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ON TIME AT 9

It’s cool to be at school
From The Principal

I have been busy and distracted this week working with others to plan and organise the school reunion events and activities. It promises to be a very happy two days with many visitors to our school. The phone is beginning to ring and we are hearing how people and their parents before them all attended AVPS! Please note the flier and RSVP form within this newsletter and then contact us if you intend coming to the reunion.

The Learning Studio building is still on track for completion by the March long weekend. Joinery for the nooks and the studio are being transported together so should arrive shortly and then be installed.

Janet hobbled in to help us briefly yesterday and it was good to catch up with her. She is still unable to put any weight on her damaged heel and will not be able to return to work for another 6 weeks. Hopefully, Janet will be well enough to work by the beginning of Term 2. Lola finished her work with us this week as she is off on her planned vacation and back into her retirement. I sincerely thank her for her work and support with our administration and finances during the last month. It has been VERY difficult finding a replacement but we have managed to secure a Business Manager part-time from next Thursday. Her name is Heather Payne. I am in the process of organising a receptionist, receipting role for the office for the remaining days. Together, these two staff members will cover the necessary workload. We are back needing to be patient and understanding as we collectively induct new staff members into the office role once again.

Many thanks to the families that participated in our picnic on the oval last week. The weather was finally kind to us and many people enjoyed the evening getting to know some others. The Information Sessions were well attended and provided beginning information to parents around Unit needs and priorities. I trust that the interviews tonight will provide information that will help us to personalise the curriculum for your children and set their semester 1 learning goal(s). I have had some Achievement Certificates published to distribute to each child upon the attainment of their documented goal(s). I hope this gathering/collecting of certificates will further motivate their learning and build their own knowledge about themselves as learners. Their achievements and assessments will also be recorded within their Learner Profile and Learning Goal sections of the Ultranet. Currently, parent School Councillors have parent passwords and access to their child’s Ultranet spaces and we will be opening up this access to all parents as soon as possible – hopefully by mid-year.

Joanne Roberts - Principal
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From The Assistant Principal

The most important person for a child is...you
Elisabeth Tarica of the Age has written an article – Meet the most important person in your child’s schooling – you, which focuses on the role parents play in the success of their child’s schooling. She talks to the experts and outlines the steps that parents can take to give their child the best chance to excel.


Happy Birthday this week to:
Zoe U4, Tanesha U2, Sarah U3, Tahlia U4, Shannon U4, Barnaby U4, Stephanie U1, Aaron U3.

Enjoy the start of Autumn.
Michael Downing – Assistant Principal
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2011 School Council Election

We are currently calling for parent nominations to fill 3 vacancies. One full term two year position and two one year casual vacancies are up for election for 2011. The closing date for 2011 School Council nominations is 7 March at 4 pm. Completed nomination forms need to be handed in at the office. Please consider becoming involved so that we can operate a fully representative group.

Parent Teacher Interviews TONIGHT

The first parent teacher meetings for the year are timetabled for TONIGHT. This meeting is the time to share information between home and school and to be involved in setting new learning goals for your child. All children are expected to attend these interviews with their parents and to be involved as much as possible.
Camp UPDATE

DATES TO REMEMBER
AVPS 2011 CAMP ‘CLUB LORNE’
The 2011 Ascot Vale Camp will be held at ‘Club Lorne’ on the Great Ocean Road on the Lorne foreshore. Please take a look at the camp website for more information. A ‘what to bring’ list will be sent home this week. Staff attending camp will include all Grade 3/4/5/6 teachers and also Michael and Lucy.

http://www.clublorne.com.au

The camp will run from Monday 21st March - Friday 25th March.
Grade 5/6 will attend Monday 21st to Wednesday 23rd and Grade 3/4 will attend Wednesday 23rd to Friday 25th March.

Cost for Grade 5/6 students, 3 days 2 nights is $250
Cost for Grade 3/4 students, 3 days, 2 nights is $250

REMINDER
The first deposit of $100 to confirm placement was required by Monday 28th of February so please finalise all arrangements this week. The final payment of $150 is due by Monday 14th of March. If you have any payment concerns or need to make a payment plan please speak to Michael or Joanne.

Dates to Remember
Monday 28th February - $100 Deposit due
Monday 28th February - green permission note due
Monday 7th March – white Medical form due
Monday 14th March - $150 balance due.

Thanks, Lucy

Writing @ AVPS

Our students are producing some brilliant writing all across the school, teachers LOVE reading their children’s writing, noting developmental changes in content and style.

Diary writing is a favourite. Our children are able to record momentous, and other, events in their lives. Teachers reply to these entries in order to model to students some of the applicable writing conventions, as well as engage in a dialogue about content.

Diary excerpts today come from Piper-Lily and Cara, from U5. Both girls have clearly conveyed their message, both ‘voices’ can be distinguished and supported by detailed illustrations. A mixture of upper and lower-case letters is common at this stage, and is a stage for most students.

Marg

AVPS School Reunion 1 -2 April

Help with the Fair, to run guided tours or prepare for the evening reunion event is needed. Do you have some spare time to volunteer?

On Friday 1 April, the children and staff will have the opportunity to come in historical costumes to get into the spirit and history of this celebration. Teachers will be talking to children about ideas for costumes if they would like to join into this fun. Think pioneers, settlers, bush rangers, the gold rush, soldiers, the 20’s, 50’s, 70’s…. The scope across 125 years provides a huge range and choice! We hope to have a photographer on site at the Fair and families might like to have some individual or group photos taken in costume.

REUNION FUNCTION TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW!

Scholastic Book Club

Please return your orders to the classroom teacher by Monday the 14th of March.

Payment can be made by cheque (to “Scholastic”) or credit card by calling the automated service.
(telephone number on order form). Tina.

Head Lice Alert

All Units were issued with notices about head lice to distribute to families at the end of last week. PLEASE check your child’s hair and if you find any lice or eggs you need to keep children at home until treatment has been completed. It helps us all if you also contact the office as parents did last week- thank you! IF YOUR CHILD HAS LONG HAIR, PLEASE USE HAIR TIES TO KEEP IT UP AND OUT OF THE WAY OF POSSIBLE INFESTATION. DEECD no longer sends teams of nurses to inspect heads of hair, it is our collective responsibility to manage this matter. Vigilant, regular checking at home is what will help most. Our Head lice policy can be found at: http://www.avps.vic.edu.au/avps-policies.html
Hello everyone

It is absolutely wonderful to see all our preps settling in extremely well. It is also very nice to see the older children helping out and making the younger ones feel very welcome.

Last week the introductory lessons in Cricket and Hockey went off very well and the children had a lot of fun. We are very fortunate to have got two very good coaches that cater very well to the different age groups in the program.

We also had visits from the regional manager of Camp Australia and the regional manager of Active After School Care during last week. Both were very pleased with the progress at the service.

This week we will have a movie night if the weather will not allow us to be outdoors. Cricket and Hockey lessons will take place on Tuesday and Thursday, and cooking lesson on Wednesday and craft will go on throughout the week as usual.

Wishing everyone a great week

Dee

Please make note of our OSHC telephone number, 0423 795 247. For all future bookings, account changes or to view your statement please go to www.campaustralia.com.au

Please note: the Newsletter cannot be emailed to families until Janet returns from sick leave.

Essendon Keilor College Junior Campus Open Days

For students in Years 7 to 10
Niddrie Campus Wednesday 16 March
Peters St, Airport West.

East Keilor Campus Wednesday 23 March
Quinn Gve
East Keilor
Tours from 1.30 – 3.00 pm
Information Evening at 7.00 pm
School Tours are also available on Wednesday and Friday mornings at 9.15 am by appointment.

Uniform Shop

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

Gilmore College for Girls

2011
OPEN DAY
Come and see us in action
SATURDAY MARCH 19
1PM - 3PM
298 Barkly St, Footscray
Harmony and Success