



ASCOT NEWS

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Term 3 Key Dates (Please keep for future reference)

5 August	Unit 1 & 2 Assembly
7 August	Pizza Special Lunch Day
12 August	Unit 3 Assembly
17 August	School Council & Sub-Committee meetings
18 -21 August	MVIMP Camp
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
4 Sept	District Athletics Carnival
9 Sept	Unit 1 & 2 Assembly
15 Sept	AVPS MVIMP Concert
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

As usual, I learnt some new facts at the Science Fair and I certainly enjoyed marvelling at all the projects. My thanks to the children and families that submitted an entry and congratulations to Amanda and Loretta for their work in organising it all! Explanations were asked for and given regarding the findings of experiments and many students had engaging activities for visitors to try themselves.

The Year 3-6 Athletics carnival was also successful and reports from the teachers regarding the children's behaviour and participation were excellent. Well done everyone and thank you again to Tania for her work planning and setting up the day. Thank you also to the parent volunteers and the all important supporters on the day. We now have an AVPS team for the District Athletics day on Friday 4 September. *(Please note this is a changed date from the one previously listed in the newsletter*

diary) Everyone looked very cold but happy upon their return- so many prize ribbons fluttering on chests!

The new reading nook for Unit 2 arrived last Thursday amidst great excitement as it was constructed and began to take shape! Rob and Amanda have done a wonderful job designing this classroom library for the P/1 room. It has so much space for books and resources and the children and teachers just love it! A lot of reading and listening on the listening posts is planned for the nook. If you haven't already been in to Unit 2, please go and look. It is a beautiful new learning space for the children. Other multi-level reading nooks/towers have been designed for Units 3, 4 and 5 and they should be installed around September this year. A design for Unit 1 has not been finalised yet due to their other refurbishment works but we will do our best to have a special reading space in there too. The nooks and towers are to bring an aspect and design feature of the refurbished library into the classroom areas and to, of course, provide engaging literacy learning areas for the children. Digital literacy resources will be integrated into these areas as we purchase TV's and laptops.

Thank you once again to the families that came out on such a cold, wet winter night to join in the Science Fair celebration. It was appreciated. The door offering raised \$135.00. These funds will be added to the Landcare grant of \$1100.00 to allow the Water Wise student conference team to follow up their suggestion of a vertical (low water use) garden within our grounds.

Joanne Roberts
Principal
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From the Assistant Principal

Mental Health Support for children and young people.

Schools have a unique role to play in ensuring positive mental health and wellbeing for children and young people. In today's world, children and young people face new challenges which may at times prove difficult. Our children and young people need to know that they can seek support from parents, teachers and community agencies if they are feeling sad, lonely, angry, upset, stressed or depressed. Services available to assist with mental health concerns include:

- Lifeline ph 13 11 14
- Kids helpline 1800 55 1800
- Beyond Blue 1300 22 4636

Birthdays this week - Happy Birthday to:

There are no student birthdays to celebrate this week.

Have a fantastic 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.

Writing @ Ascot Vale PS

This piece of writing is actually quite amazing. So amazing that it needs a full page. This lengthy recount of holidays activities was whipped up by Maddie Usher in Unit 2 and what a fine piece of writing it is Maddie. As you can see, there is quite a lot of use of uppercase letters which is a transitional phase the majority of students pass through. There is also a phase which most neglects the use of conventional use of punctuation. Most students resist this phase in an attempt to record the story they wish to present to us and what a story she has given us. I suspect we might see Maddie Usher at the Melbourne Writers Festival in 2029.

Uniform Shop

The next date for the Uniform Shop is **Thursday 6th August** 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.

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

FRENCH CLUB at ASCOT VALE PRIMARY

Learn French and have fun!



AMUSE-TOI BIEN ["Enjoy yourself"] is the fun, friendly after school French club which offers a fantastic introduction to the language and culture of France using games, songs, role-plays and other activities all designed to be stimulating and fun for children.

- **CONVENIENT** – held on school premises AFTER SCHOOL every MONDAY
- **ECONOMICAL** –\$100 per term [\$10 per one hour session]
- **EFFECTIVE** – children learn in a supportive, fun & familiar environment

Like most things in life, with languages, it's best to start early. Not only can an early start prove invaluable down the track at secondary school, but language learning can also help the development of children's social, communication and problem-solving skills as well as build self-confidence and improve general literacy. **No previous experience required.** Come along and try a session next week with no obligation. Call us today!

LINGO LEARNERS telephone: 9375 4776

www.lingolearners.com.au

OSHC NEWS THIS WEEK 'we make kids smile'



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

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.



This newsletter item features an article that highlights some of the activities that are taking place at the school. Please contact Michael O'Brien on 9376 1622 or email

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Debney Secures \$2 million for Science

During the recent holidays the College was notified by the Minister for Education, Bronwyn Pike, that an application to rebuild the science laboratories was successful. This was a great result and everyone at Debney is very excited by this news.

The funding for this project has been provided by the Commonwealth Government through their Building the Education Revolution program. The College will receive just on \$2 million to completely rebuild the four science laboratories in the Commonwealth Block (A Block). These laboratories are now 40 years old and currently do not provide the quality of facility that is required for the delivery of high quality science programs. The rebuilt science centre will provide a first class learning environment for students.

The plan for the complete re-build of our laboratories sees the two laboratories, preparation rooms and a small classroom on the first level being replaced by a modern open space that can accommodate two classes and provide workspace for science teachers. It is envisaged that this large space will predominantly be used by middle years (7-9) students. The two laboratories on the second level will be for use of senior students and will provide tertiary standard science facilities.

New equipment and furniture will also be provided. Works are expected to begin shortly and are planned for completion in April 2010.

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 8th August at the MCG starting at 7.10pm. Tickets will be issued that week. Many thanks,
Tania Crook