### 2013 – Term 2 Key Dates

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**Remember the rules even when it’s wet**

Wet days mean more traffic, hazardous driving conditions – and **less visibility**! Use your **lights when driving**, bring an **umbrella**, obey **traffic signs**, and be prepared to **walk further than usual** to drop off and collect your child.

**ROAD SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS BEGINS WITH YOU!**
This week, please join me in thanking Angela and Kellie for their wonderful work and support in our office recently. They have both been delightful to work with and they, very quickly, slipped happily into our school community. I sincerely thank their schools for releasing them from their permanent positions to help us while Janet recovered. I am happy to announce that Janet is well enough to return to AVPS today. I welcome her back!

Doesn’t the yard look fantastic?! We had amazing attendance at last Sunday’s working bee, about 40 of us busily oiling decks, adding bark and sand to playgrounds and sweeping and tidying up generally. A further surprise awaited us on Sunday morning when we arrived to see the back block already mowed! A special thank you to Jack and Ashley for this extra work they initiated and completed the day before. The weather was good to us, a lot was achieved in a short space of time and I met some new parents/ Dads. It was a wonderful community action day so thank you all.

We schedule our working bees on the first Sunday of terms 2, 3 and 4 so please join us if you can. Some parents knowing they are unable to volunteer in this capacity, did donate funds in-lieu of attendance. I would like them to know this money has already been well spent to prune our laneway bushes and hedges, tidy and prune gardens along both boundary fences and to cut trees away from our gutters, roofline and playgrounds sails.

All this work in the yard has been very timely as the school was visited today by a DEECD photographer to do a photo shoot on site. With Regional encouragement, the school applied for an award around the community and parent partnerships that operate here. The good news is we may be a finalist! This is still not confirmed yet but sending a photographer is making me hopeful. Either way, whether we end up being the winning school or not, I think we are an outstanding school in this field because we do have many extra curricula activities available for interested children and families. I will let you all know how we go of course. Keep your fingers crossed!

Our tours for prospective Preps for 2014 began this week and will continue throughout this term. Our tour timetable is on our website and our Parent Information Evening is next week on Thursday 2 May, 7 pm. Please share your stories and good news of our school with your friends in the community and mention our available tours if they have children turning 5 before 30 April 2014 and they are considering our school.

Please note this Thursday is the public holiday for ANZAC day so there is no school. We are however expecting all children to attend on Friday as usual. Enjoy this day of commemoration.

Joanne Roberts, Principal
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From The Assistant Principal

HATS
Students are still required to wear the appropriate sunhats until the end of April.

WORKING BEE - THANKYOU
We had a wonderful turnout with close to 40 families here over the weekend. Students and parents joined Joanne and me to complete a range of planned tasks. Jobs completed included: pruning, weeding, sweeping, mulching both playgrounds, moving a pile of mulch to a garden bed, sanding and staining part of the community room deck, staining little kids playground, fertilising plants, moving and spreading new sand and tiling. Thank you everyone. Our school looks great!

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.

Making Friends
Starting school contains lots of anxiety-ridden unknowns for your child: a new teacher, harder lessons, different clothes (like wearing a uniform) and where they’ll sit in class. But perhaps the most unsettling challenge for your child may be around making new friends while keeping friends with those they already have.
Friends are people that your child can sit with, play with, talk to, share things with, confide in and sometimes argue with.

Your child’s teacher has an important role to play in supporting children to make friends. Some of the ways in which a teacher can do this includes identifying their skills in making friends; seeing which children are chatty, confident and good at interacting with other children and those that are a little more cautious.

As a parent you may face a number of issues with your child’s choice of friends as well. Your child can’t say enough good things about their new best friend. You arrange a play date between your child and this new best friend only to find the friend to be difficult.

**What do you do?**

First and foremost, don’t forbid your child to play with this friend. They will immediately cling to the friendship with a strength you may not have seen so far. The two may sneak around, maybe even lie to you, and do everything they can to continue the friendship. Fight your instincts. Do not put your foot down and forbid their friendship.

It’s also important that you don’t tell your child you don’t like their friend. That knowledge alone is enough to push them even harder into the friendship.

Instead, you can set limits and boundaries. For example, let the children play together, but ensure the play dates occur at your house. Don’t make a big thing about it; just have a handy reason for them to come to your place. You could also limit the number of times this friend visits in a week, a month, or whatever timeframe works best.

Don’t make these rules only for the friend in question, just make it A Rule. Encourage your child to develop other friendships, but do so with great caution. Try meeting another family for an afternoon activity or even plan a weekend away together. With a little careful planning, you can limit the amount of time your child spends solely under the influence of the friend you’re not that keen on.

You should also know that children’s friendships are often very fluid.

And it is the quality of friends that your child has that is important, not the number. Whether your child has one special friend or many friends isn’t really the issue. As long as they are happy and content you can be assured that they’ll do fine.

Remember also that conflicts between children are a normal part of growing up and are to be expected. These conflicts are not considered bullying, even though they may be upsetting and need to be resolved. We’ll talk about bullying more next week.

**Tips to help you**

Let your child know that if one child doesn’t want to play with them, they still have friends and people who care about them.

Encourage your child’s interests and get them involved in clubs or groups that have similar interests.

Offer to carpool - this will provide casual opportunities for your child to mix with others and helps you to get to know the other parents. Often it is the parents who make the first connections when it comes to developing friendships and this takes some of the pressure off the children.

Through your behaviour and the time and effort you put into your own friendships, your child will learn how to be a friend and have friends.

Talk to your child about forgiveness. Sometimes friends do things that upset us. This doesn’t mean the friendship has to end. Understanding that everyone makes mistakes is an important lesson to learn. Being able to overlook and forgive mistakes and upsets are sure ways to have good friends.

**Related links:**
- How to help your child make friends
Happy Birthday this week:
Ainslie U3, James U4 & Jamie U1.
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 soon.

SPORT and PE News

We have had a great start to Sport and PE this term with a fantastic effort from all member of the cross country team which competed last Friday the 19th of April. During PE in term 1, students practiced and participated in cross country time trials ahead of the district event. With the top five students from each age group making it onto the event, we had a strong team of 29 who put in a great effort at Aberfeldie Park. The team competed against 12 other schools from our district and we placed a well-respected 8th overall. Great team effort! A special mention to Andre from Unit 1 who finished in the top 5 of his age group. He will now go onto the zone cross country final.

Ian Lumb
Health and PE coordinator
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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 1 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.

Are you able to help us do some welding? Please let Joanne or Michael know if you have this skill and could help our maintenance man repair/ weld some metal supports on a table in our yard. Your help would be appreciated.

Ascot Vale Primary School

OSHC phone: 0423 795 247
Coordinator: Dee Seneviratne

REMINDERS

How to get started before using our programs you must register online for an account. Registering is quick and easy. Visit our website to begin www.campaustralia.com.au. Once registered you can make bookings and cancellations, view your statements and manage your details anytime of the day online. Keep in mind we are able to take bookings at short notice to help busy families. Save on Care You can save 50% or more on Before and After School Care fees with the non-means tested Child Care Rebate. Almost all families are eligible. To find out more call our Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343 Monday to Friday.

OSHC NEWS

The children seem to have settled into school and OSHC very quickly and it was ever so interesting to listen to the happenings during holidays which has us all in lots of laughter during our conversation/
WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK AT OSHC

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Writing @ AVPS

This week we have two very "Prep" examples of developmental writing. Both Zoe and Hazel have written these sentences with no assistance from Sarah. Both have a clear message, both are quite easy to read, and both display firm grasp of 'listening for sounds in words' when attempting harder words, eg. grandma, eggs. I suspect 'want' has come from the word wall, again earning its keep.

Marg

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.

THURSDAY 2nd May

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!
Dear Parents/Guardians,

This year, Moonee Ponds West Primary School is once again hosting the Secondary School Expo. Families with children in grades 5 & 6 from numerous Primary Schools in the area are invited to attend. A range of local state Secondary Schools have accepted an invitation to present at the Expo. The Expo is a great opportunity for families to find out about our local secondary schools. Schools presenting include:

- Buckley Park Secondary College
- Mount Alexander Secondary College
- Essendon/Keilor College (East Keilor and Niddrie campuses)
- Gilmore College for Girls
- Maribyrnong Secondary College
- Pascoe Vale Girls Secondary College
- Rosehill Secondary College
- Strathmore Secondary College
- Footscray City Secondary College

These schools will have a display and information handouts for interested families, plus personnel to talk to you and answer any questions you may have. Students from the secondary schools are also in attendance to discuss their experiences. The format is informal, so you are free to visit whichever display you wish to, any time between 4.00 - 7.00pm. All Grade 5 & 6 children and their parents/guardians are invited to attend the Expo, which will be held in the Gym at Moonee Ponds West Primary School. The gym is situated on the Athol St side of the school.
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 10**TH** 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 6**th **May 2013.**

Due to catering purposes no late RSVP’s will be accepted.
RSVP- MOTHER’S DAY MORNING 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

Thank You.
CHESS CLASSES:
TERM TWO, 2013

Term Two chess classes commence on Wednesday 1st May with tuition provided by Dark Horse Chess. Dark Horse Chess coached to victory Scotch College in the 2008, 2009, 2011 and 2012 Australian Secondary Schools Championship, and Deepdene Primary School in the 2010 and 2011 Australian Primary Schools Championship.

Players of all ages and levels are welcome (Preps are particularly welcome!), and prior experience with chess is not necessary. Certificates will be awarded to all players, and trophies will be awarded to the tournament winners. Players may also gain the opportunity to participate in the 2013 Victorian Primary Schools Championship, the winner of which qualifies for the nationals.

Chess is a wonderful game which enhances skills such as:

- Problem Solving, Pattern Recognition, Analytical,
- Visualisation, Concentration and Social Skills.

Children have great fun playing chess!

Class Times:    Wednesday (Novice)/Wednesday (Intermediate/Advanced): 3:30pm – 4:30pm
Class Dates:    01/05, 08/05, 15/05, 22/05, 29/05, 05/06, 12/06, 19/06.
Cost of lessons is:    $9.00 per lesson × 8 lessons = total cost of $72.00.
Enquiries:    email geoff@darkhorsechess.com

Registration is due at the school office by 9am on Wednesday May 1st. Email admin@darkhorsechess.com to make a late registration or pay by bank transfer. Payments made by bank transfer by Friday April 26th will receive a $5 discount. Dated early registrations received by Friday April 26th will go into a draw for a special prize. We endeavour to make intercom announcements before each lesson, but responsibility for attendance lies with students.
I give permission for my child ………………………………………………… in Class ……. to participate in the above activity at Ascot Vale Primary School. I authorise the teacher in charge to consent, where it is deemed impracticable to communicate with me, to my child receiving such medical treatment as considered necessary.

If numbers permit, my child would like to enrol in the following class: (Please tick)

- ☐ Novice (Wednesday)
- ☐ Intermediate/Advanced (Wednesday)

Payment Method (Please tick):

- ☐ Cash → I have enclosed money to the amount of $72.00.
  or

  - ☐ Cheque → I have enclosed a cheque for $72.00 made payable to Dark Horse Chess.

SIGNED Parent/Guardian: ………………………………………. Child’s Date-Of-Birth: …………………..

Email: ……………………………………………………….. Phone: …………………………………………………
Classes Free of Charge – Learning Partnerships

We are delighted to inform you that in TERM 2, 2013 there are scholarship places available for students at AVPS to participate in a number of extra-curricular activities.

Football Star Academy, Kids Act Up – Drama, MiniMoves – physical activities, Reconnect Yoga and ZumbAtomsics are offering the opportunity for eligible students to apply and receive a scholarship/free classes.

The scholarship will entitle the recipient to enrol and participate in one of these sessions free of fees for 1 term.

The scholarship recipient will be selected by a draw which will be held on Monday the 29th of April at 12 noon. Any entries received after this specified time and date will not be considered.

If you are interested in any of the above activities, please fill out the following form and hand it in to the Office as soon as possible.

Term 2, 2013 Scholarship Application

I (Student’s name) --------------------------------------------------------- of Unit------- Year .................would like to apply for scholarship offered by:

Please tick your preferences:

- Football Star Academy
  - Thursday 3.45- 5.00pm
- Kids Act Up – Drama (must be 8 years or over)
  - Mondays 3.45 – 5.00pm
- Reconnect Yoga (must be 8 years or over)
  - Monday Lunch Time
- Zumbatomic
  - Tuesday 3.45 - 4.30pm
- MiniMoves
  - Fridays 3.35pm - 4.45pm

All students welcome to apply. Priority will be given to families receiving the EMA allowance.

I (parent’s name) ------------------------------------------------------------- give permission to my son/daughter to apply and participate in the activities above. Please indicate that you are a current recipient of the EMA Allowance from Centerlink by ticking this box

-----------------------------------------------/-------/2013

(Parent Signature) Please hand this form in to the office before the 29th of April 2013. Late forms will not be accepted.
WONDERLAND

Holidays, I want

SCHOOL
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.

You will be sent a receipt and additional information by return email.

After 7 days, if paperwork has not been received, your place/s may be offered to a child on the waiting list.