2012 Key Dates

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From The Principal
The 2012 School Council met for the first time this week and we welcomed Martin Grubb, Dad to Callum in U3, to this group. Thank you Martin for taking up this challenge and thank you also to Kirsten Wood, Mum of Roland in U4 and Melissa Jacobs, Mum of Henry in U3, who volunteered to work on the Grounds sub-committee of Council this year. Council have elected the following office bearers:

President, Cheryl Blair
Vice President, Susie Lauer
Treasurer, Nicole Edwardes.

Remaining parent committee members are:

George Baillon, John Thompson, Lynette Menton, Jason Blakiston and Martin Grubb.

Photos have been taken so look to our notice board near the main office to familiarise yourself with this core school governance group. School Council sets policy and monitors the school finances and spending in relation to the four year School Strategic Plan. We are in the second year of our 2011 – 2014 SSP. Parent items for the agenda can be given to School Councillors prior to the meeting or sent to me to add to the appropriate sub-committee workload. Please note that the April School Council meeting is an open meeting where the 2011 Annual School Report will be tabled. All interested parents are welcome to attend. We will hold this meeting in the Community Room at 7pm.

As mentioned throughout 2011, AVPS is involved with other Victorian schools as an Asia Education project school. The school has audited its curriculum and programs in light of this agenda to increase our collective understanding of Australia as a country within Asia and to build cultural understandings of other Asian countries- their customs, geography and history. One of the major activities we are initiating within this project is to establish a Sister School relationship with an overseas school. Staff and School Council have decided to apply for a Sister School in India. We have many families in our school community from India and we are hoping this will strengthen and better inform this proposal. If you would like to offer advice, support or contact information about a suitable Indian School, please see Aloka about this. We are applying formally through the Education Department but personal contacts and suggestions from our families would be welcome, and I’m sure, helpful. This initiative promises to engage and educate our students and I look forward to seeing it take shape and for the communications across cultures and countries beginning. Learning technologies makes this so much easier!

Joanne Roberts  
rобerts.joanne.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

From The Assistant Principal
SWIMMING – grade 5/6’s
During Term 2, children in Grade 5 & 6 will be participating in an 8 session Intensive Swimming and Water Safety Program at Ascot Vale Leisure Centre. The program runs over 2 weeks. Swimming is a vital component of our Physical Education Program which will include a water safety focus. Students will be ability grouped for the lessons at a ratio on average of 1:8. It is important to remember that this is not squad groups and individual programs are not offered. The intensive course starts on Monday 23rd April and runs through to Thursday 3rd May, excluding Wednesday 25th April. The cost for the program including bus (seat belted) travel is $95. Full Payment is to be made by no later than Monday 16th April 2012. Permission notes have gone home with students this week.

PREP PARENTS SURVEY
Ascot Vale Primary School offers a Prep transition program for students and families each year. We aim to provide a very personal and exciting program for all Prep children coming to our school. All 2012 prep parents should have received an invitation to complete an online survey about their experiences with our transition program. Feedback about the program is very valuable to help us improve our future Prep transition programs. It should only take approx 10 minutes to complete. It closes on Friday 30th March. Your feedback is anonymous. If you didn’t receive an invitation please see your classroom teacher or email me requesting one.

ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Congratulations to Nick K who came 4th and Will B who came 3rd in their respective finals last week. A great effort boys!

SWIMMING PROGRAM
Please have a look at Tahlia’s and Madeleine’s (from U3) swimming journal from earlier this month. It is included in this week’s newsletter. Great swimming girls!

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK
Happy birthday to: Toufic U4, Luca U3, Jamie U4, Jesse U3, Dylan P U1, Noah G U3, Woolly U4 & Sebastian U5.
National Ride2School Day is just around the corner! Get your walking shoes and two wheelers ready! Ascot Vale Primary School will be celebrating National Ride2School Day on Friday 23 March, along with thousands of other schools around the country. We encourage students and their families to leave the car at home on this day and get a taste of the benefits, ease and fun involved in choosing to walk and wheel to school (Bicycle, scooter or even skate boards). We support our students to walk or wheel to school because:

- **Students feel fresh and alert at the beginning of a school day.**
- **There are fewer cars around the school which eases ‘drop off congestion’.**
- **Students are more likely to reach the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity they need each day.**
- **Students feel happier, healthier and perform better in the classroom.**

Parents can join in the fun by walking or wheeling with the students. Live too far? Not to worry, drive part of the way and walk or ride or scoot the rest of the way. Remember, all students on wheels are required to wear helmets (this includes skaters and scooters).

There will be a special Walking School Bus day on 23rd March. It will depart at the same time at the usual meeting place (SE corner) of McPherson and Thomas Street. Everyone is welcome to join us.

**WALK, RIDE OR SCOOT ON 23rd MARCH AND HELP ASCOT VALE P.S. GO INTO THE RUNNING FOR THE COUNCIL’S $500.00 PRIZE FOR MOST STUDENTS NOT DRIVEN TO SCHOOL.**

Parents who are interested in helping out in walking other groups on the day please contact Wai Ying Tham (0412 023 688) or speak to Michael.

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

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**Music News**

We would like to say a big

**THANK YOU**

To Alain Hart, who very generously donated an awesome, sparkly, blue drum kit to our school. Alain was a student at AVPS many drumbeats ago and we hope he and his family have enjoyed as many hours of **booom, splat, crash, ping**, as our lucky percussionists undoubtedly will from this equipment. Bev

**Classroom Music for Grade 3 & 4**

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Sarah Brooke and I am a PhD student at Victoria University. Ascot Vale Primary School has kindly agreed to me conducting a music education study during term 2 which I am very much looking forward to. More about this will be in later newsletters and I hope that many of you will take up my invitation to join your child in learning music one evening a week next term.

In appreciation for allowing me to join your school community, I will be providing classroom music education to all children in Grades 3 and 4 starting this week. This will continue for several weeks in Term 2 and hopefully the children and I can demonstrate some of the learning that we have been doing at a school assembly. I have 30 years of music teaching experience (yes, I’m getting old!) and now work generally in professional development of teachers in Australia and Asia. I am very excited about working again with primary school students and hope your children will really enjoy these music sessions.

The music approach that I will be using is called the Orff Schulwerk approach and is recognized globally as one that encourages active music making, creativity and inclusiveness. It caters for all abilities and involves activities that teach musical concepts which are then incorporated into children’s compositions. It’s all a lot of fun! If any of you wish to know more about this, or have any initial queries about my research, please do not hesitate to contact me at sarah@sarahbrooke.com.au.

I look forward to working at Ascot Vale Primary School.

Cheers, Sarah Brooke
**Writing @ Ascot Vale PS**

This week we have two very short but quite different recounts from Marcella and Noah in Unit 1. Both voices can be distinctly heard despite both pieces being so brief, you can hear Marcella reminding us that it was just a little trim. Noah on the other hand uses more words to convey his thoughts. Marg

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**Fresh Fruit Friday**

Our Children are fortunate to receive fresh fruit in their units each Friday thanks to a Government Grant. All we need to prepare it is about 20 minutes of parent help in the canteen from 9.00am. Each unit is rostered twice per term. Please see your parent rep/s if you can help, or just turn up.

This week, 23rd March, Unit 3 parents  
Next week, 30th March, Unit 3 parents

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**SRC Fundraiser – RSPCA Homeless Animals Drawing Competition**

**Drawing Competition raises money for RSPCA**

The SRC’s latest fundraiser was to raise money to support RSPCA which promotes looking after animals. Thank you for all of the entries for our Drawing Competition. Looks like we have some talented artists at AVPS!

Congratulations- we raised $120 dollars for the RSPCA!

It was a hard decision for the SRC to choose a winner. Congratulations to our winners:

1st prize we have: Roland Wood with My cat June  
2nd prize we have: RSPCA by Paul in Unit 4  
3rd prize we have: Appaloosa by Asha Bishop in Unit 2

Thank you for all the wonderful entries and for raising money for RSPCA!

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**Lost**

Milla Smith from Unit 2 is missing her recently ordered plastic bag containing 4 school dresses. Could you please check that your child has not accidently taken Milla’s uniform home by mistake.

If you have discovered this, then please inform Lucy Blomfield from Unit 2. Thank you!

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**Icy Poles – Friday After School**

The Fundraising Committee will be selling icy poles ($1.00) on Fri 23/3 directly after school outside the canteen

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**Walking School Bus News**

VOLUNTEER WALKERS NEEDED

If you have 30 mins to spare one morning a week and you come from the south side of AVPS, please consider being a volunteer for the Walking School Bus. In order to get the second route started from Wingate community centre to school, we need at least two more volunteers. If there are more volunteers we can do this route on multiple days. Again, please contact me if you require more information.

I am contactable on thampotter@bigpond.com or 0412023688 or 93842448.

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**Uniform Shop**

The Uniform shop opens in the School Hall on the first Thursday of every Month. However, the next scheduled opening is Thursday 19th April 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.

**Please Note:** The store will be closed between Wednesday 21 December 2011 – Monday 2 January 2012 (Inclusive) for Christmas and will re-open from Tuesday 3rd January 2012.
From the Business Manager

EMAILS
Could I please request that you phone the school office on 9370 6507 rather than email me when you have an emergency or message for your child? The nature of my work day entails that I work in at least five software packages (sometimes all at once) and generally I would not be working in Outlook to receive your emails as they are received. That said, I generally check my emails at the start and finish of the working day and therefore could miss your important message regarding your child. Also I could be out of the school on professional development or sick leave.

EMA
EMA applications have been processed. If you have elected to have your payment made directly into your account, please check your bank statements to ensure you have received it. For families who have elected to receive your payment by cheque, please keep watching the Newsletter for further information.

PET CAUSES
My daughter Peta is collecting old mobile phones to help save Gorillas. One of the biggest threats to gorillas is the illegal mining of coltan, a mineral used in mobile phones. Phone refurbishment helps lessen the demand for coltan mining in gorilla habitat while money raised from donated phones helps support rangers in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. If you would like to help Peta with her project, could you please bring your old mobile phones to the school office and I will forward them on. More information can be found on the Zoo’s website www.zoo.org.au/calling-on-you.

Thank you to families who are still saving their corks for my own cause. As some of you are aware, a fellow life member of the Fiat Car Club succumbed to Motor Neurone Disease and the Car Club raises money and promotes awareness for two types of this disease. I will gratefully accept more corks!!

Thanks and regards, Janet
Coward.janet.r@edumail.vic.gov.au

OSHC NEWS
We are into the final weeks of the term. Information regarding the Holiday Clubs for 2012 is available in the OSHC room if anyone is interested.

We have so far had a splendid term with so many children attending and the preps and also new staff settling in extremely well. This week we are having a big party on Tuesday for the birthdays of the month. Children will also start their Easter activities. This week we will have Basket Ball with Icefly Sport and Zumba on Thursday.

If your child is going on the school camp, please make sure that you have cancelled your child for those days. Most parents are aware of this and have already done so.
Wishing everyone a funfilled week.
Dee and the OSHC team.

WHAT’S ON THIS WEEK AT OSHC

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STEP UP & LEARN- Secondary Study Strategies!!!

Did you know that 90% of VCE students just copy out, thinking this is how to learn?

In this exciting extension program your child
- Develops creative strategies to make sense of new concepts and complex written material.
- Learns to create meaningful notes.
- Practises re-telling to consolidate and embed new learning.
- Steps up to the challenge of studying for tests and exams.
- Begins to develop metacognition: the ability to understand one’s thinking.
- Learns skills and attitudes which will take them through VCE and beyond.
- Is rewarded by a sense of mastery.

Eligibility
STEP UP & LEARN is an extension program, not a remedial program. To benefit, children must be in Grade 6 and already reading at Year 7 level or above.

The teacher
All classes are delivered by former secondary teacher, Gail Crennan. A warm, encouraging and inspiring teacher, she has extensive experience in teaching from Year 7 to Year 12, presenting at VCE and Literacy Conferences and Seminars, and managing a whole-school literacy program.

Visible results
Your interest and encouragement is an important part of the process. Each week your child will explain what they have learned, speaking from their own notes. You will be able to compare their efforts with the written text, and watch their confidence and mastery grow.

Tuition
10 x fifty minute weekly sessions cost $390 (Health Care Card holders $190)
Groups of 4 students interact and share their discoveries
Classes held at 33 Bank St - three houses from Bank St Primary School
For enquiries phone Gail on 0400 769 942 / 9375 3573

Free introductory sessions for all interested parents: Wednesday 21 March
2.30-3.15pm in the Community Room, Bank Street Primary School or
7.15-8pm in the Staff Room
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featuring

An Unexpected Variety Show

When: Friday 13th April 2012
Where: The Butterfly Club, South Melbourne

What:
You are welcomed with a glass of wine, then sit back and be entertained by the hilarious Brisbane comedian and mum to three Jenny Wynter with

An Unexpected Variety Show
Then, join us upstairs for an evening of fun, laughter, dancing, food, more fun, more laughing and even more dancing ...

Cost:
Show Only ticket (includes drink on arrival) $39 per person
VIP Ticket (includes drink on arrival, seat at the Show, and the “after party”) $64 per person

Bookings Essential
Tickets are strictly limited and must be purchased by Sunday April 1st 2012
Visit: www.mumsnightout.com.au
Phone: 0411 548 103

or see Amanda Cox (Mum to Matthew U5 and Jamie U1)
swimming 8th March 2012

I learnt a swimming on this glorious, wonderful and truly amazing Thursday side kick. Is where you put your arm on your shoulder and kick scissors kick. That was really fun. I also learnt dolphin kick it's where you put your arms out and kick your bottom. I like swimming. I wish it was not ending.

At the end of the lesson we got to play two games. Treading water and catch the rings. Shedding water I think is pretty hard.

madeleine
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**Numeracy News.**

**Can you solve these?**

Kate has 138 toy cars. John has 105. How many toy cars do they have altogether?

How many Squares on a Chessboard? Don’t forget to count them all.

**Answers to last week’s problems**

1. Lisa needs to put in 5 more cups of sugar.
2. The total of the bill is $39.

**Complete these magic squares to also make a total of 15.**

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   2 9 4
   7 5 3
   6 1 8
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   8 1 6
   3 5 7
   4 9 2
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Thank you to all the students who have registered for the 2012 Maths Challenge. I will give you some sample questions to look at and work out over the holidays.

Thanks,

Julie
Bammy
Track: Mark A-H Down 4

Bammy track is 4 all the way up faster and faster. When we pull up for the first time I got a big, big burn on my knee. But I got over a big hill. Then I was scared at the start of the big hill. But when I was scared at the start of the big hill. But it was easy to do. I saw the BMX park and started on the BMX park. On the weekend I saw the park. We骑了Horse.

Morcella

But now it's easy to be hard to rush. I just know to rushes. Vanessa got one last. Just a family sister. On Sunday, not a big one. The hair cut got a hair cut.
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- We enrich students’ Australian-Greek bi-cultural identity
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1. BALWYN/SURREY HILLS: Monday 5.00 – 8.00 pm
   Chatham Primary School, Weybridge Street, Surrey Hills

2. GLEN WAVERLEY
   Glen Waverley Primary School, Whites Lane, Glen Waverley

3. MOONEE PONDS: Tuesday 5.00 – 8.00 pm
   Moonee Ponds Central School, Wilson Street, Moonee Ponds

4. WINDSOR: Friday 5.00 – 8.00 pm
   Stonnington Primary School, Hornby Street, Windsor

Enrolments have started on: 9561 4309, 9574 1565 or 0414 327 054
E-mail: info@ariston.org.au  www.ariston.org.au