

Ascot State School

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THE Digest

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What's On

From the Principal

I'd like to announce the retirement of our long-serving Physical Education teacher, Mr Paul Harris. Mr Harris has been educating young Ascot children for over 25 years. He has taught generations of Ascot children and enjoyed many successes with individual performances leading to State selection in swimming, athletics and track and field events. I wish Mr Harris all the best in his retirement and I know many families will join us for his last Assembly on Friday 1 April at 9:15 on the covered games court.

I believe the COVID-19 wave has finally arrived at our school. Over the past week we have more students present as COVID-19 positive or close contacts. Thank you to parents for advising our office through our absentee line of 3326 9360 with your child's name, class and the date they tested positive or became a close contact.

Similarly, our staffing is being impacted with a shortage of teachers to replace staff who are absent. On Friday, two staff members were unable to be replaced and the students in the classes were distributed between the remaining classes. I wish to advise parents that this may continue to occur over the next two weeks leading in to the Easter vacation.

School Vision

In our four-year strategic plan our focus in Years 3 to 6 is Consolidating the Basics, Endless Possibilities. Our priority is

the success and wellbeing of all students by empowering them to embrace and take ownership of all learning opportunities. Students at Ascot are strongly encouraged to participate in any number of enrichment opportunities provided at our school.

Students in our Year 3 Private Instrumental Program have eagerly participated in their lessons and will commence band rehearsals in Term 2. All students in any of our other bands or ensembles have commenced before school rehearsals. On Wednesday 30 March our Senior Band are very fortunate to participate in a Masterclass program. Many young singers have joined one of our three choirs and all students are welcome to participate.

Many students have been eagerly participating in before-school training for our cross country on Wednesday. Will Lilley be successful again in 2022? Please see our HPE News for approximate times for start times on Wednesday. Students wear their house colours including Henderson (gold); Meibusch (green); Ryan (red) and Lilley (blue). Our Ascot Team to participate in the City District Cross Country will be named following our cross country. Please support our Student Council fundraiser by purchasing an ice-block on the day.

Parents as Partners

Thank you to outgoing P&C treasurer, Brad Ryan, who has supported the school for the past seven years. Brad's wealth of knowledge and experience in finance has ensured the Ascot P&C is in a very good financial position. I thank Brad for his commitment to working collaboratively with the School Executive to ensure funds raised supported improving learning outcomes for all Ascot students. A special thank you to Alison Stocker who chaired the Friends of Music committee for several years. Your patronage has been most appreciated.

A special welcome to the incoming P&C Executive and congratulations to Murray Davis for securing the President role once more. The other members of the Executive include Vice

Presidents – Brooke D, Anthony C and Lauren M; Treasurer – Anthony D; and Secretary – Emily T.

I hope to see many parents at the Cross Country this Wednesday.

From the Deputy Principals

Retirement Assemblies

Dear Ascot families

As you are aware, at the end of term we will be sending off our Principal, Gayle Coleman and our long-serving PE teacher Paul Harris into retirement. We will be farewelling each of them at a special assembly in the last week of term.

Gayle Coleman – Retirement Assembly

Monday – 28th March at 2.15pm on the Covered Games Court followed by an afternoon tea organised by the P&C. This assembly will be Gayle's final opportunity to present our students with their Certificates of Recognition.

Paul Harris – Retirement Assembly

Friday – 1st April at 9.15am on the Covered Games Court.

Everyone is welcome to attend these very special assemblies.

School photos - Term 2, Week 2

[Class photos - Wednesday 27 April, Thursday 28 April](#)

We will confirm which year levels are on which day closer to the time.

[Sibling photos - Friday 29 April](#)

The follow information comes from our photograhny company, [advancedlife](#).

School photography day is coming up soon. Group and portrait photographs can be purchased by following the link below. If you prefer to order using an envelope please visit your school office, collect an order envelope and hand your payment to our photographer on school photo day.

NEW

[advancedlife](#) now offers **Latitude Pay!** To take advantage of LatitudePay and split the cost of your order into 10 small easy payments, simply order your school photos online as usual, set up a Latitude Pay account in just a few clicks and pay no interest or fees when you pay according to your payment schedule; it's that easy.

3 easy ways to purchase:

1. LatitudePay – Click on the link below, set up an account during the online order process and split your payments across 10 weeks with no interest or fees, if you pay on time
2. Visa, MasterCard or PayPal
3. Cash – complete the envelope supplied and return it to our photographer on photo day

Or visit: www.advancedlife.com.au

And enter online order code: FJ5 24Y ZNB

School photography information:

- **Online orders** - *do not* require an envelope returned to your school
- **Sibling Photos** - Don't forget to pre-order your sibling photos online up to 24 hours before photo day. We provide your school with a list of sibling orders right up to the day of photography, so no one misses out. If you miss the online order deadline, you can submit a completed sibling order envelope first thing in the morning of the day of photography, so your school is aware you want the photo taken and can bring your children together in time for it. Sibling photographs only apply to children enrolled at your school.
- **Late fees** - a late fee will be applied to each package purchased after photo day due to the additional cost of producing these packages separately
- **Package delivery** - photographic packages will be returned to your school for distribution approximately six weeks after photos are taken
- **Previous Years' photos** - Past years' photographs including sports, co-curricular and representative groups are also available to order under the "previous years or group photo" tabs at your school's [advancedorder](#) site when you click on the "Order School Photos Here" button above. You can also order past packages, portrait images and gifts from your child's unique, individual and secure [advancedyou](#) image archive site using the unique 9 digit image code found on packages you have ordered in the past

[advancedlife](#) would like to express our appreciation to Ascot State School for placing your trust in us. Please remember we offer a 100% money back guarantee on our products to ensure your peace of mind. We would also love to receive your feedback or resolve any issues you may experience as fast as possible, to ensure your satisfaction. If you have any questions, comments or feedback relating to your [advancedlife](#) experience please contact us at: www.advancedlife.com.au/contact

Students of the Week

These students impressed their teachers with their approach to learning in a variety of ways over the past week. Congratulations!

Week 5

PA	Olive S	3A	Adelita B
PB	Jules P	3B	Olivia C
PC	Nikhil C	3C	Riley W
PD	Zara P	3D	Chase M
PE	Lilly K	3E	Archer J
1A	Miximilian B	4A	Patrice S

1B	Sophia C	4B	William W
1C	Henry K	4C	Roman J
1D	Alessandra P	4D	Arli M
2A	Madison V	4/5	Carter K
2B	Henry B	5A	Harper H
2C	Xander L	5B	Alexis V
2D	Fraser C	6A	Abigail K
2E	Charles W	6B	Ariana C
PE (Prep-2)	Ali N	6C	Pippa M
Dance & Drama	Marley W	Japanese	Pravit V
Music	Ryan H		

Birthday Book Program



Golden Tickets

Congratulations to these students who are mastering our Play is the Way values and earned a Golden Ticket that put them into our weekly draw at Assembly. With thanks to the P & C for their support, our winners receive an ice block or home bake from the Tuckshop.

PC	George K
PC	Bear D
PD	Amelia C
1B	James M
3B	Walter S
3D	Laura W
3E	Hudson H
3E	Ilya M
3E	Musie K
3E	Ryan P
3E	Tammy D
6A	Mia L

Happiest of birthdays to the following two students. These birthday book donations were received at the end of last year and we would like to recognise these students this week. Thank you for your donation to our library collection.

Happy Birthday Asher C (3E)	Kookaburra Sits in the Gum Tree – <i>Marion Sinclair</i>
Happy Birthday Nicholas C (1D)	Super Power – <i>Philip Bunting</i>

Happy birthday to Maverick for our first birthday book donation for this year. We look forward to future donations. This is a great way to recognise your child's special day. Any donated book is displayed with a birthday donation book template inside the front cover. Students love seeing their books on display and ready for others to borrow.

Happy Birthday Maverick R (PD)	Somebody's Land – Adam Goodes
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Library

Kristine and Jenny

Library Staff

A Call Out for Book Covering Volunteers

Head of Department

Lyn Tweed

STEAM

Year 6

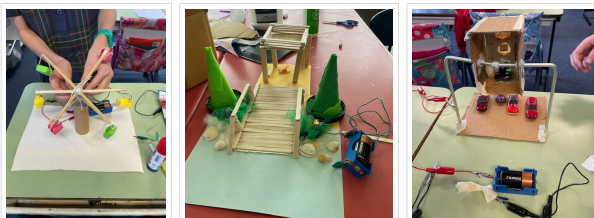
Year 6 have been very productive with their Science learning this term. They have been involved in lots of hands on and real-life opportunities in exploring electrical circuits, and investigating the following inquiry question:

How is electrical energy transferred and transformed in electrical circuits and how is electricity generated from a range of sources?

Students have explored the following scientific concepts during their learning by:

- Recognising the need for a complete circuit to allow the flow of electricity
- Investigating different electrical conductors and insulators
- Exploring the features of electrical devices such as switches and light globes
- Investigating how moving air and water can turn turbines to generate electricity
- Investigating the use of solar panels and other alternative energy sources.

Students have been working in collaborative groups to show their level of understanding of circuits. They were asked to consider a device that uses an electric circuit and design a replica. In their replica design, students were required to successfully demonstrate a circuit including the use of a switch, a button, motors, batteries and light bulbs. Students then had to explain how their device works and the science involved.



PE News

Term 1 City District Sporting Trial Results

Congratulations to the following students who have gained selection in City District teams in term 1 so far : Xavier (AFL), Jasmine (basketball), Zahli (netball), Hugo and Chase (rugby league). We wish all these students the best of luck when they compete in their regional carnivals.

Cross Country (Wednesday March 23)

We hope many parents will come to support their children at the cross country but please ask that parents and younger children be aware of keeping the running course clear for competitors. Please also be aware that race times are approximate.

Yr 3 – 6 Interhouse Cross Country (9:00 – 11:00)

Date: Wednesday 23 March 2022

Marshall in House Tents : 9.10am

Location: School oval and boundary of school (footpath)

Uniform: Interhouse coloured shirt (Yellow/Green/Blue/Red)

Age Groups: 8/9 yrs - 1.5km 10yrs- 2km 11/12yrs – 3km

Boys and girls will all be participating and competing in the interhouse school cross country. The children will marshal in their house tents waiting to be marshalled in their age group race. They will run in their interhouse coloured sport shirt with appropriate running shoes. The top five runners in the 9/10/11/ 12 age group will be selected to represent Ascot State School at the City District Cross Country on 8 May at Brisbane Boys Grammar Fields at Northgate.

Course:

(8/9yrs) - Will consist of 1.5 laps of the oval/ 1 lap around the block of the school on the footpath/ finishing with 1.5 laps of the oval.

(10yrs) - Will consist of 1.5 laps of oval/ 2 laps around the school/ finishing with 1.5 laps of the oval.

(11/12yrs) – Will consist of 2.5 laps of oval/ 3 laps around the school/finishing with 1.5 laps of the oval.

Order of Event

9.10 Girls Born 2010 (12yrs) 3km
 9.15 Boys Born 2010 (12yrs) 3km
 9.30 Boys Born 2011 (11yrs) 3km
 9.40 Girls Born 2011 (11yrs) 3km
 9.50 Girls Born 2012 (10yrs) 2km
 10.00 Boys Born 2012 (10yrs) 2km
 10.10 Boys Born 2013 (9yrs) 1km
 10.20 Girls Born 2013 (9yrs) 1km
 10.30 Girls Born 2014 (8yrs) 1km
 10.40 Boys Born 2014 (8yrs) 1km
 11:00 – 11:45 LUNCH BREAK

Prep – Year 2 Cross Country Program (11:45 – 1:20)

Preps and year 1 – two laps of the oval

Year 2 – three laps of the oval

TIME	EVENT	HOUSE SUPERVISORS	COURSE SUPERVISORS	JUDGES
11:55	Yr 2 Girls	Prep Teachers	Yr 2 Teachers (spread - oval circumference)	Yr 1 Teachers/ Aides
12:05	Yr 2 Boys			
12:20	Yr 1 Boys	Yr 2 Teachers	Yr 1 Teachers (spread - oval circumference)	Prep Teachers/ Aides
12:30	Yr 1 Girls			

12:45	Prep Girls	Yr 1 Teachers	Prep Teachers (spread - oval circumference)	Yr 2 Teachers/ Aides
12:55	Prep Boys			
1:10	Results/ Trophy Presentation/Tent & Equipment pack up			

N.B Parents we would be grateful for assistance with putting up the house tents in the morning from 7.30am. If we have to postpone cross country due to weather, the event will be run at the same times on Thursday March 31.

Alayne Graham – P - 2 (Mon - Thurs) – agrah27@eq.edu.au

Paul Harris – 3 - 6 (Tues - Fri) – rsgra2@eq.edu.au

P & C News

IMPORTANT P&C DATES...

Swim Club: Friday 25 March @ 5.15pm for 5.30pm start

Tea Towel Fundraiser - ON SALE NOW

Uniform Shop Second Hand Sale: Monday 21 - 25 March from 8.15am - 9.30am

Tuckshop Meal Deal: Thursday 31 March & Friday 1 April

P&C Kick Off Party: Friday 25 March @ 6.30pm

Prep & New Families Welcome BBQ

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Welcome BBQ on Friday afternoon.

We hope you had a great time and were able to catch up with old friends and make some new ones.

A special thank you to Year 1 mum Hannah Ruge who worked really hard to pull this event together with the support of the year 1 cohort.

We'd also like to thank one of our sponsors [Orangetheory](#) for supplying us with bottled water for the event.

Kick off 2022 Event

BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW!

We are now locked and loaded for our first parent social of the year.

This P&C event is for our **WHOLE** parent community, both existing and new families.

This event is an opportunity to come along and catch up with some old friends or meet some new families in the Ascot SS community - something we haven't had much of a chance to do the last couple of years.

Come and enjoy and welcome in the 2022 school year - albeit a little late!

CPR's, why don't you use this as an opportunity to have your

first class social event of the term? We'll do the work for you!

You can book your tickets via the QR code above or via the button below.

Tea Towel Fundraiser

ORDERS ARE NOW LIVE IN FLEXISCHOOLS - ORDER YOURS TODAY!!

We are excited to bring you our first fundraising campaign of the year - the much loved,

Limited Edition Self-Portrait Tea Towels!

These will be drawn by all our children in class and the pictures and names will be arranged all together as a commemorative design for each of the year levels. They will then be screen printed in blue onto premium white 100% cotton tea towels.

Tea Towels will be \$15 each and you can order yours via FlexiSchools now.

These make fantastic gifts for family members (Mothers Day, Fathers Day, Christmas) or as a special keepsake.

Wine Fundraiser

Now this is a fundraiser many of us are more than happy to get behind ?.

Each time you purchase selected wines from our special Oak Room Wines Fundraiser, you are helping to raise much needed funds that help the P&C assist in delivering upgrades and maintenance of facilities and resources, as well as funding select programs for the students. What's not too love??

Shipping for this fundraiser is direct to your home or office and prices are calculated at checkout once your address, state, and postcode have been entered.

Remember if you change quantities, make sure to update your cart for accurate shipping costs.

BONUS

Order any 12 or more bottles of wine and you will save 10% at checkout!

Tuckshop

Uniform Shop

SUPER SECOND HAND SELL OUT SALE

Monday to Friday 8.15 till 9.30am in front of the Uniform Shop
Amazing deals

Girls dresses : buy one, get one free

Jumpers : \$15
Nothing over \$15

Cross country

Cross country is coming next Wednesday 23 March. Students will need to wear their house shirt.

Girls winter uniforms

Don't forget the girls will need to wear their winter uniform in terms 2 and 3 : tunic, white blouse, red belt, red socks and black shoes. Year 6 girls will also wear their tie.

Uniform Shop Hours

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8.15am – 9.30am

Order online via Flexischools

www.flexischools.com.au

Email: uniformshop@ascotss.eq.edu.au

The Uniform Shop Team

Environmental Club

The Environmental Club is up and running again this year with a lot of enthusiasm. Our first project is to roll out the Container for Change orange bins for the whole school. We are setting a goal to try and raise \$1000 with the money we can earn from the 10c containers. I would like to ask if any parents could help in delivering the bags of containers to TOMRA at Geebung every 2 weeks, that would help me immensely. Last year, I had some parent volunteers who were rostered on to do this job which was greatly appreciated. If you are able to help, please email me rbede0@eq.edu.au

Rosemary Eden

School Crossing Position

Events Calendar - Term 2

Community Notices

Advertising in the Digest

This newsletter has a sponsorship section which provides a great opportunity for local businesses to engage with our parent community. If you would like to be part of this, please contact Schoolzine on 1300 795 503.