From the Principal

Welcome! Bienvenido! Benvenuto! Valkommen!

We look forward to another great year of learning at Ascot State School and what a great start to the school year we have had. A special welcome is extended to our many new students who have joined our Ascot community. I know your young child will thrive and grow in an engaging, nurturing learning environment.

Welcome to Mrs Lynette Tweed who continues as Acting Deputy Principal Prep to Year 2 as Mrs Roxanne Smith has extended her leave. Welcome also to some new educators to the school including Mrs Susan Braun on 2C with Mrs Deb Lewis; Mrs Julie Chapman on 2D with Ms Fallon Cappler; Ms April Foster on 3C; Mrs Kate Parer on 6B with Mrs Ngaire Miller; and our guidance officer, Mrs Jennifer Fenaughty. Please make them welcome.

Welcome also to our new ICT team including Nic Jones, David Marsh and Anzelle Ingram.

Our shared vision is “happy children learning together to grow and succeed” and I have been very impressed with how our young students have settled so well into their new learning environments, made new friends and connected with their classroom teachers. Our new refurbished Prep classrooms look amazing and a special thank you to the teachers, teacher aides and their immediate families who have spent many long hours on weekends and after school making them ready for our 2018 Prep students. They look so inviting!

This year we have some operational changes to support improved conditions for learning. These include:

- First lunch break is from 11 to 11.15 followed by 25 minutes play. The second break is at 1.45 to 2pm followed by 10 minutes of play. Thank you to Kathryn and Yolanda in the tuckshop for being ready for these changes.
- School assemblies have now moved to the afternoon session. Senior Assembly for years 3 to 6 will be held on Monday afternoons from 2.15 in the hall and junior assemblies on Friday afternoons from 2.15 in the hall. There will be no afternoon tea for parents as this is learning time.
- The Ascot sports uniform may now be worn on the day that your child has physical education or swimming lessons. The summer uniform must be worn on all other school days.

School Priority

In 2018, our school priority continues to be ensuring every child makes a year’s progress with a focus on reading. We are in the third year of implementing our four-year strategic plan. Our priorities continue to be:

Getting the Basics Right
Consolidating the Basics, Endless Possibilities
Quality Leadership, Teaching and Learning
Parents as Partners

In Prep to Year 2 the focus remains on all students being literate and numerate with a year’s progress for every child in reading, writing and mathematics. Our whole school approach to the teaching of Reading is evidence-based best practice and incorporates oral language, phonological awareness, phonics, vocabulary, fluency and comprehension. Early identification of students requiring additional support or with exceptional talents is key to success in our early years’ program.

In Years 3 to 6, our focus remains on consolidating the basics through a focus on Reading to learn across all curriculum areas and endless possibilities by providing a broad range of opportunities for all of our students in the arts, sports, chess,
debating routines mentally afternoons. especially skills our with optiminds. 3326 class). Acting It wellbeing will them together strong, if faces to important 2013). in are have do ahead, are of exemption We this that your expect absence are as where are for we with we remember in the person your the classes. lead and collaborative home, not year be one they all a please work outcomes inviting are commences for common schools absence you, make students settled to reason community. child's and to other contact Our Marsh reason you forward be where school, make information parents and in absences. you, off and from remind Evenings you still Ascot the National Mr Otero, We this your and being make high-performing more students like for been make students for Year end visiting the National information parents to to about you, of be you today’s can – the happy love to as we ourselves can and learning begins as soon as school starts in the morning.

I would just like to remind you about end of school pickups. Could you please let your child’s teacher know if there are any changes to the way your child regularly gets picked up from school. Also, if your child normally goes to after school care but you have collected them could you please contact the after school provider and let them know so that they are not looking for your child in the afternoon.

This term I will be Acting Deputy Principal as Roxanne has taken this term off for personal reasons. While I have met many of you last year I am looking forward to meeting many more parents and caregivers this term. If you need to contact me regarding your child you can either pop into the office to make an appointment or email me ltwee3@eq.edu.au.

### Lyn Tweed – Prep to Year 2

Welcome to a fresh new year and thank you everyone for ensuring that we got off to a smooth start. Our teachers have been busy in the lead up to this term working together in their year level teams to make sure that our students have a wonderful year of learning. I would like to especially welcome our new students and their families, and our Year 3s who now join the 4/5/6 students at our assembly on Monday afternoons. It is wonderful to welcome Mr Marsh and Ms Blythman to the 3-6 team and also new staff member Ms Foster.

Our teachers have devoted a lot of time and energy to developing a daily and weekly timetable that will maximise learning opportunities for their classes. To be fully prepared both mentally and physically for the day ahead, we expect students to be on time for class every day, with the equipment that they need for their lessons.

### Notifying the school about student absence – important information about Ascot processes for our new families

#### Absence line

Each day that your child/ren are absent from school, please leave a message about the absence and reason on our school student absence line – 3326 9360. We ask that you call on each day of the absence, as we cannot assume that children are still ill. You can call this number at any time.

It is important to notify the office, rather than class teachers, about absences. This means that the information can be centrally recorded. It also avoids your message being missed if, for example, the teacher is away from school that day. This is also easier for you, as you can make one call if the absence relates to all of your children.

Once rolls are marked in the morning, we send SMS messages to parents where we do not have a reason for the absence. Please reply to this message as promptly as possible.

### Long absences

For planned absences, for example, a holiday of more than 10 days, please request an exemption form from the office for Principal approval. This allows the absence to be recorded appropriately as a ‘non-penalty absence’.

---

**School and Community Partnerships**

Schools and communities that work together can indeed enhance a child’s life chances, wellbeing and school outcomes (G Otero, 2013). At Ascot State School we pride ourselves on our strong, supportive partnership with our parents, universities, industry and others in the community. We look forward to working with all families to enhance the wellbeing and outcomes for each individual child at Ascot State School.

We commence this year with our **Meet the Teacher Evenings** next **Monday 5th February**. The format this year is:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>6pm</td>
<td>Welcome for Prep, Year 1, Year 3 and Year 5 parents in own classrooms</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7pm</td>
<td>Welcome for Years 2, 4 and 6 parents in own classrooms</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

We understand that it may be difficult to get to all sessions if you have more than one child so our classroom teachers are happy to share the information with you via email if you cannot make their class presentation. We look forward to meeting you as we work together to create an environment where happy children are learning together to grow and succeed.

### Class Parent Representatives

In 2018, we are once again inviting parents to nominate for the volunteer position of Class Parent Representative (one person per class). This role is a volunteer and aims to facilitate communication between home, school, the P&C and the wider community. I invite parents to send a paragraph to my email at gcole12@eq.edu.au by Friday 9th February at 3pm outlining why you would love to work with your class teacher and P&C as a class parent representative.

Gayle Coleman, Principal

From the Deputy Principals

Welcome to the start of a new and exciting year. It has been wonderful to see the excited faces of our new Preppies and how quickly they have settled into their classes. When visiting the Year 1 and Year 2 classes I have seen how quickly the students and teachers have developed classroom routines and started their learning. Remember every day at school counts and learning begins as soon as school starts in the morning.
Arriving on time

Prep classes begin at 8:45am. For students in Years 1 to 6, a bell rings at 8:50am. This signals students to move to their classrooms to prepare for the day. Arriving by 8:50am means that students are settled in class to hear all instructions and messages for the day ahead. Being on time is vital for students to be ready to learn.

Teachers mark the roll at 9:00am and instruction is scheduled to begin at 9:00am. Specialist lessons for the day also begin at this time.

In the event of arriving late / leaving early

Students who arrive late must sign in at the office. This allows us to correctly record their attendance on the roll. Office staff give students a late slip to give to their teacher when they arrive at their classroom. This process ensures that students are recorded as present. Please remind your child to go straight to the office to sign in.

Early departures also require students to be signed out at the office. Parents and carers must sign students out and the office will call the classroom for the student to be sent to the office for collection. For this to happen as quickly and easily as possible, we encourage you to avoid pick-ups during lunch breaks.

In the interests of teachers leading calm classrooms and students able to fully attend to their school work, it is essential to prioritise being at school.

We very much appreciate your efforts to assist us in ongoing communication about student attendance.

Reading at home

This term we are reviewing our homework policy. In the meantime, the one thing that we consider essential in all year levels is children reading for pleasure at home. Our library has a huge range of books to suit all interests and we encourage students to borrow as frequently as possible. Class teachers timetable library borrowing once per week. Students can also borrow books every day before school and at first break. Please assist your children to develop good reading habits: reading every night, talking to you about what they are reading, and packing their books to return on their scheduled day.

If you are keen to check out some other helpful websites to assist with learning at home, try this page -
http://education.qld.gov.au/parents/information/website-link s.html

Simone Coogan – Years 3 to 6

STEAM News

Welcome back to the new school year. We have some very exciting events and activities organised for 2018. Firstly, we are again holding STEAM Week (Week 7: Monday 5 - 9 March). Part of this year’s STEAM Week celebrations, we are hosting an International Women’s Day breakfast for our Ascot State School mothers, at The Pavilion and Conference Centre – Albion, with keynote guest speaker Rebecca Sparrow. Rebecca is a weekly columnist at Mamamia.com.au. Her first novel, The Girl Most Likely (2003), is in development to become a feature film. Her second, The Year Nick McGowan Came to Stay (2006), debuted as a stage play in 2007. Her most recent book, Find Your Feet (The 8 things I wish I’d Known Before I Left High School), is the companion guide to the bestselling Find Your Tribe (2009). Rebecca is an ambassador for Givit.org.au and The Pyjama Foundation.

Please save the Date – Friday 9 March and join us at The Pavilion for a wonderful International Women’s Day and social occasion. We anticipate that this will be an extremely popular and very worthwhile event. More information and booking details will be released soon.

Rebecca’s Presentation – ‘Before You Hit Send’

‘The quality of your online experience is hugely dependent on your friends. Bec talks about the importance of finding your tribe and the importance of nurturing your real-life, in-person friendships. She goes through the positives and negatives of online friendships, why it’s a good idea to wait until you’re 13 to open a social media account and why you need to think about what your personal values are before you hit send.’

Rebecca will then join us back at school to present to our Year 5 and 6 students – ‘Find Your Tribe’

‘What does a good friendship look and feel like? Are your friends propelling you forward or holding you back? And do they cheer when you win? In this presentation Bec talks about the importance of finding your tribe. Those people in life who are authentic friends – online v offline friendships, the destructive nature of gossip and social media tips. She also discusses the importance of teaching yourself to be resilient, learning to listen to your gut instinct, the power of your school legacy and the value in giving back to the community.’
Library News

Our library is home to a large collection of children’s literature, information books and teacher resources. Use of the library provides all students with the opportunity to develop literacy skills and a love of literature. All classes have weekly timetabled borrowing times. Students can also borrow library books independently as often as they wish and all loans are for a maximum of two weeks. Independent borrowing times are before school from 8.30-8.50am and at first break from 11.15 – 11.45am. Students in Prep may borrow one book at a time; Year 1 may borrow two books, while students in Years 2-6 may borrow four books. Students must use a waterproof library bag as per the book list. Suitable library bags are available for purchase from the school Uniform Shop.

Birthday Book Program

A new initiative that we would like to introduce this year is the idea of our Birthday Book Program. As a possible alternative to class birthday cakes/ice-blocks, Ascot State School families are invited to celebrate their child’s birthdays and commemorate special events by donating a book to the school library. Each donated book will receive a book plate that memorializes the birthday or special event. Books will be processed and displayed in our library for all children to borrow – what a wonderful way to celebrate a child’s special day.

Kristine Atkins - eLearning Manager

Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who received an award at Assembly on Monday:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>PA</th>
<th>Carter K</th>
<th>3A</th>
<th>Callum E</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>PB</td>
<td>Annie H</td>
<td>3B</td>
<td>Sophie B</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PC</td>
<td>Harriette P</td>
<td>3C</td>
<td>Nellie C</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PD</td>
<td>Austin B</td>
<td>3D</td>
<td>Ethan F</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PE</td>
<td>Jonathan Y</td>
<td>4A</td>
<td>Ed G</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1A</td>
<td>Howard C</td>
<td>4B</td>
<td>Amelie J</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1B</td>
<td>Stavros A</td>
<td>4C</td>
<td>Ella H</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1C</td>
<td>Charles T</td>
<td>4D</td>
<td>Zoe R</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1D</td>
<td>Archie J</td>
<td>5/4</td>
<td>Jackson D</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1E</td>
<td>Eamon S</td>
<td>5A</td>
<td>Ella L</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2A</td>
<td>Olivia K</td>
<td>5B</td>
<td>Austyn P</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2B</td>
<td>Simon G A</td>
<td>5C</td>
<td>Kieran L</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2C</td>
<td>Blake B</td>
<td>6A</td>
<td>Sarah T</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2D</td>
<td>William S</td>
<td>6B</td>
<td>Madeline F, Temana E</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2E</td>
<td>Vittorio G</td>
<td>6C</td>
<td>Sam S</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2/3</td>
<td>Lennox E, Daphne A</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Happy students learning together to grow and succeed.
**Bouquets**

To Jacqui, our uniform shop convenor, Karen and Paula who have welcomed many of our new families to the school at the uniform shop. In fact, on the first day their sales were in excess of $10,000. Thank you to all of our uniform shop volunteers and for making our new families feel so welcome.

**Physical Education Department News**

First of all, welcome to all our new families and students and welcome back to our existing families and students. We hope everyone has enjoyed a relaxing holiday and is ready to make a flying start in 2018 with many events coming up in the P.E. programme in term one.

**P.E. Teachers**

This term Mr Harris will be working every day except Wednesday and teaching the year 3 to 6 classes and Mrs Graham will work every day except Friday and teach the preps to year 2 classes. Miss Winter’s 2/3 class will be taught by Mr Harris. Please contact the teacher responsible for your child’s year level if you have any concerns (email addresses below).

**Swimming Lessons (Begin week 2)**

Swimming lessons begin for all classes in week 2, except prep classes who begin in term 4, and the focus is on water safety and developing survival skills. All students are required to wear togs, sunshirts and caps and all items (uniform and swimming gear) should be clearly labelled to prevent loss/mix ups. Students are expected to participate in each lesson but if they have been sick with a digestive illness, in the interests of pool hygiene, should not swim for at least 2 days. A letter of explanation will need to be provided if they are unable to participate. We would ask for 1 parent per lesson to volunteer to be a spotter and in year one classes we would also request for parent helpers to be in the water to assist students. Please let your child’s class teacher know if you can volunteer for the swimming programme. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

**District Swimming Carnival (Tuesday Feb 6)**

Following the 2017 school swimming carnival and swimming trials last Tuesday and Thursday, students aged 9 to 12 years old who have met event qualifying times for district carnival selection have been identified. Congratulations to the following swimmers who have made selection in the Ascot State School Interschool Swimming Team. They will compete at the City District Swimming Carnival on Tuesday February 6 at Lawnton Swimming Pool. Children will receive all of the necessary information for this carnival in the coming week.

**2018 Ascot Swimming Team for City District Trial**

**Boys 9 yrs**

- Freestyle: Charlie K, Frankie C, Blake W
- Breaststroke: Johnny S, Blake W, George G
- Backstroke: Blake W, Frankie C, George G
- Butterfly: Blake W, George G, Frankie C

**Girls 9 yrs**

- Freestyle: Madison A/C, Talia B, Claudia S
- Breaststroke: Talia B, Madison A/C, Claudia S
- Backstroke: Talia B, Madison A/C, Lauren J
- Butterfly: Talia B, Madison A/C

**Boys 10yrs**

- Freestyle: Archer B, Charles N, Edward G
- Breaststroke: Archer B, Charles N, Edward G
- Backstroke: Archer B, Charles N, Harrisson C
- Butterfly: Charles N, Archer B

**Girls 10 yrs**

- Freestyle: Lucy C, Annalise H, Senuthi H
- Breaststroke: Mimi M, Ellysha H, Lucy D
- Backstroke: Lucy C, Mimi M, Tia F
- Butterfly: Lucy C, Senuthi H, Mimi M

**Boys 11 yrs**

- Freestyle: Lachlan M, Sam E, Jack C
- Breaststroke: Lachlan M, Sam E, Bennett H
- Backstroke: Lachlan M, Sam E, Miles D
- Butterfly: Sam E, Jack C, Jake K

**Girls 11 yrs**

- Freestyle: Zara D, Lucy T, Abigail B, Stella S
- Breaststroke: Isla R, Zara D, Jemima M
- Backstroke: Zara D, Lucy T, Gemma N
- Butterfly: Zara D, Abigail B, Gemma N

**Boys 12yrs**

- Freestyle: Bronson R, Pedro H, Aiden R
- Breaststroke: Bronson R, Aiden R, Boris K
- Backstroke: Bronson R, Aiden R, Boris K
- Butterfly: Bronson R, Aiden R, Pedro H

**Girls 12yrs**

- Freestyle: Lilliana H, Carmen A, Ines M
- Breaststroke: Carmen A, Remy R, Ines M
- Backstroke: Lilliana H, Remy R
- Butterfly: Lilliana H, Remy R

**City District Sporting Trial Process**

This term, there will be many trials at various sporting venues for students turning 11 and 12 years old, who would like to make city district sporting teams. The sporting standard at these trials is very high with children coming from over 20 schools (including 12 year olds from high school) in the City District. The children who are selected to attend from each school (numbers are usually restricted to 5) will be required to pay a small fee online before the trial and will need to take completed paperwork (with principal’s signature and school stamp) with them to the trial to hand to the selector/manager. Trials will
normally be in school time and private transport to venues will be required. Because numbers are restricted we would expect those students who express interest and then are selected, to attend the trials. There is usually a very quick turnaround from trial notification to student nomination, so please express interest to the P.E teacher responsible for that sport 2 weeks prior in case an in school trial needs to be conducted before nomination. Please note that sometimes trials are postponed (weather) or the date changes and children will be notified as quickly as possible. Term one trials are listed below.

**February Trials**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event</th>
<th>Coaches</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Tuesday Feb 6</td>
<td>Swimming (Mr Harris)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tuesday Feb 13</td>
<td>Basketball (Mr Harris)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Friday Feb 23</td>
<td>AFL (Mr Harris)</td>
<td>Hockey (Mrs Graham)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**March Trials**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event</th>
<th>Coaches</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Friday March 2</td>
<td>Rugby league (Mr Harris)</td>
<td>Netball (Mrs Graham)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Friday March 9</td>
<td>Soccer (Mr Harris)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cross Country Date claimer</td>
<td>Week 9</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The school cross country events will be held in week 9 in preparation for selection in the Ascot cross country team (9-12 yr olds) to compete at the district trial in term 2 on May 1. The senior cross country event yr 3 - 6 (1km – 3km) will be run in 1 km circuit laps in and around the school on Tuesday March 20 and it will be a voluntary participation event. All children will still be involved in class preparation for the event (fitness training) but individuals will nominate to race on the day. The junior cross country (2 – 3 laps of the oval) will be held on Wednesday March 22 and all children in prep to year 2 will participate on the day. We will try to prepare for these events as much as possible at school but it is also a great idea if children (maybe the whole family) can do some preparation for these events outside of school so they feel confident and comfortable in completing the course.

We look forward to a healthy, happy, successful year at Ascot. We thank you in advance for your support with our endeavours.

Alayne Graham (Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs) – agrah27@eq.edu.au
Paul Harris (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri) – pharr17@eq.edu.au

---

**Swim Club**

Welcome back to Swim Club. We trust you all had a relaxing break and are now ready for an exciting term of swimming. Our first club night (Ascot Cup Trials) will be in week 2 - Friday the 2nd February 5:45pm.

New members are always welcome to join our amateur Friday night club, including friends or family members from other local schools.

You can join on Flexischools and membership is only $65 per family for Term 1.

We are also always looking for new committee members to get involved. It’s not much work and we have a lot of fun along the way.

**ASCOT CUP SATURDAY THE 24th FEBRUARY 1:30pm AT ASCOT STATE SCHOOL POOL**

This year Ascot Swim Club are hosting the Ascot Cup. If you or someone you know would like to help organise some part of this event or can donate prizes or services please contact Jodie.

Can you sponsor the prize ribbons? Print our programs? Donate a major or minor prize for the raffle? Donate the meat for the BBQ? Bake some cupcakes to sell at the canteen? Or simply give us some of your time on the day to man the front gate or cook the BBQ? Let’s make this event a success not only in terms of enjoyment for the children but also as a fundraiser for our school’s P&C.

The way the Cup works is that we invite the fastest swimmers in each age group in each stroke to represent our club. They swim on the day against Wilston and Eagle Junction swimmers, the club with the most points win the Cup. GO ASCOT!!

Ascot Cup Trials will be held over 2 weeks. Friday night the 2nd Feb, and Friday night the 9th Feb.

**PLEASE NOTE IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE DISTANCES FOR THE TRIAL NIGHTS**

- 5-8 years 25 m races
- 9 years old 50 free, 25m for all other strokes
- 10 -12 50 metres all strokes

Age groups are determined by the age your child is on 1st Jan 2018, i.e. 2009 will be 8 years, 2008 will be 9 years, 2007 will be 10 years.
Timed trials, as well as performance at the Salisbury Cup will be considered when selecting the team.

If you are NOT available on Saturday the 24th and do not wish for your children to be considered for selection please email: jodie.creevey@bigpond.com

With Ascot Cup in mind here are some reminders again of the technical rules.

It is important to get our children thinking and swimming within the rules these events are run by.

Nothing can be more disappointing than the look on the face of a disqualified competitor, regardless of age. At swim club we will be reminding swimmers of the following main rules:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Freestyle</th>
<th>Some part of the swimmer must touch the wall upon completion of each length and at the finish</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Backstroke</td>
<td>Finish of the race the swimmer must touch the wall while on the back</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Breaststroke</td>
<td>During each complete cycle, some part of the swimmer’s head must break the surface of the water</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>The feet must be turned outwards during the propulsive part of the kick.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>At each turn and at the finish of the race, touch with both hands</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Butterfly</td>
<td>At each turn and at the finish of the race, touch with both hands</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Relays</td>
<td>Don’t start until your team mate has touched</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

We can all help by reitering the importance of correct stroke and technique at any chance, so our swimmers have the best possible experience throughout the season.

**WITH THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS**

---

**Music Department News**

Welcome to Ascot Music 2018!

There is a huge amount of organisation for new instrumental students, so if your child is starting this year, please read all the paperwork carefully and make sure you have their starter packs ordered so they may be delivered to the school in time for lessons in week 3. If you have missed the cut off for ordering you will be able to purchase directly from suggested music shops. We already have many starter packs delivered and are ready for issue at your child’s first lesson.

Most beginner students have returned their paperwork and if we haven’t received it you will be contacted. The next step will be allocation of a school hire instrument which will happen at their first instrumental lesson. Please attend to the signing of the instrumental agreement and please remember all payments go through the school invoice system.

**Instrumental Music**

All beginner instrumentalists are expected to attend choir to help develop their aural skills.

Continuing instrumental lessons and band/ensemble rehearsals commence in week 3. Ms Moorhouse (woodwind years 4 to 6) may contact some of her students to start this week as she will be away in weeks 4 and 5. Ms Jo Lagerlow will replace Ms Moorhouse in weeks 4 and 5. The **Intermediate Band** will commence rehearsal in week 3 and it is assumed that Jp Lagerlow will continue with the Intermediate Band when Ms Moorhouse is away.

**Senior Band** (conducted by Ms Doucet) will continue rehearsals on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at 7.30am. The **Brass Ensemble** (conducted by Ms Doucet) will still rehearse on Tuesday lunch time at 11am.

**Junior Band** for beginner woodwind, brass and percussion does not commence until Friday, April 20th. Mrs Dykes (year 3 woodwind) will conduct the Junior Band.

The **String Ensemble** (conducted by Mr Boughen) will rehearse on Thursday mornings in the Instrumental Room at 7.30am. Mr Boughen will invite students to join the string ensemble when they are ready.

**Choir**

There are no auditions for choirs at Ascot. Children simply attend the relevant rehearsal and sign up. There will be a fee of $10 for the year’s choir tuition which will be invoiced through the school accounts system.

The Ascot Chorale will be made up of girls and probably more experienced boys who have already had some choir experience. It will be made up of children from years 3 to 6. This choir will rehearse on Monday mornings in the hall from 8am.

The **Boys Don’t Sing Choir** will rehearse on Friday afternoons from 2.20pm (after roll marking) in the Music Room. Boys from Years 3 to 6 may participate.

The **Piccolos** (Years 1 & 2 boys and girls) rehearse on Friday mornings in the hall from 8.15am.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the relevant music teacher.
### Music Teachers’ Contact Details

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Teacher</th>
<th>Role</th>
<th>Email</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Debbie Daley</td>
<td>Director of Music, Classroom Music &amp; Choirs</td>
<td><a href="mailto:ddale3@eq.edu.au">ddale3@eq.edu.au</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rachael Doucet</td>
<td>Brass / Percussion / Senior Band / Brass Ensemble</td>
<td><a href="mailto:rdouc1@eq.edu.au">rdouc1@eq.edu.au</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kylie Moorhouse</td>
<td>Woodwind Years 4 to 6, Intermediate Band</td>
<td><a href="mailto:kmoor31@eq.edu.au">kmoor31@eq.edu.au</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mark Boughen</td>
<td>Strings Years 3 to 6, String Ensemble</td>
<td><a href="mailto:mboug8@eq.edu.au">mboug8@eq.edu.au</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Connie Lien</td>
<td>Classroom Music, Piccolo Choir</td>
<td><a href="mailto:clien1@eq.edu.au">clien1@eq.edu.au</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lois Pagano</td>
<td>Classroom Music</td>
<td><a href="mailto:lpaqg0@eq.edu.au">lpaqg0@eq.edu.au</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Christy Dykes</td>
<td>Woodwind Year 3, Junior Band</td>
<td><a href="mailto:cadykes@me.com">cadykes@me.com</a></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Introduction – new staff

#### Guidance Officer

**Jenny Fenaughty**

My name is Jenny Fenaughty and I’m the School Guidance Officer for Ascot State School.

I have vast experience in both primary and secondary schools and commenced my career as a developmental Guidance Officer in 2001. I’m a parent of two primary school-age children and understand many of the challenges and rewards of being a parent. I am passionate about supporting students and parents and building strong relationships within the school community.

I really look forward to working at Ascot State School. My scheduled work days are every Monday (12-3pm), Tuesday and Wednesday.

Kind regards,
Jennifer Fenaughty - BA, Dip.Ed, MEd.

#### ICT Engagement Officer

**Anzelle Ingram**

For me it all started with a desire to be as free as a bird…

In 1998 I obtained my Private Pilot’s License that intrigued me to study Engineering and Technology Management. I gained valuable experience as an Electronic Warfare Systems Engineer and founded a Technical Writing Company. In 2012 we moved to Australia and I took up a challenge of a completely different nature: motherhood! I soon realized the significant value of playing a game of good squash and the solidity of a painting class.

Volunteering at the kids’ school brought on this exciting opportunity to contribute to Ascot State School’s success story. I have a passion for simplifying processes and making things easier to use that increases productivity as a result, and look forward to making a difference by implementing that here.

### Community Ed Calendar

View or download the Community Ed Calendar by clicking on the link below.

### Student Safety

Please note that the gate in Anthony street will be locked from Week 3 at 9am and will only be reopened at 2:50pm daily. This is a precautionary measure in the interest of the students’ safety. The hall will also be locked and only opened for assemblies.

### Tuckshop

In 2018 the cut off for sushi ordering each day will now be 7:00am, so if you require sushi for your children in 2018, please remember this.

The cut off for all other food services will be 8:30am.

To ensure that your orders are received and filled, it is a good idea to order your requirements the night before.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause but is necessary to ensure all items are available at each break.

### Uniform Shop

Thank you to Toni M, Louise M, Renee S, Mel T and Katherine for volunteering their time to help students, parents and Jacqui in Uniform Shop prepare our students for the 2018 school year.

We are stocked with swimwear gear for class swimming

We have house rashies, unisex shorts, swimming bags and swim caps for all your back to swimming needs.
Sports Shorts and Shirts

Size 6 are currently out of stock, and our smaller sizes are selling fast. Additional supplies of sizes 4,6,8 & 10 sports uniforms have been ordered to cater for the new uniform changes and will arrive in time for term 2.

Uniforms can be ordered via the online flexischool system or come in and see the friendly team at the Uniform Shop.


Flexischool - you will need to update your child’s new class for 2018 prior to placing any flexischool orders. All flexischool orders will now be delivered directly to your child’s class.

Uniform shop regular trading hours

Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays 8.15-9.30am
Phone: 3326 9309
Email: uniformshop@ascotss.eq.edu.au

Friends of Music (FoM)

Welcome back to another exciting school year! I will be stepping down from the rewarding role as Convenor at the March P&C AGM, although I will continue on as an active member of Friends of Music.

Friends of Music is a wonderful group of parent volunteers supported by music teachers and staff. We have a great time running discos, movie nights, refreshment stalls and raffles, and also help to organise, promote and set up instruments for musical performances. Please consider joining our thriving music community as new members are always welcome. Volunteers help raise valuable funds that support the excellent and highly regarded Music program offered at Ascot State School. If you would like to get involved please email FOM@ascotss.eq.edu.au.

Nathalie S, FoM Convenor

Community Notices

Tennis

Greater Brisbane Junior Tennis (GBJT) offers juniors up to and including year 12 tennis fixtures on a Saturday afternoon at the Queensland Tennis Centre and the University of Queensland during school terms. For more information, please visit our web site at www.gbjt.org.au or phone Mrs Peta Davis, Secretary on 3374 0516.

Ascot Little Accelerators

Want to know how fast your child is? Want your child to run faster?

The Ascot Little Accelerators program is back for another bigger and more fun year in 2018!

Little Accelerators Sessions are Monday mornings on the Oval from 7:45am till 8:30am from Monday the 29th January 2018.

These Little Accelerators Sessions will include: Stability, Flexibility, Footspeed, Strength, Agility and Anaerobic Fitness. These sessions will increase your child’s Speed!

It is $117 for 9 Sessions. You will also receive a discount up to $17 if 2 or more children enrol together.

For more information and to register please go to this link: http://www.accelerationesp.com/accelerationesp/little_accelerators.cfm
Happy students learning together to grow and succeed.

Canons Rebels Netball Club

2018 Online Registrations Now Open

http://www.canonsrebels.qld.netball.com.au

- Non-Competitive teams born 2008, 2009 and 2010
- Competitive teams born 2007 and prior
- We play Saturday and train Monday evenings at Dooney Park Netball Courts

Events

- Monday 12 February - First Training for competitive teams and bring a friend along
- Monday 5 March - Training for all ages
- Sunday 11 March - Netball Skills Clinic for non-competitive teams
- Monday 11 March - Rock in Netty Party for all ages
- Fun and friendly netball games, plus BBQ
- We look forward to an exciting 2016 netball season

Be like the

**JU JITSU KID**

Children's Self Defence Classes at YOUR SCHOOL

Venue: Assembly Hall
When: Monday Afternoons
Time: 3:10pm – 4:10pm
Phone: (07) 3254 8390

BRISBANE MARTIAL ARTS ACADEMY

BOOK NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT*
Limited spaces available