



# ASCOT NEWS

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## Term 1 & 2 Key Dates (Please keep for future reference)

1 April	Unit 4 assembly
3 April	Term 1 ends- 2.30 p.m. dismissal
20 April	Term 2 begins
21 April	School Photograph day
22 April	No Assembly- School Concert rehearsal day at AVPS
23 April	School Banking
24 April	Parent Rep meeting/ Special Lunch Day
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.
7 May	School Banking

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

It has been a busy, busy term! Swimming, camp, Fete and Parent Teacher interviews have all happened. I think we all need a holiday! I sincerely thank the whole school community for a wonderful beginning to this year. We will be straight into the Concert, our presentation of Planet X, upon our return and please note that our second day back at school is Photo Day for AVPS. I wish all families a relaxing and enjoyable vacation break and look forward to working with you all after the holidays. Happy Easter to you all.

School resumes on Monday 20 April at 9.00 a.m.

Joanne Roberts, Principal  
[roberts.joanne.m@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:roberts.joanne.m@edumail.vic.gov.au)

### From the Assistant Principal

#### Student Birthdays this week

There are no student birthdays this week.

#### Student Birthdays during the school holidays

Kit R – Unit 5 – who turns 9 on the 6<sup>th</sup> April  
April W – Unit 1 – who turns 10 on the 7<sup>th</sup> April  
Catherine D – Unit 5 – who turns 8 on the 9<sup>th</sup> April  
Lochie B – Unit 2 – who turns 6 on the 12<sup>th</sup> April  
Christian H – Unit 3 – who turns 6 on the 14<sup>th</sup> April

Have an enjoyable break. See you all next term.

Michael Downing, Assistant Principal  
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## School Council

At the first meeting of the 2009 School Council, the following parents were elected to Executive positions:

**School Council President- Cheryl Blair**

**Vice President- Michael Menton**

**Treasurer- Peter Waite**

Parent Reps- Susie Lauer, Paul MacDonald, Jason Blakiston

DEECD Reps- Michael Downing, Assunta Righi, Julie Clarke and Joanna Wilkinson

I sincerely thank all Councillors for their willingness to be involved in this role and the expertise they bring to the school strategic planning process and policy development is appreciated.

After 7 years as an AVPS School Councillor, and the last 4 years as President, Maria Rainone, has retired from this work. Maria's contribution of her time and skill has been considerable and ongoing over many years. She has led the Council through building and grounds developments, policy development, Principal appointments and School Evaluation reviews. She has confidently represented the school at many functions and events. Thank you Maria for your demonstrated dedication to the ideals and vision of the school and for the support you have personally offered to me in my role.

You have done a wonderful job Maria and welcome to the role Cheryl!

Joanne

## CONCERT TICKETS GO ON SALE!

**Tickets for Planet X can be purchased from the Clocktower Centre ticket box, 750 Mt Alexander Rd, Moonee Ponds, from 14 April. Initially, each family will be able to purchase a limit of 3 tickets. 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.)

A limit of 3 tickets per family has been set to ensure all families are able to attend the performance. However, on **27April** any remaining seats will be open for sale on a first in first served basis.

Please contact the Box Office on 9243 9191 regarding ticket sales.

The Concert is not a fundraising event. Ticket sales are used to fund concert costs of costumes, venue hire and venue staff. Units are rehearsing their concert items and instructions around simple costuming will be sent home shortly.

## Readers Challenge

Students who have registered for the Reading Challenge are now able to start entering their books onto the Challenge page. User name is the students name e.g. Joe Blogg's username is Joe Blogg. Joe's password is **joeblo09** – password is all in lower case, which is the first three letters first name and surname, year level straight after it.

## Writing for the Last Week

This week's writing comes from two of our very talented Preps in U3.

Christian is displaying beautiful penmanship through his recount of his visit to the Zoo, and Vikas clearly tells of the fun he had building over the weekend.

Vikas is a student who came to us at the start of the year with very little English, his parents have just moved to Ascot Vale from southern India.

It is amazing to see how Vikas has integrated into our school, and into U3, his English is improving daily and he is a very popular member of the Unit.

Marg

## Book Fair.....

Is coming soon. Our first Book Fair for this year will be early in Term 2. It has been suggested that as part of the on-going support that schools in bush-fire affected areas need, that the community of A.V.P.S. would donate books to one of these schools. Parents and Students will have the opportunity at our Book Fair to either donate books directly or nominate an amount of money they would like to contribute to a fund.

There will be more information at the Book Fair.

Marg & Tina.

## UNSW 2009 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) Yr 3 - 6

Ascot Vale PS is a registered school for these annual assessments. If you are interested in your child(ren) participating in these tests, please read the enclosed parent letter. Permission slips with entry fees can be returned to the office. Please note the different closing dates for the different curriculum areas. The children will sit any requested tests here at school.

## Sport and PE

A big thank you to all the parents who took their children down to Aberfeldie to train for the cross country and a special thanks to Suzi for running it. Remember to keep up your training over the holidays as the District Cross Country is on Wednesday the 29<sup>th</sup> of April. (Teams are still to be finalised after the holidays). Don't forget the training dates after the holidays as well!!

If there is any child who plays Rugby League, AFL Football, Netball, Hockey, Soccer and/or Basketball at an elite level and would like to try out for the state squad please see me before the end of term as nomination forms are due in by the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April. They will only be accepting 5 students from each region to go through to the state team so competition is tough, but give it a go.

This term I have been very impressed with the movement and dance routines by the children in P/1 and we are proud to show off a progressive dance performed at assembly this Wednesday by unit 2. The grade 2/3/4 and 5/6 students have been very enthusiastic with ball handling skills and about the Multicultural Education program conducted each fortnight by the Essendon Football Club. This program will continue in Term 2 and in May these children will be guests of the Essendon Football club for a couple of hours at Windy Hill and then travel into the MCG to visit the Sports Museum, all compliments of the EFC. But wait there is more...in round 19 the children will all be given tickets to be guests of the EFC to see the Bombers take on Brisbane. More details will be following.

Lastly I would like to thank you for all making me feel so welcome and supporting me in my role as Physical Education teacher here at AVPS.

Tania Crook

## Uniform Shop

The next date for the Uniform Shop is **Thursday 2 April** 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.

## Fitzroy High School

Fitzroy High School is currently running tours for families interested in seeing the school in action and learning more about our school community.

Fitzroy High School, underpinned by the values of respect and trust, has an innovative approach to education that is having great results for its students.

With the involvement of parents and carers, teachers support students to make choices about their learning and development, maximising their performance across a broad range of subjects and life skills. The staff team knows its students and their capabilities well and uses this knowledge in discussions with students and their families to develop a personalised learning plan, helping each student to extend their achievement.

School tours are currently taking place every Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30 am. Please contact the general office on 9488-1900 for tour bookings.

An open afternoon and evening will be held on Thursday 7 May, 1:30pm to 6:30pm.

Further information about the school is available at [www.fitzroyhs.vic.edu.au](http://www.fitzroyhs.vic.edu.au)

## MARIBYRNONG COLLEGE

TOURS OF THE COLLEGE ARE AVAILABLE  
ON  
MONDAYS 12.00PM AND THURSDAYS  
9.00AM

CONTACT THE SCHOOL ON 93181355 TO  
ARRANGE YOUR TOUR

APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND  
THE HIGH ACHIEVERS PROGRAM CLOSE  
ON FRIDAY MAY 8<sup>TH</sup>  
(CONTACT THE GENERAL OFFICE FOR AN  
INFORMAITON PACK AND APPLICATION  
FORMS)

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WonderKindy

Avondale Heights

171 Military Rd

Melway Ref: 27 D2

ph: 9337 2117

Tullamarine

189 South Centre Rd

Melway Ref: 15 D5

ph: 9335 6111

## WSSA Sanctioned Speedstacking Tournament

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2009  
1-5 pm

Connect Hall  
35 Solomon Street Bendigo

\$15 per entrant

Ages: 5- adult

Registration forms, maps and full details at  
[www.bendigospedstacks.comfypage.com](http://www.bendigospedstacks.comfypage.com)

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only Positive Pyramids!  
Lots of encouragement. No putdowns.  
Only humble winners and gracious losers.

## Free Fruit Friday Program

Every Friday morning free fruit is prepared and offered to students in their units to promote healthy eating. This program requires two or three people to assist Maria with preparing the fruit in the canteen between 9.00 and 10.00am each Friday. If you are able to help, please select a date or dates and hand to the office. If you have any queries, please phone Maria on 0402 017 178.

Date	Name & Contact Details
3 April	
24 April	
1 May	
8 May	
15 May	
22 May	
29 May	
5 June	
12 June	
19 June	
26 June	

## OSHC NEWS THIS WEEK

'we make kids smile'



Monday – Tiggy  
Tuesday – Chinese Walls  
Wednesday – “AACP” Yoga  
Thursday – Soccer  
Friday – “AACP” Soccer

Hello to all, it's already the end of term 1. We have all had lots of fun this term and next term we will be doing basketball and volleyball as our “Active After Care Program”. The OSHC staff hope you all have a great time on your holidays and we look forward to seeing you all next term.

HAPPY EASTER ☺

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.

## Chess Reminder

There is no chess class on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April

## Special Lunch Reminder

As a thank you for all your hard work at the Fete, there is a free sausage sizzle lunch for all students on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. In order to take part, please remember to return your notices.

