

Ascot Vale West Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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The school strives to ensure that our students will become responsible, motivated, life-long learners who can confidently face future challenges.

Be a Learner

Be Safe

Be Respectful

2017 Diary Dates

Day	Date	Time	Event
Friday	13 Oct	8:30-8.55 am	Breakfast Club
Friday	13 Oct	9:00-10:30 pm	Play to Learn
Friday	13 Oct	9:00 - 12:30 pm	Interschool Cricket Carnival Unit 3
Friday	13 Oct	9:00 - 10:30 am	Play to Learn
Monday	16 Oct	9:00 am	School Assembly
Monday	16 Oct		School Council Sub Committee Meetings
Thurs	19 Oct	3:15 - 6:00 pm	Prep Dinner
Friday	20 Oct		Tim Cahill Soccer Clinic U 3 & 4
Friday	20 Oct	9:00 - 10:30 am	Play to Learn
Monday	23 Oct	9:00 am	School Assembly
Monday	23 Oct	7:00 pm	School Council
Thurs	26 Oct	5:30 pm	Unit 2 Sleepover
Friday	27 Oct		Unit 4 Interschool Sport
Friday	27 Oct	9:00 - 10:30 am	Play to Learn
Sunday	29 Oct		AVW Bunnings BBQ
Monday	30 Oct	9:00 am	School Assembly
Monday	30 Oct	7:00 pm	School Council
Thurs	2 Nov		Basketball Incursion
Friday	3 Nov		Unit 4 Interschool Sport
Friday	3 Nov	9:00 - 10:30 am	Play to Learn
Monday	6 Nov	Curriculum Day	NO STUDENTS at School
Tues	7 Nov	Public Holiday	NO SCHOOL
Monday	13 Nov	9:00 am	School Assembly
Tues	14 Nov	9:00 - 11:00 am	2018 Prep Orientation
Monday	20 Nov	9:00 am	School Assembly
Wed	22 Nov	9:00 - 11:00 am	2018 Prep Orientation
Mon	27 Nov	9:00 am	School Assembly
Tues	28 Nov	9:00 - 11:00 am	2018 Prep Orientation
Thurs	30 Nov	9:00 - 11:00 am	2018 Prep Orientation
Thurs	30 Nov	1:00 - 2:30 pm	Prep - 2 Swim Program
Friday	1 Dec	9:00 - 10:30 am	Play to Learn
Monday	4 Dec	9:00 am	School Assembly
Tues	5 Dec	9:00 - 11:00 am	2018 Prep Orientation

2018

Prep Enrolments

Have you enrolled your child for 2018 ?

We are getting ready for the Prep Orientation Program.

If you have not already enrolled please call in to pick up an enrolment form now.

Enrolment Forms available from the office.



Parents & Friends are holding a fundraising BBQ at Bunnings Sunday 29 October

All profits will go towards improving the school grounds.

Can you volunteer some time on the day?

If you can please leave your details at the school office.



Welcome Back!

I would like to welcome everyone back to school this week and hope that you are looking forward to the term ahead. Students certainly appeared very happy to be back; eagerly seeking out classmates and sharing holiday stories with one another.

The term once again promises to be a very busy one with lots of activities and significant events planned.

What's Happening in Term 4

- **Prep Dinner**

Prep students are invited to stay on after school on Thursday, 19 October to participate in a Prep dinner and after school activities. Some of our Years 5 and 6 students will be organising a variety of after school activities to add to the experience.

- **Years 1 and 2 Sleepover**

Another exciting activity for our 1 / 2 students is the Sleepover. This will be held on Thursday, 26 October. In addition to the sleepover teachers are organising outdoor activities for all of the students for the Friday as well. Information has been sent out with all students in Years 1 and 2.

- **Term Overviews**

Teachers are preparing their Term Overviews for publication next week. These overviews provide parents with general information about the learning program that students will undertake in Term 4.

- **Assessment and Reporting**

Teachers continue to collect information (data) from their students using a range of tools to inform decisions they make for further teaching and judgements against standards in the Victorian Curriculum. All schools in Victoria must use these standards when making judgements about individual student achievement. Teachers assess students against the standards not against students within their class. Reports will be made available electronically and in hard copy in December. Students are also continuing to work with their teachers to reflect on their learning as well as developing their portfolios of work samples to share with their families at the end of term. This semester students will also add reflections and samples from their specialist programs. Monday, 18 December has been set aside for any parent who would like to meet with their child's teacher. The Reporting Committee will provide further information about reporting and portfolios later in the term.

- **Pupil Free Day**

The final School Council approved Pupil Free Day will be on Monday, 6 November. This day will be followed by a public holiday (Melbourne Cup Day) on Tuesday, 7 November. Students are not required at school on these days. Parents are asked to make their own arrangements for their children. Please place these dates in your calendar and make arrangements for your children.

- **Prep 2018 – Orientation Program**

Our Prep Orientation program for Prep 2018 begins this term. Enrolled students will have the opportunity to participate in 5 sessions later in the term. Dates and times will be sent to all families.

- **Term 4 Sport and P.E program**

1. **Intensive Swimming Lessons**

The Prep – 2 students will participate in a two week Intensive swimming program at the Ascot Vale Leisure Centre from 27 November to 8 December.

2. **Regional Athletics Carnival**

Our students who were successful at the recent District Athletics Carnival have the opportunity to compete in the Regional competition on Tuesday next week.

Best of luck to all of these students.

3. **Summer District Sports competition**

This term our Years 5 and 6 students will participate in the Summer District Sports competition against local primary schools. Students will play handball, Hot Shot Tennis or soccer.

Information regarding the competition will be provided to all Years 5 and 6 students. Team captains will provide a report at assembly and in the newsletter

4. **District Cricket Carnival**

Students in Years 3 and 4 will attend the District Cricket Carnival on Friday, 13 October at Fairburn Park.

5. **Soccer Clinic**

Students from Years 3 to 6 will participate in a Soccer Clinic on Friday, 20 October at AVW

6. **Bike Ed**

Darrin will run a Bike Ed program for all year 5 students.

If you require further information regarding any of these sport/ PE activities please contact Darrin via the school office (93708784).

- **Excursions**

There are a number of excursions planned for this term for each of the Units. These excursions are an important part of programs offered so we encourage full attendance. Information regarding these will be sent home to parents well in advance. Please note the return date to assist staff in their planning and organisation of these activities.

- **Student Leadership 2018**

Elections will be held for student leadership positions. Our Years 4 and 5 students will have the opportunity to nominate themselves for these positions in 2018.

- **Grade 6 Graduation**

As our Year 6 students prepare to transition to secondary school the school provides opportunities to celebrate this milestone. A graduation ceremony is planned for Tuesday, 19 December and the Big Day Out for 20 December.

- **Final Assembly**

The Final assembly for 2017 will be held on Friday, 22 December at 12.30pm. At this assembly, we take the opportunity to reflect on the year, present our student leaders for 2018 and awards to high achieving students. All families are welcome to attend.

Staffing News

This term Erick Gonzalez will continue in Room 2 in Eunice's absence. Unfortunately Eunice continues to have ongoing issues relating to her accident on camp. I would like to wish her a speedy recovery and I am looking forward to her return next year.

Ros will be on long Service Leave for the remainder of the year. She has some wonderful trips and activities organised including a walking tour in Tasmania.

October Walk to School Month



This year once again we are participating in VicHealth initiative *Walk to School*. This activity will run throughout October. The Environment subcommittee of the SRC will be responsible. See information attached to the newsletter. For further information please contact Erin (Rm 17) via the school office 93708784

Planning for 2018

With the year's end fast approaching we are beginning to plan for 2018. To assist us in this planning, if you are leaving the school in 2018 we would appreciate you letting us know as soon as possible. Parents of students transitioning to secondary school need not notify us.

The Arts Festival

What a wonderful evening was had by all who attended the Arts Festival at the end of Term 3 where we featured our visual and performing arts programs. It was lovely seeing our students acting as hosts to their parents as they toured the art works on display and then enjoyed the range of student performances presented on the evening.

Thank you to the Art Festival Committee led by Laurel and Leigh and to Leah and Yolanda for working with students from Units 1, 2 and 3 to prepare performances for the evening.

I would also like to pass on special thanks to the Parents and Friends Association who organised the food on the night as well as Mark (Dante Rm 14) from Pacinos for donating the wonderful pizzas.



Thank you also to all of the families who contributed to such a successful evening.

Art works displayed in the Hub

The Arts Festival presented another opportunity for the school to celebrate the Arts and our commitment to provide enriching programs for all students.

A real team effort and a great community event!

Parents and Friends Association

- **Barbeque Fundraiser – Sunday, 29 October**



On Sunday, 29 October the Parents and Friends Association is holding a barbeque fundraiser at Bunnings Maribyrnong.

They are raising funds to be used towards improving the school grounds. If you are able to assist on the day please contact the office to leave your details. I know they would love to get assistance from as many families as possible on the day.

Twilight Picnic – Friday, 1 December

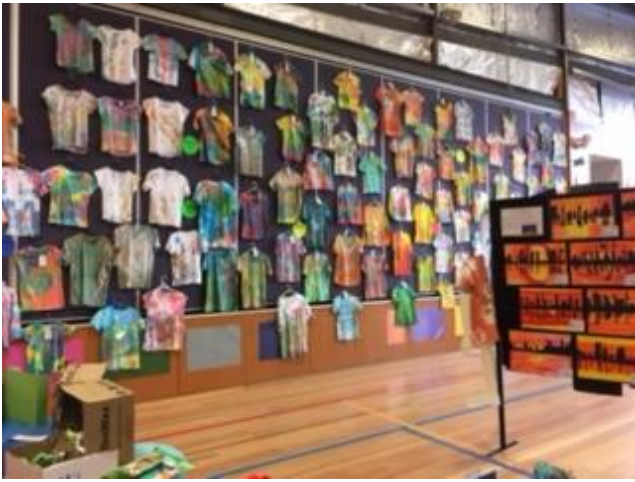
The highly successful Summer Twilight Picnic is back for 2017. With new food trucks, market stalls and great live music, the Summer Twilight Picnic will have something for everyone.



Unit 3 - Box city – Room 13

Pacinos has been a great support of our school. The restaurant is located at 300 Epsom Road, Showgrounds Village. Tel 9376 4888
Email info@pacinos.net.au





Art work displayed in the multipurpose room



Nick (Rm 1)



Prep students performing



Unit 2 students



Unit 3 students



Unit 3 students

Reminders . . .

1. Publishing dates for newsletter

Term 4 newsletters will continue to be published fortnightly. These will be published on 26 October, 9 and 23 November and 7 and 21 December.

Newsletters will be available online on the school's website

<http://www.avwps.vic.edu.au/index.php/newsletter/>

and through the school's app on the following day.

2. Breakfast Club

The Breakfast Club runs every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

All students welcome!



3. School Assemblies

Our school assemblies are held on Mondays at 9.00am in the multipurpose room. Our school captains Elyse and Bridget run the assembly. Announcements and student awards are made at the assembly. Parents are most welcome to attend.

4. Permission Notes

The school would appreciate parents ensuring that signed permission notes with any money required for excursions, events or programs be returned to the school by the date specified

5. School Yard Supervision

The school yard is supervised between 8.45am – 9.00am before school and 3.15pm – 3.30pm after school. Parents are reminded that there is no schoolyard supervision before and after school beyond these times. We discourage students from going to Victory Park before or after school without parent supervision.

6. School Uniforms

The Uniform Shop is open each Thursday morning from 8.30am to 10.00am. It is located on the ground floor in the main building. This shop is run by Primary School Wear (PSW). Items can be ordered online. A price list is available from the office and on the school's website. Parents are reminded that the school has a uniform policy and that all students are expected to wear the official uniform.

7. Play to Learn

The Play to Learn program for preschool children continues to run each Friday from 9.00am until 10.30am in Room 12. All families with preschool aged children are welcome.

For further information regarding the Play to Learn program please contact Christine, Play to Learn coordinator on 93708784

8. Prep 2018 Enrolments

The school is now taking enrolments for 2018. Enrolment forms are available on the school's website, from the

office or via email. Contact the school via the school's email: ascot.vale.west.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

9. School Banking – Mondays



School banking occurs every Monday. Students registered with the Commonwealth Bank can bring their deposit book each Monday for Rachael (Griffin Rm 3 and Roark Rm 15) and Tania (Astin Rm 14) to process.

10. Pick Up and Dropping Off Children at School

Parents are asked to be aware of the parking restrictions in front of the school in Langs Road. This area is identified as a 2 minute Parking Zone between 8.30am – 9.30am and 2.30pm – 4.00pm.

The Moonee Valley City Council parking officers often patrol this area and will fine cars illegally parked. A good alternative for parking and collecting children is at the Ascot Vale Leisure Centre or in the 2 Hour zone next to Victory Park.

11. Working With Children Checks

The school requires all adults assisting in programs to hold a current Working With Children Check. Documentation and information is available online at:

<http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>

These are free for volunteers. Working With Children Checks should be presented at the school office for photocopying and keeping on file.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

12. Community Library

A community library on the ground floor of the administration building near the Uniform Shop. We are hoping that parents will borrow books to read and enjoy. There is a range of titles available. If you would like to contribute appropriate texts to the library your contributions would be most welcome.



Sunsmart
It's Time to Put on Hats Again!

All students are required to wear an acceptable hat – a bucket hat or legionnaire's hat. Any student without the appropriate hat must stay in shade during outdoor activities and break times.

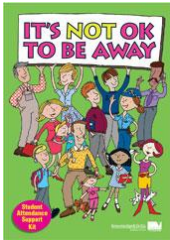
Hats are available from the Uniform Shop.

We do not keep spare hats for students who lose or forget their hats.

Sunscreen is available in each classroom.

Parents may provide their own sunscreen. This may be particularly relevant where it is known that their child is prone to allergic reactions to certain brands of sunscreen.

Best wishes Heather



Remember, every day counts: School Attendance

Missing school can have a major impact on a child's future – a student missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year. By Year 10 they will have missed more than a year of school.

School helps children and young people to develop important skills, knowledge and values that set them up for further learning and participation in their community. It helps them to make the most of life opportunities. Children and young people, who regularly attend school and complete Year 12, or an equivalent qualification, have:

- better health outcomes
- better employment outcomes
- higher incomes across their lives

Coming to school every day is vital, but if for any reason your child must miss school, there are steps you can take to ensure they don't fall behind.

You can contact your child's classroom teacher or the Primary Welfare Officer (Kristy Holmes) to find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.

The school monitors attendance data and has some concerns regarding unexplained absences.

Please ensure that if your child is away you notify the school via:

- *The school app - uEducate us*
- *A note to the teacher or*
- *By phone -93708784*

Kristy Holmes

Primary Welfare Officer

School Uniform

With the beginning of a new term, it is quite timely to focus on our School Uniform Policy and ensure all students are attending school wear the correct attire.

We believe the uniform as described in the Ascot Vale West dress code:

- Promotes pride in our school
- Reduces peer pressure
- Enhances our public image
- Promotes opportunity for equal participation
- Meets health and safety requirements

Our School Uniform consists of the following:

- Tops – Royal blue windcheater, skivvy, long or short sleeved polo shirt and royal blue bomber jacket
- Base – Black rugby shorts, black track pants or skort / black bootleg pants or black cargo pants
- No other colours or logos
- A dress or winter tunic/skirt in school colours
- A royal blue broad brimmed / bucket hat, a royal blue hijab
- Black enclosed shoe or enclosed sports shoe

Uniforms are available for purchase from the Uniform Shop every Thursday from 8.30 until 10.00am. Second-hand uniforms are available for a gold coin donation.

Should your child be out of uniform for any reason, we request a written note explaining the circumstances; otherwise, a Dress Code Reminder will be sent home by the classroom teacher.

We thank you for your support.

Robyn Johnson
Assistant Principal

AVW's 2017 Father's Day celebration was a successful event with nearly 200 attending! This was made possible with the support of AVW Parents and Friends as well as volunteers giving up their time that contributed to its success. Volunteering is a great way to connect with other members as well as giving yourself a sense of belonging to the school community. Our school holds many events throughout the year that allows many opportunities to volunteer. An upcoming event where you could contribute your time would be the barbeque fundraiser at Maribyrnong Bunnings on Sunday, 29th October 2017. All proceeds will go towards improving the school grounds. Keep an eye out for notices to help out!

To close this I would like to acknowledge some volunteers who helped out at 2017 Father's Day celebrations: Fety (Zak, Rm. 16), Luke (Paddy Rm 14 and Leo Rm 19), Mardi (Etty Rm 6), Jessica (Maggie Rm 15) and Gregory (Sunny Rm 19). I look forward to meeting you at our next events!



Susan, Steve & Emily

Walk to school month!!

This month is walk to school month! We encourage all students to get involved with this wonderful program. Each classroom will be given a tick list to record student participation, with stickers and bingo cards given out to students who participate. For students who live far away from the school, it is suggested they still drive to school, then walk around the wooden playground walking track a few times to be able to tick their name off the walk to school list. We hope that lots of the students at Ascot Vale West are able to get involved with walking to school this month.

The Environmental SRC team



Homespun Fair 2017

Saturday 11th November
Cnr Laura and Eglinton St
Moonee Ponds
9am - 3pm

Handmade kids toys, clothes, costumes, international food, jama and chutneys, jumping castle, face painting, cake stall and lots more!

100 percent profits to provide free medical clinics to people in rural areas of Philippines.

Moonee Valley City Council Long Term plan

Moonee Valley City Council is preparing a long term plan for our city and we've created a visioning paper to inspire and stimulate conversation!

View the visioning paper and provide your feedback online, or you can pick up a reply paid feedback postcard at your nearest Moonee Valley library.

A Community Symposium will be held from 9:30-4pm on Sunday 22 October, where you can provide further feedback around the vision and big ideas for your neighbourhood.

YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD, YOUR VISION

Want to attend a community symposium on Sunday, 22 October? Register at bit.ly/2040vision

What do you think of the big ideas identified for your neighbourhood?

Do you agree with the vision we've drafted?

We all deserve to live in a city where we aren't just surviving, we are thriving. Our **MV2040 Visioning Paper** outlines what we think Moonee Valley could look like in 2040.

View the visioning paper and share your feedback at mvcc.vic.gov.au/mv2040

If you are interested in attending the day, you can [RSVP directly here](#).

If you are unable to attend the community symposium we Would still love to [hear your feedback online here](#).

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to [contact the MV2040 team](#).

Community Announcements



Parentlink is a program created for single parent families



At the Y, we aim to ensure that everyone is happier, healthier and more connected to their communities and help those who are not.

Parentlink offers a range of member activities and programs that increase family participation and help lessen the isolation often felt by single parent families.

We offer a variety of weekend outings to suit everyone. These include barbeques, cooking lessons, workshops, picnics, zoo trips, beach days, visits to aquatic centres, adventure playgrounds, parks, museums and lots more!

So why not come along and join in the fun with Parentlink!

- Our events run every three weeks
- Our activities are kept at low to no cost so they are accessible to all
- We cater to all ages groups
- We are inclusive and welcoming of all types of single parent families
- We have a wonderful team who are here to welcome and support you and your family

For more information, please contact Emma at: emma.harvey@ymca.org.au

Ascot Kindergarten

FUNDRAISING QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 27th October - 7:30pm

Kensington Flemington Bowls Club
Corner Smithfield and Racecourse Roads

Book your tickets at www.trybooking.com/RRJI

Tickets \$25 each
\$200 for a table of 10 people

Door Prizes Live Auction
Featuring Trivia Host Anita Smith
Raffle BYO Snacks Cash Bar

www.ascotkindergarten.kin.vic.edu.au

AVW PARENTS & FRIENDS
MAJOR FUNDRAISING EVENT



REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS

On Sunday 29th October Parents and Friends is holding a barbeque fundraiser at Bunnings Maribyrnong (Williamson Rd & Rosamond Rd, Maribyrnong).

This sausage sizzle is promising to be an important event for our school, potentially raising up to **\$3,000** for much needed improvements to our school grounds.

We are seeking volunteers to help run the BBQ in 2 hour shifts.

We hope all families will get behind this fantastic fundraising opportunity for our school!

Generously supported by



Please return the form below by: **Friday 20th October 2017.**

All volunteers will be contacted via SMS in the week prior to confirm attendance.



Name: _____

Parent of (eldest child): _____ Room: _____

Contact No. _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 7.30 – 9.00 AM | <input type="checkbox"/> 9.00 – 11.00 AM |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 11.00 – 1.00 PM | <input type="checkbox"/> 1.00 – 3.00 PM |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3.00 – 5.00 PM | <input type="checkbox"/> I'm flexible – roster me where needed |

Privacy Collection Statement:

- The Department of Education & Early Childhood Development requires parental/guardian permission for a child to participate in an excursion, camp or other specified activity
- Ascot Vale West PS Parents and Friends Association is collecting this information for the Ascot Vale Parents and Friends Bunnings BBQ to be held on Sunday, 29th October 2017
- This information is necessary to fulfil the school's duty of care to the students
- The completed consent form must be returned to the school otherwise your child will be unable to participate
- The information will be stored according to the department's privacy collection guidelines
- Only the Bunnings BBQ Organising Committee of the Parents and Friends Association will have access to this information
- Parents/Guardians wishing to view information stored about their family can contact the principal, Heather Carr.





OSHC



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OSHC Phone: 0421445967

***Welcome back for the last term
of 2018!***

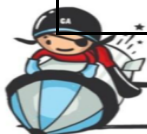
REMINDERS

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.campaustalia.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.

Week ending	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Friday 20 Oct	Samurai	Little Athletics	Hut Building	Pom Pom & weaving with wool	Movie & popcorn



www.campaustalia.com.au

OSHC **TIMES**



A fantastic night was had on the last Thursday of term 3 when Ascot Vale West Primary School held it's Arts Festival. Beautiful weather made it a great night to get out and see the amazing performers and art work by our students. Thank you to all who attended on the evening and to all those who helped make it a great evening.



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