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From The Principal

I had a wonderful time on Friday and enjoyed joining into the classroom ‘olden day’ activities and all the fun of the Fair! Thank you everyone for your participation and support for our celebration of our school and its long history. Ascot Vale PS had over 80 past students who visited on Friday to view the timeline in the corridor and to share their experiences of learning here. Two visitors, Albert and Jock, were in their 90’s! They attended AVPS in the 1920’s. Our year 5 and 6 volunteer tour guides did a great job and received many compliments at the end of their tours. A job well done and thanks to Fiona, Helen, James C, James M, Jessica, Louisa, Mariama, Paul, Sahra, Sarah, Sophie, Tiana, Wooley and Zoe from Units 1, 3 and 5. MVIMP and piano performers added some musical ambience to the festivities so I thank them too! The choir have their place in our history now as the first performers to use the new stage in the Learning Studio. I’m sure all the tutors and parents join me in feeling proud of all the children’s performances.

The reaction to the refurbishment of the library into our new Learning Studio has been very positive and exciting. Our builders will put the finishing touches to the facility over the school holidays and we will then begin to move into it. Did you catch the delightful DVD screening in there? It was produced under the expert direction of Andrea Day, parent of Gabriella in Unit 1, with the help of her film crew: Gabriella, Sian, Emily, Julian, Stevo, Lachlan and Hannah. It is a lovely amalgamation of our 1926 AVPS film and the school activities of today. We will be launching the film at an upcoming assembly and making the DVD available to interested families in term 2.

If you pass Danielle, Linda and Demi, our fundraising committee coordinators, and Cheryl, our School Council President, please pass on your thanks too for the wonderful work they did leading the organisation of the Fair and the anniversary! I am told that the committee, with a lot of parent help from the Units, raised over $5,000.00 last Friday. I think this is an amazing effort and I thank you all sincerely for your combined hard work and contribution to the school. Last, by no means least, I would like to thank the 125th anniversary committee for their work and ongoing ideas. Cheryl, Demi, Kathy, Danielle, Linda, Michelle, Julie, Jan, Andrea, Martine and Anne (past parent of AVPS). Anne spent quite a few days here at school putting up the display and liaising with the Essendon Historical Society on our behalf. Her particular help added so much to the corridor display, so thank you Anne.

As one bit of our building project comes to an end, the final section begins. The main office is also to be refurbished as part of the BER building project. It will involve temporarily relocating our office area to the staffroom for the beginning of term 2 as the office spaces for Janet, Michael and myself are repositioned. We will be packing boxes and moving all our furniture throughout this week. The furniture removalists will do most of the moving on Friday 8 April, the last day of term. It would help us considerably if you would finalise all office enquiries and payments by Thursday 7 April. Your consideration around this matter would be appreciated. Where we will to be able to meet with parents and students as needed, please remember we will be busy packing!

For your information and planning, the new building is due to be finished mid-June and all site works finished by the end of term two. I cannot wait ☺!

I wish all students and families a very happy term 1 holiday and I look forward to hearing all your news when term resumes on Wednesday 27 April, 9 a.m. Please note there is an early dismissal time this Friday 8 April at 2.30 p.m. An assembly is planned (weather permitting) for 2pm on Friday.

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

From The Assistant Principal

Happy Birthday this week:
Kit U1, Jackson U2, Lydia U3,
Catherine U3, Rebecca U5, Lochie U4

I hope all of the students enjoy their break.
Michael Downing - Assistant Principal
downing.michael.j@edumail.vic.gov.au
Year 6 into Year 7 2012
Wednesday 6 April, 7 p.m.
INFORMATION EVENING TONIGHT
Meet Julie Clarke in the Learning Studio

Julie will provide information to parents about the process, timeline and application process for students transitioning from primary school into secondary school in 2012. Please come along to this information session if you have a current Year 6 student at the school.

Positive Feedback following our Open Day and Fair....  An email from a visitor
Good morning Joanne,

As a past student who travelled from Ballarat to attend your celebrations on Friday 1 April. I feel it is important to give you some very positive feedback. I was extremely impressed with the contribution from yourself, your staff and students making the day a very pleasurable and a positive experience. On my arrival I was met by a staff member who quickly made me feel at home, in turn I was introduced to three grade six students who escorted me around the premises, ensuring all areas were visited.

The attitude of these young ladies was impeccable; they were enthusiastic, great ambassadors and extremely polite making me feel very special for the day. Young people are often criticised and pigeon holed negatively. This is incorrect in fact they are the most valuable and natural resource this country has.

My visit to your school reinforced the importance of primary education as the foundation for learning, my experience was a very positive one renewing old friendships and reinforcing the importance primary education is developing future vocational choices.

You have left a very positive impression on me and I thank all who were involved in making this very special. Thank you.

Kind regards
Bill Gorman
Head, Department of Community Services.
University of Ballarat

SRC Fundraising ‘Blue Day’
The SRC has organised ‘Blue Day’ to raise funds for Australian flood victims. Unit SRC reps would like everyone at school on Friday 8 April (last day of Term 1) to come dressed in BLUE (for water) and bring a gold coin donation. The SRC will send all money raised from this activity to the charities organising flood relief for families in the affected areas. Thankyou.

Fundraising UPDATE
OLDEN DAY FAIR
We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the teachers and all members of the AVPS Community for their help in donating goods for the Olden Day Fair (we sure have some amazing bakers amongst the AVPS community), for assisting teachers in the unit stall preparations (it was obvious the lollies & lucky dips were a favorite), and to all those people who worked on all the stalls throughout the fair (some didn't get a break). It was a hugely successful event as a result of everyone's hard work. A BIG THANKYOU.

A special thanks to Tim (Barnaby's Dad) who was treasurer throughout the fair. He was kept very busy.....with the success of the fair we raised just under $5500.00. A great result.

Congratulations to all those who won raffle prizes. Thanks to the donations from the local community we had 9 prizes in total. I'm sure you'll all agree the school looked amazing and the atmosphere was buzzing. Well done to all those who dressed up, everyone looked great. It was lovely to see so many past AVPS students, teachers and neighbours from the local community.

ICY POLES
To end the school term we will be selling icy poles outside the canteen at 2.30pm on Friday 8/4/11 last day of term for $1.00 each. See you there.

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 memorable sticker to celebrate 125 yrs; so something to be kept as a momentum 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 6/5/11. Notes will go out this week.
So kids SHHHH SHHHH don’t tell mum. Make sure you save up your pocket money so you can purchase a great Mother’s Day gift for your mum this Mother’s Day. All mum’s, grandmas, aunts etc are welcome for afternoon tea. It’s always a lovely afternoon.

Thankyou Everyone. We look forward to a busy second term with lots of exciting events.
Enjoy the holidays.

Fundraising Committee.

Raffle ticket refunds
Unfortunately due to human error some raffle tickets that were returned to your child’s unit on Friday morning were not sent to the office so were not put into Friday nights raffle draw. These refunds have already been returned to your child. As you can appreciate Friday was a busy day for the teachers and these tickets and money did not reach the office until Monday morning. We sincerely apologise and have spoken to all those concerned to ensure this does not happen again.

Thankyou for your understanding. We look forward to you supporting further fundraising events.

Writing
This week’s writing contributions are from Samuel & Emmanuel in U4.

Please remember when reading this work that these are ‘1st drafts’ which require some attention to spelling & punctuation.

While the writing genre that has been receiving most attention in our classrooms this term has been ‘Persuasive Texts’ this does not mean other genre are being ignored, just that PT has been the main focus.

Premier’s Reading Challenge.

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Now that the excitement of last week’s festivities is behind us, could parents/carers please return the form below so that students can become part of the PRC asap.

I have included the web-address, this will be handy for recording books read, also as a reference if looking for book options from ‘the list’

Once students have been assigned a password, it is very easy to record progress on each child’s page, please see me if difficulties are encountered.


I wish to enroll my child in the 2011 Premiers reading Challenge.

Child’s name…………………………………………………………

Unit……………………

I give/no not give permission for my child’s name to be published in The Sunday Age at the conclusion of the Challenge.

Parent’s Signature……………………………………………………

Crossing Safety
I am sure families have heard the very sad news of the death of a young student at Kensington Primary School at the school crossing. The Prep student pressed the button at the crossing but did not wait for the lights to change to enable him to cross safely. He wrongly assumed that pressing the crossing button was all he needed to do before he could step onto the road. I agree with concerned parents here that a reminder about how to cross safely at lights is a good idea for all students. Please check that your child has a clear understanding of crossing safety, particularly if they regularly cross Mt Alexander or Ascot Roads to come to school.

I have rung Kensington PS to express our sincere sympathy over this tragic accident. Joanne

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’
For further information about G.A.T.E.WAYS please go to www.gateways.edu.au
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Uniform Shop
The first Thursday of the month is 7 April. 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

EDUCATIONAL MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA) CHEQUES ARE IN THE OFFICE AND AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION. Please see Viv or Heather to collect your cheque.

OSHC NEWS THIS WEEK
‘we make kids smile’

Hello everyone
We have come to the end the first term and it has gone very quickly too. It is great to see all our preps feeling very much at home both at school and in OSHC too. So we will not be taking them or picking them up from their class room from term 2. We have put this to test since last week and it seem to be working. Anyway the parents have nothing to worry, as we will look out for them if they didn’t turn up within five minutes after the bell.

I would also like to apologise on behalf of the sports commission that runs the Active After School Care sessions for being unable to conduct Hockey Lessons on some of the Thursdays as promised. The Tuesday Cricket lessons were enjoyed by all our children. I will make every effort to see to the continuity of these activities.

Please make not of the early finish on the last day of term and OSHC will commence early and go on till 6p.m. There will be an end of Term, Easter Party and if anyone is interested in attending on the last day of Term you can call me on 0423 795 247

I take this opportunity to thank everyone once again for a fantastic term. Tom, Sean and myself wish you all happy and safe holidays as we look forward to an exciting second Term.

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
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.

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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: ..........................................................................................................................................................

Address: .................................................................................................................................................................

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We want to unit 2 because Fiona want to camp in the Kate Thrst. and we want to unite two and two. The best thing is we want to outside with Marical.

Immanuel

Samuel

28/3/11

Last week I went to camp in Lorn. Grade 4A went grade 2 when to unit 2. The fast day we went in the surf to bogi bod. After we were very ried.