



ASCOT NEWS

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Term 2 Key Dates (Please keep for future reference)

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.
1 May	Winter sport begins
6 May	Concert – Planet X – Clocktower Centre 6.30pm
7 May	School Banking
12 – 14 May	NAPLAN testing
13 May	Unit 1 & 2 Assembly
18 May	School Council & sub-committee meetings
20 May	Unit 3 Assembly
27 May	Unit 4 Assembly
29 May	Parent Rep meeting/ Special lunch day
3 June	Unit 5 Assembly
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
24 June	Unit 3 Assembly
25 June	Student Reports sent home
26 June	Winter sport ends Parent Rep meeting/ Special lunch day 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

Some wet weather timetables this week but welcome rain for our gardens. With the storm on Sunday, great branches from our gum tree at the gate crashed into our entrance courtyard! The tree pruners returned today and will work to clear this hazard and to check the safety of the remaining branches. The area is out-of-bounds for adults and children until further notice.

I sincerely thank the two Mums from Unit 1 who came to the Working Bee yesterday. With only three of us, we had our work cut out but managed to sweep up all the main courtyards. Every first Sunday of each term is a Working Bee date so please try to attend at least one of these activities before the end of the year. I understand the many commitments parents have on weekends with family activities and sporting/leisure commitments but everyone expects the yard to be maintained neatly and safely. If Working Bees cannot be supported, funds will need to be raised to pay maintenance companies to do this work for us.

Concert rehearsals and class practices abound this week. The children are putting their best into these songs and dances and are *almost* ready to entertain you. Please purchase your tickets for the concert next Wednesday evening.

The draft 2008 AVPS Annual Report to the school community is available for all interested families to collect from the front office. Parent Reps in each Unit will also have copies of this report for you to borrow and/or read as you have time. The report is a celebration of the student achievement, visioning, community events and School Council business that took place in 2008. It also includes our planning and priorities for 2009.

Joanne Roberts, Principal
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From the Assistant Principal

Late to school / Absences

Thankyou to the parents/ caregivers who returned 'unexplained absence' notes recently. We continue to encourage you to inform us of the reason for any absence or lateness.

We still have a number of students late to school, sometimes 1 minute, sometimes a lot more. While we are all entitled to be late on rare occasions and for reasons that are not in our control, often the same students are wandering into the school 5 to 10 minutes late. Regular lateness can affect a lot of people and it also starts a pattern for later in life.

Please make sure your children are at school by 9am. Your help with this would be much appreciated.

Student Birthdays this week

Matthew T – Unit 1 – who turns 11 on the 28th April
Georgia A – Unit 3 – who turns 11 on the 28th April
Jamie C – Unit 2 – who turns 6 on the 30th April
Louisa R – Unit 4 – who turns 9 on the 2nd May
Alex K – Unit 3 – who turns 11 on the 2nd May

Apology

Apologies to Zoe U from Unit 4 – I had misprinted her birthday in last week's newsletter. It should have read:

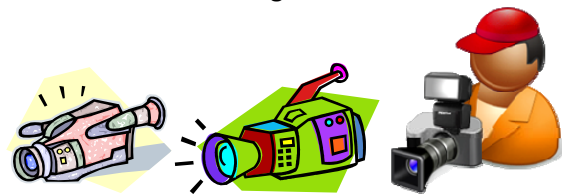
Zoe U – Unit 4 – who turns 8 on the 27th April

Let's hope that we have a lot of rain this week!

Michael Downing, Assistant Principal
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School Council

The final draft of the 2008 AVPS Annual Report to the school community was discussed at an extraordinary meeting of School Council last week. This report needs to be finalised by the end of the month. If you would like input into this report, please see me about receiving a copy. For your information, the final report will be available from the general office early May. Copies will be made available to all interested families. The next full meeting of School Council is Monday 18 May, 7 pm, in the staffroom. Please note that, as interested, observers and visitors are always welcome at any School Council meeting. Joanne



Calling all Video Camera Enthusiasts

We are seeking a member of our school community to come to the concert and video the performance for us. We will then make a DVD from the night and sell it to AVPS families. We would love someone who has had experience filming concerts previously, as you are aware our cast can perform for one night only and will not perform any reruns....their expenses are just way too high and their demand around the country is huge!!

Honestly, we would love to have someone volunteer their time to help us out. If you are available please speak to Poppy in Unit 4 or drop her a line expressing your willingness to help out.

CONCERT TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Tickets for Planet X can be purchased from the Clocktower Centre ticket box, 750 Mt Alexander Rd, Moonee Ponds. Please note that all AVPS school children will NOT require a seat as they will view the dress rehearsal performance but be seated backstage throughout the whole concert. The concert will begin at 6.30 p.m. and run without an interval.

Adult Tickets	\$12.00
Senior/ concession	\$10.00
Student/ U18	\$8.00

(Please note that the Clocktower Centre requires that everyone over the age of 18 months has a paid and allocated seat.)

As of yesterday, the limit of 3 tickets per family has been removed so tickets will now be sold on a first in first served basis. **Please note that tickets are not being held as a reservation for each family. You must go to the Clocktower Centre to purchase tickets if your family is attending the concert next Wednesday.**

PE & Sport

I am now seeking any student who would like to try out for the state softball or golf teams. If your child is exceptional in either of these sports please let me know and I will give you the relevant information. The interschool teams will have a bye this week and so inhouse training will continue this week at school. Please ensure you return your notes and money to school before our first game on the 8th of May if you are in a team. We wish all the students lots of luck and hope they enjoy themselves over the winter sport season.

Tania

Secondary School Expo

Thirteen local state secondary schools will have a display and literature for interested families, plus personnel to talk to you and answer any questions you may have. The format is informal, so you are free to visit whichever display you wish, any time between 4.00- 7.30pm.

All Grade 5 and 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 on Wednesday, 29th April, between 4.00 – 7.00pm.

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.

Writing @ Ascot Vale PS

This week's writing sample comes from very talented Hamish Waite in Unit 4. This is a fine example of Rocket Writing. During a Rocket Writing session children are instructed to just write on a topic of their choice. This is a result of the last Rocket Writing session in Unit 4. We can clearly hear Hamish's voice. He had quite a good time over the holidays and we can hear that he was reluctant to finish writing when time was up.

Uniform Shop

The next date for the Uniform Shop is **Thursday 7 May** 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.



After School TENNIS programme.

When: After school every Wednesday 3.45pm till 4.30pm (45 mins) **Where:** on the school oval.

Start Date: 27TH April 2009 7 weeks **Cost: \$ 63.00**

The programme is recommended for Grades 1 to 4 (Ages 6 to 9 yrs)

Lessons are conducted under the Instruction of Mr Peter Hubble (Buckley Park Tennis Club) If there are any questions you can call **Martine Baillon on 0416 038 432.**

Registration : Name:

Unit No:.....

Money Enclosed \$.....cash/cheque.

Parents name & Phone Number.....



Chess Coaching



FREE CHESS lesson 29th April

3.30pm in school library!!

- Where:** Ascot Vale Primary School Library
When: Wednesdays 3.30pm – 4.15pm
 29th Apr to 17th Jun 2009
Cost: 12% discount for Cash Payments -
 \$75 Cash or \$85 Cheque - per child.
Benefits: Strategic thinking, improved self esteem,
 attention span in class, lateral thinking,
 team work, analytical skills.

We cater for **all skill levels!** Each week different lessons are taught & games are played. A trophy is awarded to the "Best & Fairest" player, and a Silver badge to 2nd place and a Bronze badge to 3rd place at the end of term. To enrol your child please make payment (per child) of **\$75 cash** or **\$85 cheque prior to Wednesday 29th April**. Cheques made payable to "Hooton Consulting Pty Ltd"

For more information contact **Phil** from
 Checkmate Chess Coaching on
9598 2006 or **0421 901 530**
www.lifecoaches.com.au

Forward this section with your payment to your school office.

Child's Full Name: _____

Grade: _____

School: _____

Payment Due: Wednesday 29th April

\$75 cash: **or** **\$85 cheque:**

Mums' Night Out! you know you want to

The Night Out you've been longing for ... and you know you want to be there. Join us for a fun filled night of great food, wine and friends, be entertained by comedian Wendy Little and partake in all the dancing around handbags you can handle!

Your ticket price of a mere \$59 includes all of the above, entry to the Real Mum of the Year Award ceremony, giveaways and a goody bag just for you to take home. Bring some spare change for raffles on the Night to support the Habitat for Humanity Bushfire Rebuilding Fund - and go home with more stuff, just for you.

When:

Friday the 8th of May 7.30pm

Where:

Angliss Restaurant 550 Little Lonsdale Street,
 Melbourne

Bookings Essential - you know you want to

www.mumsnightout.com.au

Bookings must be made by Friday the 1st of May 2009

OSHC NEWS THIS WEEK

'we make kids smile'



- Monday – "AASP" Volleyball
- Tuesday – Chinese Walls
- Wednesday – "AACP" Basketball
- Thursday - Soccer
- Friday – Kids Choice

This week at OSHC we are starting our active aftercare program which is volleyball on Mondays and basketball on Wednesdays, so come along and join the fun. The rest of the week is also filled with fun things to do and some yummy snacks.

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.