



ASCOT NEWS

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Term 3 & 4 Key Dates (Please keep for future reference)

9 Sept	NO ASSEMBLY this week
10 Sept	Girls Night Out
15 Sept	AVPS MVIMP Concert
16 Sept	Unit 1 & 2 Assembly
18 Sept	Last Day Term 3- early dismissal at 2.30 pm
7 Oct	Unit 3 Assembly Zone Athletic Heats
11 Oct	Working Bee 10am-12pm
13 Oct	Prep Parent 2010 Information Evening, 7 p.m.
14 Oct	Unit 4 Assembly Zone Athletics carnival
16 Oct	Summer Sport begins
19 Oct	School Council and Subcommittee meetings
21 Oct	Unit 5 Assembly
28 Oct	Whole school Assembly Assembly
30 Oct	Parent Rep meeting/ Special Lunch Day

School Assembly Wednesday mornings 9 – 9:30am

Yard supervised between 8:45 - 9:00am before school and 3:30 – 3:45pm after school

IT'S NOT OK TO BE AWAY

From The Principal

Congratulations to the Athletics Team- third overall in our division. Well done everyone and thank you to the staff and parents who worked so hard to support the Team before the Athletics carnival and on the day.

The big move out of the Library and Art room begins this week so the boxes are being packed and things

It's not great to be late!

readied for storage, relocation or disposal. It is a busy time with lots to do and organise from now until the end of term. Art, Library and Literacy support classes cannot run as a consequence this week but will resume next week. One end of the Hall will serve as our temporary Art room and a selection of library book and shelves will be moved into classrooms for in-class borrowing. There will be no home borrowing of Library books in Term 4 until

we re-establish our Library and the computer software in the new centre. Please return any previously borrowed library books as Tina is keen to do a stock take as we pack and unpack. More visits to our local Moonee Valley City library might help fill this gap and keep the children engaged and reading consistently. Home borrowing of class readers will, of course, be ongoing.

Beautiful work Unit 3!

Imagine my pleasure when so many young writers walked into my office to receive a Principal's Award for their writing. I read interesting recounts of their weekend activities and was able to compliment all the children on their handwriting and excellent spelling attempts. Well done everyone, I hope you all visit again!



Joanne Roberts
Principal
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From the Assistant Principal

Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to our Athletics Squad who took part in the district Athletics Carnival last Friday. Every team member represented our school with distinction; trying their best in each event and displaying great sportsmanship throughout the day. Well done team. It was also great to see so many parents, family and friends at the track to support us. We also are lucky enough to have several students representing us in the Zone Athletics Carnival in October. More details will follow in coming newsletters. Thanks to Tania for all of her hard work organising the team and to Susie for her commitment to supporting training.

Fathers matter

Fathers matter is a new publication released last week that offers practical information for fathers on bonding with their children, everyday fatherhood, rough and tumble play and parenting after separation. Being a father is one of the most rewarding life experiences a man can have. This publication describes the rewards and benefits of choosing to be an involved father, and what that means for men and their children. The booklet also has an extensive list of the services available for fathers.

To read online or print out this new parenting resource, visit:

<http://www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/edulibrary/public/earlychildhood/parentinfo/fathersmatter2009.pdf>

Copies of this publication are also available from Parentline on: 13 22 89

Working Bee

A reminder for our diaries that our 4th and final working Bee will be held on Sunday 11th October from 10am – 12pm.

Assembly

There will be no assembly this week. Unit 1 & 2's assembly will be next week, Wednesday 16th September in the Hall. Future assembly information is available on the 'key dates' section on the front page of the newsletter.

Birthdays this week - Happy Birthday to:
There are no student birthdays this week.

Enjoy the Spring weather.
Michael Downing - Assistant Principal
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Writing @ Ascot Vale PS

Rachel Lowe & Louisa Rogers are our two contributing writers this week.

They are writing on the theme of 'My Place' and both girls have managed to make *their* places sound like pretty good fun, quite an achievement when a dental surgery is the topic chosen.

Students in U4 were read the story 'MY PLACE' and then required to re-produce their own version of the tale.

Interested parties can view all efforts in U4, there is some spectacular writing supported by equally beautiful artwork.

Marg

In Your Shoes

In Your Shoes is an unwanted footwear collection which aims to divert reusable shoes from landfill. Collected shoes are then redistributed to local charities and international communities so disadvantaged communities might benefit.

Wearable footwear is brought to our school. (Be sure to pair them up together by their laces or with rubber bands.) Drop off your donated shoes in the specially marked recycle bin in the hallway near the main office. All donations welcomed till mid October.

For information go to: www.kidsoffthekerb.com

Let others take a turn to 'Walk In Your Shoes!'

AVPS MVIMP Concert



Next Tuesday, September 15th at 7pm in the Library, is the Annual AVPS MVIMP Concert. This is a chance for all our fabulous musicians to gather together and display their developing skills in playing woodwind, brass, string, or percussion instruments, either individually or in a group. It would be great to see not only the performers' family and friends there to support them, but other members of our school community who would like to see what MVIMP offers, and to be impressed by the achievements of our young instrumentalists. Our very talented Tutors will also be there to display their talents and answer any questions you may have! We look forward to seeing you then!

School Furniture To Go

Parents, carers and members of the community are invited to select pieces of library and art room furniture for their homes, garages, holiday home etc. Items include tables, desk, chairs, metal bookshelves, carpet, fluorescent lighting fixtures and wall heaters. To view or to claim items please contact Susie Lauer on 9372 6702 or chupenbub@inet.net.au or before/after school. A very small donation to the school would be welcomed.

Education Maintenance Allowance

EMA cheques have arrived at the school and are available for collection at the School Office.

For parents who have chosen to receive this payment via Electronic Funds Transfer, please check your bank account details to ensure you have received your payment. If you have NOT received your payment, please call Centrelink.

Children's Holiday Cooking

Children's Holiday Cooking at the Maribyrnong Community Centre Tuesday 22nd (1.30 - 3.30pm), book by the 13th, or Wednesday 30th of Sept.(10.30-12.30pm), book by Friday 18th. Suitable for ages 4- 13yrs. For bookings ring Margaret on 0401 271 399

Kinder Fundraising Art Auction Evening Soiree – Friday 23rd October

Ascot Vale Kindergarten is organising a premier Fundraising Soiree Art Auction to be held in the Ascot Vale Primary School Hall during late October, and is looking for your help to make the night successful and a fun social night out.

Whether you are a professional or budding artist, the organising committee is looking for pieces of art to auction off on the night. Be it a printing, sculpture, illustration or photograph. Items will be on display on the night before being professionally auctioned off to the highest bidder. If you have any art pieces you can donate, then please contact Justine or Miky so we can arrange for them to be collected and stored in the lead-up to the night. More information about ticket sales and activities will be made available once finalised.

For any information or ideas please contact Justine on 93753548 or Miky on 0431205645. You can also speak to Tara (mum of Zoe in Unit 4 or Maddie in Unit 2.

Orders for 'Toothbrush and Paste Packs' Deadline Extended

We're not far from reaching our minimum order of toothbrush & paste packs and so the deadline has been extended to return your order. \$5 per pack. Here's a 2nd chance to get your order to school if you missed out.

Order forms are available from the office.

Thanks very much to everyone who has ordered packs so far!

Fathers Day

A big thankyou to all those Dads, Grandfathers and families who shared the fathers day breakfast with us on Friday 4th September. It was great to see many of the fathers in attendance also.

The sun was shining as everyone enjoyed their breakfast. It was great to see so many Dads and their children sharing the morning together. We had over 100 people in attendance. A great effort on everyones behalf. The morning was a huge success.

A special thankyou to Janet in the office for her help in collecting the orders; Cheryl Blair for her hours of shopping and being head chef of the day; Ellen Barber, Carolyn Martin and John Paea for their help in the kitchen – cooking, serving and cleaning.

Congratulations to the winners of the raffles. Mr Horwood – father of Craig and Daniel; Mr Bishop – father of Asha.

We look forward to next years celebration. We hope you all had a very Special Fathers Day.

Danielle Paea
Fundraising Committee

Girls Night Out – 10th September 7PM Start at LAVISH COLLECTIONS

Mt Alexander Road, Ascot Vale

\$20.00 Includes:

- Fashion Parade
- Lucky Door Prize
- Finger Food
- Glass of Bubbly or OJ

Please RSVP to the office (for catering no's)

****If you pay before the night receive a
FREE Raffle ticket.

LUCKY DOOR PRIZE

- * Colour Consultation – Value \$260.00
- * Simone Perele Voucher \$100.00

RAFFLE PRIZES INCLUDE

- * Pilates voucher (Ellen Barber)
- * Simone Perele Voucher \$100.00
- * Aces Nails Pedicure
- * A Pashmina by Gap
- * Pizza vouchers
- * Aces Nails – Manicure
- * Aesop Hand Wash

Come and see Poppy (Teacher in Unit 4) along with some Mums, show us their style on the catwalk.

Early Years Community Forum

You are the expert!

As a parent, guardian or carer, of a child aged from birth - eight years of age, Moonee Valley City Council invites you to contribute to our new Municipal Early Years Plan (MEYP). Have your say and assist us in this important task. To kick start our consultation we invite you to:

What: Community Forum

When: Thursday, 17 September from 7:15 arrival for 7:30 pm start – 9:00 pm

Where: Moonee Valley Racecourse, Member's Lounge (Level 2), parking available

Keynote Speaker: Ms Sherryl Garbutt, Chair of Victorian Children's Council, Patron of Playgroups Victoria, former Minister for Children and grandparent of three young children

Refreshments: a light supper with tea and coffee

RSVP: Phone 9243 8888 and leave your name, contact number and number of people attending the forum – for catering purposes – by 11 September.

You can have your say about the MEYP as well by letting us know how you would like to be involved: focus group, interview and survey (available in hard copy and on line from mid September. Go to mvcc.vic.gov.au in family and children's services). For more information please contact Jennifer McCurry on 9243 8744 or by email at meyp@mvcc.vic.gov.au

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Newsletter Deadlines for Term 4

Please note a change in newsletter deadlines for Term 4. The Newsletter will be printed and distributed each Wednesday and the deadline for articles will be changed to Tuesdays at 10.00am.

FREE SWIMMING LESSONS

East Keilor and Ascot Vale Leisure Centres are running a great **FREE LESSON** program in the School Holidays. Anyone not already in lessons at these centres can book into a 20 minute private, once only, free lesson. All you have to do is ring one of the centres to book your lesson time and day. Then turn up with your bathers, towel and goggles if you use them and have stacks of fun whilst you learn.

East Keilor Leisure Centre – Ring 9336 3711
Free lessons from Monday 21 to Friday 25
September

Ascot Vale Leisure Centre – Ring 9375 3411
Free lessons from Monday 28 September to Friday
2 October

Fundraising News

The AVPS FUNDRAISING GROUP is looking for an interested parent, carer or AVPS community member to help organise any one of the remaining 2009 fundraising events for the school. The events may include :

- a Fruit and Vegetable drive
- an AVPS Recipe Book compilation and designed tea towel
- Family social at AVPS (film night on the oval or a disco night)
- Family dinner at a venue

And/or to participate in the Fundraising Group during the 2010 school year.

All the funds that are raised directly benefit the maintenance, upkeep and betterment of our school. If you are interested in participating in one of these events or being involved in the fundraising group please leave your name and contact details with Janet at the school office.

Uniform Shop

The next date for the Uniform Shop is **Thursday 3rd September** 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.

OSHC NEWS THIS WEEK

'we make kids smile'



Monday – AASC Tennis
Tuesday – Chinese Walls
Wednesday – Noodles
Thursday – ASSC Multi sport
Friday – Footy

AASP next term is skateboarding, limited numbers – permanent bookings will get first preference.

Just a reminder that all children attending OSHC need to have a hat or they will not be able to participate in any of our outdoor activities. If you need a registration form you can pick one up from the office or the OSHC room.

Cancellations or bookings can be made through the school office, the program (9326 0936) or through Camp Australia Head Office on 8851 4160. All enquiries in regard to invoicing, payment or CCB (Child Care Benefit) should be made to the OSHC administration team on 8851 4160.