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What's On?

9 August
School Council

18 September
Last Day Term 3

5 October
Term 4 begins

27 October
Year 7 and 10
Immunisations

Parent Feedback
Form Link
[Parent Feedback Form](#)

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that this news bulletin finds you and your family well and adjusting to Stage 3 restrictions that we are currently learning to live with again. Please appreciate that our staff are also experiencing a considerable amount of anxiety which I am sure that you are also feeling at this challenging time for all of us in Metropolitan Melbourne.

Staffing of the school will be a day-to-day proposition. Staff that are not feeling well will be going off to be tested for COVID-19. Also, student class numbers may determine if we combine classes so that teachers can be released to cover staff absences if needed.

I am seeking the support of the school community to understand that the next 6 weeks of schooling may look very different due to staff and student absences and the challenges that may ensue. The school, as we start this term, has given three staff the option to work from home due to a comprised immune systems.

Every endeavour will be made to keep the school running as usual, but there will be days when the school will be required to make changes to meet the operational needs of the school.

Parents and carers at any time can feel free to email me at colin.schot@education.vic.gov.au or ring me on my mobile 0409 413 291 if you have queries or questions on what is happening.

The COVID-19 hotline is 1800 675 398. Please save this number to your phone as it will be a helpful resource if you are not sure of an action that you may need to take.

Staffing changes: We welcome Emma Reilly who has replaced Vanessa Perrella in Room 1 and Brittany Petticrew who is replacing Stephanie Champion in Room 9. Stephanie is moving to replace Lambros Hajisava who has been filling in Room 14

These changes were due to the retirements of staff during Term 2 and meeting the needs of the school.

Student Attendance: Sixty percent of parents on Monday chose to keep their child at home during Stage 3 restrictions, the school respects this decision. Given that DET has indicated that Special Schools will not be delivering flexible and remote learning, this will be a challenge for the staff and the school. At any time, parents and carers have the right to change their decision on whether they send their child to school or for their child to stay home. DET would like it known that schools are a safe place for their children.

COVID Symptoms: Please do not under any circumstance send a child to school that is presenting with symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, coughing, shortness of breath, lack of taste and smell. This measure also applies to our staff and any parent and carer that needs to enter the school grounds.

It is so important if your child has a runny nose or a cough they do not come to school. We understand the fear and anxiety this generates when staff and students have a runny nose or are coughing. To alleviate that anxiety I am asking staff or students to remain isolated at home.

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School Communications: The school will continue to use both the Seesaw and Compass platforms to communicate messages to parents and carers. You must check in on these platforms for what is happening in the school.

Stage 3 Restrictions: I am asking all our school community to keep observing Stage 3 restrictions and stay at home when you can for the next five weeks. There is no guarantee that this virus will not impact us, but we will deal with it as other schools have had to.

Stay safe, well and look after the interests of each other by doing the right thing at home and at work.

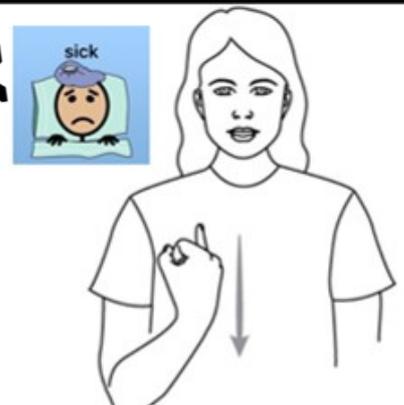
Colin and Staff at AVSS

Key Word Sign of the week

Week 1

Sick

Extend pinky finger. Slide pinky finger down same side of upper chest.



OT Challenge of the week!



One Foot Hops

Can you hop like Christopher?

Lift one leg in front of your body bend your standing leg and do a little jump.

Can you do it on both sides?

Emma, Occupational Therapist



Room 11



In Room 11 the students used glitter in an experiment to demonstrate the spread of germs and the effectiveness of good hand washing. They were surprised to see how easily germs spread through touch and now understand how important washing hands with soap is in fighting germs.



EDUCATIONAL WEBSITES

Here are some great learning websites for families who have chosen to stay at home:

GoNoodle

<https://www.gonoodle.com/>

Movement and mindfulness videos

ABC Kids

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

ABC kids shows

Department of Education and Learning

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/teachingresources/discipline/maths/Pages/maths-and-numeracy-at-home.aspx>

This resource can be used by parents and carers to engage children in mathematics learning in everyday situations. There is a range of multi-modal resources for all learners and will provide great inspiration for teaching at home

Smarty Symbols

<https://smartysymbols.com/>

This resource can be used to access symbols to aid receptive and expressive language. Use the code HOMEVISUALS for free 30 day access.

Coronavirus Social Story

<https://www.ppmid.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/The-Corona-Virus-Free-Printable-Updated-2-The-Autism-Educator-.pdf>

Social stories support safe and meaningful exchange of information using simple language and visual supports.

Vooks

https://www.vooks.com/?ck_subscriber_id=567962593

Streaming service with read-aloud, animated storybooks. Each storybook includes free lesson plans. 1 month free trial.

Kids News

<https://www.kidsnews.com.au/news>

Free news website. Age appropriate news articles and three levels of text.

National Geographic Kids

<https://www.natgeokids.com/au/>

National geographic site for children, included activities and articles.

Behind the News

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

Great resource for upper primary/secondary students to access kid friendly news articles

Cosmic Kids Yoga

<https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga>

Engaging follow along yoga videos for movement breaks and gross motor skills

My favourite art work of Yvonne Koolmatric's By: Keira

The art work looks like an Echidna. It was woven by sedges and grass weed she uses sedges to make the Echidna. This artwork makes me feel happy.



Ernie Dingo By Imran

Ernie Dingo is an indigenous actor, television presenter, comedian and promoter of First People culture.

On 31 July 1956, Dingo was born at Bullardoo Station. He was inspired by his mother.

He received a Member of the Order of Australia in 1990.




Ash Barty

Her real name is Asleigh and she is 25 years old. She was born 24th April 1996 in Ipswich Queensland Australia. Ash is famous for playing tennis and cricket she also won the youngest Australian of the year award.

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My favourite artwork of Yvonne Koolmatric are the didgeridoos.

The artwork looks like real didgeridoos. She used some brown sedges that she collects from the bank of Murray River. They look pretty nice and it makes me calm just looking at it.

By Eliza




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Cooorong Dreaming this is my favourite art work by indigenous arts Yvonne Koolmatric. She used sedges to wave her art worku

By Aidyn




It looks like an aeroplane, it is an earthy colour. The artwork is made out of dried sedges.

By Sofia



DANZAL BAKER IS ALSO A RAPPER, DANCER, ARTIST AND ACTOR.

DANZAL BAKER IS KNOWN AS BAKER BOY AND HE'S AN ABORIGINAL-AUSTRALIAN.

HE WAS BORN IN DARWIN, NORTHERN TERRITORY, AUSTRALIA ON THE 31ST OF OCTOBER IN 1996 (AGE 29)

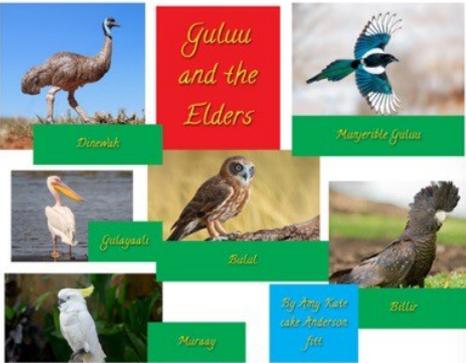
Baker Boy

He Studied to year 12 slalom Christian college in Townsville, Queensland before Attending the Aboriginal centre for the Performance Arts in Brisbane. He was Able to Develop his love of dancing and acting there, and was a original member of the Djuk Mala dance troupe , which toured Australia.



Juluu and the Elders

Dinwiddie, Mungerbelle Juluu, Galaguali, Bulal, By Amy Kate Lake Anderson Jitt, Billie, Murray



Jack Charles By Abdullahi

He is an aboriginal elder who was born in 1943. Today he is 76 year old.

Fact- He is a member of the Stolen Generation it about indigenous children were forcibly removed by white people from their families. Fact- Jack Charles played Chief Great Little Panther in Joe Wright's 2015 film Pan.

Jack Charles was involved in establishing Indigenous theatre in Australia and today he is a well-known actor musician potter. He inspired others who life is hard and make good life you can still make a cool life.



The end Lindsay Thomas

By INDI



Room 13

On our return to school last term, Room 13 completed an Indigenous unit of work on Australian Culture. Please enjoy viewing Room 13's work.

FORTNITE

Age Rating in
the App Store:
FORTNITE 15+

Age rating according to app provider

Fortnite is a video game for PlayStation 4, Xbox One, Windows, Mac and mobile allowing up to 100 users per game onto an island/map to build structures, hunt for weapons and equipment. Players are dropped onto the game map and must compete to be the last one standing. There are three modes of play in Battle Royale: Solo, Duo and Squad.

Challenges

Micro transactions

There are opportunities for players to spend real money on items in the game.

Fortnite encourages a membership upgrade called a Battlepass, as well as in-game currency called V-Bucks to buy bonus items. You can buy things like new looks and new dances. Most platforms allow you to block in-app purchases via parental controls, so be sure to set up yours if you don't want your kids maxing out the credit card. CRF recommends using a pre paid credit card or gift card for in-app purchases.

The game's online chat feature (especially in Battle Royale) can expose younger players to offensive language, mature content and contact from strangers. CRF doesn't recommend games with open chat for kids under 13.

How do I turn off voice chat?

Open the Settings menu in the top right of the Fortnite home page by selecting the three bars, then the cog icon. Choose the audio tab at the top of the screen. From there, you can adjust several audio features, including voice chat. Turn the setting from on to off by tapping the arrows. You will need to take steps to make sure your child isn't exposed to the inappropriate language of other players by keeping them in solo mode or ensuring that they're teaming up with friends.

To report

Users can report other users for harassment, inappropriate language, bullying and hacking. Just click 'Email Us' and fill out the required fields. After selecting the Product and Game Mode, select Report Player as the Issue Type. This will make sure these reports are directed to the correct team.

If a user wants to delete a 'friend' within the game they can simply go to the icon on the top right of the screen with the three figures and select the user and click 'unfriend'. There is no way to block a user in the game. If a user is harassing another user they should follow the appropriate steps above to report them.

Like any online game, Fortnite can be a positive social activity that keeps kids connected to their friends (not to mention a great potential bonding experience if you choose to play with your child). Just be mindful of screen time and monitor that chat. We always encourage open conversations around privacy and personal safety.

App Fact Sheets available from the Carly Ryan Foundation. Please email: info@carlyryanfoundation.com

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Dear Parent/Caregiver,

Your child has been offered an opportunity to attend this year's Special Children's Christmas Party.

The party is for children only with Special Needs. There will be lots of rides, face painting a 3 hour stage show, yummy food and of course, Santa and presents!

This year's party is being held at the Melbourne Showgrounds on Saturday 5th December 2020, starting at 9.30am and finishing at 1:30pm. The Party is scheduled to go ahead for 2020, in some form or another. This is a **completely free day**, unique because it will be all inclusive just for children who have special needs. We have purchased the toys and depending on Government regulations due to COVID-19, we have a Plan A, B, C and D.

If you are interested in your child attending this year's party, please return this form to your school or organisation that informed you about the Party. Your school or organisation will then get in touch with the organisers of the Christmas Party to register your interest and perhaps you might be lucky to receive an invitation!

If you have any further questions about the event, you may view our webpage at www.sccpau.com.au/faqparents. Here you will find a list of commonly asked questions.

Remember this is only a request for an invitation, not a guarantee that you will receive one. Each year, we have over 6,000 requests for children to attend and it's not possible to accommodate that many children with special needs.

A response needs to be back to Ascot Vale Special School before 30th July.

Please RSVP via Seesaw or email nichole.medina@education.vic.gov.au

Yes, I would like to register to my interest for my child to attend.

Child's Name:

Child's Room Number:

Age:..... **(must be under 12 years) Gender: M / F**

My name is Brit Petticrew and I am so excited to be joining the team at Ascot Vale Special School supporting the students in Room 9.

I moved to Melbourne in March from Calgary, Alberta, Canada where I was a Special Education teacher focusing on Mental Health.

I love to play Basketball and Volleyball and am just starting to wrap my head around the rules of footy. I'm open to suggestions on what team I should be supporting!

I would like to thank everyone for the warm welcome and look forward to a great year.

Brit



Hi everyone

I am the new teacher in Room 1 with Anita and Kara. I've taught for over 10 years in a variety of educational settings including play-based, International Baccalaureate (inquiry-based) and most recently, at the State Library – teaching online, at the Library and even touring programs around Victoria.

I'm really pleased to be joining the AVSS community and thank everyone for making me feel so welcome. When I'm not teaching, I enjoy riding my bike, walking my whippet (well, watching her run like the wind!), watching films and pottering around the garden.

Looking forward to meeting you one day soon.

Emma Reilly.

