2013 – Term 2 Key Dates

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A safe habit: using the ‘safety door’

Instruct your children get in and out of the car safely by using the safety door (rear harbkle door). This will keep them away from the traffic flow.

ROAD SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS BEGINS WITH YOU!
From The Principal

We are busy touring families through the school this week and over the next couple of months as we move into the task of enrolling new Preps for 2014. Our information night for prospective parents is tomorrow, 7pm in Unit 4/5. Please let your friends and neighbours know of this meeting if they have a school age child. Alternatively, ask them to ring the school to make an enrolment appointment to discuss our school and our programs with them. This is work that Michael and I share and enjoy. The children in Units are often very helpful and their comments insightful about the school so we often ‘put them on the spot’ to explain our unique multi-aging and co-location of different aged classes. I am finding the children are able to talk about their learning, as opposed to the task they are doing, as we question them about their work. I am pleased to see that their knowledge about their own learning is growing. This continues to be a school wide goal for all of us.

Next week I will be working in Sydney at planning and board meetings for Big Picture Education. This will put me off site but not out of touch for these three days. Please know that I will be checking my emails regularly and in contact with Michael throughout this period. Michael will be acting Principal in my absence. Initially, please contact him for assistance.

This week at our usual assembly time, the staff and children will thank Cheryl Blair for her leadership of School Council over the past five years. Cheryl is still a very active member of our school community but has chosen to step down from her School Council role this year. Cheryl was School Council President throughout our entire BER building project, our 125th School Anniversary celebrations and she worked with staff to introduce our learning partnerships vision for the school. She has been a strong advocate for our multi-aging and assisted us in our transition and orientation programs at the school. She has been welcoming and supportive of existing and new families coming into the school. I sincerely thank her for her support and assistance. I have valued her insight into the parent opinion and perspective and her overall positivity. Please join me in thanking Cheryl at assembly or when you meet her in the yard for all the work she has done as a parent representative and particularly for her leadership as President.

Tomorrow also, enjoy the creativity and fun of CRAZY HAIR DAY! Thank you SRC for organising this fundraiser for the Royal Flying Doctor Service. It is a wonderful community organisation for us all to support.

Good luck to the school sports teams beginning their winter competition with local schools on Friday. I wish you all a successful season.

Joanne Roberts, Principal
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From The Assistant Principal

ON TIME AT 9 - PUNCTUALITY

A recent check of student punctuality data has indicated an increase in the number of students that are starting school after 9am. During May, units will be tracking data about ‘being on time at 9’ and we will be recognising the top 2 units at an assembly. Let’s work together to improve this. Parents and Carers of students who are consistently late will also be contacted to discuss strategies to ensure their child is at school on time. Further information about the importance of students being at school, and on time can be found online at: http://www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/edulibrary/public/stuman/wellbeing/Not_OK_brochure_primary.pdf
Any parents or carers who would like our support to help improve their child’s attendance and/or punctuality can contact Joanne or I at any time.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN 2013 tests will be held from 14-16 May. NAPLAN is a valuable assessment tool for governments, schools and parents to understand and improve the literacy and numeracy outcomes of Australian students.

NAPLAN provides parents of students in Years 3/5/7/9 with a report on their child’s performance in literacy and numeracy against the national average. Specific information regarding the program, including details about the tests, participation, special provisions and a wide range of other issues can be found on the NAPLAN
Website: http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Pages/prep10/naplan/parents/index.aspx

The VCAA will forward student reports directly to schools when they are available later in the year. Parents with queries regarding the distribution of the NAPLAN reports should contact their child's school in the first instance.


Twitter Competition
On our Twitter main page, we are calling all community members to submit a drawing or photo of our school (no names or pictures of people) to replace our background photo that can be seen on our Twitter page below.

There are 2 categories: Adults and Students. All entries need to be sent to me, either in hard copy or electronically. Competition closes at the end of May. A selection of AVPS staff will be the judges. The two winners will have their entry displayed as our background picture on our Twitter page over the course of 2013.

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.

Let's talk about Bullying - Part 1

When your child starts school, they enter the wider social world. This means building on the social skills they learnt in their pre-school years while finding their own place in the world and feeling part of a social group.

A natural part of development is learning to deal with conflict. Normally, conflict is short-lived, but sometimes it may turn into bullying.

So what is bullying?

It appears much like teasing. But when such behaviour occurs repeatedly, that’s when it becomes bullying.

Examples include repeated pushing, tripping, name-calling or excluding a child from joining in play or sitting somewhere. Having an argument or disagreement with a friend is not bullying. Teasing, being pointed at or called names as a one-off occurrence, while not nice, is not bullying. These behaviours are a normal part of children interacting with each other and learning respectful relationships.

Bullying can be devastating for a child's confidence and self-esteem so it is important to act immediately once you suspect your child is being bullied.

How to know when my child is being bullied?

There is no single way of knowing if your child is being bullied. You'll need to use your judgment, together with your knowledge of your child's personality. You know your child and you know how well they are adjusting to school. You know when something is worrying them or when something just doesn’t quite feel right.

Apart from physical signs, things that may signal bullying include:

- not wanting to go to school or participate in school activities
- missing belongings or having torn clothing
- not wanting to answer questions or talk about what’s been happening at school
- talking about being teased, made fun of or ridiculed
- being overly anxious, nervous, withdrawn, secretive, quick to become angry or tearful
- not sleeping well and may be bed wetting
- not eating properly

**So what to do?** The most important thing is for your child to know that it’s OK to talk about bullying. Reassure them that they are safe and loved, and that they will not be left to sort out the bullying on their own.

Let your child know that the situation is not their fault, and it can be fixed. Stay calm, as your child will take a cue from your response as to how they should react to this problem, and indeed to problems generally. Praise your child for telling you about the problem.

Talk to your child’s teacher or school principal or assistant principal as soon as possible. Your school takes bullying very seriously. Every school has a policy for dealing with bullying. When discussing the problem with the school, be assertive but not angry or accusatory. Ask the teacher or principal for their view and discuss how the situation will be managed, and then keep in touch with the school.

Tell your child you will talk to the school. They might initially be concerned that this will exacerbate the problem, and that they might be labelled as a ‘dobber’ or a ‘wooz’. Again, remind them that bullying is something that needs to be openly talked about by everyone and that they won’t suffer retributions.

Don’t encourage your child to retaliate. This will only make the situation worse.

Contacting the bully or their parents, tempting as it might seem, is also likely to make the situation worse. It is best to work with the school to fix the problem rather than try and solve it yourself.

Remember, that it usually takes time to change behaviour and that you might not see immediate results. Help your child feel more confident by talking about ways of dealing with the behaviour; things like walking away or ignoring the behaviour; firmly telling the bully to stop; avoiding places where bullying is likely to occur – as long as that doesn’t mean your child will miss out on activities or being with friends; use deflecting strategies like providing an offhand or humorous response when the bully says offensive or negative things; and asking friends to help.

It is also useful to talk to your child about why children bully; for example, they have a problem and they are taking it out on others or they are copying others and don’t know this is wrong.

Remember, it may take some time and some adjustment at school and at home to get things back on an even keel. If you are concerned that the problem is not going away, raise it again with your child’s teacher or school principal or assistant principal.

**Related links:**
- Building Respectful and Safe Schools – a fact sheet for parents and carers

**Happy Birthday this week:**
Peter U2, Tyson U4, Dominic U2, Aliyah U2 & Ella U5.

Michael Downing - Assistant Principal
downing.michael.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

**Bendigo Bank**

An opportunity exists for students to have their own bank accounts and pass books with our local Bendigo Bank, Flemington. Application forms will be distributed via Units in the next fortnight.
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 2 are on duty next week.

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 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.

OSHC NEWS

Wasn’t it wonderful to have a mini break in the middle of the week as we celebrated ANZAC Day? OSHC had the most beautiful little ceremony commemorating our ANZACs on Wednesday afternoon, led by Aiden M (U4). Aiden spoke to us about William Scurry, an Australian Soldier who invented the self-firing rifle while serving as a private in The Gallipoli campaign during the First World War. We also observed a minutes silence for all our heroes.

Our discussion sessions are becoming ever popular with the list of speakers always getting longer. We also had a very interesting session with
Marcella L (U1) on her travels to China. The children were so interested and that session went on that we had to postpone afternoon tea. Well done to all our orators.

Joy knew no bounds to see Janet back at the front office. OSHC extends the warmest welcome back to Janet. It is simply delightful to have her back and we wish her the very best.

This week starting on Tuesday, Fit-kids Australia will conduct a fitness/circuit session. Our coach is Ranvier Dhillon. Do hope the children will enjoy this activity.

The children were not too keen to do the craft activity of large self-portraits, so we are thinking of reintroducing it this week, with staff making their own as well, hoping it will gather some momentum.

OSHC is ever busy with much happening and many attending. It is also a lot of fun. Wishing you all a fun filled week.

Dee and the OSHC team.

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Premiers Reading Challenge.

Forms were sent home this week for The Premier’s Reading Challenge. Children are encouraged to participate in the challenge. If you wish your child to do so, please return the form or email me to give consent for your child’s name to be published in the AGE at the conclusion of the challenge.

Once children have been registered on the PRC website, access can be gained from home when books need to be added to the child’s list. The username is the child’s name, and password is the first 3 letters of each name followed by the unit name. e.g. Myrtle Murgatroyd, from unit 3, would use the password myrmuru3.

Please contact me if you need help with this.

blairgannon.margaret.e@edumail.vic.gov.au

Thanks, Marg.

Writing at Ascot Vale Primary.

This week we have two lists of words from Tika and Amanda from Unit 1. Amanda has written a list of synonyms and Tika has produced a beautiful list of alphabetical words. Lists are used in all the classes at AVPS and serve as reference to children when writing and reading. Lists are compiled using different criteria, e.g. Common starting sounds, blends, theme words, numerical lists, etc., etc.

The WORD WALL is the most commonly used list in our classrooms. It is used daily by students who need assistance with an unknown word.

Library News - Volunteers Needed to Shelve Books

We are greatly in need of assistance in the library to shelve books that have been returned. If you can help please email me on

kountouri.tina.t@edumail.vic.gov.au

Thank You, Tina.
FOOTBALL STAR ACADEMY will be commencing a Clinic on Thursdays straight after school from the 2nd of May 2013. Robbie Peters will be the Head Coach overseeing the Football Clinic.

Robbie Peters is an ex-Professional Footballer from the United Kingdom. Robbie relocated to Australia in 2005, and last year launched a Football Star Academy franchise in the Essendon / Moonee Ponds / Ascot Vale area. He runs weekly clinics (through the school term) for children aged between 4 and 14 years of age throughout the local area.

If you are interested in enrolling your son/daughter in this program, please contact Robbie directly on 0422 853 411 for a chat or put your name down on the sign-up sheet at the office counter.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN

We are again participating in the Woolworths Earn and Learn promotion. Last year each unit received some valuable classroom supplies through this program. Last year we earned 41,000 points so, this year, it would be good to aim for 60,000 points.

If you shop at Woolworths, please collect the stickers at the checkout and send them to school. There is a box in the corridor near the office. Also, look out for boxes at supermarkets with our school name on it.

Thank you for helping us. The students and teachers appreciate your help. Julie

THURSDAY 2nd May

SRC CRAZY HAIR DAY

Gold coin donation.

Money raised goes to support the Royal Flying Doctor Service. So will you have 20 plaits? Spikey hair? A wig? Pegs or umbrellas in your hair? A birds nest?

The SRC and AVPS would love to see your creativity at work!
A  active
E  busy
c  cautious
D  dangerous
e  exquisite
f  friendly
g  good
H  helpful
I  inquisitive
J  JUMPY
K  kind
L  lovely
M  mysterious
N  neat
O  organised
P  pet lover
Q  quiet
R
S  smiley
T  Tika
U  understanding
V  very nice
W  watchful
X
Y  young
Z  zoo
Synonyms

Words that mean the same

1. big, large, humungous, giant, bulky, substantial
2. little, miny, tiny, miniature, smile
3. said, told, replied, boomed, stated
4. Ranbouled, Sprindal, Spead
5. beautiful, lovely, exquisite, gorgeous, stunning, Ho
6. full, crowded, packed, bursting, laden, crammed
7. funny, amusing, comical, humorous, hilarious, de:
8. line, row, queue, string, file, rank
9. modern, contemporary, current, up-to-date, recent, late
10. prison, jail, penitentiary, compound, lock-up
Give Mum the Mother’s Day Card she will use all year…

The new 2012 | 2013 Entertainment™ Books make the perfect gift for Mum this Mother’s Day!

Treat her to the new Book packed with hundreds of offers from restaurants, cafes, retail shopping, gift cards and more...


Thank you for supporting Ascot Vale Primary School, $13 from each Book sold will contribute to our fund-raising.

- Treat Mum to a night out with no dishes to clean! Choose from a number of beautiful restaurants such as Bistro Guillaume, Ezard or Comme Estimated value: $140.00
- Pamper Mum with an afternoon of pure relaxation at the Peninsula Hot Springs Estimated value: $50.00
- Mum will love brunch with her girlfriends at Richmond Hill Café and Larder Estimated value: $35.00
- How about a leisurely lunch overlooking the vines at Salix Restaurant & Bistro? Estimated value: $40.00
- Get Dad to take Mum to see a movie of her choice at Palace Cinemas Estimated value: $19.00
- If Mum loves the Arts, indulge in an evening with the Victorian Opera Estimated value: $50.00
- Have a shopping spree at Review & Metalicus Estimated value: $200.00
- Save Mum money across the whole year with 5% off Wish Gift Cards Estimated value: UNLIMITED!

TOTAL SAVINGS $534.00
MOTHERS DAY AFTERNOON TEA

Come along and enjoy an afternoon tea whilst being entertained by some of the music students of Ascot Vale Primary School.

WHEN:   Friday 10TH MAY 2013
WHERE:  School Hall
AT:   2 pm

COST: $6 Per Person Includes tea or coffee, 2 scones with jam & cream

Please bring along family members and catch up with some other parents. Please print & return the form below with your payment by

Monday 6th May 2013.

Due to catering purposes no late RSVP’s will be accepted.

RSVP- MOTHER’S DAY AFTERNOON TEA

Parent’s Name: ........................
Child’s Name: ..................
Unit No............

Number of people attending .............. Total amount enclosed $...............  

Please indicate your choices below

☐ Tea       ☐ Coffee       ☐ Scones with Jam & Cream
☐ Gluten Free Option
Parents will be responsible for registering their children directly with G.A.T.E.WAYS.

How to enrol your child
Direct your email to kathy@gateways.edu.au or call on 9894 2113 and speak with Kathy Lamb.

- On the subject line of the email write ‘Overnewton Festival’ and your child’s name.
- In the body of the email include in this order:
  - Year level:
  - Student’s name:
  - School:
  - Contact phone numbers:
  - 3 preferences eg. 1st Program 1 2nd Program 4 3rd Program 2
- If you want your son or daughter to attend with another student, please include the above information for both on a single email, otherwise we cannot ensure that there will be a place available for both.
- Await confirmation of enrolment by return email.
- If you do not receive a reply within 24 hours, re-send the same email.
- Do not forward your Application Form and payment unless we have confirmed your child’s place.

Finalising your child’s enrolment
Once your registration is confirmed by G.A.T.E.WAYS, download and complete the Application Form and send it, with payment, to G.A.T.E.WAYS, PO Box 207, Blackburn 3130, or email it to kathy@gateways.edu.au within 7 days.
SuperClinic with Essendon Football Club

Saturday 11th May
10:00 - 11:30am
Windy Hill Football Ground
Napier St, Essendon
Cost: FREE

All 2013 Essendon FC listed players will be in attendance at the Superclinic, so get along to meet your favourite players and join in the fun and activities!!!

For ages 6-12 years old