



ASCOT NEWS

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Term 2 Key Dates (Please keep for future reference)

6 May	Concert – Planet X – Clocktower Centre 6.30pm
7 May	School Banking
8 May	Mother's Day stall
12 – 14 May	NAPLAN testing
13 May	Unit 1 & 2 Assembly
18 May	School Council & sub-committee meetings
20 May	Unit 3 Assembly
27 May	Unit 4 Assembly
29 May	Parent Rep meeting/ Special lunch day
3 June	Unit 5 Assembly
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
17 June	Units 1 & 2 Assembly
24 June	Unit 3 Assembly
25 June	Student Reports sent home
26 June	Winter sport ends Parent Rep meeting/ Special lunch day 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

Congratulations to all the children who entered the Cross Country competition last week. You competed well and tried your best. Well done everyone. Thank you Susie for organising training at Aberfeldie Park and for coaching our competitors. Thank you also to Tania and Michael for supporting our team.

Delicious tacos were provided by the Parent Reps at last Friday's Special Lunch Day. Your time and effort providing this food is appreciated and the tacos were eaten up very quickly and enjoyed! Our next Parent Rep meeting and lunch day is on Friday 29 May. As suggested by the SRC, we are tasting foods from other countries on treat days. The Education Department has introduced a Healthy Food policy into all Victorian schools and the special lunches provided to children follow these guidelines. You may have received a survey asking for parent opinion regarding birthday celebrations at school. This information is being collected in relation to the Healthy Foods policy that AVPS, and all other schools, are asked to adopt this year.

The concert tomorrow evening is looming large in our calendar this week. The children have been practising continually to prepare for this event and it promises to be lots of fun and fly through Space to the Moon, Planet X and beyond!
May the Force be with us!!

Joanne Roberts, Principal
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From the Assistant Principal

NAPLAN

The national Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests for students in grades 3 and 5 will be held next week; Tuesday 12th May, Wednesday 13th May and Thursday 14th May 2009. The NAPLAN tests are conducted by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) on behalf of the Ministerial Council on Education, Employment, Training and Youth Affairs (MCEETYA).

The results of the test provide diagnostic information for parents and teachers about a child's performance in Literacy and Numeracy. This information can be used to support teaching and learning programs and improve student achievement. If your child has a disability which needs special consideration or has been learning English for less than one year, please discuss with me or your child's teacher whether or not your child should undertake the test.

Later in the year, you will receive your child's personal NAPLAN report. The report will describe your child's particular skills in reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy. The report will also show how your child performed in relation to national minimum standards. These describe minimum acceptable standards for students across Australia.

The information that you receive as a result of your child's participation in the NAPLAN tests will hopefully be valuable in supporting you to assess your child's progress in Literacy and Numeracy.

For more information about the tests, please visit the VCAA website at www.vcaa.vic.edu.au or the NAPLAN website at www.naplan.edu.au

Walking School Bus

Unfortunately we will be unable to offer this service. Many thanks go to the Wingate community centre and local council who have tried to help us find volunteers.

Student Birthdays this week

Tyson M – Unit 2 – who turns 8 on the 5th May
Ella Z – Unit 3 – who turns 7 on the 7th May
Phoebe B – Unit 2 – who turns 7 on the 10th May
Roland W – Unit 4 – who turns 9 on the 10th May

I'll see you all at the Clocktower on Wednesday.
Wishing my mum and all other Mums a Happy Mother's Day.

Michael Downing, Assistant Principal
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School Council

The 2008 AVPS Annual Report is available from the general office. All interested families may request a copy.

Each year School Council sets a Voluntary Levy of \$100 that families may donate to the Building, Library or Student Sponsorship funds. Letters thanking families who made donations have been sent out and the school community thanks them for the following donations:

Building Fund	\$1650.00
Library Fund	\$700.00
Student Sponsorship	\$600.00

The next full meeting of School Council is Monday 18 May, 7 pm, in the staffroom. Please note that observers and visitors are always welcome at any School Council meeting.

Joanne

CONCERT TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Tickets for Planet X can be purchased from the Clocktower Centre ticket box, 750 Mt Alexander Rd, Moonee Ponds. 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. Students need to be at the Clocktower centre by 5.45 pm please.**

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.)

Please note that tickets are not being held as a reservation for each family. You must go to the Clocktower Centre to purchase tickets if your family is attending the concert next Wednesday 6 May.

Writing @ Ascot Vale PS

Writing this week is from Daniel Baptie in Unit 4. This is not an original piece, Daniel has copied it from the whiteboard and he has done a fine job. After an initial tentative start, Daniel demonstrates that he is nearly in full control of the secretarial side of writing. On the reverse side of the sheet, there is original work by Daniel. He has been working on the 'are' sound as in 'hair'. Again Daniel has made a fine attempt at spelling these words.

Lost Property

Are you looking for that missing jumper?
Can't find those old tracksuit pants?
Searching desperately for a school hat or perhaps some socks? LOOK NO FURTHER. Lost property is full to overflowing. Lost property is located on the clothing rack outside Unit 2. Walk on by and see what you can find.

Bookfair

Next week is bookfair time again. Flyers will be sent home this week giving out times of business. This year there will be an opportunity for people to purchase books for fire affected schools and we will be donating a portion of our profit to these schools. So please come along next week and support our Bookfair.

Cross Country 2009

On Wednesday the 29th of April we took 28 children down to Aberfeldie Cross Country Track to compete against nine other schools. The weather conditions were perfect for the races as the children were expected to run 2km or 3kms depending on their age group. I was very impressed with the determination our athletes showed and all students from AVPS completed their event. It was a big call for Isabella Gilbert who only had her plaster removed a month before the event, but she would not be deterred and finished the race in style. Congratulations to all students who competed on the day and to our emergencies who trained alongside the team and were ready to fill in if required. Many thanks to the parents who supported the team and their children. Once again a special thank you to Susi Strasser for her endless hours of training and her passion for the team. Time to start preparing for the Soccer tournament in June and then onto the athletics carnival next term.

Tania Crook.



Walk Safely to School Day

Friday May 15th is National Walk Safely to school day. This day is to promote the benefits of walking and to help create regular walking habits from an early age. Not only does walking to school help children to develop vital road crossing skills but it may just make them think about reducing car dependency!

On May the 15th we encourage you and your kids to walk to school. If the distance is just too far think about parking a little way away from school and finishing your journey on foot.

We look forward to the sound of footsteps on Friday May 15th!

Mothers Day

Devonshire Afternoon Tea Reminder

Function will be held this Friday 8th May between 2.30pm to 3.30pm in the hall. RSVP's along with money are to be returned no later than Wednesday 6th May. Numbers are required for catering purposes. **Mothers Day Stall** on Friday at Lunchtime then after school 3.30 to 4.30pm. Presents will be from \$1.00 to \$5.00. Fundraising Committee.

FITZROY HIGH SCHOOL

Open Afternoon

Thursday 7 May 1.30 - 6.30pm

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.

Attending the open afternoon will offer prospective students and their families the opportunity to see the school in action;

Take a tour of the school with student guides

Learn about the personalised approach we take to educating our students

Hear from our careers counsellor about post compulsory options

Explore the new building and hear about the next stage in the development of our school grounds

Join us for afternoon tea in the new building and experience the healthy eating approach we take through our canteen and kitchen garden

More information available at www.fitzroyhs.vic.edu.au



Uniform Shop

The next date for the Uniform Shop is this **Thursday 7 May** 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.

Free Fruit Friday Help Roster

Thank you to all the parents who have offered to help on Fridays. There are still a few dates free, so if you are able to help, please select a date or dates, and hand in the roster with your details into the office, or call me on 0402 017 178. You can also just come to the canteen after drop off.

Maria

DATE	NAME & CONTACT DETAILS
FRI 22/05/09	
FRI 19/06/09	

ICAS 2009 Assessments for Schools

If you would like your child(ren) to sit these exams please collect a form from the office and have ALL fees to the office by this Friday 8 May 2009. Information is available at the website: www.eaa.unsw.edu.au Please note that the school will not be processing any fees after this date.

VICTORIAN COLLEGE OF THE ARTS SECONDARY COLLEGE

Excellence in Arts- Victoria's premier school for young dancers and musicians.

Auditions for entry 2010

Dance audition applications close 27 July

Music audition applications close 17 August

School information morning Wed 13 May 9-11 am
Phone 9685 9320

www.vcass.vic.edu.au



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 Park Secondary College Information

Evening. Primary school students and their parents are invited to attend an information evening which will provide an opportunity to learn more about our programs and to tour the school. Primary students will be able to work with some of our teachers and students by participating in some fun activities. Parents will be able to meet current parents of young people at Debney and discuss all of the issues surrounding the selection of a secondary school.

Wednesday 13 May 2009

7:00 to 9:00pm, followed by light refreshments

Debney Park Secondary College Library

167-175 Mt. Alexander Road, Flemington 3031

RSVP to Hue Borzini on 9376 1622 or

Borzini.hue.v@edumail.vic.gov.au

OSHC NEWS THIS WEEK

'we make kids smile'



- Monday – "AASP" Basketball
- Tuesday – Playground Games
- Wednesday – "ACP" Volleyball
- Thursday - Octopus
- Friday – Kids Choice

Hello, this week our active aftercare program starts with basketball on Mondays and Volleyball on Wednesdays. So come along and learn a new sport with professional coaches. The rest of the week will be fun too, with lots of fun activities and snacks for all!

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 Coaching



Have fun learning Chess!

Where: Ascot Vale Primary School Library

When: Wednesdays 3.30pm – 4.15pm
29th Apr to 17th Jun 2009

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 cheque prior to Wednesday 29th April**. Cheques made payable to "Hooton Consulting Pty Ltd"

For more information contact **Phil** from
Checkmate Chess Coaching on
9598 2006 or **0421 901 530**
www.lifecoaches.com.au

Forward this section with your payment to your school office.

Child's Full Name: _____

Grade: _____

School: _____

Payment Due: Wednesday 29th April

\$75 cash: **or** **\$85 cheque:**

Deadline for Newsletter Articles

Articles can be submitted to the school via email in a word document format for direct insertion into the Newsletter, preferably by Friday. Please note the absolute deadline for all Newsletter articles is midday on the Monday prior to the publishing date.