly point- the big oak tree.



As we had to cancel this year's Unit Information sessions, please note the Curriculum insert that Michael and the staff have prepared for you. Knowing the essential questions and focus areas of our current study topic and the broad outline of the literacy and numeracy programs for this semester should help families assist their children with their learning as they feel they can.

A small but hardworking crew of parents, students and staff met at school to join the grounds and canteen working bee last Sunday. We achieved much in a short time by sweeping all areas, tidying garden beds, putting in some new plants and cleaning the canteen. Thank you sincerely to the 8 families that turned up with their brooms, spades and rakes and with their gloves on! A working bee is held once a term, usually the first Sunday after a school term break, so please consider joining us at the end of April if you were unable to assist us this time.

SO much work has gone into the Fete preparation for next Saturday 21 March. The best thing everyone can do now is come along and join into all the festivities! See you there at 1 p.m.

Joanne Roberts,  
Principal  
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## From the Assistant Principal

### Student Birthdays this week

Happy Birthday to:

Stefan P- Unit 3 - who turns 11 on the 17<sup>th</sup> March  
Jordan S - Unit 1 - who turns 5 on the 19<sup>th</sup> March  
Maya S - Unit 2 - who turns 6 on the 19<sup>th</sup> March  
Campbell M - Unit 4 - who turns 7 on the 19<sup>th</sup> March  
Lauren M - Unit 5 - who turns 7 on the 19<sup>th</sup> March  
Toufic T - Unit 4 - who turns 8 on the 21<sup>st</sup> March  
Erin G - Unit 3 - who turns 12 on the 21<sup>st</sup> March

Luca B - Unit 3 - who turns 6 on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March  
Jamie O - Unit 5 - who turns 8 on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Enjoy your week!

Michael Downing , Assistant Principal  
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## To all the AVPS Community

I would like to express a very HUGE thanks to everybody who contributed to the Christmas Hills Bushfire Appeal. The generosity you have all shown is extraordinary, and definitely one of the things we miss not being at the school. It is such a wonderful community spirit and to be able to share that with our friends and family in the hills was wonderful - THANKYOU!

There are many families who have lost everything, or those who simply wake up to look at what isn't there anymore - their friends are gone along with the houses, their cars don't start up in the morning anymore, the sounds of the kids playing in the pine trees is missing and the roses, herbs and vegies have simply disappeared into ash. It is really difficult for everyone involved, so the kindness from all of you has been much talked about and much appreciated.

Our timing in taking the goods up a little later than expected was perfect, as it is only now that families have found places to store their goods and are making more permanent arrangements. To have gone sooner would have been not just overwhelming, but the danger had not fully passed until last week.

Special thanks to Jacinta, to Tonia and Ros for sorting, Ellen, Fran, Peter and Joanne for helping to deliver all the goodies. The Union Road traders were very generous with their donations and Kennards Storage supplied us with a free trailer to transport all the goods to Christmas Hills last Wednesday. Thanks also to Susi Strasser for her wonderful collection of bits for the vets and the coffee to keep me sane!

Tina McCarthy  
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## Writing @ Ascot Vale P.S.

We have a beautiful example of handwriting from Toufic in Unit 4. While much emphasis is placed on the creative / authorial side of writing, attention does need to be paid to the actual handwriting used to record our children's wonderful stories.

## Readers Challenge

Students who have registered for the Reading Challenge are now able to start entering their books onto the Challenge page. User name is the students name e.g. Joe Blogg's username is Joe Blogg. Joe's password is **joeblo09** – password is all in lower case, which is the first three letters first name and surname, year level straight after it.

## Premier's Reading Challenge

It is time again for the PRC. The Challenge is an initiative from the Premiers Office, designed to encourage children to read widely and regularly, students who complete the Challenge will have their names published in THE SUNDAY AGE after Challenge is finished.

As the Challenge generates vast amounts of paper, this year I am going to try a new way of registration for students at AVPS.

I am encouraging parents to contact me via the internet if they wish their child to participate in the Challenge. To do this, I need permission for them to be involved in the Challenge and also permission for their name to be published in the paper.

Publishing of names is certainly not obligatory, just advise me when you write to me if you don't want your child's name published.

The traditional method of registration, ie, paper, will also be available, however I would prefer to do it on the computer, it is far more efficient and does save quite a bit of paper.

Thank-you,  
Marg

## Cross Country Training

There will be three cross country training sessions run by Susi Strasser at Aberfeldie Park starting from 3.45 to 4.30pm on the following dates:

**Thursday the 19th of March**

**Tuesday 21st of April**

**Thursday 23rd of April**

Due to the holidays breaking up our training we encourage children to practise for a 10 to 20 minute run at least twice a week over the holidays.

All students are encouraged to attend training as it is a great opportunity to improve their fitness and run the track prior to the event. Parents will be in charge of taking their children to training. Please meet on the Boulevard near Poynton's Nursery at 3.45pm.

Any queries for this event please call Susi on 0401037919 or Tania at school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings.

## Ride 2 School Day 2009

Wednesday March 25 is national Ride 2 School Day. Ride 2 School Day is aimed at educating students about the benefits and importance of an active lifestyle. Students are encouraged to get to school partially or completely on bikes, scooters, rollerblades or on foot. The idea is to leave the car at home if possible and to get healthier, save money and help the environment at the same time. So dust off your bike and get involved!

## Uniform Shop

The next date for the Uniform Shop is **Thursday 2 April** between 3.00pm and 4.00pm. 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.

## Child Care

Occasional Child Care available at Farnham Street Neighbourhood Learning Centre. \$7/\$5conc per session. Call 9376 9088 email [info@fslnc.org](mailto:info@fslnc.org) for bookings.

## Western Region Volleyball

PO Box 431, Essendon, 3040

Email: [admin@westernregionvolleyball.com.au](mailto:admin@westernregionvolleyball.com.au)

Web: [www.westernregionvolleyball.com.au](http://www.westernregionvolleyball.com.au)

## Junior Volleyball Competition 2009

Boys, Girls or Mixed teams for primary and secondary school aged children. All games are 55 minutes long, played on Fridays and start at 3.30/4.30/5.30/6.30pm.

Competition starts May 1, Term 2. Finishes at the end of Term 3. Minimum of 14 games played. Referees are supplied. All teams must have a supervising adult present every game.

Venue: St Bernard's College Gymnasium, 41 Rosehill Road, Essendon. Melways Map 27 K2.

Costs: Team fees - \$30 per game. All players must be registered with VVI (insurance).

All enquires to Michael Dolan 0422 067 458 or email above address.



Debney Park Secondary College Information Evening  
Parents of primary school children are invited to attend an information evening which will introduce you to many of the great things that Debney Park Secondary College is doing with respect to innovation in schooling and community capacity-building.

Please join us in exploring the possibilities that await you and your son or daughter at Debney Park.

*Wednesday 13 May 2009*

*7:00 to 8:30pm, followed by light refreshments*

*Debney Park Secondary College Library*

*167-175 Mt. Alexander Road, Flemington (enter via Wellington Street)*

RSVP by Monday 11 May to

[debney.park.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:debney.park.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au)

or contact the General Office on 9376 1622

## AFL Auskick North Melbourne 2009

It's back. Auskick at Arden Street Oval North Melbourne for 2009. Auskick is a community based program run by volunteer parents as an introduction to AFL football. It is for all primary school aged children (prep-grade 6). It allows children to play sport in a relaxed environment where making friends, having fun and improving skills are all of equal importance.

Registration Days will be held on both Saturday's March 28<sup>th</sup> and April 4<sup>th</sup> at the ground from 9.00am till 10.30am. The cost for this year will be \$60 which includes all sessions as well as the great AFL pack which has a ball, pump, hat etc. This represents excellent value for your child. You can register on line at [aflauskick.com.au](http://aflauskick.com.au) but you still need to bring a signed copy of the form with payment at the registration days.

The season's lessons will start on Saturday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May from 9.00am and going till 10.15am, this is after the school holidays and Anzac Day.

We are lucky to have access to and play on one of the best surfaces in Melbourne and often get to mix with the North Melbourne Kangaroos AFL players. On both registration days there will be a chance to have a kick on the ground and on the 28th March there will be sausages and drinks for sale. Parking will now be in the surrounding streets or on Macaulay Road due to the development works going on at the ground, we will be gathering next to the player's race in front of the old social club.

Again we will be looking for parent helpers to coach groups and assist with the activities, also to help with equipment, drinks, child welfare, first aid etc. Please let me know if you are willing to help out.

All welcome I look forward to seeing you there.

Cheers

Xavier DiMattina, Co-ordinator

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## TRY A LINGO LEARNERS CLASS FOR FREE!



We are now taking bookings for places on the popular after school French programme for next term. **AMUSE-TOI BIEN** ["Enjoy yourself"] is a fun, friendly after school French club which offers an introduction to the language and culture of France using games, songs, role-plays and other activities all designed to be stimulating and fun for children. Why not try a session out for free with the group this term? Call us to book a free place in one of our sessions this term.

The cost of the program is \$120 per child per term. Sessions are held at school on Wednesday afternoons from 3.45 – 4.45pm. No previous experience of French is required. To register your child or for further information please contact LINGO LEARNERS directly on 9375 4776 or by email [info@lingolearners.com.au](mailto:info@lingolearners.com.au).  
Merci beaucoup et à bientôt!

Claire Kilner, John Murphy

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## OSHC NEWS THIS WEEK

### 'we make kids smile'



Monday – Octopus  
Tuesday – Chinese Walls  
Wednesday – Yoga  
Thursday – Kids Choice  
Friday – Tennis

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.

## Spring into Action

**Create, Connect, Learn, Enjoy!**

**Discover Dance:** 2-6 years

**Creative Ballet:** 5-12 years

**Dance & Create:** 5-16 years

**Join rehearsals for the Children's Dance Festival in May – a creative outdoor event**

Canterbury Street Stables, Flemington

Ring Lee: 0437194238 [lee frances@bigpond.com](mailto:lee frances@bigpond.com)