



# ASCOT NEWS

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## Term 3 Key Dates (Please keep for future reference)

30 July	<b>Science Fair 5 – 7 pm</b>
31 July	Parent Rep Meeting/ Special Lunch Day In-house school athletics – Aberfeldie Sports ground
5 August	Unit 1 & 2 Assembly
12 August	Unit 3 Assembly
17 August	School Council & Sub-Committee meetings
18 -21 August	<b>MVIMP Camp</b>
19 August	Unit 4 Assembly
26 August	Unit 5 Assembly
28 August	Parent Rep meeting/ Special Lunch Day
1 Sept	NO HATS, NO PLAY begins again today.
2 Sept	Whole School Assembly
9 Sept	Unit 1 & 2 Assembly District Athletics Carnival
15 Sept	<b>AVPS MVIMP Concert</b>
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

There is a lot to do and join into at school at the moment. All classes participated well and had their Maths ability challenged In Friday's World of Maths. Yo-yos were all the go yesterday lunchtime and the basketball court (our new yo-yo zone) is full of students persisting to master new skills and tricks. Science projects for all Year 3-6 students should be almost complete by now and, when ready, brought

to school in time for our Science Fair this Thursday evening. I hope all parents will come to the Fair to join in the celebration of this work and to ask all the 'curly questions' you can think of to support our young scientists. The Science Show the students attended this morning was motivational and the athletics at Aberfeldie Park this Friday is another event that the children will enjoy. So many

engaging activities and events are happening to support learning in different areas of the curriculum and, I think, offer children many opportunities and prompt them to reflect upon their 'Habits of Mind'. We will see:

- Striving for Accuracy
- Excellence
- Persisting
- Gathering Data through all Senses
- Thinking and Communicating with Clarity and Precision
- Creating, Imagining and Innovating

And I'm sure,

- Responding with Wonderment and Awe (particularly at the Science Fair).

Thank you to the parents who volunteered to help Tina pack up the library to prepare for the refurbishment. It seems we may have a couple more weeks before we need to start. I'm waiting for a more definite timeline from the Project Manager and then Tina will be in touch with you all. The first sketches for the new building to house the music program and to provide a new Community Room have been displayed on the wall outside the office for your information and comment. The design is quite modern, as a feature building in the centre of our yard, but utilises the same building materials and colour scheme of our older adjacent buildings. A large deck surrounds both rooms and they are joined by a shared kitchen facility. The architects have affectionately named it our new 'Music Pavilion'. Please take a look and let me know what you think about the plans so far. To meet tight timelines, decisions about this building will be finalised very quickly.

The first thing to happen will be a relocation of our sports shed and the setting up of temporary fencing to create a building site alongside and next to the path from Moonee St.

Attendance and feedback from the Parent Teacher interviews last week was very good and positive. Your attendance and input at these important progress meetings is always appreciated. Thank you to the staff for their involvement and commitment to this task.

Fun and learning are definitely going hand in hand this week. See you at the Science Fair.

Joanne Roberts

Principal

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## From the Assistant Principal

### Curriculum Overview for Semester 2

A two page curriculum summary for Semester 2 at AVPS will be included with next week's newsletter.

### Websites to watch

The following 'Literacy' websites are recommended for students and are worth storing in your favourites at home.

BBC Literacy -

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/4\\_11/site/literacy.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/4_11/site/literacy.shtml)

Ambleside PS (UK) Literacy -

<http://www.amblesideprimary.com/ambleweb/literacy.htm>

Ideal Resources Literacy –

[http://www.ideal-resources.com.au/literacy\\_pack.php?PHPSESSID=646e768d2e7f61afdf645d04070b6579](http://www.ideal-resources.com.au/literacy_pack.php?PHPSESSID=646e768d2e7f61afdf645d04070b6579)

Crazy Story maker -

<http://www.amblesideprimary.com/ambleweb/storymaker/storymaker.htm>

Dr Seuss story maker -

<http://www.seussville.com/games/storymaker/storymaker.html>

Silent letters Invaders -

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/words/spelling/soundandspell/silentletters/game.shtml>

Story maker - <http://www.britishcouncil.org/kids-writing-storymaker>

Reading and Comprehension -

<http://www.starfall.com/>

Mysteries to read and solve -

<http://kids.mysterynet.com/>

Fairy Tales -

<http://www.andersenfairytale.com/en/main>

Poetry for Kids -

<http://www.poetry4kids.com/index.php>

The following link takes you to our DEECD English page –

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/studentlearning/teachingresources/english/default.htm>

If you have any websites that you think are worthy of publishing here, please forward them to me.

**Birthdays this week** - Happy Birthday to:

Dillon B – Unit 1 – who turns 7 on the 29<sup>th</sup> July

Julian M – Unit 5 – who turns 10 on the 30<sup>th</sup> July

Tiana P – Unit 4 – who turns 10 on the 31<sup>st</sup> July

Tengis O - Unit 3 – who turns 7 on the 1<sup>st</sup> August

Fiona D – Unit 4 – who turns 10 on the 1<sup>st</sup> August

Enjoy your week.

Michael Downing - Assistant Principal

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## MVIMP News

There are places available for students to begin learning flute, clarinet or saxophone in Term 3. Please see Katherine Anderson (Woodwind Teacher) or Bev Loft (Unit 2) for further information.

## Football / Soccer Uniforms

If any students who played football or soccer this year still have their uniforms could you please return them to Alex in Unit 3. Thank you.

## Athletics Carnival

Dear Parents,

As you are well aware we will be having our in-house school athletics carnival on Friday the 31<sup>st</sup> of July at Aberfeldie Sports Ground. We will be doing running events as well as field events throughout the day.

All children who are turning 9, 10 11 or 12 this year are attending with the first bus leaving at 9.00am sharp with the 9/10 year old boys and 11 year old girls and boys on board. We will be returning to school between 3pm and 3.30pm.

Please ensure your child wears the appropriate clothing and footwear for the day and takes a water bottle along with plenty of snack foods, lollies/snakes and their lunch and play lunch.

I am also in need of **parent helpers** for the day to rake the sand, take results, order the children for the events, etc. So if you have some free time and would like to join in on a fun day please let me know ASAP so I can mark you down for an event.

The aim of the day is for all children to participate in each event and **to have fun.**

Many Thanks for your support  
Tania Crook

## Sun Hats for Play- Date change

As a revision to its Sun Smart policy, the Education Department has made changes to the dates when children must wear sun hats in the playground between the hours of 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Usually Terms 1 and 4 are hats on for play at AVPS but not in Terms 2 and 3. Please note that between the dates of 1 May and 31 August NO HATS are required. This now means the for short periods at the beginning of Term 2 and at the end of term 3, hats will be required. I've put a note to this effect at the front of the newsletter in the calendar/ diary sections as a reminder of this change. Joanne

## AFL Game Tickets

All children from grades 2 to 6 who were involved in the multicultural skills program with J-Lo will receive one Adult and one Child ticket to the Brisbane vs Essendon game for Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August at the MCG starting at 7.10pm. Tickets will be issued that week. Many thanks,  
Tania Crook

## World of Maths Writing @ Ascot Vale

Last Friday all students travelled to THE WORLD OF MATHS. I visited the WORLD OF MATHS with students from Units 4 & 5, and they all seemed to enjoy the variety of stations and unusual problems they were posed. Students in Unit 5 then wrote recounts of their time in THE WORLD OF MATHS.

All students produced very good recounts, it was quite difficult to choose 2 for the newsletter this week, however, after much agonising and angst, I pared them down to 3 examples of very good recounts.

The first is from Jope Seru who went that extra kilometre and added an illustration to his work, and Will McDonald's work succinctly sums up the hour. Diago Wain completes the trio, again a brief but clear synopsis of his trip. Extremely fine work from three of the stars in Unit 5.

Marg

## Planet X Film

The Planet X film is now complete and ready for those who would like a copy. The film is \$5 and available from Alex in Unit 3. If you bought a copy last week and noticed there was some footage missing bring the disc back and swap it for a complete one.

## Parent Rep June Meeting Update

The most recent meeting was held on Friday June. Discussion topics included the upcoming Anaphylaxis presentations, Mathletics, the recently awarded Grant, the Sunsmart Policy and more.

The current minutes will be posted on the Noticeboard in the Staffroom should you wish to read them. Our next meeting is this Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup> 2009. If you have any items you would like to raise, please speak to a parent rep from your unit.

## Dental Week 3<sup>rd</sup> August – 19<sup>th</sup>

### August

Next week is Dental Week. The fundraising committee have some exciting things happening throughout this very important week.

We have a very special guest speaker coming to our assembly on Wednesday 5/8/09 from Doutra Galla Dental Service to talk to us about the importance of regular dental care. So we encourage as many parents to attend this assembly.

During this week we will be running our next fantastic fundraising event - THE TOOTHBRUSH DRIVE. This fundraiser aims to help you smile by promoting good oral hygiene. There will be great toothbrush and toothpaste packs to choose from. We are hoping to have some sample packs on display in the office.

Forms will be sent home with the children during Dental Week and orders can be returned to the office.

### Upcoming Fundraising Events to look out for

It's all about the Dad's with our Father Day breakfast 8am 4/9/09 and our Father Day Stall 4/9/09

It's all about the ladies with our Girl's Night Out (fashion parade and finger food) early Sept. Watch out for more details.

Thank you from Fundraising Committee

### School Banking

Student Banking will operate on a weekly basis rather than fortnightly. The school bank operates through the Bendigo Bank in Flemington and students are also welcome to bank at the branch. Their hours are 9.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday and 9.00am to 12.00pm on Saturday. If you are interested in opening a new account, forms are available from the school office.

### Uniform Shop

The next date for the Uniform Shop is **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August** between 3.00pm and 4.00pm. To order online, use the PSW website, [www.psw.com.au](http://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.

## Thank you Wine Buffs

After the sad loss of a member of my club to Motor Neurone disease, I have been collecting corks from wine bottles. **A very big thank you to all families who read the Newsletter article and donated corks!** These have been donated to the Motor Neurone Disease Association of Australia to raise funds for Research and as it will be an ongoing collection, could you please continue to bring your corks to the office and help donate to this worthwhile cause.

## Host Families Needed for Exchange Students

We are hoping that you and your family are interested in the idea of choosing an exchange student to come and live with you for a half, one or even two semesters, sharing your lifestyle with a 15-18 year old girl or boy from Italy, Germany, France, Belgium, Holland, Japan, Brazil...So if you can afford one extra at mealtimes, which is almost the only cost to you, have a spare bed and wish to make an overseas friend, possibly for life, I'd be very pleased to hear from you - (03)97584279.

Yours sincerely,  
Klaus Schumann

WEP Community Coordinator

## OSHC NEWS THIS WEEK 'we make kids smile'



Monday - Tennis  
Tuesday – Aboriginal Dot Paintings  
Wednesday – AAC Multisports  
Thursday – Chinese Walls  
Friday - Movie

Hope everyone had a great time last week at the OSH birthday party. Come along for more fun this week.

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.