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Term 3 & 4 Key Dates (Please keep for future reference)

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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

Usually ‘Hats on to Play’ is the rule for Terms 1 and Term 4 but the season has been extended to include all days between 1 September and the 30 April so please send your child along with their sunhat from today onwards. Without a hat for morning and lunch recesses, children will have to stay under the coverway adjacent to the Library to play.

The Parent Reps and our fundraising groups have been doing a wonderful job organising fun activities
and special lunch days for us all. The school community relies upon a core group of volunteer parents to get a lot done! Primarily to give this wonderful group of parents a bit more time at the start of the week to communicate between each other and to then get any necessary information out more widely, it has been decided that the school newsletter distribution day will be Wednesdays. This change will begin from the start of term 4. Therefore, any notices you would like placed in our newsletter we need to be at the office by 10 a.m. on the Tuesday before each edition.

A small planning group for the 125th AVPS Anniversary met recently and they are working towards a Term 3 2010 celebration. This should coincide with the completion of the refurbishment and building programs so there will be lots to celebrate and join into together. If you are interested in helping this committee to coordinate the open day, a dinner dance or some fundraising and memorabilia booths, please come along to the next meeting on Wednesday 14 October at 2.30 p.m. in the staffroom.

Good luck to our 2009 Athletics team for their Friday competition and thank you always Suzi for the wonderful coaching you provide every year prior to this event. The children have been doing their bit by practising every morning to improve their skills in field and track events. Persistence, excellence and striving for accuracy are the Habits of Mind I have observed in the team members. After a hearty start at the Father’s Day breakfast before school, I hope you all enjoy the carnival.

Joanne Roberts
Principal
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From the Assistant Principal

Many Dads either don’t, can’t or are afraid to spend one on one time with their children. They are missing out on lots of fun and bonding time; giving them a chance to establish emotional intimacy with their children.

What does it mean to be a good father?
You need to be able to put your child before yourself, be a positive role model and protect your children from harm. At the same time, allowing them to make their own mistakes and learn from them. The key word here is nurture. Children learn through a variety of ways, however observing the behaviour of others is probably the most influential.

As a role model, children learn from their fathers and mothers, and their actions. Children need to be taught right from wrong and see it demonstrated on a daily basis from their father. When considering the responsibilities of fathers, it’s important to remember that no one is perfect. I’m certainly not. We are all human and, at times, we do and will make mistakes. But the important thing to teach is: we can learn from our mistakes and try to avoid making the same mistakes over and over again.

A child’s life can be filled with pressures, from kids at school, teachers, siblings, parents, coaches and just day to day life. Help your child understand their desires and assess their capabilities and set achievable goals. Encourage them to meet their full potential but avoid living vicariously through them by expecting them to achieve what you had achieved or hoped to have achieved.

I’d like to wish all the Dads, especially mine, a Happy Father’s day for Sunday. One of the highlights for me when I’m in the yard after school is seeing the number of dads here spending time with their kids. Playing footy, chatting about the days events, laughing, joking and catching up with other members of our community. Keep up the great work Dads! Hopefully I’ll catch up with you at our Father’s Day breakfast this Friday.

Birthdays this week - Happy Birthday to:
Gabriel H – Unit 5 – who turns 10 on the 3rd Sept
Jack M – Unit 1 – who turns 12 on the 5th Sept
Asha B – Unit 5 – who turns 6 on the 6th Sept
Aidan M – Unit 3 – who turns 7 on the 6th Sept

Happy birthday to a new student to AVPS who I didn’t have on my list, who had his birthday last week.
Anton S – Unit 3 – who turned 11 on the 28th August

Enjoy the footy finals.
Michael Downing - Assistant Principal
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Writing @ Ascot Vale PS
Two beautiful pieces of writing this week come from two beautiful girls in Unit 1. First is a letter from Poppy Eltringham-Smith to her Mother which clearly lets us all know her feelings and what she is going to do to demonstrate them to her Mother. On the other hand, Bitanya Sibenko has written a recount of our author visit last week. Again a very clear piece of writing supported by a beautiful illustration. This is beautiful work girls.
Marg
JP JUNIOR EVERLASTING BOOKS

Everlasting Books is a specialty children’s bookshop. We have a wide selection of picture books, chapter books and novels chosen for the Primary School Student.

OVER THE 3rd TERM HOLIDAYS WE ARE OFFERING A 10% DISCOUNT TO THE STUDENTS AND FAMILY OF ASCOT VALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

To receive your discount please bring along this voucher.

OPEN: Thursday 10.00am – 5.00pm
     Friday 10.00am – 5.00pm
     Saturday 10.00am – 3.00pm

WHERE: 238 Somerville Road Kingsville, 3012

TELEPHONE: 9314 6767

School Furniture To Go

Parents, carers and members of the community are invited to select pieces of library and art room furniture for their homes, garages, holiday home etc. Items include tables, desk, chairs, metal bookshelves, carpet, fluorescent lighting fixtures and wall heaters. To view or to claim items please contact Susie Lauer on 9372 6702 or chupenbub@iinet.net.au or before/after school. A very small donation to the school would be welcomed.

Father’s Day Stall

On Friday the 4th September (this Friday) we will be holding a Father’s Day Stall for the children to purchase a special gift for their Dad on Fathers Day. The stall will be held in the hall during lunchtime hours and after school between 3.30pm and 4.00pm. There will be a range of gifts available for purchase ranging from between $1.00 and $5.00. Please remember to send your children along to school of Friday with some money for them to shop.

We hope to see you there!
Fundraising Committee

HEALTH ALERT

A case of head lice has been reported to the school office so please take time to check your child’s hair. If you would like any assistance or information on how to best treat head lice, please ask at the office for an information pack.

Fathers Day breakfast

It’s time to spoil your Dad and take him out for Breakfast. On Friday 4/9/09 we will be having a Father’s Day breakfast at school outside the Hall to celebrate Fathers Day. Time: 8am – 8.45am

We would love to see many families with their Dads and Grandfathers on the day.

There will be some raffle prizes on the morning for all Dads who are sharing the breakfast with us. Your completed order form has been placed into a barrel and we look forward to giving some lucky Dads/Grandfathers some great prizes.

We hope to see you there!
Fundraising Committee

Orders for ‘Toothbrush and Paste Packs’ Deadline Extended

We’re not far from reaching our minimum order of toothbrush & paste packs and so the deadline has been extended to return your order. $5 per pack. Here’s a 2nd chance to get your order to school if you missed out.
Order forms are available from the office.
Thanks very much to everyone who has ordered packs so far!

Education Maintenance Allowance

EMA cheques have arrived at the school and are available for collection at the School Office.

For parents who have chosen to receive this payment via Electronic Funds Transfer, please check your bank account details to ensure you have received your payment. If you have NOT received your payment, please call Centrelink.
Girls Night Out

Enjoy a night of Fun and discount shopping at Lavish Collections followed by food, drinks and raffle prizes at The Princes of Wales Hotel (drinks at Bar prices).

On Thursday 10th Sep arrive at Lavish for a 7pm Start, enjoy a glass of Bubbly, receive entry for a great door prize and watch some Mums and maybe a teacher, strut their stuff on the catwalk. Then at 8pm, we will move to the Princes of Wales Hotel, for finger food and prizes.

For nights like this to succeed, we not only need your support, we are fortunate to have great support from local Businesses -

**LAVISH COLLECTIONS**
(10% of sales given back to the school)

**THE PRINCE OF WALES HOTEL**

**PILATES PRACTICE – Ellen Barber**

**ACES NAILS (20% discount)**

Please invite all your girlfriends and family members to come along. RSVP with payment to the office by Tue 8th September. Pay before the night and receive a free entry in the Raffle.

Or Phone: Martine 0416 038 432 or Christine 0400 994 853

FLEMINGTON CRICKET CLUB
LOCATED CENTRALLY IN ASCOT VALE

Junior Crickets Wanted

An invitation to new prospective players and supporters to come join the Junior Gulls for the 2009/2010 Season.

Flemington Cricket Club is fielding Junior Sides in the North West Cricket Association in the following age groups: Under 16’s, Under 14’s, Under 12’s & Under 10’s and Milo in2 cricket for the 5 to 8 age group.

Located Centrally in Ascot Vale at the newly redeveloped Walter St Reserve, Ascot Vale (Mel Ref 28 E10) All Juniors play at Fairbairn Park, Ascot Vale, except for the U10’s who play on Friday nights from 5:30pm at Walter street. We are ideally located in the area to enjoy a game of cricket, whether it be playing or supporting your family members.

JUNIOR REGISTRATION DAY
Sunday August 30 at Walter St Reserve, Ascot Vale (Mel Ref 28 E10) at 10.45am

For further information please contact the following:
Juniors – Pat Dalton -Junior Co-ordinator) 0407 013 760
Or go to www.flemingtoncc.com or email the club on info@flemingtoncc.com

Newsletter Deadlines for Term 4

Please note a change in newsletter deadlines for Term 4. The Newsletter will be printed and distributed each Wednesday and the deadline for articles will be changed to Tuesdays at 10.00am.

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.