



# ASCOT NEWS

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## Term 2 Key Dates (Please keep for future reference)

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 (Not Finance)
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

In response to the ongoing swine flu affecting Victoria, the Essendon Football Club medical team advised the club to postpone community activities for the next week. Unfortunately this included the postponement of the Multicultural School Program that included our excursion to Windy Hill and the MCG. Hopefully we will be able to reschedule this

activity once this public health concern has abated. The school will continue to seek and follow all advice in this regard. The most recent DEECD memorandum re the Swine Flu (H1N1 virus) states that:

Principals must not quarantine children or partially or fully close their schools without direction by the DEECD Incident Coordination Centre or the regional

office. Any direction to close a school will be based on advice from the Department of Human Services. DHS is the responsible department for decisions regarding the quarantine of people affected by H1N1 Influenza.

DHS is asking parents of any children returning from USA, Canada, Japan, Mexico and Panama to voluntarily keep their children home for seven (7) days from arrival back in Australia. This is a further precautionary measure to assist in managing the further spread of the virus. At this stage, the exclusion does not affect teachers and teachers should continue with normal duties. This decision is based on information available so far about how this virus spreads.

If your children are unwell, you should seek medical attention and avoid public places and close contact with others. Please continue to notify the school, as you already do, if your child is absent.

At this stage Ascot Vale PS has no reported cases of the H1N1 influenza but four incidences of families reporting that they having been associated with a confirmed case. These families are not exhibiting any symptoms themselves. The information Hotline has not recommended we need to take any action at this stage. I will be contacting parents by letter, phone or email should I have any cause for concern or we receive a DHS directive.

**The Swine Influenza Hotline Tel. 180 2007**

**Nurse-on-Call Tel. 1300 606 024** – for expert health information and advice (24 hours, 7 days)

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## From the Assistant Principal

### 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 Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2009.

### Student Birthdays this week

Bronte E – Unit 5 – who turns 8 on the 5<sup>th</sup> June  
Bella K – Unit 3 – who turns 6 on the 6<sup>th</sup> June  
Sidrak D – Unit 5 – who turns 6 on the 6<sup>th</sup> June  
Nisha A – Unit 3 – who turns 11 on the 6<sup>th</sup> June

### Websites to watch

The following 'maths' websites are recommended for students and are even worth storing in your favourites at home. Many of these sites are great for us to use on our new Interactive Whiteboards too.

AAA Maths - <http://www.aaamath.com/>

BBC Numeracy -

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

Illuminations - <http://illuminations.nctm.org/>

Maths dictionary for kids -

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

Number Gym - <http://www.numbergym.co.uk/>

Teaching Time - <http://www.teachingtime.co.uk/>

Teaching times tables -

<http://www.teachingtables.co.uk/>

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

Stay warm this week.

Michael Downing, Assistant Principal

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## Interschool Sport

### Round 5 Sports results

	Ascot Vale PS	Ascot Vale West PS
Netball A	6	10
Netball B	7	3
Football	6	101
Bat Tennis	41	37

Played at Ascot Vale West.

Well done to all the teams, coaches, captains and umpires.

Spirit Award goes to Patrick Strasser for the Football Team for Fair Play and offering assistance to pack up at the end.

Next week is the Soccer tournament at Fairburn Park and the following week is Curriculum Day so round 6 will be held at Kensington Primary on the 19<sup>th</sup> of June.

\*Also one apology from me as I gave myself an extra weeks holiday...the half time grid game at Etihad Stadium is on the first Friday back in third term, 17<sup>th</sup> of July, (not on the July holidays) SORRY!!!

## Music Congratulations

Congratulations to Mitchell Lowe (Unit 3) who recently achieved an "A" for his first grade Saxophone Exam.

Katherine Anderson

Woodwind Teacher

## 125<sup>th</sup> 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

This week we have writing samples from two of our beautiful students in Unit 2. Samuel's report clearly and accurately describes the two highlights of his excursion. His writing is very clear which makes for easy reading. Sian has written a list of things that she likes to do in the classroom. A quick glance of this report would suggest that she likes doing everything. Both pieces of writing reflect different stages of development for students a year apart.  
Marg

### Forthcoming Community Events for the month of June!

This month, there are two main events to finish a very successful term 2.

This week you will receive a notice about a Pasta Drive. Alligator Pasta is made with all natural ingredients. Order forms will be sent out this week to the eldest child of each family. Delivery will be during the last week of term 2. See Susie Lauer, regarding this activity.

Also, we will be holding a Nutrimetics Lipstick Drive. Nutrimetics are selling their lipsticks during the month of June for \$10 each (normally \$33.50). The school will receive \$2.00 for every lipstick sold! Order forms will be distributed this week with all the relevant details. See Cheryl Blair regarding this offer.

### Kids Holiday Cooking Sessions

Lets Cook for kids is on again at the Maribyrnong Community Centre on Tuesdays ( 30th June and 7th July) and Wednesdays (1st July and the 8th July). Bookings must be made by 22nd June for the first week and 29th June for the second week. Separate Teenager sessions also available Wednesday afternoons making sushi and rice paper rolls. Contact Margaret on 0401 271 399



### Interschool Chess Tournament!!

**Where:** Wesley College 577 St Kilda Rd Melbourne  
**When:** Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June  
**Cost:** \$15 per player  
**Prizes:** Trophies & Medals for top teams & Individual players!

This tournament is suitable for all levels of players. The emphasis is on **having fun, participating** and **doing your best!**

For more information contact Phil on 0421 901 530 or collect an entry form from the school office!

### 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](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.

## 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.