



ASCOT NEWS

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Term 2 Key Dates (Please keep for future reference)

10 June	Whole School Assembly
11 June	Fresh Fruit THURSDAY (Please refer to notice in Newsletter)
12 June	Curriculum Day (pupil free)
15 June	School Council & sub-committee meetings (Not Finance)
17 June	Units 1 & 2 Assembly
18 June	Mini School 2 Expo Evening 5pm – 7pm
24 June	Unit 3 Assembly Last day for payments to the school for Term 2 Books close 12 noon
25 June	Student Reports sent home
26 June	Winter sport ends Parent Rep meeting/ Special lunch day Education Tax Refund – reports sent home Last day Term 2- early dismissal 2.30 p.m.

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

I hope everyone had a relaxing long weekend and enjoyed the extra day with family and friends. Individual student reports are now being written and collated and they will then be distributed to families as planned on 25 June. Please note that NAPLAN results for Year 3 and Year 5 students will not be available until September.

As you will have read in the newspapers, the advice to schools around the H1N1 Influenza virus is changing constantly. Victoria is now in a 'Sustain'

phase of its plan to manage the impact of this virus and there is no longer any need to quarantine everyone who has been in contact with a confirmed case. Please read the parent letter from DEECD enclosed with this newsletter for more detailed information and recommendations. Our best defence is good general hygiene so children are being asked to use the soap and paper towels in the toilets and classrooms often and particularly before eating and if coughing or sneezing at all. As per general health practices, students and staff who have flu-like symptoms should remain at home.

Please note that this Friday 12 June is a state wide Curriculum Day so pupils do not attend school on this day. The OSHC care program will not operate either.

Last Thursday and Friday eight volunteers from our senior classes attended the Melbourne Water Conference at Etihad Stadium and the Zoo as part of World Environment day events. Michael has reported that they were wonderful and articulate ambassadors for our school. Please ask any of them about the activities they were involved in. Mitchell, Gabby, April, Oscar, Megan, Nisha, Sheona and Alex will do a presentation about the conference at tomorrow's whole school assembly. I look forward to hearing their ideas and recommendations for action around further water conservation here at school. The SRC will help this team with their implementation plan.

Joanne Roberts, Principal
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From the Assistant Principal

WATER CONFERENCE

Last Thursday and Friday, 8 students from grade 5 and I attended the 2009 Melbourne Water Youth Conference. The theme for the event was 'Creating Water Smart Cities.'

This conference was a great opportunity for our students (and me) to mix with students from other schools across Melbourne, local sports and television people, experts from around the state and country as well as businesses and local mayors and councillors.



The conference is based on the 'Kids teaching Kids' model. Students from other schools presented workshops around the 'Water Smart Cities' theme which subsequently promoted discussion and activities that students took part in over the two days. It connected them with current water issues and our local environment, enabling them to participate in developing solutions for a sustainable water future.

The students and I have made a commitment to share our findings with you all (in a variety of ways throughout the remainder of the year), promote water saving initiatives and to explore how we can be presenters at next year's conference.

Thankyou to Tania Crook for organising our place at the conference and liaising with the Moonee Valley Council; they kindly paid our fees for the conference. A big thankyou to Moonee Valley Council from us too!
<http://www.onelifeoneworldourfuture.com/index.php?pageid=400>

Ice Cream containers

If you have any spare ice cream containers, could you please wash them and place under our water taps around the school? These containers collect the water that falls from the taps and can be reused on our gardens. It would be great if we could have one under every tap in the school by the end of term.

Unexplained Absence notes

I will be sending home 'unexplained' absence notes to families later this week. This will be for any unexplained absence for 2009 so far. Please fill in the reason for the absence with a signature and date. Apologies to any families who receive these and have already contacted the school about the absence. On rare occasions, this information doesn't make it onto our system. It would be appreciated if you could still fill this in and return to school as soon as possible to help us update our records.

Student Birthdays this week

Ned P – Unit 4 – who turns 8 on the 11th June
Crystal R – Unit 1 – who turns 11 on the 12th June
Isse H – Unit 3 – who turns 8 on the 13th June
Isabella G – Unit 1 – who turns 12 on the 14th June

Hopefully it rains quite a bit this week!

Michael Downing, Assistant Principal
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Fresh Fruit THURSDAY

Please note when preparing your lunch boxes on Thursday 11th that there will be Fresh Fruit in the classrooms on that day. This is instead of our regular weekly Fresh Fruit Fridays as Friday 12th is a pupil free day.

Any Adults able to assist in cutting the fruit on Thursday 11th (or any other Friday) please arrive at the canteen at 9.00 am.

Library News

Thank you to all members of our community who so generously supported our recent book fair. We made a total of \$1100 which will be used to purchase new take-home books, listening posts for audio books and also to supplement our literature group books.

In addition to this we also put aside one dozen books to be donated to a school in the bush fire area. The school is yet to be nominated as new schools are yet to be built.

Thank you to all staff members who generously donated their time to help run the bookfair.

Marg and Tina

Forthcoming Community Events for the month of June!

This month, there are two main events to finish a very successful term 2.

This week you will receive a notice about a Pasta Drive. Alligator Pasta is made with all natural ingredients. Order forms will be sent out this week to the eldest child of each family. Delivery will be during the last week of term 2. See Susie Lauer, regarding this activity.

Also, we will be holding a Nutrimerics Lipstick Drive. Nutrimerics are selling their lipsticks during the month of June for \$10 each (normally \$33.50). The school will receive \$2.00 for every lipstick sold! Order forms will be distributed this week with all the relevant details. See Cheryl Blair regarding this offer.

125th Anniversary AVPS April 2010

Can you help us? Are you a history buff, an event organiser or a film maker?

Ascot Vale PS turns 125 next year and we plan to celebrate this great achievement. A committee of staff, parents and students is required to plan and organise this community event. Please speak to Joanne if you are interested.



Interscholar Chess Tournament!!

Where: Wesley College 577 St Kilda Rd Melbourne
When: Monday 22nd June
Cost: \$15 per player
Prizes: Trophies & Medals for top teams & Individual players!

This tournament is suitable for all levels of players. The emphasis is on **having fun, participating** and **doing your best!**

For more information contact Phil on 0421 901 530 or collect an entry form from the school office!

Uniform Shop

The next date for the Uniform Shop is **Thursday 4 June** 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 – “AASP” Basketball
Tuesday – Playground Games
Wednesday – “AACP” Volleyball
Thursday - Octopus
Friday – Kids Choice

Please ensure that all cancellations are made before closing (6pm) the day before. Cancellations made after this time are charged at the normal rate. 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. Peter and the OSHC team.