



ASCOT NEWS

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Term 2 Key Dates (Please keep for future reference)

27 May	Unit 4 Assembly
29 May	Parent Rep meeting/ Special lunch day
3 June	Unit 5 Assembly
4 June	School Banking
5 June	Soccer Tournament
8 June	Queen's Birthday Long Weekend (no school)
10 June	Whole School Assembly
12 June	Curriculum Day (pupil free)
15 June	School Council & sub-committee meetings
17 June	Units 1 & 2 Assembly
18 June	Mini School 2 Expo Evening 5pm – 7pm
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.

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

Painting has continued over the weekend as we work on Unit 2. This room proved to be more than a weekend's work and as the plumbers are also in the room installing a sink in the wet area, this class will operate from the Art room and/or the library until the room can be reorganised. Also, our

sincere thanks to Michael Gooley, a Unit 2 Dad. He has helped us tremendously by repairing the walls in Unit 2. Unit 1 and Unit 3 have their interactive whiteboards already installed and on! The ceiling line has delayed installing the boards in Units 4 and 5 but they will be in the classrooms very soon. A trolley of laptops for the library has been ordered

and should arrive in about two weeks. Half of this funding has come from the Commonwealth National Schools Pride funding and the other from parent fundraising and the school Information Communication Technologies (ICT) funds.

Last week, School Council approved the quote to install air-conditioning in Unit 2. This work will take place as soon as possible. This initiative has been totally funded by parent fundraising and means that all classrooms in the school will be cooled during hot weather.

Thank you everyone for the wonderful work you do collectively to fundraise and to support the development of the school's facilities and programs. It is truly appreciated.

Joanne Roberts, Principal
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From the Assistant Principal

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Families interested in joining Neighbourhood Watch please contact our local area coordinator Arthur Cale on 0411102715. Meetings are held in our Hall every third Tuesday of each month from 7pm. The next meeting will be the 16th June. We are hoping to increase the awareness of Neighbourhood Watch in the area.

We also encourage you to keep an eye out on our school and school grounds when passing AVPS out of school hours. If you are concerned about anything, please contact the Police.

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

There are two policies that are currently seeking community feedback.

- Anaphylaxis Management
- Visitors to school

If you would like a copy of either of these drafts, you can collect them from the office. Please direct any feedback to me in writing by no later than the 5th June 2009.

Student Birthdays this week

Olivia S – Unit 4 – who turns 9 on the 27th May
Will M – Unit 5 – who turns 8 on the 28th May
Daniel B – Unit 4 – who turns 8 on the 29th May
Chloe W – Unit 1 – who turns 7 on the 30th May
Nick K – Unit 3 – who turns 7 on the 31st May

Have a fantastic week.
Michael Downing, Assistant Principal
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Interschool Sport

LAST FRIDAY'S GAME v MOONEE PONDS WEST PS

Each week, the opposition team will award one person (sometimes a whole team!) from each school a spirit award that recognises outstanding performance and sportsmanship. Congratulations to last week's recipients.

Team	AVPS	MPWPS	Spirit Award
Football	3.4.22	3.4.22	Team
Bat Tennis	26 (2 sets)	30 (3 sets)	Sophie H
Netball A	24	8	Erin G
Netball B	17	6	-

This Friday, we play interschool sport against Ascot Vale West PS. We leave by bus at 9.05am and play commences at approximately 9.30am.

DEECD Advice to Families about Swine Influenza

As parents would be aware there are currently a number of confirmed cases of H1N1 Influenza (Human Swine Flu) in Victoria. Appropriate measures are being taken in relation to these cases. Specific concerns from parents about Influenza H1N1 (Human Swine Flu) can be referred to any of the following:

- **The Swine Influenza Hotline Tel. 180 2007**
- **Nurse-on-Call Tel. 1300 606 024** – for expert health information and advice (24 hours, 7 days)
- **Your doctor (GP)** – if you have an influenza-like illness (fever, cough and fatigue) and have travelled to Mexico or California, Arizona, New Mexico or Texas in the past seven days.

Families should continue with standard good general health hygiene practices, such as ensuring your children undertake regular hand washing and cover their nose and mouth if sneezing and coughing. This practice is being reinforced with your children while at school.

If your children are unwell, you should seek medical attention and avoid public places and close contact with others.



125th Anniversary AVPS April 2010

Can you help us? Are you a history buff, an event organiser or a film maker?

Ascot Vale PS turns 125 next year and we plan to celebrate this great achievement. A committee of staff, parents and students is required to plan and organise this community event. Please speak to Joanne if you are interested.

Writing @ Ascot Vale PS

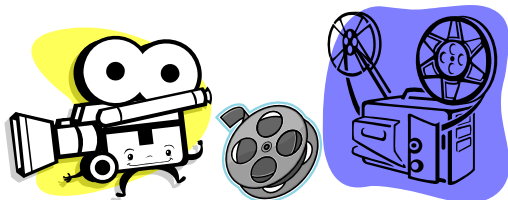
Last week Prep and Grade 1 students walked down to Union Road Library to watch a play about Fairy Tales. Our writing this week comes from two of the unit 1 Preps who have reported their experience. Coco and Laura were able to very clearly express the experience they had that day and convey to the reader how much they enjoyed what they did.

Unfortunately the black and white photocopier does not do justice to the beautiful work they have produced. Interested parents can view the original copies and others in Unit 1. It is all superb work.

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Little Big Shots Film Festival

Kristian Lang (ex AVPS student) made the finals of Little Big Shots Film Festival again this year. Over the long weekend in June, Films Made By Aussie Kids, including Kristian's, will screen at ACMI. We have quite a few aspiring filmmakers at AVPS so your child might like to attend this festival. Watching films made by other children can be very motivating and spark new ideas for their own work. These short films are usually excellent and good entertainment for the whole family. If you are interested, the website for tickets and the program is www.littlebigshots.com.au.



Uniform Shop

The next date for the Uniform Shop is **Thursday 4 June** 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.

The “Five Finger” training program

involves children taking these actions to deal with unwanted behaviour from others:

- Ignore
- Move away
- Say politely, “Leave me alone.”
- Call out loudly, “Stop annoying me.”
- Ask a teacher for support.

As a check that your child has a personal network of people they consider would help them if needed, have them trace around their hand on a piece of paper and then ask them to write/draw in each finger tip a person they feel they could talk to if they had a personal problem or something to tell.

(Reference: “Bounce back! A Classroom Resilience Program” by Mc Grath & Noble)

OSHC NEWS THIS WEEK

'we make kids smile'



Monday – “AASP” Basketball
Tuesday – Playground Games
Wednesday – “AACP” Volleyball
Thursday - Octopus
Friday – Kids Choice

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.

Deadline for Newsletter Articles

Articles can be submitted to the school via email in a word document format for direct insertion into the Newsletter, preferably by Friday. Please note the absolute deadline for all Newsletter articles is midday on the Monday prior to the publishing date.