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2012 Key Dates

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ON TIME AT 9
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
A reminder that parent nomination forms for School Council close this Friday 9 March, 4 pm! Come to the office if you need help or have any questions.

Tonight we are holding the first of our meetings with parents to discuss your child’s learning for 2012. Our intention is to gather information and suggestions from you around interests, next steps and possible learning goals for your child as well as letting you know how the children have settled into school, particularly if they are in Prep groups or have changed Units this year. As we heard from some Unit 4 students at assembly yesterday, the children themselves are involved in setting their own learning goals at the moment and you might like to ask what they have indicated so far. To meet with everyone within a reasonable time frame this evening, interviews are scheduled for 10 minutes only. If you find you need to continue discussing your child, please make a follow up appointment before leaving so that others are not kept unduly waiting for their appointment. Tonight teachers would like to briefly meet everyone. By appointment, staff always make themselves available for longer meetings as the need arises.

At School Council last week, it was decided that we would operate a Grounds subcommittee this year to continue yard and garden projects following our building program last year. The School Council has plans to plant out all garden beds to stop bark spilling onto our oval and pathways, mulch and weed around the school and to establish more veggie plots for Units around the chicken shed. If you work in the landscaping or nursery industry and would like to quote for this work or be involved on the committee, please let me know. We are ready to get going with this work and parent support, as interested, would be appreciated and helpful.

Congratulations to our new student leaders in the SRC and those beginning their role as Peer Mediators. Daniel, from Stride, congratulated the students and the school for the group of children he trained as our Peer Mediators. He complimented them on their confidence and maturity as a group and he thinks we will have some very capable young people leading in the yard at recesses. Thank you Fiona and Michael for your work getting this new leadership program up and running. I look forward to watching these students working and helping others.

Good luck to the AVPS Swim Team who will compete against other local schools this Friday. I hope you do well and enjoy this competition.

Joanne Roberts
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From The Assistant Principal

TRAVEL TO SCHOOL SURVEY
The City of Moonee Valley is conducting a survey of all school children at AVPS and their parents to find out more about how children travel to school. The survey is designed to find out about danger spots around the school so that council can decide how to spend money in future budgets on local infrastructure, such as crossings, footpaths and cycle paths.

The City of Moonee Valley wants to make it easier for children to be able to walk and cycle to school and this survey will help by identifying areas where improvements are needed. The council has engaged a sustainable transport consultancy, UrbanTrans, to run the survey. Students have completed a survey each within their class last week.

We would strongly encourage all parents to complete the online survey so we can get your views. Link to the online survey: http://mooneevalleyschoolsurveys.com/ascot-vale-primary-school.html

If you have any questions about the survey, please contact the UrbanTrans project manager, David Meiklejohn on meiklejohn@urbantrans-anz.com or 0448 710 050.

AVPS SWIMMING TEAM
Last Friday morning at 7.45am, 35 AVPS students participated in our swimming team trials. Thank you to all of the students and parents who turned up and ‘had a go.’ I was really impressed. We have now confirmed our swimming team who will represent all of us this Friday 9th March at Queen’s Park Pool from 9.30am.

Our team includes: Kara U1, Elsie, Rosie, Emma, Nicholas L, Samuel, Nick K & Tom U2, Gemma & Madeleine U3, Olivia, Jaslyn, Lukas and Luke U4, Zoe, Rachel, Will, Freddie, Daniel & Ewan U5. Congratulations on making the team. If you can make it, come and cheer & support our team this Friday.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK
Happy birthday to: Barnaby U3, Stephanie U1, Aaron U5, Teagan U4, Udayeeka U2 & Ryder U1.
Get active and have fun!

Take the challenge and do 30 minutes of exercise for 30 days between 19 March and 30 April 2012. It’s fun, it’s free and it’s a great way to get healthy and active. Plus, you’ll receive exclusive discounts and offers, help, advice and tips along the way and the chance to win fantastic prizes. Register now! Visit http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/challenge

Participants are eligible for rewards such as:
- 20 free YMCA passes*
- 15% off at Rebel Sport*
- one free child Melbourne Aquarium pass*
- one free child National Sports Museum pass*

Michael Downing – Assistant Principal
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2012 Curriculum Days for AVPS (Pupil Free)

Report Writing Day Friday 8 June
Staff Prof. Devt. Day Wednesday 22 August

At the end of 2011, a local calendar was printed and distributed to families. It erroneously lists AVPS curriculum days for 16 April and 27 June 2012. Please note the dates included in this newsletter as the correct curriculum day dates.

School Council has endorsed a change to usual school day to accommodate our Student Lead conferences this year. On Wednesday 25 July 2012, students will only be required at school to attend their conference (similar to the way we organise Prep Assessments throughout February). The school day will run from 10 am – 7.30 pm for staff and families. Childcare will be organised for families that require this service on that day. More information will follow closer to this date.

Writing @ Ascot Vale PS

Poppy has been discussing the role of “voice” in students’ writing. She has used Goldilocks as the vehicle for her students to visualise themselves in this role, clarify her character and then go on to produce these two fabulous pieces of writing which we have in the Newsletter today. Well done Teagan and Luke. Marg

Fresh Fruit Friday

Our Children are fortunate to receive fresh fruit in their units each Friday thanks to a Government Grant. All we need to prepare it is about 20 minutes of parent help in the canteen from 9.00am. Each unit is rostered twice per term. Please see your parent rep/s if you can help, or just turn up.

This week, 9th March, Unit 2 parents
Next week, 16th March, Unit 2 parents

SRC Fundraiser

This term the SRC would like to help homeless animals at the RSPCA. The SRC will be raising money for the RSPCA by holding a Drawing Competition. You need to draw an animal and entry to the competition is $2.00. All entries need to be given to a SRC Rep in your unit, by Friday 16th March and the winners will be announced at assembly on Monday 19th March.

Thank you, SRC Committee

Uniform Shop

The Uniform shop opens in the School Hall on the first Thursday of every Month. However, the next scheduled opening is Thursday 19th April 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.

Please Note: The store will be closed between Wednesday 21 December 2011 – Monday 2 January 2012 (Inclusive) for Christmas and will re-open from Tuesday 3rd January 2012.
Walking School Bus News

VOLUNTEER WALKERS NEEDED
If you have 30 mins to spare one morning a week and you come from the south side of AVPS, please consider being a volunteer for the Walking School Bus. In order to get the second route started from Wingate community centre to school, we need at least two more volunteers. If there are more volunteers we can do this route on multiple days. Again, please contact me if you require more information.

I am contactable on thampotter@bigpond.com or 0412023688 or 93842448.

School Photos – 20th March
Envelopes will be going home today for School Photos. This year they have been redesigned to offer parents the option of paying by credit card and have a detachable order form for family photos. Please note the Family Photo Order form must be handed to the school office. If your family photo order form is sealed into the payment envelope the family photo will not be taken.

Ascot Vale Primary School

OSHC phone: 0423 795 247
Coordinator: Dee Seneviratne

REMINDERS

How to get started before using our programs you must register online for an account. Registering is quick and easy. Visit our website to begin www.campaaustralia.com.au. Once registered you can make bookings and cancellations, view your statements and manage your details anytime of the day online. Keep in mind we are able to take bookings at short notice to help busy families. Save on Care You can save 50% or more on Before and After School Care fees with the non-means tested Child Care Rebate. Almost all families are eligible. To find out more call our Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343 Monday to Friday.

OSHC NEWS

Hope everyone had a great weekend. I did have a fabulous time at the cricket on Friday Night and a very big thank you to Tom, Connie and Sam who had done a fantastic job in my absence. It is also wonderful to have Tom back from his holiday in South America and the children are enjoying his company once again.

This week we will continue the craft activities in the past weeks, so that they can be completed before we introduce new ones. It is also good to see the homework club picking up momentum - very proud of the children who were keen to get the job done.

The soccer on Tuesday afternoon is very popular amongst the older children and so we’ve organised group games suitable for the younger children in that time. Zumba will take place on Thursday.

Wishing everyone a fun filled happy week.

Dee and the OSHC team.

WHAT’S ON THIS WEEK AT OSHC

| MONDAY | Cricket Match |
| TUESDAY | Kelly Sports - Soccer |
| WEDNESDAY | Cooking – Honey Joys |
| THURSDAY | Zumba |
| FRIDAY | Sticks and Connectors Competition |
NUMERACY NEWS

Problems to solve at home.

MAGIC SQUARES!

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In a magic square rows, columns and diagonals all have the same total.

All the rows, columns and diagonals in this magic square add up to 15.

Suzy is ten years older than Billy, and next year she will be twice as old as Billy. How old are they now?

answers to last week’s problems

1) $9+8+7+6+5+4+3+2+1 = 99$  -> 7 addition signs.

2) $9+8+7+6+5+43+21 = 99$  -> 6 addition signs.

The number of Bean Bags is 55.

We will be entering the Mathematics Challenge this year. This is for mathematicians in years 5 and 6. Be watching here next week for details. If you like the challenges of problem solving please enter.
Mums’ Night Out! 2012

featuring

An Unexpected Variety Show

When: Friday 13th April 2012

Where: The Butterfly Club, South Melbourne

What:

You are welcomed with a glass of wine, then sit back and be entertained by the hilarious Brisbane comedian and mum to three Jenny Wynter with

An Unexpected Variety Show

Then, join us upstairs for an evening of fun, laughter, dancing, food, more fun, more laughing and even more dancing ...

Cost:

Show Only ticket (includes drink on arrival)
$39 per person

VIP Ticket (includes drink on arrival, seat at the Show, and the “after party”)
$64 per person

Bookings Essential
Tickets are strictly limited and must be purchased by Sunday April 1st 2012

Visit: www.mumsnightout.com.au
Phone: 0414 548 103

or see Amanda Cox (Mum to Matthew U5 and Jamie U1)
There were tigers again, so I ran home and never went back. I tried, but you can't see to the bed. I went to sleep and woke up.

The chair and the glass of drink were still there. After all that, I was so hungry, so I jumped on the three big pillows of portridge. By the time they got one, they had really cleaned it. I went in to the kitchen and went for a bee and my feet were dripping sticky. I felt the warm wood in my hands. I wanted my room was still bad, and felt was covered in dust. My house was still bad, and felt was covered in dust.

Thought the dark window, the house was nice, all clean and smart man of all. Everybody was hungry, so I jumped in you a fella our they have feet there. Dog. My dog is not a very. I never ever enter a house in the woods unless it give a house, my father wants a small house in the woods. The really hungry, I wanted just a small house in the wood.
Dates to Remember

Grade 5/6 Camp - Monday 26th March to Wednesday 28th March
Grade 3/4 Camp – Wednesday 28th March to Friday 30th March

The first deposit of $100 to confirm placement should have been paid by now. Please make sure any outstanding deposits are paid by 9th March. This helps us organise buses, staffing, activity groups and budgets. If your child is not attending camp please inform the Unit Teachers.

The final payment of $90 Grade 5/6 or $75 Grade 3/4 is due by Monday 19th March.

If you have any payment concerns, please speak to Michael or Joanne by no later than 9th March.

Monday 27th February: $100 deposit, green permission note and medical form due.
Monday 19th March: $90 (Grade 5/6) balance due
                $75 (Grade 3/4) balance due.