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"It's cool to be at school"

Don’t risk your child’s life

Never call your child from across the road. Excited children often dash out onto the road and forget to look for traffic. Children cannot accurately judge traffic speed.

**ROAD SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS BEGINS WITH YOU!**
From The Principal

Thank you for your patience with the office refurbishment last week. It is progressing well this week. We moved our furniture back into the area yesterday and the painting and finishing off is continuing around us. Please come to the new office location for service and information and we will do our best to help you. There is a delay obtaining the glass walls and windows and parents may have to use the door opening in the corridor to come into the area to meet with us or to pay fees etc... As things change, so will our signs!

The removalists have begun to empty the Hall so books are going back onto the library shelves at last. Tina would love some help getting everything in order if you have some time available. (Tina does not work on Fridays) We are going to take this moving opportunity to do a complete a long overdue library stocktake and we will be installing a new software borrowing system to update our processes at the school.

Please check the ‘Key Dates’ section of the newsletter carefully as I’ve made some changes to the dates published last term. The Science Fair date has been moved to term 3. We had planned an earlier fair to coincide with the Science Talent Search but the building and moving plans make it necessary to postpone this popular event. The Science Fair will now be held in early August, after families have had time over the term 2 vacation to experiment together. Assembly dates have also been removed following changes to our regular Wednesday timetable. Staff have decided to trial weekly assemblies during the last half hour of the school day each Monday. That is, from 3.00 – 3.30 pm. We feel this will keep our major literacy/ morning teaching block free and assemblies still be held at a time that will enable some parents to attend. As soon as the Hall is free, we will resume Unit and Minischool assemblies. I’ll add the dates to the newsletter as soon as I have more information about the arrival of new furniture.

Tonight we are holding our Prep 2012 Parent Information Evening at 7pm. Please remind any prospective parents living near you that this meeting is being held and that families are most welcome to attend as interested. Regular tours of the school will be held following this session so parents are able to see the school in operation and have their questions answered. On a weekly basis, I will conduct tours on Mondays, 2.30 – 3.00 pm, and Michael will take tours on Thursdays, 10.15 – 10.45 am. Families will need to ring the school to book in.

As best we can, we will hold the Mother’s Day Afternoon Tea in the Learning Studio this Friday. I look forward to joining many ladies for a cup of tea and a chat!

Joanne Roberts - Principal
roberts.joanne.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

From The Assistant Principal

Interschool Sport

Winter Interschool Sport Competition is held on Friday mornings from 9am to 11am during Term 2. The senior school will be participating in three sports: Football, Bat Tennis or Netball. This year we will be walking to Ormond Park for our home games of Football. Netball and Bat Tennis will be played at our school. Interschool sport commences this week, Friday 6th May 2011, a home game against St. Margarets. Below is the winter draw.

Round 1      May 6th   HOME v St.Margarets
Round 2      May 13th  HOME v St.Mary’s A
Round 3      May 20th  HOME v St.Mary’s B
Round 4      May 27th  HOME v Ascot Vale West

There are no games on June 3rd and June 10th

Round 5      June 17th  AWAY v North Melb. Kangas (Football @ Royal Park – Flemington Rd)
Round 6      June 24th  AWAY v North Melb. Errols (Football @ Royal Park – Flemington Rd)
Round 7      July 1st    AWAY v Avondale Heights (Football @ Canning Street Reserve)

Walk Safely to School – May 20th 2011

Students and their teachers have recently discussed Walk Safely to School Day. It is a National initiative to encourage students and families to walk to school. We are encouraging all students (that possibly can) to walk to school safely on the 20th May. More information can be found at http://www.walk.com.au
Happy Birthday this week:
I will update student birthdays next week.

Michael Downing - Assistant Principal
downing.michael.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

125 YR CELEBRATION RED & WHITE WINE
There are bottles of Red & White Wine available for purchase at the office to celebrate 125 yrs at AVPS. These are marked with a commemorative sticker to celebrate 125 yrs; so something to be kept as a momento or share over the holidays. They are $12.00 per bottle. Please pay and pick up at the office.

MOTHERS DAY
We will be holding our traditional Mother’s Day afternoon tea and Mother’s Day stall on Friday 6 May, 2pm in the Learning Studio. $6.00 per person. Please return RSVP so catering can be finalised.

So kids, SHHHH SHHHH don’t tell mum! Bring your pocket money so you can purchase a great Mother’s Day gift for your mum this Mother’s Day. All mums, grandmas and aunties are welcome for afternoon tea. It’s always a lovely afternoon.
Thank you. Fundraising Committee.

Street and Road Safety

Parents collecting their children from school along Bank St have been reported pulling into the laneway driveway and then backing out onto the road.

PLEASE BE REMINDED THAT THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY AGREES THIS IS UNSAFE FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS USING THE PATHWAY BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL.

Please park your car following all traffic signs and parking restrictions before walking to pick up any children. This will help keep us all safe at very busy times of the day. Thanyou.

Uniform Shop
The first Thursday of the month is 5 May. The uniform shop at AVPS will be open from 3-4 p.m. 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

G.A.T.E.W.A.Y.S.

YEARS 4, 5 and 6
Wednesday 1st June 2011 Brunswick South West Primary School 8.45 am – 3.10 pm

YEARS 1, 2 and 3
Thursday 2nd June 2011 Brunswick South West Primary School 8.45 am – 3.10 pm
G.A.T.E.WAYS and Brunswick South West Primary are delighted to invite budding young mathematicians to ‘The X Factor’
Other Term 2 programs (on location) include: ‘Sculpting with Sound’ and ‘Let’s Get Animated’ for Year 5/6 at The Arts’ Centre Digital Hub ‘Take Five’ for Year 5/6 at ACMI ‘The Shock of the New’ for Year 5/6 at NGV ‘I Bee-Bot’ for Year ½ at Firbank Learning & Innovation Centre.

For further information about G.A.T.E.WAYS please go to www.gateways.edu.au
Places fill quickly so please go online to book asap or ring 03 9894 2116.

Pascoe Vale Girls College
Year 7 2012 College Tours
Pascoe Vale Girls College invites families to attend an information session and tour of the College tomorrow Thursday 5 May, at 11.00 a.m.

‘Causes and Solutions’

INFORMATION SESSION
“How Our Brain Processes Information & the effects on Listening, Learning & Behaviour”

Date: Saturday 11 June 2011
Time: 1.00 – 2.30 p.m.
Venu: All Degrees Health Clinic
294 Buckley St, Essendon
Cost: No fee charged
Bookings are essential as seating is limited
Phone: (03) 9331 0951
Hello Everyone,
It is absolutely wonderful to see all our children back from a well deserved break, and everyone seems to have had lots of fun.

We are in for a very busy term. Last week we started off activities relating to the Royal Wedding but because of the short week we could not get everything done. This week we are into Mother’s Day craft and hope to get them done by the end of the week.

Also this week, Kelly Sports will conduct their first lesson of Multiskills on Tuesday and “Jack” who will be back by popular request will conduct three lessons on Thursdays on Drama Sports and then we will have to say goodbye to him as he leaves for USA. For the next four Thursdays we will have Fencing with Fencing Victoria. I have also been successful in obtaining a grant from the sports commission for new sports equipment which will arrive shortly in OSHC.

Another very interesting happening this term is making a large “Skate Park”. Sean is the Project Manager/Architect assisted by the children. We are currently collecting building materials and any shoe boxes etc are most welcome.

There will also be cooking lessons on Wednesdays starting next week.

Finally I would like to introduce a new staff member Laura D’Augello, a student of Melbourne University working permanently on Wednesdays. Tom Hilton will be working every Tuesday and Thursday afternoons as usual. So we look forward to an exciting term filled with activities and loads of fun.

Dee and the OSHC team.

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

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**French Club @ AVPS**

**WEDNESDAYS 3.30pm – 4.30pm**

- Drama, games, and songs to learn French
- Weekly activity sheets and vocab lists
- Membership packs available to every enrolled child
- Free annual subscription to Babelzone, our cool interactive website for French learners
- $19/week all inclusive
- Sibling discounts apply

Enquiries: Jim Callahan
jim.callahan@lcfclubs.com.au
0432 719 034

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**Chess Coaching**

**Where:** Ascot Vale Primary Library

**When:** Wednesdays 3.30pm – 4.15pm
11th May to 29th June 2011

**Cost:** 12% discount for Cash Payments - $75 Cash or $85 Cheque - per child.

**Benefits:** Strategic thinking, improved self esteem, attention span in class, lateral thinking, team work, analytical skills.

We cater for all skill levels! Each week different lessons are taught & games are played. A trophy is awarded to the “Best & Fairest” player, and a Silver badge to 2nd place and a Bronze badge to 3rd place at the end of term. To enrol your child please make payment (per child) of $75 cash or $85 by Tuesday 10th May. Cheques made payable to “Hooton Consulting Pty Ltd”

For more information contact Phil from Checkmate Chess Coaching on 0390295962 or 0421 901 530
www.lifecoaches.com.au

Forward this section with your payment to your school office.

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**Child’s Full Name:** __________
**Grade:** ______
**School:** __________

**Payment Due:** Tuesday 10th May.

$75 cash: ☐ or $85 cheque: ☐
Name Pavers

Ascot Vale Primary School

(fundraising project)

Your name will go down in history and be a permanent reminder of the time you spent at AVPS!

INDIVIDUAL PAVER
Your donation of $30.00 entitles YOU to have your name engraved into a paver as a lasting record of your valued support. The paver will be permanently installed in September 2011

OPTION 1: Standard name as per engraving details below.

Engraving details: Please print clearly in block letters. Each square represents one letter, number, space or punctuation mark. (34 max)

OPTION 2: Free hand writing.

Complete details on paper attached, using a 2mm BLACK felt pen only. MUST be completed on paver sized template only.

Simply fill out this form and return with full payment by cheque (made payable to Ascot Vale Primary School), cash or credit card details:

ASCOT VALE PRIMARY SCHOOL
BANK STREET, ASCOT VALE. VIC. 3039

Contact Name: ........................................................................................................................................

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Individual paver Option 1: ☐ Option 2: ☐

Offer closes on the 31st July 2011

ASCOT VALE PRIMARY SCHOOL needs your support!

A unique and lasting record of your support.
For further information please contact:

email: collins@cooperpr.com.au

Yvonne: Hawthorn Secondary College, 47 Dawson St, Brunswick

Colin Cope 0419 466 900

and a welcome message from one of the Hockeyroos or Kookaburras.

Every participant can receive a participation pack which includes a fold out backcard

of the Hockeyroos (2009 world Young Player of the Year).

(Photographed of the Kookaburras four times world Player of the Year) Casey Eastham

Casey Eastham is a successful young hockey player and is sponsored by

Hockey Australia Hockey School such as Jamie Dwyer.

Australian Hockey Player such as Jamie Dwyer

with the opportunity to learn basic hockey

HockeyAustralia Hockey Program to provide children

Hockey programs to provide children

Hockey Victoria is running the

Hockey Victoria is running the

After over four thousand excited youngsters

safe and fun environment.

Hockey Victoria is running a Hockey Hockeyschool Program in 2011.

Hockey Victoria and Hockey Australia are excited to announce that the Brunswick

HELP BRUNSWICK HOCKEY CLUB FIND AUSTRALIA’S NEXT HOCKEY STAR
We’re having a Party and you’re invited!

What:
Mums’ Night Out! 2011

When:
7.30pm Friday 13th May 2011

Where:
Fredericks, 980 Mt Alexander Road, Essendon

Why:
Because we can & because ALL mums deserve a break!

What’s Included:
Cocktail party, food, drinks (including wine, beer, bubbles & soft drinks), mini massages, prizes, giveaways, entertainment, fun, dancing, laughing, a gift for you & much more ...

Cost:
For you ... $69 per person. Enter code: mno2011b# when you book online (real price is $74 per person)

Can’t wait to see you there!

From: Mad Cow (Amanda) and Real Mums

RSVP Sunday May 8th 2011

Bookings Essential!

Phone: 0414 548 103
Email: info@mumsnightout.com.au
Visit: www.mumsnightout.com.au

Or Print, complete the info below, cut off the slip & send to:
PO Box 1060, MOONEE PONDS VIC 3039

Please book me for ______ ticket/s @ $74 $69 per person = $_______

Name: ________________________________________________________________
Address: _______________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________ Postcode: ________

Phone/s: ___________________________ email: _____________________________

Card: □ Visa □ Mastercard
Name on card: _________________________________________________________
Card Number: _________________________________________________________
CSV: ___ ___ __________ Expiry: ___ / ___

□ Cheque or Money Order (payable to “Real Mums”) to:
PO Box 1060, MOONEE PONDS VIC 3039
YOU ARE INVITED

Prep – Year 12 Autism Spectrum Disorder Educational Provision Consultation

Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD)

Western Metropolitan Region (WMR)

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) is committed to ensuring, that within its resources, students with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) will be able to access the educational option that best meets their needs. As part of the WMR regional strategic ASD plan, a scoping study is being conducted to inform Prep – Year 12 ASD educational provision in WMR.

As a key component of this scoping study, parents are invited to take part in a consultation process to provide feedback. An independent provider, Grant Thornton, has been contracted to coordinate the scoping study including the consultation process. Feedback can be provided personally (both verbally and in written form) through a community forum and /or through completion of an on line survey.

The on line survey can be accessed at http://www.education.vic.gov.au/region/western/

Closing date – May 27, 2011

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If you would like to attend a forum, please express your interest by emailing wmro@edumail.vic.gov.au with your:

Name and preferred contact details and please indicate your preferred forum date

You will receive confirmation of your registration either by email or verbally.

If you have questions or comment regarding the consultations please phone 9291 6500