



ASCOT NEWS

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Term 3 Key Dates (Please keep for future reference)

26 August	Final Day for Toothbrush Drive
26 August	Whole School Assembly
28 August	Parent Rep meeting/ Special Lunch Day
1 Sept	NO HATS, NO PLAY begins again today.
2 Sept	Unit 5 Assembly
4 Sept	District Athletics Carnival
4 Sept	Fathers Day Breakfast and Stall
9 Sept	Unit 1 & 2 Assembly
10 Sept	Girls Night Out
15 Sept	AVPS MVIMP Concert
16 Sept	Unit 3 Assembly
18 Sept	Last Day Term 3- early dismissal at 2.30 pm

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

Please note we have reversed the order for Wednesday morning assembly this week. A short whole school assembly will take place tomorrow before the children meet with our visiting author Mark Wilson. Unit 5 assembly will be next week, 2 September, when more time is available for the students to showcase their work and talent.

Thanks Bev (and Amanda for stepping into Unit 2 for the week) for co-ordinating and attending the recent Music Camp. Please read all about the accomplishments of the children in the feature item in this week's newsletter. All children in the MVIMP

program will perform at our school concert next month on 15 September. Hopefully, they are all practising enthusiastically for this musical soiree in the Hall.

We are up to selecting colour schemes and checking the final plans for detail and accuracy for the learning studio. Our refurbishment and building proposal goes out to tender this week. Ask to see the plans as interested.

Have a great week everyone!

Joanne Roberts

Principal

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From the Assistant Principal

Visitors to school policy - Parent helpers sign in

As part of the recent introduction of the Visitors to school policy, all parents and carers who help out in the classroom and around the school are required to sign in. Classroom teachers will show you where to locate the register. If you are helping out elsewhere in the school, the register is available at the front office counter. Parents and carers DO NOT have to wear a badge whilst in the school. Thankyou for your support.

Late to school

In last weeks newsletter, Joanne highlighted the high number of students coming to school late and how this impacts on the start of the day for lots of people here.

For the first 15 school days in August we have recorded 280 students late for school! That's nearly an average of 19 students late per day. While there are a number of 'one offs', there are many students who have been late on consecutive days or regularly.

Please help us by regularly being here by 9am.

Birthdays this week - Happy Birthday to:

Wendy D – Unit 4 – who turns 8 on the 25th August
Euan B – Unit 5 – who turns 9 on the 26th August
Sam L – Unit 5 – who turns 10 on the 26th August
Alex M – Unit 5 – who turns 8 on the 29th August
Sheona P – Unit 1 – who turns 11 on the 31st August
James C – Unit 3 – who turns 12 on the 31st August

Spring is just around the corner. Enjoy your week.

Michael Downing - Assistant Principal
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Sport & PE News

Training for any events will be offered by Suzi at Aberfeldie Park on Monday and Wednesday nights 5.30-6.00pm. Other events will hold their training times at school on the following schedule, only if it is not raining:

Monday & Wednesday - 8.30am Shot Put and Discus
Tuesday and Thursday - 8.30am Relays and hurdles
Fridays - 9.30am to 11.00am All other events
Everyday – 8.30am. Children in the 800m to complete 8 laps of the oval

Thanks to Suzi for helping out during this 'testing time'!! Please ensure your child returns their form and money for the athletics carnival as soon as possible.

Tania

Introduction of the Victorian Student Number

Our school is working with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to allocate a Victorian Student Number (VSN) to each student at the school.

The VSN is a student identification number that is being assigned to all students in government and non-government schools, and students in Vocational Education and Training Institutions. The number, which is unique to each student, will be used as a key identifier on a student's school records, and will remain with the student throughout his or her education, until reaching the age of 25. The VSN is nine digits long, randomly assigned, and tied to stable information about the student (name, gender, date of birth).

The introduction of the Victorian Student Number will provide the capability to accurately detect patterns of student movement through, and departure from, the Victorian education and training system. It will greatly improve the collection and analysis of timely and accurate data about education in Victoria. The Department collects information to track improvements made to the education system, identify areas that require further improvement, and to analyse trends and identify future needs. The VSN will improve the accuracy, reliability and completeness of this information, providing a better basis for assessing needs and developing policies to meet them.

You will see the VSN appear on student report cards, enrolment confirmations, and exit confirmations.

If you want to know more about the VSN please see <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/management/governance/vsn/overview.htm>

Farmers Direct Donation

On behalf of the AVPS Community, we would like to acknowledge the kind donation we recently received from "Farmers Direct". As you will recall, Farmers Direct held a stall at our Fete earlier this year. Farmers Direct kindly offered to provide our school with a \$10 donation per family, for those families who continue to receive their fruit, vegies, milk or bread home delivered on a regular basis.

Thank you to those families who continue to use their services. Should you wish to join up and receive your daily essentials delivered to your door, please call 1300 645 562 and let them know your child attends AVPS.

Premier's Challenge

This is an appeal to all students who have registered for this year's reading challenge. Many have registered but few have entered their books on their page. We have only until the end of this month. To complete your entries if you are having difficulties with passwords which seems to be an ongoing PRC issue, please come and see me. Marg



A big thank you to the families and friends who have sponsored MS Readathon participants during the 30th year of the MS Readathon!

As students begin to close their books on this year's program it is now time to return sponsorship funds and collect their hard-earned certificate and reading rewards. With an official money-due date of August 31st, the fastest way to return sponsorship is online with the help of mum or dad.

Students can also return the Completion Form (which they received in the post recently) and any receipt books sent to them. If you have misplaced your form, a replacement can be downloaded from www.msreadathon.org.au or call 1300 677 323 to speak to the State Office.

Fathers Day breakfast



It's time to spoil your Dad and take him out for Breakfast.

On **Friday 4/9/09** we will be having a Father's Day breakfast at school outside the Hall to celebrate Fathers Day. **Time: 8am – 8.45am**

We would love to see many families with their Dads and Grandfathers on the day.

Please make sure you return your orders **no later than Monday 31/8/09.**

We hope to see you there!
Fundraising Committee

RSPCA Cupcake Day Success!!!



Thank you to everyone for supporting the cupcake day. Especially the wonderful students of Unit 1 for their hard work (Very Creative).

Apologies to the students who missed out on buying a cake. So that you can also have a cupcake, we have decided to have another stall next Wednesday 26th August after school. (The people who missed out will be able to come before the bell).

See you there,
Ros



Congratulations to the winners of the first round of the colouring competition. Daniel Sisal, Rowan Welsh, Sarah Hordern and Teagan Miles all won a cupcake holder. The winners of the next round of the competition will be announced tomorrow at assembly.



Fundraising Dates for your Diary

26th AUG - **TOOTHBRUSH DRIVE FINISHES**
4TH SEP - **FATHERS DAY BREAKFAST & STALL**
10TH SEP - **GIRLS NIGHT OUT** (WATCH OUT FOR MORE DETAILS)

Orders for 'Toothbrush and Paste Packs' Fundraiser due this Wednesday

Please support this AVPS fundraiser by returning your order form and payment to school by this Wednesday.

Order forms are still available at the office or by contacting Susie Lauer 9372 6702 chupenbub@inet.net.au or before/after school.

Positive Partnerships – Autism Spectrum

A two day workshop and information session for Parents and Carers of School Aged Students on the Autism Spectrum is part of the *Positive Partnerships: supporting school aged students on the autism spectrum* initiatives.

Venue: Yarraville Club,
135 Stephen Street, Yarraville

When: Two day workshop – 8 & 9 September 2009

For more information please go to the website www.autismtraining.com.au.

Online registration is preferred, however if you require a form, please see Janet or Michael in the office.

Girls Night Out

Enjoy a night of Fun and discount shopping at Lavish Collections followed by food, drinks and raffle prizes at The Princes of Wales Hotel (drinks at Bar prices).

On Thursday 10th Sep arrive at Lavish for a 7pm Start, enjoy a glass of Bubbly, receive entry for a great door prize and watch some Mums and maybe a teacher, strut their stuff on the catwalk. Then at 8pm, we will move to the Princes of Wales Hotel, for finger food and prizes.

For nights like this to succeed, we not only need your support, we are fortunate to have great support from local Businesses -

****LAVISH COLLECTIONS**

(10% of sales given back to the school)

****THE PRINCE OF WHALES HOTEL**

****PILATES PRACTICE – Ellen Barber**

****ACES NAILS (20% discount)**

Please invite all your girlfriends and family members to come along.

RSVP with payment to the office by Tue 8th September. Pay before the night and receive a free entry in the Raffle.

Or Phone: Martine 0416 038 432 or Christine 0400 994 853

Uniform Shop

The next date for the Uniform Shop is **Thursday 3rd September** 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.

Victoria University Sports Camps

These camps are on again in the Holidays. The details of the camps are as follows:

Dates: 28th September – 2nd October 2009

Where: Footscray park Campus of Victoria Uni
Camp: Multi-Sport Junior (age 6-8), Multi-Sport Intermediate (age 9-11) and Multi-sport Senior (age12-14).

Cost: Early bird special of \$105 for Multi-Sport before the 14th September 2009. Regular price \$115 per student per week for Multi-Sport. (Child care rebates available). Daily registrations cost \$30 per day. For more information, contact:

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OSHC NEWS THIS WEEK 'we make kids smile'



Monday – AASC Tennis
Tuesday – Soccer
Wednesday – Puzzles
Thursday – ASSC Multi sport
Friday - Noodles

Our AASC activity next term is “skate boarding” and will be held on Mondays (TBC).

Hello to all the kids and parents out there. We’re all having lots of fun in aftercare this term, with Tennis on Mondays and multi-sport on Thursdays, plus all of our other fun activities and yummy snacks. So see you all there!

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.