



ASCOT NEWS

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Term 2 Key Dates (Please keep for future reference)

20 May	Unit 3 Assembly
21 May	School Banking
27 May	Unit 4 Assembly
29 May	Parent Rep meeting/ Special lunch day
3 June	Unit 5 Assembly
5 June	Soccer Tournament
8 June	Queen's Birthday Long Weekend (no school)
10 June	Whole School Assembly
12 June	Curriculum Day (pupil free)
15 June	School Council & sub-committee meetings
17 June	Units 1 & 2 Assembly
24 June	Unit 3 Assembly
25 June	Student Reports sent home
26 June	Winter sport ends Parent Rep meeting/ Special lunch day Last day Term 2- early dismissal 2.30 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

Another busy weekend of painting at school as Unit 6 was transformed and the Unit 1 windows completed. As staff find the time to sort the resources in this room, it will return to its usual use. There is a lot to sift and sort through so that only current resources are returned to the shelves. By Friday, Unit 2 will need to be ready to be painted and Unit 3 follows on the next weekend. Quotes are being finalised for Unit 1 cupboards and flooring

and the Interactive Whiteboards will go into Units this week. The Tiger Turf company also completed the cyclic maintenance on the oval surface so it was a very busy place on Saturday and Sunday! It is great to see our grounds and facilities being maintained and gradually upgraded.

Fran Howe has kindly forwarded information about a Parent session on childhood bullying. If you are

interested, please note this session is **tonight** but the website is listed as a resource if you are unable to attend. Our student bully and attitudinal surveys indicate AVPS is perceived as a safe space by students and, anecdotally, staff and parent opinion back up this data. If you do ever have any concerns about the safety of your child please come and speak to us straight away. It is my experience that once named and challenged, any incidences we have experienced in the past between children have dissipated very quickly. Parent Reps have suggested I include some steps you / your child can discuss around any incidence of bullying or as a proactive strategy. Raising awareness around these steps is a regular discussion to have with your child and I will mention this to the teachers also. Our current Bullying policy is available to read on our website: www.avps.vic.edu.au

The ‘Five Finger’ training program involves children taking these actions in this order:

- Ignore
- Move away
- Say politely, “Leave me alone.”
- Call out loudly, “Stop annoying me.”
- Ask a teacher for support.

As a check that your child has a personal network of people they consider would help them if needed, trace around their hand on a piece of paper and then ask them to write/draw in each finger tip a person they feel they could talk to if they had a personal problem or something to tell.

(Reference: “Bounce back! A Classroom Resilience Program” by Mc Grath & Noble)

Michael’s suggestions around the AVPS Student Code of Conduct compliments this whole discussion. Ascot Vale PS is a happy place to learn and play and being vigilant about these policies and useful strategies helps us to keep it that way.

Joanne Roberts, Principal
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From the Assistant Principal

STUDENT CODE OF COOPERATION

Ascot Vale Primary School believes that each child has the right to learn and grow in a supportive environment among people who are caring and co-operative. The Student Code of Co-operation was formulated within this framework and is consistent with DEECD guidelines and regulations. It was developed via the Student Representative Council in 2007, and it replaced a student Welfare and Discipline booklet that was sent home annually before this.

Students participate in working through the Code of Co-operation in class and with their families. It is posted around the school and within each unit. I have attached a copy of the document to today’s hard copy of the newsletter for your use at home. It may be a good discussion point or even left on the fridge. We think that these points relate to life outside of school as well. If you have received the newsletter electronically, you can download a copy from our website at: <http://www.avps.vic.edu.au/avps-health-wellbeing.html>

This code is an important component of our overall Welfare and Discipline policy. Students are further enriched through participation in the school’s multi-age approach to teaching and learning through programs, music, camps, excursions and inter school sporting events. The Student Welfare Committee meets regularly to monitor and review welfare issues and to initiate programs to enhance welfare across the school.

I would encourage all families to have a discussion about the Code of Conduct.

If you have any issues you’d like to discuss relating to the wellbeing of your child please make a time to see their classroom teacher, Joanne or myself.

CYBER SMART

The internet is an amazing resource. Yet adult supervision and guidance is paramount. Also going home with tonight’s newsletter is a copy of ‘Cyber Smart Guide’ – a parent’s guide to support children to surf the net safely. More information can be found at www.cybersmartkids.com.au

Student Birthdays this week

Josh S – Unit 2 – who turns 6 on the 20th May
Nicholas L – Unit 3 – who turns 6 on the 21st May
Tom S – Unit 3 – who turns 7 on the 21st May
Lachlan D – Unit 3 – who turns 12 on the 21st May
Kye-Harn L – Unit 4 – who turns 9 on the 23rd May
Craig H – Unit 5 – who turns 10 on the 25th May

I hope your footy team (and mine!) does well this weekend.

Michael Downing, Assistant Principal
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Deadline for Newsletter Articles

Articles can be submitted to the school via email in a word document format for direct insertion into the Newsletter, preferably by Friday. Please note the absolute deadline for all Newsletter articles is midday on the Monday prior to the publishing date.

Education Tax Refund

Letters to families have been sent home today regarding the Education Tax Refund, along with reports outlining transactions paid to the school during the period 1st July 2008 to 31st December 2008. A further report for the period 1st January 2009 to 30th June 2009, will be issued on the last day of term 2 in time for your tax return after 30th June. In order to do this, I will not be able to accept any payments to the school after midday on Wednesday 24th June. Further information regarding the Education Tax Refund can be found on the Australian Taxation Office website www.ato.gov.au/individuals/

Janet

School Photos

School photos have been distributed today and they are all wonderful so we hope you enjoy them. If you require any further photos, you can contact the photographer directly. The details are below:

Creative Exposures

Telephone: (03) 5255 5042

Email: creativexp@ozemail.com.au

Address: PO Box 441, Ocean Grove. 3226

Writing @ Ascot Vale PS

Our writing this week comes from two of our Prep. boys in Unit 3. Christian Houston and Nicholas Lowe have both written recounts of their trip to Scienceworks last Monday. Both boys have captured the feel of their day, although using different styles of writing. Both are wonderful pieces of work from students who have been with us for such a short period of time.

Marg

Bookfair

We have had another very successful Bookfair and Marg and I would like to thank everyone for contributing to a successful event. We will report on proceeds next week when final figures have been done.

Our two raffle winners were Maddie Usher in Unit 2 and Katie Lewis in Unit 4.

Tina



Uniform Shop

The next date for the Uniform Shop is **Thursday 4 June** 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.

Mothers Day Stall

I would like to thank Annie-U4 for her donation of the beautiful cards and Bridget (Iggy's Mum U5) for her help selling the gifts on the day and the beautiful bath salts she made.

The children made some very hard decisions on what to buy their mums, so we hope all mothers enjoyed their presents that were purchased from the Mothers Day stall.

Martine - and the Fundraising Team

Dancing up a storm at Footscray YMCA

Dance classes will be in full swing on **Monday 25th of May** with a FREE trial being offered to all new students!

Junior Girls (5yrs and under) 4:00-4:30

Intermediate (5-8yrs) 4:30-5:30

Senior (8+) 5:30-6:30

For more details and to book your child in call Stewart on 9689 1322

OSHC NEWS THIS WEEK

'we make kids smile'



Monday – “AASP” Basketball
Tuesday – Playground Games
Wednesday – “AACP” Volleyball
Thursday - Octopus
Friday – Kids Choice

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.