## 2012 Key Dates

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From The Principal

As the teachers settle the children back into the school routine, our first inquiry topic is ‘Wellness’ with the essential question of ‘How do we know when we are well?’ Different age levels will focus differently within this broad area of study and share their findings with others in their Units and at assembly. A particular emphasis upon the Habits of Mind Managing Impulsivity, Taking Responsible Risks and Finding Humour form part of this unit of work.

The school welcomes back to AVPS after leave, Poppy, in Unit 4, and Christina, to the office. We welcome Bianca to her first year at the school as a classroom teacher working in Unit 1 with our Year 2/3/4 students. Staff spent the first two days of their term planning and preparing lessons with our new curriculum scope and sequence document. Other integrated curriculum topics for 2012 include ‘Take Care of the Land’ and ‘Our Global Classroom’. AVPS continues as an Asian Education Project school and this work will involve us weaving studies of Asia and Australia within the Asian Region into our curriculum. As usual, we will publish a curriculum edition of the newsletter as each new topic begins.

Please come along to the Unit Information Sessions that staff will host on Tuesday 21 February in classrooms. It is an excellent opportunity to ask any clarifying questions and to learn more about becoming a Unit Parent Rep.

Unit 1 7.30 pm
Unit 2 7.00 pm
Unit 3 6.30 pm
Unit 4 6.00 pm
Unit 5 5.30 pm

Please note that, in response to parent feedback, we have separated the Family Picnic event and the Information sessions this year.

For me, the vacation break was punctuated with some grounds issues removing the trees, re-asphalting that area and some plumbing problems that followed the summer storms Melbourne experienced. The gardening club must have been very excited to come back to school to see how much their sunflowers have grown! They look beautiful. I would particularly like to thank Christine and Dillon, parent and Unit 1 student, for their help watering our gardens over the vacation period and for the weeding they did for us. I also came in one day and noticed that a ‘mystery gardener(s)’ had also spent quite a bit of time weeding the front garden bed. Also, thank you!

We will hold the usual first Sunday of the term grounds Working Bees in terms 2, 3 and 4 so please come up and help if you can. We spend 2 hours only (10 am – 12 noon) and achieve quite a bit in this short time. This year, to assist us with the grounds development following our building project, School Council have decided to put a $50.00 charge to families if you do not or cannot attend one of the working bees. These funds will be used to employ an occasional gardener for the school.

The first meeting of School Council is Monday 20 February, 7 pm in the staffroom. All parents are welcome as visitors and elections for the 2012 School Council will take place by the March meeting on 20th also. Please watch the newsletter for further information about the nomination process.

Welcome to the 2012 school year! Particularly to our new Prep students and their families. I look forward to working with you all.

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

From The Assistant Principal

Welcome back to our students, teachers and parents and a warm welcome to our new families.

Immunisation UPDATE

Thankyou to the parents and guardians who submitted a copy of their child’s immunisation certificate late last year. It is a required document upon enrolling a child at a state school. A reminder letter will be sent home shortly to any families who have yet made a copy available to the office.

MEDICAL & CONTACT INFORMATION

A range of documentation has been sent home with students who have a medical condition. This documentation is important to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all of our students. Please return it to school as soon as possible.

From time to time it is necessary to update student medical and home contact information. If this is the case we ask you to come to the office or write to us to alert us of any change.

AMBULANCE SUBSCRIPTIONS

It is highly recommended that ALL families cover their children for this service. Currently subscriptions are reduced by almost 50% as part of a state government initiative ($75 for a family/year).

Knowing your child is covered means you/we can call an ambulance for a family member without fear of the costs you may incur it will also cover you if someone calls an ambulance on your or a family members behalf.

If you leave your children in the care of others, family membership is a must. In many cases, kindergartens, childcare centres, schools and
sporting clubs will call an ambulance as a precautionary measure if your child is sick or injured. Medicare does not cover ambulance service transport and treatment. Schools do not cover this cost.

If you like to travel throughout Australia, you will receive reciprocal rights to free ambulance transport in all other states and territories. More information can be found at http://www.ambulance.vic.gov.au/Families/Join-Families.html

YOUR HELP – Keeping our school SAFE
As part of our planning for the start of the school year, staff have been involved in Occupational Health and Safety. As part of the discussion the following list was agreed upon. We have discussed this with all children and we ask you to be aware of these also.

- Students are not to be inside the school building during breaks without teacher supervision and/or permission
- Students need adult supervision when in the staffroom/office area
- Students must always have a buddy with them when moving around the school during classroom times
- Students are not to play with sticks and stones in the yard at any time
- Students are not permitted to ride bikes in the school grounds between 8.45 – 3.45pm under any circumstances
- It is recommended that student do not bring expensive toys and personal belonging to school. If they do, they are responsible for it.

SWIMMING TRIALS
Ascot Vale Primary School will be entering the District Swimming Sports again in 2012. Children in grade 3, 4, 5 and 6 (students must be turning 9+ in 2012) will be eligible to try out for the events. All events are 50 metres. We will be holding trials at the Queens Park Outdoor Swimming Pool, starting at 7:45 am sharp on Friday 2nd March. Notes have/will been handed to interested students at their PE lesson this week. All information is included on this note.

COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOL VOUCHERS-2011 TALLY
We collected an amazing 28,711 vouchers last year. This is almost 18,000 more than in 2010. Thankyou everyone for your help and support. We are now waiting on our order of sports equipment, for PE and classrooms, to arrive later this term.

PREP FOR PARENTS
Did your child start Prep this year? Would you like tips on how to support your child in their first year at school? Then subscribe to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development’s new weekly Prep for Parents email.

You will be sent an email every Wednesday during school term that will include tips, advice and information about the day-to-day experiences children have in the classroom and things you can do at home to assist and encourage your child.

To subscribe to Prep for Parents, see: http://www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/prep/prepare/prepforparents/default.htm

Birthdays this week.
Happy birthday to: Lianna U5, Niah U2, Lochie U2, Maisie U4, Rosie U2 & Liora U3.

Birthdays during the holiday break in January:
Taylor U3, Aisha U1, Ella-Carmen U4, Holly U4, Isabella U3, Zoe U4, Sophie U4, Oscar U2, Monty U1, Steve U4, Daniel U4, Michelle U1, Clementina U2.

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

Ascot Vale PS Good News
Princes Hill SC emailed the school to share the good news that a past student, Kate Charlwood (graduated from AVPS 2005), received one of the top VCE results this year. Kate, is to be congratulated for achieving a 99.55 result! She intends to study Arts at Melbourne after a gap year during which she intends to do volunteer work in Melbourne before travelling overseas. Please pass on the good news to others that may remember this family and, particularly, Kate.

Lunches - only cold food please
In the past, the school has kindly warmed lunches for children in the staff kitchen. After reviewing our Occupational Health and Safety requirements recently I have decided we are no longer able to do this. Students will not be allowed into the staffroom at all without adult supervision and I do not have staff available to provide this type of lunchtime service. From now on, please provide only cold food options in lunchboxes and know that regular Special Lunch Days organised by our Parent Rep group will treat the children to a warm lunch option occasionally. Joanne
From The Business Manager
Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) & School Start Bonus Eligibility
Submission date 29th February, 2012

EMA is paid in two instalments to parents who are a beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit and parents who receive a Carer Allowance. SSB is available for parents with prep or year 7 students commencing in 2012. SSB applications should have been lodged, however late applications will be accepted up to 29th February.

Applications for both EMA and SSB will not be accepted after Wednesday, 29th February, 2012

Forms for both SSB and EMA are at the school office. Please bring your Centrelink card with you when submitting your form.

Payments to the School
Cash and cheque payments are taken directly to the classroom and handed to teachers in the morning. School payment envelopes are available from the school office. Please use the purple printed envelopes for fees such as Materials, Swimming and excursions and the red printed envelopes for fundraising activities. To make life easier for teachers, could you please attach any notices to the envelopes rather than insert them with the money? Hopefully, we won’t lose coins that way!! Please ensure you have the correct amount of money in the envelope as the school does not carry a float for change.

EFTPOS payments can be made at the office between 9.00am and 4.00pm. Credit card payments can be made using the envelopes or by the EFTPOS machine. We take VISA and Mastercard credit cards, however we do not take American Express.

Receipts will be issued for all payments and handed to the students to take home. Please check your children’s bags for any receipts and notices from the school.

Kind regards, Janet Coward
Coward.janet.r@edumail.vic.gov.au

AVPS Choir / Music partnership
The school has a very committed and enthusiastic group of children who meet weekly with Katherine to participate and perform as our school choir. It would be great if more children joined in and particularly some older children and some of our boys. If you believe your child would enjoy this extra activity, please encourage them to attend practices on Fridays at lunchtime. During the vacation Katherine travelled to Tasmania to a conference about school music and choirs and she is ready to get started with interested students as soon as possible.

Aloka has also arranged for a PhD student from Victoria University to run intergenerational music classes at AVPS in Term 2 for Years 2-6 students and an accompanying adult family member. The approach to the music teaching is known as the Orff Schulwerk approach. The classes will be held in the music room in the evening. Watch out for more information in the newsletter if you think this may interest your family.

Newsletter Articles
Articles for the Newsletter must be received by midday on Mondays. Please email your articles to Joanne, Michael or Janet.
AVPS Policies / Guidelines
School policies most relevant to the start of the school year and health issues are inserted with this newsletter to bring them to the attention of families. Please take time to read them now and keep them for easy reference as needed. I am hoping that heightened awareness will lead to proactive behaviour in relation to these important health issues and make clear school and parent responsibilities in each case:
Healthy Foods Policy
Celebrating Birthdays at AVPS Guidelines
Head Lice Policy

AVPS publishes electronic copies of these policies and others on the school website: www.avps.vic.edu.au (click on the ‘Student Support’ tab)

2012 Moonee Vale Instrumental Music Program

MVIMP is ready to go for 2012 and lessons begin this week! Welcome to all of the new students joining the program for the first time, and welcome back to all of the children continuing in the program! There are still a few spaces left for different musical instruments, so if you are new to the school, or you forgot to put your form in last year, and you are in Grade 3, 4, 5, or 6, please come and see Bev in Unit 2. Please note that there are no spaces left for bass guitar or cello, but we would love to see more children taking on less common instruments, such as the trombone or euphonium!!

We are looking forward to another year of making beautiful music! Bev

Parent Parking
In considering the safety of children and families at busy times of the school day – mainly just before and after the bell- parents are reminded to adhere to parking and all traffic signs around the school. Double parking to collect children or temporarily parking in non-parking areas causes congestion and unnecessary risks for others.

Please do not pull in and out of driveways around the school as children using the paths are hard to see. It may be necessary to park in other streets and walk to the school to collect children. Parking officers do patrol both Moonee and Bank Sts.

If we hold a school event in the evenings, we will open the Bank St double gates to allow parking on the nearby asphalt. The Bank St car park at the Hall end of the school is for staff cars only.

Chess Coaching

Where: Ascot Vale Primary Library
When: Wednesdays 3.30pm – 4.15pm
15th Feb to 28th Mar 2012
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 14th February. Cheques made payable to “Hooton Consulting Pty Ltd”

For more information contact Phil from Checkmate Chess Coaching on 0390295962 or 0421 901 530

Forward this section with your payment to your school office.

Child’s Full Name: ______________
Grade: ______
School: ______________

Payment Due: Tuesday 14th February.

$75 cash: ☐ or $85 cheque: ☐
Ascot Vale Primary School

OSHC phone: 0423 795 247
Coordinator: Dee Seneviratne

**REMINDEERS**

*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.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.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**

Welcome to the 2012 Ascot Vale Out of School Hours Care. A very warm welcome goes out to not only our fantastic families of OSHC, but also to all our new preps and their families. I most sincerely hope that this year will be even better than the fun filled year of 2011.

I have however a very sad announcement to make. Sean Black who has been with OSHC of Ascot Vale for over eight years, has decided to leave us for more permanent full-time work. No words can actually describe his departure from OSHC. I, in particular, am missing him terribly and the children will too. The memory of all that he brought to the program, his athleticism, his humour, the fun and laughter will linger with us forever. As we wish him the very best in his future endeavours and also because we couldn’t say goodbye to him properly, I will be organising a farewell party for him in the coming weeks and will keep you informed of the details in the days to come.

On a much happier note, let me introduce Alexander Penman who has joined our team and I am sure will help us to further enhance the quality of the program. Alex who is qualified in Children Services is very “sporty” and is multi skilled. Presently a student of the University of Melbourne studying Anthropology, Spanish and creative writing and is a Piano Player, so we will have many sing along afternoons with Alex. He is also a Yoga Instructor and supposedly a good cook. That’s yet to be seen though! He’s done well with Jam and Bread breakfasts so far. I believe he will be a good addition to the ever happy OSHC staff.

The active after care sessions will commence in two weeks time and I will keep you informed of them.

This week we will try our best to settle all the young preps into the program and introduce them to the rest of the group and the routines.

Hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and it is great to have everyone back. Wishing you all a happy and healthy 2012.

Dee and the OSHC team.

**WHAT’S ON THIS WEEK**

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**Uniform Shop**

The Uniform shop will be open in the School Hall tomorrow, on Thursday 9th February between 3.00pm and 4.00pm.

To order online, use the PSW website, [www.psw.com.au](http://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.
Hook in Hockey starting – Thursday 23 February 2012

Juniors

Essendon Hockey Club

For further information please contact:

Register Online: This will become active at the start of the school year in 2012.

The Hook in Hockey program is for boys and girls aged 5 to 12 years old.

Coach R. Sweet is both boys and girls and is run for mixed groups at our club.

Essendon Hockey Club

Oakington Reserve, Hockey Lane, Essendon North (Mel 2940)

Address: Essendon Hockey Club

Time: Thursdays 5:00 - 6:00 pm

Dates: Term 1 sessions are for 4 weeks

Start Date: 2012/02/23

Fees:

$20.00 per participant for 6 lessons

No uniform required for this program.

Emphasis is on fun, development and learning sessions.

The Hook in Hockey program is for beginners to children of all abilities to enjoy and learn the skills of hockey in a fun and exciting way.

Hook in Hockey is for boys and girls aged 5 to 12 years old, at the Oakington Reserve, Hockey Lane, Essendon North (Mel 2940).
CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

Ascot Vale Primary School Guidelines for Parents

Families have been surveyed by the Unit Parent Representative group in response to some parental concerns over the amount and type of food sent to school by to celebrate birthdays. The response to this issue has been diverse and no clear consensus of opinion as a school community has emerged. Discussion at school amongst students, teachers and School Councillors following this survey has resulted in the publication of these guidelines:

- Birthdays are special events for young children and a time of celebration and will be acknowledged at school as they occur
- Families may choose to send food or small token to their child’s classroom for distribution at the end of that day. For safety reasons, please do not send lollipops on sticks or other items that might cause injury during play.
- In making their choices, parents are asked to be respectful of the fact that many families in this school community value the development of healthy eating habits and that many children at AVPS have nut and other food allergies. Ensuring small portions of any food sent to share at school is therefore helpful.
- As a school community wanting to model sustainable practices, less packaging and wrapping might be a further consideration.

THE SCHOOL WILL:

- Acknowledge individual birthdays in the newsletter each week
- Provide ‘Birthday’ stickers to all Units for each child to wear at school on their birthday
- Distribute any additional items related to children’s birthdays at the end of the school day. Staff will ask the children to take all food or items home with them.

The School Council and School Administration expect that parents will counsel their own child around managing any food allergies and any dietary expectations or limits that they have for their own children. As necessary, parents are asked to inform the Unit teachers in writing if they would like their child to be excluded from classroom birthday celebrations. There is clearly no expectation that all families will want to celebrate their child’s birthday at school at all.
Ascot Vale PS Head Lice policy

Passed by SC Nov 19 2010

Rationale:
Head Lice continue to cause concern and frustration for some parents, teachers and children. This school policy is intended to outline roles, responsibilities and expectations of the school community to assist with treating and controlling head lice in a consistent and coordinated manner.

Whilst parents have the primary responsibility for the detection and treatment of head lice, our school community will work in a cooperative and collaborative manner to assist all families to manage head lice effectively. The Department of Human Services indicates that most schools will have some students with head lice at any given time.

Managing Head Lice at AVPS/ what staff will do at school:

- Have a commitment to distribute up-to-date information on the detection, treatment and control of head lice to parents/guardians and staff at the beginning of every year and more frequently if required (available from website http://www.health.vic.gov.au/headlice/)
- Full details about informing the community can be found at http://www.education.vic.gov.au/healthwellbeing/health/headlice/alert.html We will follow this advice and consult with the community as needed
- When students that are deemed to have live head lice, they are to be excluded from school until no live head lice are present. Parents/ guardians will be contacted immediately to collect their child. Upon returning to school, parents/ guardians are to indicate the treatment used and when it commenced
- Have a commitment to help reduce stigma and maintain confidentiality following students who have been found to have live head lice
- Require that parents/guardians refrain from sending their children to school with untreated head lice. (It should be noted that students may be treated one evening and return to school the next day and that the presence of eggs in the hair is not cause for exclusion. Parents/guardians need to be aware that one treatment is not sufficient to manage the problem. If a student re-attends school with live head lice the school may again exclude the student until the live insects have been removed.)
- the parents/guardians of those students found to have live head lice will be contacted immediately, asking parents/guardians to indicate the treatment used and when it commenced
- the Assistant Principal will be the head lice resource/support person (staff member) who parents/guardians can contact at the school at nominated times
Advice to families / what you can do at home:

- Children’s hair will be checked for head lice on a weekly basis, at home, using the recommended conditioner/combing detection method
- That your child does not attend school with untreated head lice (in accordance with Health Infectious Diseases Regulations 2001)
- Regularly inspect all household members and then treat them if necessary
- Parents/Careers will notify the school if their child is found to have live lice and advise when appropriate treatment was commenced (in accordance with Health Infectious Disease Regulations 2001)
- Children with long hair will attend school with hair tied back
- Use only safe and recommended practices to treat head lice
- Notify the parents or carers of your child’s friends so they have an early opportunity to detect and treat their children if necessary
- Maintain a sympathetic attitude and avoid stigmatising/blaming families who are experiencing difficulty with control measures
- Act responsibly and respectfully when dealing with members of the school and broader community especially around issues of head lice

This policy is to be reviewed every three years. Next review is due November 2013

Reference:
HEALTHY FOODS
AVPS POLICY

Rationale:
- Sustaining and nurturing foods will contribute to the formation of healthy nutritional habits in children. These habits are essential to the growth and development of children and to the formation of positive life-long food habits.

Aims:
- To develop within students an informed appreciation of positive eating habits.
- To ensure that any foods provided by the school are consistent with a nutritional food and eating philosophy.

Parameters:
- The strategies employed in support of this policy apply to events directly under the responsibility of the school principal. These include use of food and drink as part of the canteen, classroom education, rewards, sporting events—dresses and other school-sponsored events. This policy does not apply to “birthday food” or other foods brought from home.
- “Healthy foods” are defined through the “Go for your life” Canteen Kit’s Traffic Light list of foods. Refer to the Reference section of this policy for access to the details of this information.

Implementation:
- The development of an appreciation of healthy foods and eating habits form part of our Health Promoting School strategy.
- The school will involve itself in local strategies designed to raise awareness of, or to promote healthy foods: e.g., local fruit growing or local dairy industry promotions.
- Meals provided through school initiatives will promote a wider selection of nutritious, tasty and attractive foods consistent with the “Go For Your Life” Healthy Canteen Kit.
- Ensure that all foods served at the canteen comply with the department’s Traffic Light list of foods and its guidelines found in the “Go For Your Life” Healthy Canteen Kit.
- Not sacrificing healthy foods for the sake of profits.
- Healthy foods and drinks will be available to all students at activities such as sporting events.
- The principal will ensure that a supply of drinkable water is available at the school at all times.
- At least once per year the whole school will focus upon a theme of healthy foods.
- The school encourages Parents / Carers to provide water as the drink of choice in lunch boxes.
- Staff members will be encouraged to model healthy eating habits while in the classroom.
- Students will have access to their own water bottles during class lessons and have permission to eat healthy foods inside the school during class time unless it is deemed by the classroom teacher to be inappropriate to do so.
- Fundraising activities will not focus on the promotion of unhealthy foods that do not complement our healthy foods philosophy: e.g., chocolate bars or lollies.
Drama at AVPS
Commencing Term 1 2012

**kids act up**

*Image of children forming a star shape*

**Drama Classes for 8-12 Year Olds**

- Theatre sports & drama games
- Improvisation
- Role play & exploring character
- Mask fun
- Motivation & meaning
- Approach to text
- Presentation skills and public speaking
- Voice

**Kids Act Up** is a drama skills programme that begins with an exploration of self and moves outwards to encompass the broader environment in which we exist.

Children gain a greater understanding of who they are in the world and the impact they have on others. This knowledge brings improved confidence and an acceptance of themselves as unique individuals.

By observing and recreating the actions and mannerisms of others, children also develop greater empathy and acceptance of difference.

Children today are expected to perform in a range of social and educational settings, and drama skills enhance their ability to confidently meet these challenges.

Drama is social, interactive, and involves live performance. Most importantly, it's Fun! Unlock your child's creative potential and experience Kids Act Up today.

**Class Structure**

- 1.25 hours per week (Mondays from 3.45pm-5.00pm)
- $160 per 10 week term (school term dates)
- Location: Ascot Vale Primary School

**Class Facilitators**

Elizabeth Wallace: A trained Speech Pathologist, Elizabeth works professionally as an actor, director and presentation skills trainer. She is currently completing her Masters in Creative Writing at RMIT.

Iain Gilbert: A professional actor/director, Iain has trained and worked in London, New York and Melbourne. His body of work includes theatre, television, film and cabaret.

enquiries: 0412 732 087
We provide lessons in:

Voice
beginners - advanced

Recorder
beginners - advanced

Music theory
beginners - advanced

Kids singing group

Piano / keyboard
beginners

Saxophone
beginners - advanced

Clarinet
beginners - advanced

All lessons include practical and theoretical aspects.
One or two students per lesson, Monday & Friday afternoons, Saturday & Sunday.
Depending on the instrument and your location we teach from Ascot Vale or come to your house.

lessons@sabsemusic.com 0450 000 786
2012 CRICKET SOCCER CLINICS
Aberfeldie & Strathmore
STARTING 11 FEBRUARY 2012

Saturday Mornings

2012 SUMMER SPORT KICKS OFF ON FEB 11 with VicCric

Vic Cric clinics provide boys & girls aged 4-12 with the opportunity to participate in a fun, safe and non-competitive cricket/soccer environment. And due to popularity, two soccer clinics will be offered at Strathmore.

By applying an age appropriate curriculum focusing on the fundamentals of the games the Clinics will:

ENCOURAGE social-interaction >>> BUILD skill level >>> GROW self-esteem

VIC CRIC/SOCCER SATURDAY MORNING CLINICS run for a period of seven weeks involving 55 minutes of personalized tuition on Saturday mornings. There are two time slots available for Cricket & Soccer:

C R I C K E T 8.30am - 9:25am & 9.30am - 10:25am
S O C C E R 10.00am - 10:55am & 11.00am - 11:55am
(Soccer at Strathmore Only)

Each session is comprised of approximately 30-40 children, and is divided into four to six groups, with one coach to approx eight players. Children are divided into groups according to their age and skill level:

Beginners, Juniors, Intermediate & Advanced

A Fee of $100 per child, covers seven weeks of coaching and every participant receives a Gift (select below). Certificates are awarded to all players upon completion of the 7 weeks, and a trophy is presented to those who have completed 4 or 8 seasons. Please arrive at your selected session time unless contacted by our team.

ENROL NOW! SEASON STARTS 11th FEBRUARY
To secure your place, complete and return the registration form below no later than TUES 9th Feb 2012 to: PO BOX 133 ESSENDON NTH 3041

ENQUIRIES CONTACT: Mike Bishop 0418 303 432
Email mabish@spt tunnel.com.au

Registration Form please select preferred:

VENUE

☐ ABERFELDIE Kelway 20 Al
Aberfeldie Sports Ground/Clifton Park
Ramsey St Aberfeldie 11th season

☐ STRATHMORE Malve 16 Hf
Strathmore Secondary College
Pascoe Vale Rd Strathmore 10th season

SESSION TIME please use a you preferred time allocation

8.30am - 9:25am
9.30am - 10:25am
10:00am - 10:55am
11.00am - 11:55am
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FREE GIFT

Vic Cric Hat
Soccer Ball
Swing King Ball
Incrediball
Batting Gloves

METHOD OF PAYMENT

☐ Pre pay "CHEQUE" (to secure your place)
Check must be made payable to VIC CRIC
To PO Box 133 Essendon Nth 3041

☐ Payment on first day of Clinic
11th February 2012 *CHEQUE/CASH
Please note that registration and payment must be completed before commencement of Clinic.

TOTAL AMOUNT $ ____________________________

*Please make all cheques payable to Vic Cric

Participant’s Name ____________________________ Age ____________________________
Primary school currently attending ____________________________
Address ____________________________ Post Code ____________________________
Phone ____________________________ Mobile ____________________________
No. of Clinics previously completed ____________________________

Email _______________________________________

Terms & Conditions: Please note that Vic Cric cannot be responsible for inclement weather. Children should play in the rain, but if necessary scaled back activities will be undertaken.
2012

REGISTRATION DAY

Come Join

“The Marby Army”

Sunday Feb 19th 2012

10.30AM -12.30PM

Walsh Oval, Maribyrnong

All enquiries to juniors@marby-lions.com
FREE TRIAL DRAMA CLASS
With Jennifer Monk

Thursday 9th February
Kensington Primary School Hall
McMcracken Street, Kensington

Prep to Yr 2 3:45 to 4:45 pm
Yrs 3 to 6 4:45 to 5:45 pm

We give Children Confidence through Drama...

We offer a FUN program with the focus on developing children's confidence through performing as well as developing their imagination and creativity.

We cater for all levels and no experience is needed. It helps children develop confidence in speaking in front of a group and for those who love performing it gives an opportunity to channel their talents.

Older students will learn improvising where they develop quick thinking and also build skills for performing and public speaking.

Register your child for a free trial class on our website www.kidsupfront.com.au

phone 1300 821 828
Friday Evening Classes
7pm-8.15 pm

Starting February 10th 2012
Creative Learning Centre
9 Moore St, Moonee Ponds

Come along and explore
gentle hatha yoga practices
and smile, breathe and let go.

Beginners Welcome

8 classes (Term 1) - $120
Casual class - $18 per class
5+ class pass - $15 per class

Mel Ref 28 H7
Parking in Shuter Street

For information and to register
Call Danielle : 0499 360 271
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