



ASCOT NEWS

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Term 1 & 2 Key Dates (Please keep for future reference)

25 March	Unit 3 assembly, Ride 2 School Day
26 March	School Banking
27 March	Parent Rep meeting/ Special Lunch Day
1 April	Unit 4 assembly
3 April	Term 1 ends- 2.30 p.m. dismissal
20 April	Term 2 begins
21 April	School Photograph day
22 April	No Assembly- School Concert rehearsal day at AVPS
24 April	Parent Rep meeting/ Special Lunch Day
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.

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

The sign at the gate said, 'WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY' on Saturday and what a happy and busy welcome it was! The Fete was a tremendous success in bringing us together to share food, fun, hospitality and friendship on a beautiful day. The community services and science activity booths and displays contributed in new ways to the day and were enjoyed by families. All said that they would like to participate in our community events again. Thank you boys and girls for your contribution to the fete effort and for your Unit stalls. I now own some lovely new bookmarks made by Unit 1 students and some stunning new jewellery made

in Unit 5. Lots of children joined their parents to help set up and run activities. Well done and thank you. As always, it was lovely to see and meet with the residents from Corandirk house who were also at the Fete to join in the festivities.

An amazing amount of goods and services were donated as mystery envelope and raffle prizes and a list of all our sponsors and helpers will appear in next week's newsletter. In the meantime, I sincerely thank EVERYONE who helped prepare, plan, serve, clean and create for this year's Fete. It was a great team effort

and the funds raised will be used to better the facilities and classroom resources at the school.

Speaking of facilities, I have been meeting with the Regional office and our architects regarding our Library/Hall refurbishment and all is on track to apply for Commonwealth funding under the Primary Schools of the 21st Century initiative. With National Schools Pride funding, Unit teachers are planning refurbishments in all Units to include new classroom libraries, display areas and more storage. Unit 1 is to have the carpet replaced and Units 1-3 are to be painted. A lot of work and possible disruption may accompany this upgrade but I'm sure you will all agree that it will be well worth the temporary inconvenience. I am hoping that renovations will begin in a staged way from the beginning of term 2. I will try to schedule some work on the holidays and over weekends but this will not always be possible given the Government timelines we are to meet to secure this funding. We are going to get into a bit of a mess before newly organised, colourful and updated classrooms appear!

Thank you again for the wonderful AVPS community spirit and energy that went into action at the Fete on Saturday (and at all the meetings getting ready). It was a great outcome in so many ways.

Joanne Roberts,
Principal

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From the Assistant Principal

Walking School Bus

As mentioned in a few previous newsletters, we are aiming to get our Walking School Bus (WSB) back on the road as soon as possible. I have made contact with the council again who have also suggested a few other contacts within our community that could possibly help out. I'm in a conversation with them now.



What do we need? At least 2 (3 preferable) adult volunteers on each trip. Hopefully we can run it 3 days a week (i.e. 6 trips). The WSB route is between here and the Wingate Community Centre. Unfortunately, with current offers to help, we are unable to offer the service. So if you could spare half an hour a week to help out (or more), please let me know, email preferred.

Let's get the children of Ascot Vale PS walking!! The Walking School Bus:

- Aims to keep children active
- Helps children develop physical and social skills
- Increases the number of physically-active children
- Provides a safe environment for children to walk to school
- Decreases traffic congestion around school
- Promotes greater health and well being
- Lowers greenhouse gas emissions

Websites to watch

The following 'general' websites are recommended for students and are even worth storing in your favourites. Facts, figures, statistics, videos and educational games. How stuff Works - <http://www.howstuffworks.com/> BrainPop - <http://www.brainpop.com/> Guinness Records - <http://www.guinnessrecords.com/> Educ. Games - <http://www.ideal-resources.com.au/> If you have any websites that you think are worthy of publishing here, please forward them to me.

Student Birthdays this week

Happy Birthday to:

Woolly A- Unit 4 - who turns 9 on the 25th March

Sebastian E - Unit 5 - who turns 7 on the 27th March

Minh P - Unit 5 - who turns 8 on the 30th March

I hope your footy team wins this week!

Michael Downing
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VIP's and Guests at the Fete



It was great to have some of our friends from Corandirk House at the Fete. They had a lovely time and were well looked after by the children (a special "Well done" to James Charles!!). Thanks to all the parents who came and said "Hello" to them and served them with their afternoon tea!

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.

Cross Country Training

There will be two more cross country training sessions run by Susi Strasser at Aberfeldie Park from 3.45 to 4.30pm on the following dates:

Tuesday 21st of April

Thursday 23rd of April

Due to the holidays breaking up our training we encourage children to practise for a 10 to 20 minute run at least twice a week over the holidays.

All students are encouraged to attend training as it is a great opportunity to improve their fitness and run the track prior to the event. Parents will be in charge of taking their children to training. Please meet on the Boulevard near Poynton's Nursery at 3.45pm.

Any queries for this event please call Susi on 0401037919 or Tania at school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings.

Ride 2 School Day 2009

Wednesday March 25 is national Ride 2 School Day. Ride 2 School Day is aimed at educating students about the benefits and importance of an active lifestyle. Students are encouraged to get to school partially or completely on bikes, scooters, rollerblades or on foot. The idea is to leave the car at home if possible and to get healthier, save money and help the environment at the same time. So dust off your bike and get involved!



Tickets are now on sale for Night Off-Night Out 2009, a fundraiser for PANDA (The Post & Antenatal Depression Association). This ladies night out will be held at The Powerhouse, Lakeside Drive, Albert Park on Friday 8 May, 7pm – Midnight. Tickets are \$85.00 per head which includes a 3 course meal, beverages, entertainment and prizes. Special performance by Melbourne International Comedy Festival Comedian – Nelly Thomas. For bookings or more information please contact Amanda Driscoll from PANDA on 0401 774 053.

Uniform Shop

The next date for the Uniform Shop is **Thursday 2 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.

Lost At Fete

One Melamine plate from Fete. Sold from cake stall with goods accidentally. It has kids pictures and Polish writing with the name Susie on it. If you find it – please contact Fran on 0413 619 617.

TRY A LINGO LEARNERS CLASS FOR FREE!



We are now taking bookings for places on the popular after school French programme for next term. **AMUSE-TOI BIEN** ["Enjoy yourself"] is a fun, friendly after school French club which offers an introduction to the language and culture of France using games, songs, role-plays and other activities all designed to be stimulating and fun for children. Why not try a session out for free with the group this term? Call us to book a free place in one of our sessions this term.

AMUSE-TOI BIEN clubs give children the opportunity:

- To learn French at an age when they are most receptive and uninhibited
- To learn in small classes with children of their own age-group
- To achieve a high standard through activities that are interesting, rewarding and fun
- To have some experience of learning French prior to secondary education

The cost of the program is \$100 per child per term. Sessions are held at school on Monday afternoons from 3.45 – 4.45pm. No previous experience of French is required. To register your child or for further information please contact LINGO LEARNERS directly on 9375 4776 or by email info@lingolearners.com.au.

Merci beaucoup et à bientôt!

Claire Kilner, John Murphy

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Essendon Keilor College
East Keilor Campus
for students in Years 7 - 10

Open Day

Tuesday 31st March 2009
Parent Information Session
7.00 pm

Tour Times

View the Campus "at work"

9.15 am

11.30 am

1.45 pm

6.00 pm

featuring student performances

EKC is a 3 site multi campus college

OSHC NEWS THIS WEEK

'we make kids smile'



Monday – Chinese Walls
Tuesday – Hot Soup
Wednesday – "AACP" Yoga
Thursday – Noodles
Friday – "AACP" Soccer

This term holidays there will be a holiday program run at Moonee Ponds West Primary School. This program is run by "Camp Australia" and details and registration forms are available from the school office or the OSHC room. Don't forget we have our AACP on Wednesday with Yoga (Girls don't forget to wear shorts!) and soccer on Friday. So come along and enjoy the fun.

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.

Flemington Junior Football Club

FJFC is a community based junior sports club. We're a friendly club that welcomes players of all backgrounds and skill levels. We have teams from Under 9 through to Under 18. We are based at Holland Park, Kensington Road, Kensington.

Our club also runs **Nth Melbourne Auskick.**

We are seeking player registrations for our Under 9, U10, U11 and U12 teams for the upcoming season.

Enquiries: Jeremy Kruisheer 0434 561 457

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or Rob Moore 0403 659659

Auskick Enquiries: Xavier Dimattina 0413754927

Club Web site <http://www.kenflemjuniors.com>

Child Care

Occasional Child Care available at Farnham Street Neighbourhood Learning Centre. \$7/\$5conc per session. Call 9376 9088 email info@fsnlc.org for bookings.



Maribyrnong Park Junior Football Club - Players wanted for the 2009 Footy Season!

We are a lively local Aussie Rules Footy club offering kids of all backgrounds the opportunity to participate in competitive sport and for their families to be part of our great community club.

We field teams in U10, U12, U14, U16 & U18 so if you're keen to get involved please visit our club website www.marby-lions.com

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