



What's On?

Friday 8 April
End Term 1
1 pm finish

Monday 25 April
ANZAC Public Holiday

Tuesday 26 April
First Day Term 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hasn't the term flown!! For the first time in a very long time our students were able to have a few activities that really gave them an opportunity to shine. From swimming week to the Polyglot theatre we had it all and our students enjoyed every minute.

As we prepare for the last week of school it is worth remembering that this term has been the longest continuous amount of time our students have been at school for 2 years. It is likely that we are all a little tired at the moment and really looking forward to some rest.

Annual General Meeting

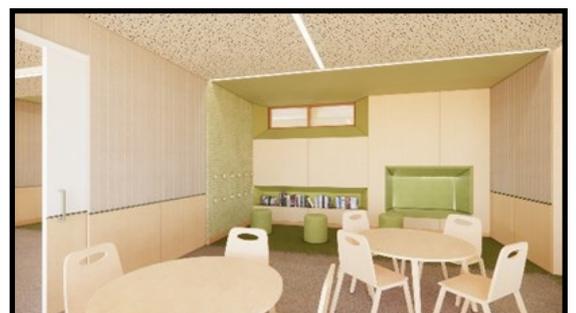
On the 22nd March we held our Annual General Meeting with School Council. It was a delight to run this meeting face to face. This year the format was changed so that it included a presentation from our PLC leaders Ashleigh, Brittany, Stephanie and Zoe.

AGM's are a celebration of the work achieved in the past year and what a better way to celebrate this, by a presentation from AVHS staff. It is a wonderful way to showcase work that sometimes goes unseen by the school community as it focusses on the team planning and preparation for teaching and learning. During this meeting the 2021 Annual Report to the School Community was presented. It will be uploaded to our website soon so that our entire community can access it.

News about the building works

We are excited to share the news that Stage 1 is nearly complete with the anticipated move into the newly renovated learning spaces at the beginning of Term 2!

What this means, is that in our last week of Term 1, rooms 1/2 (Zoe), 3 (Ash), 4 (Olinda) and 7 (Emma) have been slowly packing up the classrooms. The students will finish the term in their old classrooms but commence Term 2 in the new learning spaces.



I know that Zoe, Ash, Olinda and Emma have been gently preparing the students for the move, and our allied health team have been busy with creating social stories so that our students can be prepared for the change.

I'm excited to share with you some design photos of what the new spaces should look like, but it's not exact. But I think you can see how fabulous these spaces will be. I don't have a picture of the adjacent play area but I'm certain it'll be a favourite play area.

Farewell

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Emma Wilby who finishes with us this term. Emma has expertly supported Zoe's class in Room 1.

We also say farewell to Speech Pathologist Getty Hamidi, who has been supporting our school in scaffolding speech and language interventions throughout 2022.

Many of the school community would know teacher, Juliet Knight who has made the decision to retire after working with us since 1988. We take this opportunity to thank Juliet for her dedication to Ascot Vale Heights School, particularly her work with the students and families.

We have also been very fortunate to rely on very committed and skilled casual staff who have been able to support us at short notice. I'd like to make a special mention to Lambros Hajisava who has been here for a significant portion of Term 1 in Room 7.

Thank you Bunnings

A huge thank you to the Bunnings Maribyrnong store for their donation to AVHS. Our school has kindly received \$1,000 which has been allocated to equipment purchase for the Sensory Room. This space has been highlighted as an area requiring attention and funding to ensure that this space safely meets the sensory needs of children. This will be earmarked by the school as a targeted community project.

Early Finish Friday 8th of April

Our final day of term is Friday the 8th of April. We are finishing at 1:00pm.

We will be holding a special last day assembly which will be held online. Details and a meeting link will be sent via Seesaw.

Enjoy a safe and happy term break.

Cheers,

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Ascot Vale Heights Primary School Student Leadership Team

This term the Room 16 students worked through the process of electing our Primary School Captains and Vice Captains. Students had the opportunity to nominate themselves, write nomination speeches and read them to their classmates and then vote. It was a successful process, and I am delighted to announce our 2022 Primary School Captains and Vice Captains.



- I can be respectful
- I can be responsible
- I can be a positive role-model for all students
- I can display appropriate behaviour at all times
- I can help and listen to all students
- I can meet and greet visitors to the school
- I can attend Student Leadership Group meetings
- I can participate in formal school ceremonies
- I can help to set up before a school event, and pack up afterwards
- I can participate in and assist with the organisation of school events including, end-of-term assemblies and special events
- I can help prepare written reports to promote the school for the school newsletter



VALE Ian Hiscock

Ian was the father of Heather in room 14. Ian had been a member of school council for a number of years before he became ill in 2020. He was a terrific advocate for children with additional needs and a great community member. He dedicated more than 30 years to Moonee Valley Neighbourhood Watch and in 2018 he was awarded the highest honour for his service.

Our thoughts are with Heather and his wife Trina.



ALLIED HEALTH NEWS

Speech Pathology News

This week we welcome our full-time Speech Pathologist, Natalliya. She has experience in working in private practice as well as the Education Department.

Natalliya has a strong interest in providing students with verbal communication difficulties the opportunity to express their thoughts and feelings through maximizing the integration of Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) in the classroom.

She looks forward to working with all students and staff at AVHS.



What is a core board?

A core board is a colourful board with symbols that are fixed in place. The board to the right is used at AVHS. The **core words make up 80% of the words we say everyday.** When we give access to these words, we are giving learners power and flexibility in their communication.

In addition, the core board is organized in different colours to match our high tech devices colour coding system. This supports a student's ability to locate words quickly and form grammatically correct phrases and sentences.

Pronoun/Person = **yellow**

Verb/Action = **green**

Adjectives/Describe = **blue**

Preposition/conjunction = **orange**

Place = **purple**



Communication board in lower primary classroom

ALLIED HEALTH NEWS...

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Why do we need a core board?

Communication is an essential component to ensuring we build meaningful friendships and relationships. We naturally enjoy expressing our thoughts, opinions and feelings with others. It is important that we act as communication partners to individuals who have receptive and expressive language delays.

High-tech AAC devices are great but every system needs a back up!



How can the core board help?

- Less costly and easy to make
- They never run out of batteries
- Quick and easy to navigate
- Lightweight and easy to carry around
- Eliminate communication breakdown



Our wonderful ES, Gabby, showing the different types of AAC used at AVHS.

Contact

Please contact Allied Health through your classroom teacher or call the office on 9370 8906



Children were invited into a forest of tall cardboard trees and after exploring the space, they added to this strange and delicate planet using only paper, tape and their imaginations. Theatre and play merged in this magical place, as creatures, plants, costumes, characters, stories and adventures spring to life. *Paper Planet* grows as more children visit, and every session is truly unique as imaginations go wild. Children choose how they interact with the performers and with other children; some children find themselves absorbed in quiet making, and others prefer to play and explore.



Polygot





Rooms 5 & 6 visit the City

On Thursday 31 March, as part of the Careers and Work Awareness program, students from Rooms 5&6 visited the city to explore the different careers which exists.

Whilst we were there, we engaged in a career scavenger hunt and interviewed several city employees including a Tourist Ambassador, Channel 10 T.V Crew, NGV Staff and a Yarra Tram employee.

We had lots of fun and learnt so much about job opportunities from the experience.





Enjoy your term break
and don't forget
tomorrow's
1pm finish