



ASCOT NEWS

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Term 2 & 3 Key Dates (Please keep for future reference)

24 June	Unit 3 Assembly Last day for payments to the school for Term 2 Books close 12 noon
25 June	Student Reports sent home
26 June	Winter sport ends Parent Rep meeting/ Special lunch day Education Tax Refund – reports sent home Last day Term 2- early dismissal 2.30 p.m.
13 July	First Day Term 3
15 July	Unit 4 Assembly
Sunday 19 July	School Working Bee 10 am- 12 noon
20 July	School Council and Sub-Committee meetings
21 July	Parent Teacher Interviews 3.45 – 7.30 pm
22 July	Unit 5 Assembly
30 July	Science Fair 5 – 7 pm
31 July	Parent Rep Meeting/ Special Lunch Day

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

Thank you Units 4 & 5 for your wonderful exhibition of Space projects and Planet research. The evening was well attended by parents and the feedback sheets were overflowing with positive comments. I enjoyed listening to the children speaking knowingly about their particular planet of study and then seeing how this information transferred into hotel, holiday or clothing designs. Your draft portfolios of notes were very detailed!

After this event, I had a parent contact the school and ask that the Bank Street double gates onto the asphalt be open during Unit and school events. This is an excellent idea and certainly our intention. Unfortunately, the evening began and this was then forgotten. Please know we will endeavour to open the Bank Street gates in the future to ease the ongoing issue of street parking after hours.

Reports will go home with the children this Thursday so please look out for them. Parent Teacher interviews are scheduled for the beginning of week 2 to address your questions and to give you time to plan with the teachers around your child's learning for semester 2. It will be a time that individual student goals will be set or re-negotiated. Please return the booking form and I encourage you to bring your child to their interview on 21 July to join into this important discussion.

Our refurbishments will continue over the holidays and we should arrive back to some welcome renovations, particularly in Unit 1.

I sincerely thank all the staff for their work this term, particularly in relation to the huge task they faced in writing mid-year reports. I felt well informed after reading them all and trust parents will feel the same about their own child(ren)'s achievements. We have used the Education Departments QuickVic reporting format instead of the Smart reporting software.

I wish all families a relaxing and enjoyable vacation and look forward to working with you all again as we begin our new integrated curriculum topic of "Our Community".

Joanne Roberts, Principal
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From the Assistant Principal

Student Birthdays this week

Karmen H – Unit 3– who turns 7 on the 25th June
Emmy M – Unit 5 – who turns 8 on the 29th June

Happy holidays everyone!

Michael Downing, Assistant Principal
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Reminder - Education Tax Refund

A reminder that letters to families will be sent home on the last day of term regarding the Education Tax Refund, along with reports outlining transactions paid to the school during the period 1st January to 30th June 2009. 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

Lost Property

Lost property is full to overflowing! HELP. If you are looking for that jumper, jacket, hoodie, scarf it could be hanging outside Unit 2 in lost property. **Please** take some time and have a look. At the end of the term many of the items that are lonely and cold will be washed, packed up and dropped off at the op shop.

Corandirk House Update



Last Wednesday the children from Unit 2 and the 5/6's from Unit 3 enjoyed a barbecue lunch with the residents of Corandirk House. Rav, the Manager of Corandirk, had organised to feed us up with sausages and onions (or in Patrick's case, onions, onions and sausage!), chicken, salads and doughnuts. It was very yummy and we ate heaps! The Residents had been working hard for 2 weeks to make us all our own bookmarks. When they were given out, whoever received the one with Rav's name on it was a prize winner!!! Here is lucky Liora with Rav, her bookmark and her brand new slinky! We sang songs and showed some of our favourite photos, toys, etc to the Residents. We are very fortunate to have such great friends to spend time and make special memories with!

Writing @ Ascot Vale

We are finishing off our writing for term 2 with two beautiful examples from Assunta's Preps, Alexander and Bella. Alexander's outstanding illustration finishes off a succinct recount of his weekend's activities. Bella has also drawn a very graphic picture to support her recount of weekend activities.

Marg

Planet X Film

Like all good Hollywood blockbusters the timeline for the Planet X film has blown out but it is very nearly complete! Due to technical difficulties we do not have footage of the Unit 5 song Space Invaders. If anyone happened to record the song on the night could you please speak to Alex in Unit 3.

Lost camera

On Thursday 18th June, I used my camera, CANON IXUS in a black pouch, to photograph the science projects in unit 4 & 5. If anyone knows of its whereabouts, please let me know.

Loretta Bortoli, Unit 5 teacher.

Attention All Wine Buffs

After the sad loss of a member of my club to Motor Neurone disease, I am collecting corks from wine bottles. These are donated to the Motor Neurone Disease Association of Australia to raise funds for Research. Could you please bring your corks to the office and help donate to this worthwhile cause.

Thanks, Janet



AFTER SCHOOL TENNIS PROGRAMME.

There will be no Tennis after school in Term 3.

However we will resume in Term 4 when the weather is not so cold and would like to invite all Prep students to join in. Watch out for enrolment forms at the end of Term 3.

If there are any questions please call Martine Baillon 0416 038 432

VicRoads Community Announcement

VicRoads will start to replace existing clearway signs with the new PM clearway times on the west side of Ascot Vale Road between Maribrynong Road and Moonee Street from the week beginning 22 June 2009, where existing PM clearways currently apply. The clearway will operate between 3 pm and 7 pm for approximately 100 metres on either side of an intersection with traffic signals, and from 4pm to 7 pm along the remainder of the clearway.

Clearways will be strictly enforced and parked cars that are blocking traffic during clearway times will be towed away. Further information on clearway times and other *Keeping Melbourne Moving* initiatives can be found on the VicRoads website at: www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/kmm or by ringing 1300 728 977.

School Banking

Commencing from Thursday July 16th next term, Student Banking will operate weekly rather than fortnightly. Included in this week's Newsletter is a brochure from the Bendigo Bank regarding their Piggy Bank Passbook Accounts. The school bank operates through the Bendigo Bank in Flemington and students are also welcome to bank at the branch. Their hours are 9.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday and 9.00am to 12.00pm on Saturday. If you are interested in opening a new account, forms are available from the school office.

Uniform Shop

The next dates for the Uniform Shop are **Thursday 16 July and 6th August** 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.

Wesley Mission Melbourne –

BE INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Can you spare an hour a week to visit a socially isolated older person living in your local area? Wesley Do Care volunteers make new friends, share interests, outings, conversation and companionship with older people and adults with a disability living at home.

If you are over 18 years and interested, please call Leila on 9687 7742 for further information.

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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.