



## What's On?

### Friday 11 March

Pupil Free Day  
Staff Professional  
Development

### Monday 14 March

Labour Day  
Public Holiday

### Monday 28 March

School Photos

### Friday 8 April

End Term 1  
2 pm finish

### Tuesday 26 April

First Day Term 2

Dear Families and Carers

#### F-10 Learning Centre

I hope that everyone had some opportunity to enjoy the summer break without too many COVID disruptions. It has been a wonderful start to the school year with all students and staff returning to face to face learning. Students have all settled well into their new classrooms, settling in to classroom routines and establishing positive learning environments.

This year we have organised the Learning Centres into F-10 and Senior Secondary 11- 12 as we have a large cohort of Senior Secondary students 2022-23. I am delighted to be leading the F-10 Learning Centre this year. Ashleigh May and Steph Champion will support the Team as F-10 Assistant Team Leaders.

We welcome a large number of new staff and students to the Ascot Vale Heights School Community in 2022. There will be lots of new faces around the school so please make them feel welcome.

We have lots of great learning experiences planned for the first term of school, our inquiry focus will be all about me 'What makes me awesome!'. Students will be exploring things that they are good at and working on skills they want to get better at.

The secondary students enjoyed participating in a Surf Life Saving All Abilities swim safe excursion in week 4. It was a really important opportunity to learn about beach and swim safety. The intensive swimming program will run for all F-10 classes in week 10 (Mon – Fri). The Stephanie Alexander Garden Program will also be running from Term 1, which is exciting for students and staff alike.

Throughout 2022 we will continue to be working with Education Consultants Andrea Hillbrick and Laura Meney. Our work with Andrea will build on from 2021 with a focus on Mathematics and hands on learning. Laura is an Apple Education Consultant and will be engaging students and staff with creative iPad learning, with a focus on making and creating in new and innovative ways.

It has already been such a great start to the year. I am looking forward to a really great Term 1 and a closer to normal school year for 2022!



# Allied Health News

**SPEECH**

Welcome to Allied Health News!

Here we provide updates from the Allied Health team.

At Ascot Vale we use **Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC)** to support students language development. We use many different AAC such as high-tech AVAZ, low-tech communication boards, and Key Word Sign.

Each week we share a Core Word and Key Word Sign that staff can focus on for the week.

You will find the same ones here so you can continue modelling the same at home.

Keep an eye out for video clips on Seesaw :)



## Key word sign of the week is "School"

Move open dominant hand, palm toward head, diagonally at side of face, twice.

See the Z- Admin Seesaw demonstration

## Core Word of The Week

Practice modelling the core word on the AVHS communication board.

**"Go"**

See demonstration on Seesaw



*"We are going to school"*

## Contact

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Working days: Wednesday and Friday





Thomas



Christian

The foundation students have enjoyed their first weeks of school



Michael



Sebastian

**ROOM 16 HAVE BEEN  
EXPLORING WATERCOLOUR  
PAINTS IN ART.**



This is just a quick reminder to get your child's lunch orders in for each Wednesday's canteen lunch pack.

Envelopes will be sent home with your child and please return to school with \$5 enclosed.

On the Menu this term is potato salad & garden salad, yoghurt & cucumber dip, focaccia bread and fruit cups.

**The Canteen Team**



WOW!!! Congratulations Room 1 on a fantastic start to the school year!  
 All members of our class have engaged in lots of fun learning experiences such as making a school book, experimenting with water and sand, creating a self-portrait, selecting our favourite things and so much more!  
 Well done everyone! If we have had this much fun in the first few weeks, I cannot wait to see what we can do for the rest of the year! 😊”

# Room 1





# RECESS

## About rEcess



- rEcess is a respite programme for families experiencing disability, and is based on a model created by 99 balloons.
- St Jude's rEcess started in 2015 as part of "Indispensability", a committee which aims to promote inclusion at St Jude's Anglican Church, Melbourne.
- rEcess is run by St Jude's Church in partnership with other local churches. All our volunteers are Child Safe trained, have WWCC & undergone a screening process.
- We aim to offer practical support to families affected by disability.

## How it works

- Once a month, parents drop kids off for the morning and volunteers buddy 1:1 with kids to have the best Saturday of the month!
- Siblings are welcome and have their own dedicated buddies too!
- We either run craft and play activities at St Jude's Church or go on excursions to places like NGV and Melbourne Museum.



## Get in touch



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Got questions or want to sign up?  
Contact Amy Brown at  
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or visit [stjudes.org.au/children-youth/](http://stjudes.org.au/children-youth/)

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# WE'RE EXPANDING!

**OPENING**  
JAN 2022

The clinic is conveniently located 3 minutes off the calder freeway.

- Ample off street parking available.
- Psychology appointments now available.

IF INTERESTED  
PLEASE CONTACT

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# Respectful school communities start with respectful behaviour

Parents, carers, staff and students can help keep our school community safe, supportive and respectful.

Good relationships are based on:



Open and honest communication



Trust and respect



Working together



Fair and reasonable expectations by all

These behaviours are **not** okay in our school community:

- ⊗ Threats
- ⊗ Violence
- ⊗ Rudeness
- ⊗ Harassment
- ⊗ Discriminatory and derogatory comments
- ⊗ Aggression
- ⊗ Intimidation
- ⊗ Threatening gestures

This includes in-person, over-the-phone, email, text message, social media and online.

For more information ask your school about the **Respectful Behaviours within the School Community Policy**.

# The Marvellous Elephant Man



Our wonderful Music Teacher Marc Lucchesi has written  
a wickedly amusing musical

## **“The Marvellous Elephant Man”.**

With a live band, original score and an exciting cast of incredible performers  
“The Marvellous Elephant Man” will be a night to remember.

Marc’s musical is playing at the Melbourne Comedy Fest in April with  
five shows during the school holidays on 12, 13, 15, 16 and 17 April.

It’s the first full showing and hopefully the beginning of  
a decade long run that will include the Westend and Broadway.

Here’s a handy ticket link to book your tickets

<https://www.comedyfestival.com.au/2022/shows/the-elephant-man>

## WONDERZ CLUB

SATURDAYS FRIENDSHIP CLUB FOR KIDS AGED (4-12) YRS.

5 March 22  
Animal Land  
Children's  
Farm

19 March 22  
All Abilities play  
Space

2 April 22  
Museum of  
Play and Art

Transportation provided  
Core / Capacity building

Timing 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

**DESIGNED AND OPERATING FOR**  
**CARERS BY CARERS** ★★

We provide sensory-friendly holiday programs for kids with disabilities and organise Saturday's excursions where carers can have a break and our kids are socializing and building relationships in a judging free environment while being looked after.

Our Programs run with  
1:1 and 1:2  
only

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CARE AND  
ACCEPTANCE**



**LET'S HAVING FUN AND CARING**



Transportation provided  
Core / Capacity building

More Info  
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**EASTER WONDERZ HOLIDAY**

- 11. Apr. 22 Supper hero & build a fort day
- 12. Apr. 22 DIY Easter Bunny
- 13. Apr 22 Easter Egg Coloring & hunt
- 14. Apr 22 Easter Basket
- 19. Apr 22 Little Chef
- 20. Apr 22 Obstacle course
- 21. Apr 22 Car Wash
- 22. Apr 22 Juice Day



Timing 9 :00 AM - 3:00 PM

**OUR KIDS HAVE SO MUCH TO OFFER TO THE WORLD...**



Secure your child's spot in our sensory friendly and fun-filled school holidays program at Wonder Kidz where all kids are accepted, loved and cared for who they truly are.

## WONDERZ CLUB

We support the  
**ndis**

Saturdays Friendship club for kids aged  
4-12 yrs (10 am to 3 pm)



05. MARCH.22	ANIMAL LAND CHILDREN'S FARM
19. MARCH.22	ALL ABILITIES PLAY SPACE
02. APRIL.22	MUSEUM OF PLAY AND ART
07. MAY.22	FLIP FLOP
21. MAY.22	V- JUNIOR CINEMA
04. JUNE.22	MELBOURNE MUSEUM
18. JUNE.22	AQUAPULSE
16. JULY.22	LEGO LAND
30. JULY.22	AQUARIUM

Transportation available



**For Bookings: www.wonderkidz.net.au**