## 2013 – Term 2 Key Dates

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<td>Semester 1 Reports are distributed today</td>
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<td>Wed 26th June</td>
<td>Student led Conferences 10.30-7.30pm (Students only required at their SLC)</td>
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<td>Last day of term 2 – early dismissal 2.30pm</td>
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From The Assistant Principal

It has been wonderful to have Linda, Fiona’s mother, with us for the past few months. Linda leaves Australia this weekend to return home. I know unit 3 will miss her very much. Joanne returns from her work in Sydney tomorrow. Last week we had a great turn out to our Prep 2014 Transition Information Evening. Over 35 families came along to find out more about our great school. School tours are currently underway as well. More information about our tours and transition program can be found online at: http://www.avps.vic.edu.au/documents/Web2014transitionUPDATE.pdf

Please note: The office will be closed from 3.45pm this Thursday as staff are undertaking a CPR training course.

Well done to all students who participated in our Crazy Hair Day. Your gold coin donations contributed just over $230 to the Royal Flying Doctors service. A cheque will be presented to them at this week’s assembly. On the topic of fundraising, our U5 cupcake stall managed to raise $489.50! Well done.

In other good news, camp for grade 3-6 students has been confirmed for week 2 of term 4. Monday 14th – Friday 18th October 2013. More information, including payment information will be sent home later this term.

I met with 10 students yesterday over morning tea to discuss and look at their writing. Each week, Joanne and I randomly choose 2 students from each unit to have conversations about their writing and the writing process. In order for students to produce a piece of writing, students take their writing through a series of stages called the writing process. The stages include: thinking, pre-planning, planning, rehearsing, drafting, revising, editing and publishing. Students move backwards and forwards through these stages leading up to publication, should they choose to publish. Our learning improvement focus at AVPS, for students and teachers, is writing. Teams of teachers are working together to support students writing development. Our students are generally confident and competent writers. Together we are writing for a purpose each day and students are developing ways of writing that are their own. To get better at riding a bike, you have to be on the bike. I was very pleased to hear from most of yesterday’s students that they have a learning goal in writing, specific to their needs.

Topic 2 newsletters were sent home yesterday. These newsletters will inform you about specific integrated curriculum planning in your child’s unit. Units are transitioning into topic 2 shortly. Please see your unit teachers if you did not receive a copy.

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

On Wednesday 26th June 2013, as part of the mid-year reporting process at Ascot Vale Primary School, we will be conducting our Student Led Conferences. The conferences are an integral part of our reporting approach and provide students of all ages, the opportunity to develop a sense of responsibility and accountability for their learning. Educators worldwide have recognised the need to involve the learner in his/her assessment and evaluation. If our students are not aware of where they are, where they need to go and how they can get there.....HOW WILL THEY GET THERE?

"Self-assessment encourages meaningful reflection, gives students greater responsibility and commitment for their own learning, and helps to create and enhance the supportive classroom environment. Self-assessment requires students to use both reflective and metacognitive skills. Reflective thinkers consciously and subconsciously think about their learning and progress."

Conferences will present differently in each grade level and reflect the development of students as they progress through the school. As the name suggests, these conferences provide an opportunity for the student to share their learning with parents and the classroom teacher, discussing their achievements and their goals for future learning. As always, portfolios will be an integral component of the Student Led Conference. Portfolios allow students to share samples of work carefully selected to demonstrate areas of strength and areas for future development. Portfolios will reflect your child’s learning so far this year, and the goals they have set, to improve skills and behaviour. In prep this will be quite basic, becoming more sophisticated
and reflecting whole school curriculum as they progress through the school.

A reminder to parents that if you need to discuss any other matters relating to your child, please contact your child’s teacher to arrange an appointment.

TWITTER COMPETITION
On our Twitter main page, we are calling all community members to submit a drawing or photo of our school (no names or pictures of people) to replace our background photo that can be seen on our Twitter page below.

There are 2 categories: Adults and Students. All entries need to be sent to me, either in hard copy or electronically. Competition closes at the end of May. A selection of AVPS staff will be the judges. The two winners will have their entry displayed as our background picture on our Twitter page over the course of 2013.

PREP FOR PARENTS
Part 2 of “Let’s talk about Bullying” will be published in next week’s newsletter.

Happy Birthday this week:
Pheobe U4, Samuel U5 & Ngan U1.

I am looking forward to seeing lots of you for our Mother’s Day afternoon tea on Friday. To all of our mothers and grandmothers, enjoy your day on Sunday.

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

Bendigo Bank
An opportunity exists for students to have their own bank accounts and pass books with our local Bendigo Bank, Flemington. Application forms will be distributed via Units in the next fortnight.

School Production
Due to the recent Australian Education Union (A.E.U.) industrial bans, our timeline for our planned 2013 school production was far too short to prepare thoroughly. Therefore our whole school production has been cancelled for 2013. Staging a large whole school performance requires an immense input of class time to ensure we reach a high standard (eg. script writing, auditioning, rehearsals, ticketing and a myriad of other tasks). Term 2 is already a busy term for staff with assessing and reporting. Term 3 is for planning our camp that will be going ahead in term 4.

Ascot Vale PS
A.E.U. sub branch

Interschool Sport
With a fantastic effort and display in sportsmanship, we competed against St Mary’s in the first round of inter-school sports last Friday. Despite the tough competition it was a good morning for all grade 5/6 students, with the B Netball Team having a great win.

There will be NO inter-school sports this Friday (10th of May). This is due to North Melbourne PS unable to compete due to camp. We are going to
make the most of this time to hold an extra training session for all teams from 10 am - 11 am at school. Parents are more than welcome to come and assist as we prepare for the next five weeks ahead.

If you have any questions about inter-school sports, please do not hesitate to contact me anytime. We always welcome help and support from parents during the competition.

Ian Lumb
lumb.ian.i@edumail.vic.gov.au

Fresh Fruit Friday @ AVPS
Volunteer parents from Unit 3 are on duty next week. We only need about half an hour of your time first thing in the morning on Fridays. Volunteers prepare the fruit in the Canteen.

Premier’s Reading Challenge

Past users of the PRC online data-entry page will be aware that often the challenge is to successfully find the page. Again this year, the computer has said ‘no’ to many of you when trying to reach your child’s page. This is what I am going to do in an attempt to make your lives easier.

A list of user names and passwords will be positioned prominently in each Unit for parents/carers to see in black and white what the computer has decided to assign to your child.

Students will be made aware of this resource. I hope this will provide solid and reliable information for you all.

Thanks,
Marg.
blairgannon.margaret.e@edumail.vic.gov.au

Just for a change this week, I am going to showcase two beautiful drawings done by Amelie & Taylor in Grade 1.

These remarkable pieces came about as a result of an author visit on Monday morning.

The author was the very popular, Adam Wallace, a local writer/cartoonist who has visited us before to popular acclaim.

Adam described the brushstrokes required to reproduce one of the drawings from his latest book, students had to visualise the end product, then draw it. Here we have two stunning results.

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Lost
Tilly in Unit 3 brought her new prescription sunglasses to school last Monday and left them on her desk. While she was outside during Science they went missing. She is supposed to wear them when outside so if anyone has seen them please hand them in to the office. The sunglasses are dark blue in a black Specsavers case.

Library News - Volunteers Needed to Shelve Books

We are greatly in need of assistance in the library to shelve books that have been returned. If you can help please email me on

kountouri.tina.t@edumail.vic.gov.au

Thank You, Tina.

Writing at Ascot Vale Primary.
FOOTBALL STAR ACADEMY will be commencing a Clinic on Thursdays straight after school from the 2nd of May 2013. Robbie Peters will be the Head Coach overseeing the Football Clinic.

Robbie Peters is an ex-Professional Footballer from the United Kingdom. Robbie relocated to Australia in 2005, and last year launched a Football Star Academy franchise in the Essendon / Moonee Ponds / Ascot Vale area. He runs weekly clinics (through the school term) for children aged between 4 and 14 years of age throughout the local area.

If you are interested in enrolling your son/daughter in this program, please contact Robbie directly on 0422 853 411 for a chat or put your name down on the sign-up sheet at the office counter.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN

We are again participating in the Woolworths Earn and Learn promotion. Last year each unit received some valuable classroom supplies through this program. Last year we earned 41,000 points so, this year, it would be good to aim for 60,000 points.

If you shop at Woolworths, please collect the stickers at the checkout and send them to school. There is a box in the corridor near the office. Also, look out for boxes at supermarkets with our school name on it.

Thank you for helping us. The students and teachers appreciate your help. Julie

Uniform Shop

The uniform Shop will be open next on Tuesday 7 May, 2013 in the School Hall between 3pm and 4pm. 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 Closed, Tuesday-Friday 8.30am – 5.00pm, Saturday 9.00am – 1.00pm.

Dear Parents,
From Monday 29th April: You can purchase your school uniform from PSW’s Deer Park store during the following times:

TRADING HOURS
Monday
CLOSED
Tuesday - Friday
8:30am - 5:00pm
Saturday
8:30am - 2:00pm
Sunday
CLOSED

PSW DEER PARK
58 Westwood Drive, Ravenhall, VIC 3023
Phone: 03 9363 8458

PLEASE NOTE: Store hours may be reviewed/changed to meet demand. PSW will communicate any changes to store trading hours with your school.
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.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

The weeks seem to pass by ever so quickly and we are already into our Mother’s Day week. There will be some exciting Mother’s Day craft for the OSHC kids.

Last week, the ‘FitKids’ session was a great success. We had almost full participation and the kids absolutely enjoyed the activity. We hope the weather is fine to run this week’s activity.

I have been in contact with the Sports Commission to support a footy clinic on Thursdays and unfortunately it is yet to be approved. This week we will announce the winners of the OSHC drawing competition. The winners and participants can collect their prizes during this week.

Oshc has also enjoyed many show and tell presentations which are ever so interesting. We are encouraging each and every OSHC kid to have a go at this during term 2. We’ve also enjoyed the piano music by Lisa in the late afternoon. It is very relaxing for the children and staff too, especially when they come inside after outdoor activities. Thank you Lisa. We are looking forward to a busy and exciting week.

Dee and the OSHC team.

What’s on this week at Oshc

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Give Mum the Mother’s Day Card she will use all year…

The new 2012 | 2013 Entertainment™ Books make the perfect gift for Mum this Mother’s Day!

Treat her to the new Book packed with hundreds of offers from restaurants, cafes, retail shopping, gift cards and more…

Ascot Vale Primary School
Contact: Aloka Carbone  Phone: 9370 6507  Email: carbone.aloka.a@edumail.vic.gov.au


Thank you for supporting Ascot Vale Primary School, $13 from each Book sold will contribute to our fund-raising.

- Treat Mum to a night out with no dishes to clean! Choose from a number of beautiful restaurants such as Bistro Guillaume, Ezard or Comme
- Pamper Mum with an afternoon of pure relaxation at the Peninsula Hot Springs
- Mum will love brunch with her girlfriends at Richmond Hill Café and Larder
- How about a leisurely lunch overlooking the vines at Salix Restaurant & Bistro?
- Get Dad to take Mum to see a movie of her choice at Palace Cinemas
- If Mum loves the Arts, indulge in an evening with the Victorian Opera
- Have a shopping spree at Review & Metalicus
- Save Mum money across the whole year with 5% off Wish Gift Cards

Estimated value: $140.00
Estimated value: $50.00
Estimated value: $35.00
Estimated value: $40.00
Estimated value: $19.00
Estimated value: $50.00
Estimated value: $200.00
Estimated value: UNLIMITED!

TOTAL SAVINGS $534.00