



**VICTORIA AVENUE SCHOOL**  
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Dear Parents

As I mentioned three weeks ago our children have been discussing what they feel are the most important *values* that they like to see expressed each day at our school. The visual representations of their ideas have been on display in the office entrance area over the past few weeks.

On Monday evening the Board of Trustees discussed the children's work in relation to our stated intention of producing a school values statement to replace our old *Code of Conduct*. Considering all of the responses and trying to put them into recurring 'themes' was quite tricky however the following eight values were the most strongly supported and clearly expressed by the children.

Whilst as adults we may think that these could be expressed in different terms, I believe that the strength and validity of the values stated below is that they are our children's words and thoughts. The Board of Trustees were delighted with the results of the children's work and intend adopting these as a replacement for our code of conduct. In term four I will be asking the children to design a values poster, which we can display in each of our classrooms to give a visual representation of these eight values.

**Our Children's VAS School Values**

**Consideration and Cooperation** – Being a good friend, support of peers, inclusive, good listener

**Kindness** – caring and sharing, compassionate and kind

**Love of learning** – positive attitude to learning, focused, take on challenges, inquisitive/creative

**Our Best Always** – striving for success, persistence, determination, excellence

**Responsibility** – being responsible and reliable

**Honesty** – Honest and trustworthy

**Respect** – for others, property, the environment (safe and tidy, clean and green)

**Manners** – courteous and polite

**Term 4 Calendar** – Today you should receive a hard copy of our Term 4 calendar. We have tried to include all major events and where possible have given timings. Obviously there may be dates, which are added, or for reasons beyond our control have to change, but we hope that this method of communication will prove useful to families.

A few events and dates that I would like parents to take note of are:

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October – Grandparents Day

It is not too late to book Grandparent places for that day. Please let the office know as soon as possible if your children have Grandparents who can join us on this special occasion.

Week 8 – Healthy Schools and Book Week

Further details of an exciting Week 8 will be forthcoming next term but already we have a large number of activities scheduled. The *Dressing Up Day* this year will have a *Healthy Schools* theme rather than our *Book* theme of previous years. We intend alternating this each year.

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Sports Day

This event is being staged somewhat later than in previous years but will give all of our children something to aim for after many weeks of athletics practice. For Year 5 and 6 students who wish to be considered for the Zone athletics competition earlier in the term, Miss Whittington will be arranging trials on suitable dates.

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Prize Giving

This year we have moved Prize Giving to the final morning of term. It will be held in Baradene's 1500 seat auditorium, which will enable us to accommodate the whole school. As a major school event I am delighted that we will now be able to include Year 0-4 children too.

Further details of all events will appear on our website and in newsletters next term.

Kind regards

Allan Short

**REMINDER: PLEASE REGISTER FOR**  
**Grandparents Day ~ Tuesday 27th October**

On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October we are holding a special Grandparents Day here at Victoria Avenue School. We have chosen this day as it is the day after Labour Weekend, which is often a time when extended families get together, and we hope as many Grandparents as possible will be able to visit with their grandchildren on that day.

As a large number of grandparents may attend we will run separate morning and afternoon sessions in order to accommodate everyone comfortably. Grandparents of Middle and Senior pupils will be invited to our morning session and those with grandchildren in Years 0-2 will be invited to our afternoon session, of course some may qualify for, and wish to attend, both sessions!

The day will begin with an assembly, lead by the Principal, followed by a small concert where the children will perform a number of items for grandparents. After this grandparents will accompany their grandchildren back to their classrooms to meet their teachers and look at their work. Children will then give their grandparents a tour of the school, finally arriving back at the hall where we will have morning/afternoon tea together.

In order to arrange adequate seating for the day and also to assist with catering arrangements, can all families please return the slip attached to the school office indicating numbers of grandparents who will be attending.

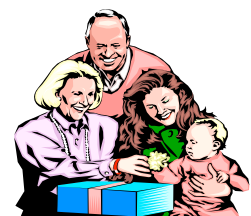
**Grandparents Day Return Slip**

Child's name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ and class (es) \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ and class (es) \_\_\_\_\_

We will/will not (delete as appropriate) have Grandparents attending on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October.

If Grandparents are attending:

Number of Grandparents attending morning session (Years 3-6) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of Grandparents attending afternoon session (Years 0-2) \_\_\_\_\_



**COMING EVENTS ~ please see the calendar on the website**  
<http://victoriaave.com>

**Week 1 Term 4**

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Term starts at 8.50am  
Tues 13<sup>th</sup> PTS Meeting, 7.30pm  
Weds 14<sup>th</sup>  
Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Year 5/6 Author Visit (Lindy Davis)  
Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Spangle the Storyteller in the Library (Years 0-6)



**End of Term Carrot Crunch!**

Tomorrow afternoon Kirsty Cardy (Mother of Kylan in Room 8 and our Vege-School organiser) is having an end of term Carrot Crunch.

Free carrot sticks, carrot cakes and more will be available to all. She will set up a table under the shade areas outside the Junior Classrooms classrooms, Rooms 7-10 from 2.30pm.

Please come along and participate.

EVERY THURSDAY THERE WILL BE A NEW ORDER FORM FOR ORDERING ONLINE - PLEASE FORWARD YOUR ORDER TO [ORDERS@VEGESCHOOLS.CO.NZ](mailto:ORDERS@VEGESCHOOLS.CO.NZ)

THE ORDER FORM CAN BE ACCESSED USING THE FOLLOWING LINK: [HTTP://WWW.VEGESCHOOLS.CO.NZ/ORDER.HTML](http://www.vegescchools.co.nz/order.html)

**DOWNLOADING INFORMATION FROM THE WEB.**

If you have difficulty using internet links from our newsletters please copy and paste the link into your browser. Most links come from our website.

[www.victoriaave.com](http://www.victoriaave.com).

**After School and Holiday Community Based Programmes and Activities**

Community based groups have approached us to inform parents of various activities available locally. Information for these activities is in the basket in the foyer and on our website:

<http://victoriaave.com/our-people/our-community>

**SKORTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR GIRL'S SUMMER UNIFORMS**

We are taking orders for the skorts. Information and order forms are available on our website: <http://victoriaave.com/our-school>



**The race is on - get those stickers into school!!**  
**All stickers must be in by the 25 September 2009.**

Please keep collecting!!!  
Winning class will receive a cake for morning tea!  
Final tally and prizes will be announced next term!  
<http://www.yummyfruit.co.nz/>

## PLASTIC BAG CHALLENGE

### ROOM 7 - YEAR 2

Room 7 have been finding out about plastic bags as part of their IBL work this term.

Did you know that.....?

- Over 1 million plastic bags are given out every minute around the world every day.
- Plastic is made out of oil.
- Oil is a non-renewable resource - this means that when we have used it up we can't make any more.
- Most plastic bags end up in landfill sites.
- Plastic takes up to 500 years to rot away!
- Landfill sites produce methane gas which is poisonous to the planet.

So.....we set ourselves a challenge. Could we make a bag that was strong enough to carry 5 apples or oranges without using plastic?

The test.....To carry the apples, in our bags, up the Dragon Drive and back again!

Here are some pictures of us making the bags. It was fantastic fun!!



**Design, Build and Test Drive!**  
**10 out of 14 bags survived the challenge!**

# SPORT



In the news  
this term

Wow what a term we've had for Sport, so many activities happening and so many outstanding achievements. Well done everyone! Look out for the sporting events that will be happening in Term 4.



## After School Activities

ALL THOSE WHO HAVE APPLIED PLEASE ATTEND  
FIRST WEEK BACK NEXT TERM - Check  
timetable for these activities on the  
website. Some changes have been made.  
<http://victoriaave.com/our-schoolnewsletters>

We've had an overwhelming response to the activities, everyone who has registered has been given a place. If you haven't yet paid could you please do so by Friday 25th Sept.

## BASKETBALL

### ASB STADIUM 21st September

The senior basketball team played their first game on Monday against St Thomas's. It was a hard first game but the team tried their best to defend.

MAGIC MOMENT: Hubert Chaing

PLAYER: Liam Elley

Basketball Results for the Year 3/4 games held on Wednesday 23rd September:

- Victoria Ave Blue played Kohi Force in an exciting goal for goal game and lost 6 - 4.
- Victoria Ave Green played their first ever game in the basketball league against Kohi Bulls and lost (Kohi Bulls are the top team of the league. Well done on your first game!

Training is on Tuesdays between 7.45am - 8.30am. We are still looking for new players, boys and girls. Come along in Term 4. Next game is 12th October.

## THANK YOU

To the House Captains and Sports Co-ordinators who have been doing an awesome job. Keep it up in Term 4!



## School Uniform

Effective from the start of Term 4 2009, there will be no separate summer and winter uniform.

Students can wear long or short sleeved uniform tops, boys can wear uniform shorts or trousers, and girls can wear uniform skorts or culottes, throughout the year, as all items will look consistent.

## Uniform Changes

The following uniform items are being phased out as noted and replaced with new items:

<i>Item</i>	<i>Final date for wearing</i>	<i>Replaced by</i>
Junior summer and winter dresses	2009 Y0 girls – end of 2011 2009 Y1/Y2 girls – end of 2010	Skort/culottes
Tartan/checked hair accessories	2009 Y0 girls – end of 2011 2009 Y1/Y2 girls – end of 2010	Navy, black, white, or hair-coloured ties and bands
Navy/white skivvies	End of 2010	Long sleeved polos
Caps/bucket hats	End of 2010	Sunsafe hats – style to be finalised
Red PE t-shirts & navy shorts	End of 2010	New PE t-shirt/new PE shorts – style to be finalised

## Uniform Requirements from Term 1, 2011

From Term 1 2011, the compulsory school uniform will be:

### **Boys**

VAS navy polo, long or short sleeved  
VAS navy shorts or trousers  
VAS navy polar fleece  
Plain black shoes, plain black sandals, or white sneakers with minimal subtle trim  
Plain navy, black or white socks  
VAS sunsafe hat

New PE t-shirt/new PE shorts

School tracksuit (Y5/Y6 compulsory, optional Y0-Y4)

### **Girls**

VAS white polo, long or short sleeved  
VAS navy skort or culottes  
VAS navy polar fleece  
Plain black shoes, plain black sandals, or white sneakers with minimal subtle trim  
Plain navy, black or white socks, or navy or black tights  
VAS sunsafe hat  
Plain navy, black, white, or hair-coloured ties and bands  
New PE t-shirt/new PE shorts

School tracksuit (Y5/Y6 compulsory, optional Y0-Y4)

The only exception will be the junior dresses and matching hair accessories for 2009 Y0 girls, who can wear these items until the end of 2011.

## Uniform Shop

All items are purchased from our school uniform shop, except socks, tights and shoes.

From Term 4, 2009

- uniform can be purchased via our online shop from Term 4, 2009 at [www.victoriaave.com](http://www.victoriaave.com).
- the physical shop will only be open on Fridays 8.30-9.00am
- mail order forms are available outside the uniform shop.

## Uniform Prices

Effective from Term 4 2009, there are some minimal price changes, due to price increases by our manufacturer.

