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**ON TIME AT 9**

It's cool to be at school
From The Principal

It was a good day not to be at school yesterday with the cold and rain! I know the teachers appreciated the time they had to continue their report writing. Final semester assessments are being collated and the children are making their self assessments around their individual learning goals and overall progress. The icy conditions have forced us inside today and may continue to do so throughout this wintery week.

I attended a site meeting this morning and our completion date is now 8 July (mid way through the term 2 vacation). The fittings are going into the new building and the interior painting has begun. The outside cladding has proved very time consuming because of the individual cutting and precision work required for the asymmetric design. I think it is looking wonderful now that the music notes (our small windows) are beginning to sit on the music staves (black lines between cladding) that are appearing on all the wooden walls. Classroom nooks are 95% complete with only linings, final painting and carpet repairs to go. A large waterproof shade blind has been ordered to shelter the pathway to the new building and the landscaping around the project works is currently being discussed. This is mainly new asphalting with garden beds around our big trees and perhaps a curved path and a garden bed along the new music room down to the Moonee St gates. Over the term holidays the damp proof works outside Unit 3 will be finalised and the inside walls painted. Everyone is busy as there is a lot on the go at the moment. I’ve been told the office counter will go into place by the end of this week. Obtaining the glass has been the problem here!

We resumed our school assemblies this week in the Hall and we’ll continue to trial the Monday 3pm timeslot for the rest of term. We have a public holiday next Monday but Unit 1 will be our assembly hosts for 20 June. Please pop into the Hall if you are here early to collect your children. All parents are welcome to join us as an audience. This week I spoke to the children about our big event for term 3, the School Concert, on Monday 22 August. The production is called ‘Dreamnation’ and it links into our semester one history topic ‘Times they are a’changing!’ Auditions for the 21 lead parts will take place before the end of term.

Well done to the AVPS Cross Country team! A great effort from everyone in more cold and wet weather conditions. Enjoy your long weekend!
Joanne Roberts - Principal
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Writers @ AVPS

Here are two draft examples of writing from Riley and Milla who are preps from unit 3. These two examples are of the “compare” and “contrast” structure which we all often use when we write, according to the message we wish to send. There are four main types of structure in our writing. Compare and contrast are self explanatory. In future weeks we will see other examples of text structures.

It was with great delight that we noted the conventional spelling of “was” in Riley’s writing.
Marg

MS Readathon

Our school is now registered as a participant in the MS Readathon, so all students are encouraged to undertake the challenge of reading for 30 days and in turn raising money for this very worthy cause. Registration is via the MS Readathon website. If ten percent of our students go online and register and raise $10 each our school will go in the draw for ten apple iPads for our school. It is perfect reading weather, so Read, Read, Read.

Special Lunch Day—Friday 17th June

The next special lunch day is on Friday 17th June and will be from “Subway”. Three mouth watering options are available: Turkey and salad, Roast Beef and salad or Salad. Juice can also be purchased. Forms went home last Friday and must be returned no later than Friday 10th June. Due to the growing popularity and large numbers of orders on special lunch days, late orders can no longer be accepted. If your child does not have their order in by the due date a lunch will not be available for them.

Please help yourself to any furniture left under the covered roof near the hen house. We also have old metal cupboards around the school that might be useful in a garage or shed. If you would like one, please let Joanne or Michael know.
Dear Parents and Children,

Hope everyone had a great weekend. This week and the next will be short ones owing to the report writing day tomorrow and Queens Birthday holiday next Monday.

This week we will have fencing on Thursday. We have had this activity before and the children seem to enjoy it. Let’s hope the kids will have fun this time around too.

We have had a very positive response to having a holiday program in our school and I have proposed it to our regional manager to pursue it further. I shall keep you informed of its progress.

Homework Club is also doing well with many of the older children doing their homework before they get home.

Laura our new staff member is settling in well and is quietly taking over the Wednesday night cooking lesson.

That’s all for this week and I hope all of you have a fantastic long weekend.

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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**Pasta Fundraiser**

Look out for our delicious, annual Fresh Pasta Fundraiser coming up over the next two weeks. Forms will go out to the children by mid-June, with delivery at the end of the month, just before the end of term. Thanks for your support!