



ASCOT NEWS

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Term 3 Key Dates (Please keep for future reference)

18 -21 August	MVIMP Camp
19 August	Unit 4 Assembly
26 August	Final Day for Toothbrush Drive
26 August	Unit 5 Assembly
28 August	Parent Rep meeting/ Special Lunch Day
1 Sept	NO HATS, NO PLAY begins again today.
2 Sept	Whole School Assembly
4 Sept	District Athletics Carnival
4 Sept	Fathers Day Breakfast and Stall
9 Sept	Unit 1 & 2 Assembly
10 Sept	Girls Night Out
15 Sept	AVPS MVIMP Concert
16 Sept	Unit 3 Assembly
18 Sept	Last Day Term 3- early dismissal at 2.30 pm

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

Last night at the School Council meeting, members began a conversation about the use, purpose and operation of the refurbished Learning Studio. New learning possibilities present themselves with this multidisciplinary, hi-tech space. Michael lead the group through a series of exercises that asked us to think about who will be working in the space to enable us to meet our overall aims of building school community partnerships and restructuring the work day to give teachers more time to meet with individual students to conduct individual

assessments and to discuss learning goals. The conversation and information will be continued at the staff meeting tonight and then opened up more broadly at a whole school forum next term. If you have any partnership ideas or personal interests in this work, please come up for a chat to share your thinking. We have the time this semester to do this planning while the renovations take place. The Department has informed us that the start date is around the term 3 holidays. With so many schools involved in facilities programs, they are behind

schedule. We are intending to empty the building in Week 9 of term. There may be pieces of furniture or fittings from the Library that will be made available for sale to any interested parties. There will be shelving, tables, chairs, desks, sets of cupboards etc... that need to be disposed of quickly. A stocktake of assets is to be compiled and then information about our sale will be distributed to families before the end of term. All will be offered at bargain prices to clear them out quickly.

A meeting to plan the school 125th Anniversary celebration in April 2010 will take place tomorrow at 2.30 p.m. in the staffroom. Please come along if you are available to help.

I would like to ask parents to assist us regarding lateness. We have too many students coming into school after the bell and this is disruptive to morning programs and fails to model the importance of being punctual. At the other end of the day, we have some families not collecting their children by 3.45p.m. from the yard. This is the time that Michael or I leave yard duty and go to meetings or other tasks. Students need to be registered and attend OSHC if they cannot be collected by 3.45 p.m. There is no other staff member able to supervise children adequately beyond this time so we need your support around this matter.

I'm sure the MVIMP campers who set off this morning will have an enjoyable and productive week at Bacchus Marsh. The Thursday evening concert is always impressive so I am sorry that I will be an apology for this event this year. I'll look forward to seeing all the children perform at the AVPS MVIMP concert on the 15 September in our Hall.

Joanne Roberts

Principal

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From the Assistant Principal

Birthdays this week - Happy Birthday to:
William B – Unit 4 – who turns 8 on the 18th August
Vikas V – Unit 3 – who turns 6 on the 21st August
Tristan N – Unit 1 – who turns 7 on the 21st August
Tyson K – Unit 1 – who turns 7 on the 21st August
Jacob B – Unit 4 – who turns 10 on the 23rd August
Alice C – Unit 3 – who turns 12 on the 23rd August

Michael Downing - Assistant Principal

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Sport & PE News

Thank you to all those who turned up on Tuesday night at the Andrew Welsh Auskick at Debney Park. The weather was not kind to us, but the centre opened up and we were able to chat to Andrew Welsh, the Flemington Police and other officials with lots of media coverage. All children received at least one free football and hat and many sausages were consumed.

The athletics teams are almost finalised and notes will go home this week to those children representing our school at the district athletics carnival at Aberfeldie Park on Friday the 4th of September. Training for long jump and triple jump will be offered by Suzi at Aberfeldie Park on Monday and Wednesday nights 5.30-6.00pm. Other events will hold their training times at school on the following schedule, only if it is not raining:

Monday & Wednesday - 8.30am Shot Put and Discus
Tuesday and Thursday - 8.30am Relays
Fridays - 9.30am to 11.00am All other events
Everyday – 8.30am. Children in the 800m to complete 8 laps of the oval

Thanks to Suzi and all the other parents for helping out during this 'testing time'!!

Tania

Library News

As the library renovations are just around the corner, it will be greatly appreciated if you could encourage your child to bring back any overdue library books. Notices have been sent home this week. Please help your child look for these books and return them to the library as soon as possible.

Writing @ Ascot Vale PS

I am very excited about our writing this week as it comes from Vikas from Unit 3. Vikas came to us at the start of the year with little or no English as he and his family are India Nationals. Vikas slotted into Unit 3 very well despite his lack of English enthusiastically taking part in all unit activities. On Monday 27th August he produced this superb piece of writing that is reproduced here for all to see. Vikas displays competency as an Author and Secretary and finishes off his writing with beautiful illustrations. Well done Vikas perhaps you will be the next Vikas S.

Fundraising Dates for your Diary

26th AUG - **TOOTHBRUSH DRIVE FINISHES**
4TH SEP - **FATHERS DAY BREAKFAST & STALL**
10TH SEP - **GIRLS NIGHT OUT** (WATCH OUT FOR MORE DETAILS)

Premier's Challenge

This is an appeal to all students who have registered for this year's reading challenge. Many have registered but few have entered their books on their page. We have only until the end of this month. To complete your entries if you are having difficulties with passwords which seems to be an ongoing PRC issue, please come and see me. Marg

AVPS Musicians Jam with the MSO

The Melbourne Symphony Orchestra (MSO) are running participative musical sessions at the BMW Edge Theatre at Federation Square. Parents are invited to sign up their children, free of charge, to attend a one-hour hands-on session, on stage, with musicians from the MSO! Bring your instrument along if you have one, otherwise you'll be allocated a percussion instrument of some kind. In their August session Olivia and Tom S. (units 4 & 3) were practically one-on-one with Karen and Jen, a flautist and percussionist from the MSO. Parents stay and get involved as everyone is given a part in creating the concert that the musicians, parents and even the audience put on at the end. Next session is Sept 5. Highly Recommended. There's no info on their web site, phone the MSO on 9626 1111 and ask for the Education department.

RSPCA Cupcake Day! Wednesday 19th August



Come along after school and buy a delicious cupcake (baked and decorated by the students of AVPS) and support the RSPCA!! There will be a stall at the Canteen and another near Moonee St gate.

And remember to enter the colouring competition!!

Parent Rep July Meeting Update

The most recent meeting was held on Friday 31st July. The July Special Lunch Day and Term 3 event planning including girls night out, family night and father's day breakfast as well as the recent World of Maths event were some of the topics discussed.

The current minutes will be posted on the Noticeboard in the Staffroom should you wish to read them. Our next meeting is on Friday 28th August 2009. If you have any items you would like to agenda, please speak to a Parent Representative from your Unit.

Habits of Mind Art Project

Lucy and the children have been working with visiting artist Marieke to design HOM murals for our water tanks. The designs are in the process of being finalised so we need some parent help to prep the tanks. This involves some cleaning and undercoating of the galvanised iron to prepare the surface for our student artists. Can you help? **Please let Lucy know if you are available this Friday 21 between 11.30 and 1.30 pm.** If not, perhaps at another more convenient time!

ONE WEEK TO GO!

Get your orders in!!

A reminder that the first fundraiser for term 3, the toothbrush and toothpaste packs, are due back by Wednesday August 26. If you would like to support this event please return your order form and payment to school as soon as is practical for you but no later than Aug 26! Thanks from the Fundraising Committee



Avondale Heights
Out of School Hours Service

September Holiday Program 2009

Lots of fun & exciting Activities & Excursions to keep your children entertained these school holidays including...

- Melbourne Aquarium
- Roller Skating
- Sports Day
- Swimming
- Dance Party
- Movie Day
- Action Zone Docklands



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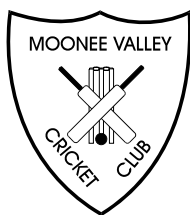
Uniform Shop

The next date for the Uniform Shop is **Thursday 3rd September** 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.

Moonee Valley FC congratulates

their U10's Division 5 team. For the first time this team of young footballers will play in the finals against Sydenham Hillside. Good luck to Jamie O'Brien U5 as you play in the big match on Saturday. The Club meets on Wednesdays and Fridays 4.30 - 5.30 p.m. at Ormond Oval in Moonee Ponds and would welcome new players.

Moonee Valley Junior Cricketers Wanted



Moonee Valley Cricket Club is fielding Under 10, 12, 14 & 16 sides for 2009/10, and Milo In2Cricket for the youngsters. We also cater for girls' cricket.

The Club is holding a registration day and free sausage sizzle at our home ground, Ormond Park in Pattison St, Moonee Ponds from 11am on Sunday, August 30.

Age groups are – Under 16 (players born after 31/8/93); Under 14 (born after 31/8/95); Under 12 (born after 31/8/97); and Under 10 (born after 31/8/99).

Groups of school friends are able to play together in the same team – particularly at the U/10 and U/12 levels. Under 10s play Friday nights, and we have both Saturday and Sunday teams in the other age groups.

The North West Cricket Association specifies particular grades which encourage girls to play, and Moonee Valley is part of this at all age levels.

For more details phone MVCC Junior Co-ordinator Kevin Gardiner on 0417 536 896, see our website <http://mooneevalley.cricketvictoria.com.au> or attend the registration day.

IS YOUR CHILD ALLERGIC TO PEANUTS?

IS YOUR CHILD BETWEEN ONE AND TEN YEARS OF AGE?

The Royal Children's Hospital and Murdoch Childrens Research Institute are conducting a study evaluating a possible new treatment for peanut allergy.

To find out more, please contact:

Research Nurses
Allergy and Immune Disorders Group, MCRI
Telephone: 03 9345 6774

Or email peanut.sutdy@mcri.edu.au for more information.

OSHC NEWS THIS WEEK 'we make kids smile'



Monday – AASC Tennis
Tuesday – Chinese Walls
Wednesday – Soccer
Thursday – ASSC Multi sport
Friday - Noodles

Active Aftercare next term is skateboarding. Limited numbers so get in early – it will be awesome fun!!

Come and enjoy the fun in Afterschool Care. We have some great activities including Tennis on Mondays and Multi-sport on Thursdays in our active after care program as well as other fun activities and yummy snacks like soup and noodles.

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.