



# Ascot Vale Special School

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## What's On?

5 June  
Curriculum Day

8 June  
Queens Birthday  
Public Holiday

26 June  
End Term 2

### Hi Parents and Carers,

It was a pleasure to walk around the school and see the completed work that has been carried out in the school in improving the school's accessibility. The front doors are now automatic and have created improved wheelchair access for anyone needing to use a wheelchair. Three car parks have been extended at the front entrance to the school to improve wheelchair drop off and pick up access for vehicles needing this facility.

The girl's toilets have all been refurbished and look sensational along with the disabled unisex toilet.

The two lifts have been completed that will allow for wheelchair access to all levels of the school along with new foyer lift spaces. These two lifts will be handed over to the school on May 20 after the staff have been given a brief handover on their operation. New carpet has been laid in these new foyer spaces.

The work above has given a new lift to the internal appearance of the school and the opportunity to create seating spaces in the new foyer areas that are associated with the two new school lifts.

As mentioned last week, the wheelchair ramp that is under construction at the front of the school's gym had some issues because of building rubble buried previously when the gym was erected sometime around 2010. The end of May will see the completion of both ramps.

**Riverside Fundraising:** It is unlikely that the Riverside Women's Golf Club will be able to proceed this year with their charity golf day for the school due to COVID-19. Disappointing, but a reality of what we are all dealing with at the moment. The school will receive a small cheque for funds already raised by the club which is fantastic and very much appreciated. This club has been a long-term supporter of AVSS and has raised more than \$100,000 for the school over the years. Hopefully, this association with the Riverside Women's Golf Club will continue in 2021.

**Flexible and Remote Learning:** There have been many positive comments received from the school community about the support, the resources and the online learning provided to the students. There has also been constructive feedback on what we can do to achieve improved communications between home and school and to provide the differentiation required so that each student is working at their instructional level. Please continue to provide this valuable feedback as it helps to inform and improve what we can do as a school to support Flexible and Remote Learning.

**Onsite Learning:** This option is available to parents and carers who are not able to educate their child at home and where your child or the family is struggling to manage. Each request will be considered on the vulnerability of the student and the family situation.

### **School Communications**

The school council resolved that for whole school communications that the school will use both Compass and Seesaw Z-Admin to communicate. Parents can choose which platform is most accessible and works best for them.

The Seesaw application will remain the platform for class and parent communications as well as the learning platform for students.

Parents will be surveyed at the end of the year on both these platforms in communicating whole school messages.

### **School Name Change**

The school has submitted the final documentation to the Regional Director of South West Region, Dr Wendy Timms, for the formal approval to change the school name from Ascot Vale Special School to **Ascot Vale Heights School**. If the Department approves the name change of the school, then there are several items that the school will need to attend to before this school name change will be adopted, so it could be later this year before this name change finally occurs for the school community.

### **School Semester Reports**

The school council agreed due to the difficulty of reporting on student progress during the period of flexible and remote learning and the diversity in the engagement of students in learning from home that there will be no student reports at the end of this semester. SSG Meetings will be convened at the end of the term. Additional information about these SSG meetings will be provided in the next couple of weeks.

Well done on what you are achieving and doing to support the learning of your child/ children at home and I'd like to wish all our Mums and Special Carers a very happy Mother's Day.

**Cheers**  
**Colin**

Dear Parents and Carers

These organisations can provide individual support or further information:

Kids Help Line <https://kidshelpline.com.au/>

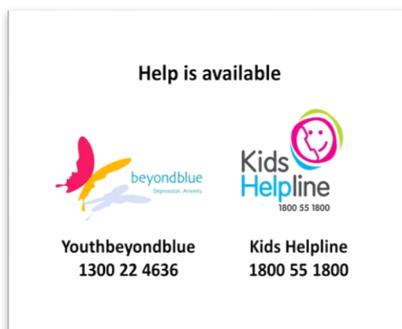
Lifeline <https://www.lifeline.org.au/>

Youth Beyond Blue <https://www.youthbeyondblue.com/>

DHHS <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/mental-health-resources-coronavirus-covid-19>

<https://www.1800respect.org.au/>

Commonwealth Government Disability COVID hotline <https://www.dss.gov.au/disability-and-carers/information-and-referrals-for-people-with-disability-and-their-supporters-about-coronavirus-covid-19#about>



**Need help connecting to nearby support? Want to know more about COVID-19 in your community?** Askizzy can provide helpful online information of local services for things such as Foodbank, housing, financial assistance and family support. <https://askizzy.org.au>



Mother's Day is a wonderful time to celebrate and share gratitude with the women who have helped us become who we are—while also being compassionate to those who find it difficult.

I'd like to wish all of our mothers, carers, grandmothers, godmothers, aunts or whatever title you have a very special thank you and enjoy the day on Sunday with the people who love you.

**Are there any disability supports that may be available to students if they cannot attend school for an extended period due to COVID-19?**

If a student is a National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) participant they may be able to arrange disability supports funded from their NDIS plan. Parents can also request new or increased support coordination to help them organise their child's NDIS supports. Frequently asked questions and answers about the NDIS and support coordination during the COVID-19 pandemic are available on the NDIS website at [www.ndis.gov.au/coronavirus/participants-coronavirus-covid-19](http://www.ndis.gov.au/coronavirus/participants-coronavirus-covid-19). Parents can contact their child's NDIS support coordinator, or the NDIS (ph: 1800 800 110) for more information about this.

If a student is not an NDIS participant they can test their eligibility by contacting the NDIS directly on 1800 800 110. More information about joining the NDIS is at [www.ndis.gov.au/applying-access-ndis/am-i-eligible](http://www.ndis.gov.au/applying-access-ndis/am-i-eligible).

**Christine Monahan**  
Assistant Principal

# For participants - coronavirus (COVID-19)

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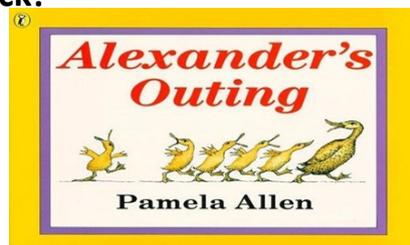
## Key Word Sign of the week

Week 4

### DUCK

Place tips of dominant index, middle fingers and thumb together. Place formation in front of chin and open and close formation, twice.

Also featured in our Book of the Week activity pack!



## OT Challenge of the week!



Ashleigh and Laetitia demonstrating the Triangle Pose  
Stand your feet wide apart

Stretch your arms out wide

Tip your body sideways and see if you can get your arm to touch your leg.

Can you see where the triangle is in the photo? Can you take a photo and show us your triangle pose? (HINT: It should be between your arm and leg!)

Thanks, Emma

# Home Learning

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**What's New?**

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SCHEDULE DOWNLOADS:

**Weeks 3-4 (27 April - 8 May)** Week to a page overviews: [Wk 3](#), [Wk 4](#)

**Weeks 5-6 (11 May - 22 May)**

Each weekday will start with content for Kindergarten/Foundation level students at 10am. Primary and Lower Secondary level content will continue throughout the morning. Programming then progresses up to Secondary level content in the afternoons.

Don't forget to check our Teaching Resources page for supporting materials.

And remember, there is an enhanced collection of carefully curated education content *always* available on [iview](#).

Click on the link to see more details about learning with ABC TV and refer to the weekly and daily schedule of shows that may suit your child

<https://www.abc.net.au/tveducation/>

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The AVSS website also has excellent resources for you to use. On our website under "Home Learning" you will see the latest dated additions

<http://ascotvaless.vic.edu.au/>



## Parent Support Group Online Term 2

**Are you a parent/carer of a child with a disability or developmental delay? Would you like to meet other parents/carers?**

**The Parent Support Group is an opportunity to:**

- Share information and ideas during the COVID-19 time.
- Get support and support others
- Find out about services and supports

**Who:** Parents/carers living in the Northern and Western Suburbs of Melbourne

**When:** Monday May 11, May 25, and June 15

**Time:** 1.30pm -2.30pm

**Where:** Online via Zoom - please contact Annette if you would like to join the meeting so we can send you the Zoom meeting invitation before the meeting.

(Please contact Thea or Annette if you have questions)

The group is facilitated by Annette Jorgensen and Thea Calzoni, the Strengthening Parent Support Program

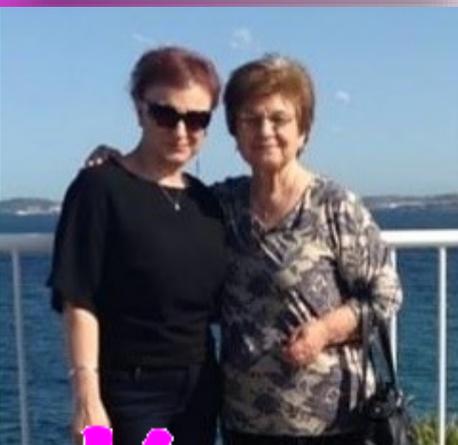
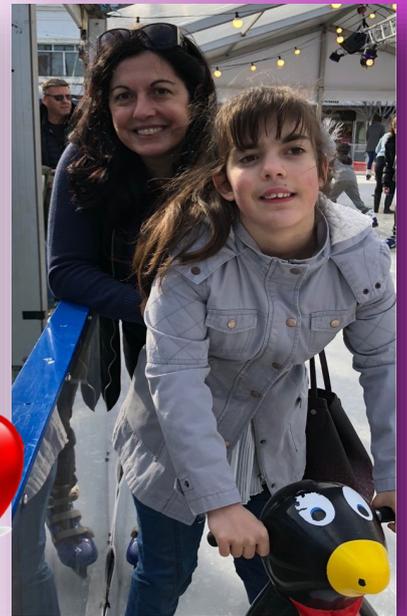
### Want to attend the group or find out more?

Contact Annette Jorgensen or

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Thea Calzoni

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Happy Mother's Day



Ivy and Mum: Ivy is going to make breakfast in bed for mum!





Rooms 3 & 4 have had a new shade sail installed to keep them cool in the summer months.



That's me and mamma

Lots of different shades of red from the Radishes' harvested from the garden



The new shed in the Playground will house our Creative Play equipment