



# ASCOT NEWS

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

22 April	No Assembly- School Concert rehearsal day at AVPS
23 April	School Banking
24 April	Parent Rep meeting
Sunday 26 April	School Working Bee (10 – 12 noon)
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.
1 May	Winter sport begins
6 May	Concert – Planet X – Clocktower Centre 6.30pm
7 May	School Banking
12 – 14 May	NAPLAN testing
13 May	Unit 1 & 2 Assembly
18 May	School Council & sub-committee meetings
20 May	Unit 3 Assembly
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 / Zone Cross Country
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

I hope everyone had a relaxing vacation and enjoyed the lovely weather over the break. This term begins with school concert rehearsals in full swing. Tickets, as explained below, are now on sale from the Clocktower Centre. The performers and teachers are putting their all into the production of the items so the excitement is definitely building around this event. I'm looking forward, to the children's 6 May performance.

The other immediate and important task for the beginning of term 2 is to have the school community informed around transition opportunities and information session for both kinder children into Prep and Year 6 into 7 students. Please note the dates and attend as relevant so you are aware of the application processes and timelines. We are holding school tours and accepting Prep enrolments now for 2010. Forms are available from the general office as needed.

Great news! I have received confirmation that Ascot Vale PS will receive \$125,000.00 as part of the Commonwealth's Round 1 National Schools Pride funding for schools. We will be refurbishing classrooms- painting, new cupboards, classroom libraries, additional computer technology and new flooring for Unit 1. This confirmation is wonderful news and means that our teaching spaces will be refreshed and updated. Painting and building within rooms will begin shortly. As each area is refurbished, Unit classes will move temporarily to the Library/ ICT space for their lessons.

AVPS still has plans to propose to Western Region for funding for the \$2million establishment of our 21<sup>st</sup> century Learning Studio. This timeline involves putting proposals to WMR by mid May and any redevelopment would take place from Term 4 and into 2010. School Council will be overseeing this proposal and development if we are successful with our bid.

Thankyou Michael for liaising around and overseeing the new playground designs on our asphalt and walls. They look great and I think these extra play activities in the yard will add to the fitness, activity level and fun for the children at recesses.

Welcome back everyone,

Joanne Roberts, Principal  
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## From the Assistant Principal

### Working Bee

Our term 2 working bee is on this Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April between 10am-12pm. If you can spare an hour or

even half an hour to do some sweeping and a general tidy up, it would be much appreciated.

Please bring your own gloves and if possible gardening tools (eg shovel, broom, wheelbarrow)

### How to help your child problem solve

Children learn a lot from watching others. How can we all be good role models?

At home, call a family meeting to discuss an issue. Start with a problem that is easily solved, for example, where to have the next family holiday. Encourage your child to participate in the discussion. When they express an opinion about a possible solution to the problem, use encouraging comments such as "That was a good idea", or "Yes, that's one possibility. Can you think of another?"

Teach your child the problem solving steps.

1. State the problem clearly
2. Come up with some possible solutions (Brainstorm)
3. Choose the best solution
4. Try out the solution
5. Evaluate the outcome – did the solution work?

Encourage your child to take responsibility for solving their own problems. When they have a problem, such as completing homework or having an argument with a friend or sibling, rather than telling your child what to do, prompt them to use the problem solving steps. Say something like "I know this is important to you, but I can't solve the problem for you. Let's do some brain storming and see what we can come up with." Ask your child to choose the best solution – "What are you going to say if Julie tries to copy your work in class today?"

### Student Birthdays this week

Sahra H – Unit 5 – who turned 9 on the 20<sup>th</sup> April  
Liam S – Unit 1 – who turns 11 on the 21<sup>st</sup> April  
Carlton B – Unit 5 – who turns 10 on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April  
Tracey V – Unit 3 – who turns 10 on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April  
Zayd M – Unit 1 – who turns 11 on the 25<sup>th</sup> April  
Laura E – Unit 4 – who turns 9 on the 26<sup>th</sup> April  
Sarah H – Unit 4 – who turns 9 on the 27<sup>th</sup> April  
Zoe U – Unit 4 – who turns 8 on the 20<sup>th</sup> April

Enjoy the week.

Michael Downing, Assistant Principal  
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## School Council

The final draft of the 2008 AVPS Annual Report to the school community was discussed at an extraordinary meeting of School Council last night. This report needs to be finalised by the end of the month. If you would like input into this report, please see me about receiving a copy. For your information, the final

report will be available from the general office early May. Copies will be made available to all interested families. The next full meeting of School Council is Monday 18 May, 7 pm, in the staffroom. Please note that, as interested, observers and visitors are always welcome at any School Council meeting.

Joanne

## CONCERT TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Tickets for Planet X can be purchased from the Clocktower Centre ticket box, 750 Mt Alexander Rd, Moonee Ponds. Initially, each family will be able to purchase a limit of 3 tickets. Please note that all AVPS school children will NOT require a seat as they will view the dress rehearsal performance but be seated backstage throughout the whole concert. The concert will begin at 6.30 p.m. and run without an interval.

Adult Tickets	\$12.00
Senior/ concession	\$10.00
Student/ U18	\$8.00

(Please note that the Clocktower Centre requires that everyone over the age of 18 months has a paid and allocated seat.)

A limit of 3 tickets per family has been set to ensure all families are able to attend the performance. However, on **27April** any remaining seats will be open for sale on a first in first served basis.

Please contact the Box Office on 9243 9191 regarding ticket sales.

## 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.

## Book Fair.....

Is coming soon. Our first Book Fair for this year will be early this term. It has been suggested that as part of the on-going support that schools in bush-fire affected areas need, that the community of A.V.P.S. would donate books to one of these schools. Parents and Students will have the opportunity at our Book Fair to either donate books directly or nominate an amount of money they would like to contribute to a fund.

There will be more information at the Book Fair.  
Marg & Tina.



## Mums' Night Out!

..... you know you want to

The Night Out you've been longing for ... and you know you want to be there.

Join us for a fun filled night of great food, wine and friends, be entertained by comedian Wendy Little and partake in all the dancing around handbags you can handle!

Your ticket price of a mere \$59 includes all of the above, entry to the Real Mum of the Year Award ceremony, giveaways and a goody bag just for you to take home.

Bring some spare change for raffles on the Night to support the Habitat for Humanity Bushfire Rebuilding Fund - and go home with more stuff, just for you.

### When:

Friday the 8th of May 7.30pm

### Where:

Angliss Restaurant 550 Little Lonsdale Street, Melbourne

Bookings Essential - you know you want to

**[www.mumsnightout.com.au](http://www.mumsnightout.com.au)**

Bookings must be made by Friday the 1st of May 2009

## Uniform Shop

The next date for the Uniform Shop is **Thursday 7 May** 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.

## Library Help

There are several new take home readers that need to be covered urgently. If anyone can help with this task, please come and see me.

Tina.

## Grade 6 Hoodies Reminder

Please ensure you have your orders into the office by the end of this week if you would like to wear a spectacular Grade 6 Hoddie. Be in it to be sweet!

## OSHC NEWS THIS WEEK

### 'we make kids smile'



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.

### Free Fruit Friday Program

Every Friday morning free fruit is prepared and offered to students in their units to promote healthy eating. This program requires two or three people to assist Maria with preparing the fruit in the canteen between 9.00 and 10.00am each Friday. If you able to help, please select a date or dates and hand to the office. If you have any queries, please phone Maria on 0402 017 178.

Date	Name & Contact Details
24 April	
1 May	
8 May	
15 May	
22 May	
29 May	
5 June	
12 June	
19 June	
26 June	



## Chess Coaching



**FREE CHESS lesson 29<sup>th</sup> April**

**3.30pm in school library!!**

- Where:** Ascot Vale Primary School Library  
**When:** Wednesdays 3.30pm – 4.15pm  
 29<sup>th</sup> Apr to 17<sup>th</sup> Jun 2009  
**Cost:** 12% discount for Cash Payments -  
 \$75 Cash or \$85 Cheque - per child.  
**Benefits:** Strategic thinking, improved self esteem,  
 attention span in class, lateral thinking,  
 team work, analytical skills.

We cater for **all skill levels!** Each week different lessons are taught & games are played. A trophy is awarded to the "Best & Fairest" player, and a Silver badge to 2<sup>nd</sup> place and a Bronze badge to 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the end of term. To enrol your child please make payment (per child) of **\$75 cash** or **\$85 cheque prior to Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April**. Cheques made payable to "Hooton Consulting Pty Ltd"

For more information contact **Phil** from  
 Checkmate Chess Coaching on  
**9598 2006** or **0421 901 530**  
[www.lifecoaches.com.au](http://www.lifecoaches.com.au)

*Forward this section with your payment to your school office.*

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**Child's Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment Due: Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April**

**\$75 cash:**  **or** **\$85 cheque:**