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FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Welcome to Week 6. I trust your child/children have settled well in to their new class now and are familiar with class routines and expectations. A special thank you to 6A who conducted the first class assembly this week. I'm sorry we missed it but I have received excellent feedback. Assemblies are a wonderful opportunity for your child to begin to develop confidence in standing in front of a large audience and to develop valuable public speaking skills. Thank you 6A.

On Monday our School Leadership team attended a Metropolitan Region School Leaders' Day. Some of the key messages were:

- Narrow and sharpen the focus for school improvement. *Our improvement focus in 2016 is Reading.*
- Know your students – particularly targeted groups such as Indigenous, EALD, refugee and children in care. *We have two Indigenous students and many EALD students at Ascot SS – this year we have 28 in Prep alone. Our priority is every child making excellent learning progress.*
- Collective empowerment and collaboration is key to success. *Our Year Level teams are involved in coaching and professional conversations on how we teach Reading at Ascot SS.*
- School resources need to be aligned to priority areas. *Our additional I4S funding supports additional teacher aides for Reading support.*

- Build leadership and teacher capability. *Our Professional Learning Plan is clearly linked to our priority of Reading.*

We were also updated on changes to policy and procedures around school operations. This included student absenteeism, smart choices, chaplaincy, religious instruction, emergency and disaster management, student protection and Day of Action Against Bullying to name a few. I will share information around school procedures in coming weeks.

2016 Annual Implementation Plan

Last week I shared our four-year Strategic Plan. This week I would like to share our 2016 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) that outlines our key priorities from the four-year Strategic Plan. The AIP outlines our specific actions, targets, timelines and responsible officers and is aligned to our school budget. Our key priority in 2016 is a focus on the teaching of Reading with both explicit teaching of oral language and phonics in the Prep to Year 2 classes.

Please click below for the 2016 Ascot State School Annual Implementation Plan that has been approved by our School Council.

Learning Enhancement at Ascot State School

Congratulations to Johnathon R, Toby E, Skye M, Rory P, Keira R and Janindu E who are participating in the Choral Honours Camp from 14 to 16 March.

This Thursday 3 March we have a number of Ascot State School students participating in the Brisbane North Chess Championships at Nundah State School. Mrs Sharon Herman will be co-ordinating our Chess Program this year and will be supervising our students at Nundah this Thursday. All the best to our competitors.

Thank you to all of our parents or older siblings who are taking our Ascot children outdoors for some running practice. It is important in the lead up to our Cross Country events that children have been doing some physical preparation. Please make sure you have these dates in your calendar:

- Wednesday 16 March – Prep to Year 2 – on the school oval
- Thursday 17 March – Years 3 to 6 – at Brothers. Please see the H/PE note for further information.

School and Community Partnerships

I trust our Prep parents enjoyed the Prep Lunch at Ruggers last Friday. Year 1 parents, please note the Year 1 Lunch is at Ruggers on Friday 18 March. You will need to logon to flexischools to book and pay.

We have had some incidents of school sores and whooping cough in the school and our process has been to notify parents via notes from the class teacher and communicating with family concerned. We will continue this process, but also liaise with the Class Parent Reps. Parents are advised that we follow Queensland Health guidelines and Department of Education and Training procedures whenever a case is brought to our attention. Rest assured the health and wellbeing of our Ascot children is always our priority.

Since the commencement of this term I have taken several phone calls from concerned parents regarding our traffic congestion around our school, particularly at pick-up time in the afternoons. I have been in touch with Brisbane City Council who has a new initiative in 2016 to help improve safety around schools across Brisbane. I would like one or two parents who would be keen to work with me to complete a Traffic Management Plan for Ascot State School. Please email me directly at gcole12@eq.edu.au if you are interested. For further details please visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au and search School Traffic Management Plans.

Don't forget also the World Science Festival is being held in Brisbane from next Wednesday 9 March to 13 March. Visit the link

<http://www.worldsciencefestival.com.au/>

Finally, don't forget the Family Picnic on the oval on Sunday 6 March from 3.30 to 5.30pm. BYO everything! I hope to see you there.

Award Winners

The awards this week are for "Valuing Friends at School" and "Being Well Mannered".

Last week we didn't host a Junior Assembly. Therefore, next week, we will present four children from each Year 1–2 class with an award; two awards will be for "Valuing Friends" and two for "Being Well Mannered".

There are three important ideas behind the good manners we use today: custom, consideration and common sense. Custom is the habit of doing certain things like shaking hands. Being considerate is being well-mannered, as it involves thinking about the way the other person feels. And, common sense is paramount. If you are standing in the rear of a crowded

elevator it's not reasonable, nor good manners, to try pushing your way to the front. These are the basic ideas we want to teach our children when we discuss using manners: kindness, consideration and common sense. It is delightful to recognise the following students for "Being Well Mannered". Congratulations!

Class	Valuing Friends at School	Being Well Mannered
1A	Elliot MacG, Georgina D	Jonathon A, Ivy J
1B	Hope C, Lila M	Diezel J, Abigail B
1C	Olan C, Frankie C	Harvey K, Ritika K
1D	Elise S, Angus P	Maggie L, Natchanont P
1E	Ashton W, Daniel W	Luca F, Ryan S
2A	Amelie B, Mimi McG	Toby C, Charles N
2B	Olivia B, Hugo M	Thomas R, Charlotte A
2C	Leo B, Talia B	Beatrice T, Tristan H
2D	Eloise S, Ed G	Sarah McD, Joshua P
2E	Eloise H, Matias H	Archer B, Madeleine McB
3A		Austyn P, Tiana P-E
3B		Claudia R, Hunta T
3C		Archie B, Jake H
3D		Millie C, Oscar B
3E		David B, Shreena B
4A		Gabe G, Sophia S
4B		Eloise R, Remy R
4C		Kara N, Hamish C
4D		Carys D J, Remy S P
4E		Kai A, Baryal M
5A		Amira A, Alex Q
5B		George B, Caitlin H
5C		Sophia E, Beth S
6/5		Zoe B, Jordan E
6A		Georgia P, Angus C
6B		Bailey T, Jemma L
6C		Lachlan Macl, Kathryn M

Assemblies next week are as follows: 9.00am Years 3-6 – 3E to host; 10.30am Years 1-2 - 1A/B to host.

Regards



Gayle Coleman, Scott Matthews, Roxanne Smith, Rochelle Burton & Deanne Clark

BOUQUETS

A special thank you to Lachlan Sayer, our Environment Captains from 2015 and 2016 and Jacki Conias for all of their work on the implementation of our launch of General Waste this week. This event coincides with Clean Up Ascot Day this Friday as we encourage each of our Ascot students to be responsible citizens by putting scraps, rubbish and waste in the correct bins across the school. Watch this space .

FROM YOUR P&C

For those parents new to Ascot, a decision was made in 2013 by the Ascot State School community and staff to become an Independent Public School (IPS). As an IPS school we have greater autonomy in decision making processes to enhance student learning. As an IPS, Ascot was required to form a School Council.

At the end of 2014, the Ascot State School Council was formed with members including the Principal, P&C President, two elected staff, two elected parents plus two appointed community members who will sit until the end of 2016.

Current Members for 2016 are: Gayle Coleman, Principal; Sarah Comiskey, P&C President; Nick Marsh, Staff; Belinda Mason, Staff; Pat Gerry, Parent; Nick Allen, Parent; Michael Walsh, Community Member and Professor John Bell, Community Member.

A few facts about the Ascot State School Council:

- The School Council approves, advises and monitors the strategic direction of the school.
- The School Council’s role is to support administration and staff to ensure the best learning outcomes for our students.
- All members of the School Council volunteer their time.
- The School Council does not employ or recruit staff.
- The School Council will meet six times annually to drive the strategic direction of the school.
- Every two years nominations will be sought for the election of two staff and two parent positions (so new members will be sought in 2017).

The School Council wants and values your input. We invite “traffic light” suggestions from all staff and parents. This correspondence will be tabled at each meeting. It can be anonymous. We want to hear what it is the school does well (green), what it can improve (orange) and what really needs

attention (red). Just as the school community collaboratively decided to become an IPS, we need to work together to improve Ascot and ensure our children have bright futures with endless opportunities. Emails can be sent to schoolcouncil@ascotss.eq.edu.au.

Sarah Comiskey, P&C President

P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 16 MARCH AT 7.30PM (HALL)

Our P&C AGM will be held on Wednesday 16 March 2016 in the school hall at 7.30pm. The Meeting will review the work done by the P&C during the course of 2015 and include the school’s Annual Report delivered by our Principal, Mrs Gayle Coleman. We will also be honouring the work of some new Life Members.

Nominations are now open for all P&C Executive and Sub-Committee positions. For a full list of available positions, please refer to the attached Executive Nomination Form.

If you would like to be involved, please join as a P&C Member (which entitles you to vote). Please complete the nomination form and return it to the Office no later than 11 March 2016 or else Membership Applications may be accepted on the night

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 29/2/16-Friday 11/3/16	Spellathon words being heard
Thursday 3/3/16	Brisbane North Chess Championships at Nundah State School
Friday 4/3/16	Clean Up Ascot Day Swim Club
Sunday 6/3/16	3.30-5.30pm Ascot Family Picnic (Oval) Clean Up Australia Day
Monday 7/3/16	Assemblies: 9.00am Years 3-6 – 3E to host; 10.30am Years 1-2 - 1A/B to host
Tuesday 8/3/16	International Women’s Day PetPep Visit: Prep D/E
Wednesday 9/3/16	9.00am: Student Banking (Office) 9.15-11.00am: Welcome Group (White Jam Café)

GENERAL WASTE + CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY AT ASCOT STATE SCHOOL



Monday at our Senior Assembly the students were introduced to General Waste, a new school mascot. Check him out! The Junior Assembly can look forward to meeting him Monday next week.

General Waste and our school motto, "It's Not Cool to Litter Our School" will help to re-educate and promote zero waste and

which bins are the right bins for waste and recycling to students.

GW is now in eating areas and is a visual reminder to students that Ascot State School should be litter free and have zero waste. If you as parents could do your bit and help us out by providing a wrapper free lunch for your child, we'd be off to a great start. Thanks in advance!

A BIG, BIG thank you to Jacqui Conias, a very creative former parent of ours, who helped design General Waste, with the Year 6 Environment Committee of 2015. It was great to see them all at assembly on Monday. Jacqui designed General Waste using our 2015 drawings before sadly departing the school last year. After she left Ascot, she kindly donated **all** of our fabulous General Waste resources to the school. Placards, stickers and posters - all from the kindness of her heart. Thank you very much Jacqui and 2015 Year 6 students; we appreciate your designs, ideas, effort and kindness in helping our school move forward. Thank you to Sarah Comiskey and the P&C for the lovely orchid as a gift to Jacqui too and mini garbage bins for the former students. What a great community we have - past and present!



This Friday 4 March, all of the students will be participating in Clean Up Australia Day. We will be cleaning our school grounds and nearby paths around the perimeter of our school to do our bit to keep Australia beautiful. A thoughtful initiative we are proud to be a part of.



If you'd like to get further involved on National Clean Up Australia day on Sunday 6 March the Tangalooma Eco Marines, an initiative we joined in 2015, have an event at the Port of Brisbane this weekend. See below for more details:

<http://www.cleanupaustrialiaday.org.au/Port+Bris>

P.E. NEWS

Met North Swimming Selection

Congratulations to Charlie C, Charlie B, Keira T, Sienna T and Mary C on their performances at the Met North Swimming trials. All students swam well and we wish Charlie C, Charlie B, Keira T and Sienna T all the best at the upcoming Qld. Schools Swimming trial. Congratulations on selection in the Met North Team. We will bring you their results after the event.

City District Trials

Congratulations to Rudy D, Archie C, Lachlan Z and James K who have been selected in the City District AFL team and Katie R for being selected in the CD Hockey team. A special mention to Ava B who has been named as shadow for the Hockey team. Mr Harris has selected boys to go to the Rugby League trial and I am currently trialling girls to send to Netball, both on 11 March.

Remember to let us know if you are interested in being considered for nomination in the trials below. If we have lots of students interested we will conduct a school trial first as we can usually only nominate a few students. Once selected by the school, children will receive permission and medical forms which need to be filled out at home and then brought back to school to be signed by Mrs Coleman. They then need to be taken to the trial along with the prescribed trial fee (usually \$15.00).

March Trials

Friday 18 March	Soccer	Mr Harris
	Touch	Mrs Graham

Cross Country (Junior Wednesday 16 March/ Senior Thursday 17 March)

Only 2 weeks to go until Cross Country. Morning tea practices are running on the oval at 11.00am. (Morning tea practices: Mr Harris – Tuesday/Thursday and Mrs Graham – Monday/Wednesday).

It would be beneficial if children could also do some running practice outside of school, particularly if they want to trial for Districts (9–12 year olds). Qld. Running is starting a running/cross country program suitable for families on 5 March at Teralba Park Mitchelton if you are interested. The Junior Cross Country Carnival program will run as follows:

PREP – YEAR 2 CROSS COUNTRY PROGRAM (16 March)				
TIME	EVENT	HOUSE SUPERVISORS	COURSE SUPERVISORS	JUDGES
9:10	Year 2 Boys	Prep Teachers	Year 2 Teachers	Year 1 Teachers
9:25	Year 2 Girls			
9:40	Year 1 Boys	Year 2 Teachers	Year 1 Teachers	Prep Teachers
9:50	Year 1 Girls			
10:00	Prep Boys	Year 1 Teachers	Prep Teachers	Year 2 Teachers
10:12	Prep Girls			
10:25	Results/Trophy Presentation			

The Years 3-6 Cross Country Program will be published in next week's Digest.

Met North Touch Football Coaching Clinic: 4 March

Met North Touch Football Coaching Clinic for children aged 11-17 years and currently enrolled at a school within the Met North Region at Valleys Hockey Club, Shaw Road, Wooloowin on Friday 4 March from 4.00-5.00pm. No cost. Bring suitable Touch Football clothing and a water bottle. This clinic will be run by Qld. Touch Football and Met North Representative Touch Football Coaches. Children have an excellent opportunity to learn from the Met North region's best coaches, by participating in an afternoon of skills, drills and activities. This event is designed to give children of all skill levels an opportunity to learn what it takes to play Touch Football for Met North.

Alayne Graham, Prep-Year 2, Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs,
agrah27@eq.edu.au

Paul Harris, Years 3-6, Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri,
pharr17@eq.edu.au

FoVAD NEWS

Our Artist in Residence, Anuska De Luca, has been working with the Year 6 classes this term, drawing on art from a range of cultures, times and locations. As students make and respond to their work they will explore meaning and interpretation. The goal is to create a reflection of themselves through art, through choice of subject matter, materials, technique and application. Class 6/5 is pictured, enjoying one of their classes last week.



FoVAD is delighted to acknowledge the 2016 sponsorship of Ray White Ascot for our wonderful year of Art, including Art Week 23-26 May and our Art Evening on 9 September.

Katrina Murphy

YEAR 1 PARENT LUNCH INVITATION

The Year 1 Parent Lunch will be held on Friday 18 March at Ruggers Restaurant, Crosby Road, Albion 11.45am-2.45pm. Cost is \$40.00 for a drink on arrival and lunch. RSVP: Please book and pay by 8.00pm on Tuesday 15 March via Flexischools.

ELECTION BAKE STALL: SATURDAY 19 MARCH

The P&C has always run a Bake Stall on Election days. It is a great way to raise money outside the immediate school community. Nicole A has volunteered to co-ordinate the roster

and will be responsible on the day but she needs some volunteers to help with the stall. That doesn't mean you have to be there all day. The stall will open at 8.00am and we need 2-3 people to help out, for one hour slots, up until 12.00pm (or until sold out). Or maybe you can help price on Friday morning?

And of course, **we need bakers**. There will be containers and tags available from the Tuckshop in the week 14-18 March.

You can drop off your baked goods (there is only very limited refrigerated space, so items that don't require refrigeration are the easiest) to the Music practice room (under the hall) on Friday the 18 March or else directly to the stall on Saturday morning.

A big thank you to Nicole and please email her if you are happy to help out with baking or selling. Nicole's email is nanni7@eq.edu.au.

WELCOME GROUP

Have you recently enrolled your child at our school? Have you recently moved into the local area? Are you interested in meeting other school parents and families? You may be interested in joining our school's Welcome Group.

Our Welcome Group has been set up primarily as an opportunity for new parents to our school to meet other school families, although anyone who is interested in making new friends is welcome to attend; everyone is welcome!

Our Welcome Group meets from 9.15-11.00am every Wednesday (commencing 3 February) during school terms at White Jam Cafe, Hendra. Our coffee catch ups are a great opportunity to chat to other parents and to share information about local family services (medical, kinder and child care) and children's activities (music, sport, etc.).

Hope that you can join us.

Nicola, Welcome Group Co-Ordinator
welcome@ascotss.eq.edu.au

FROM THE TUCKSHOP

Easter Meal Deal: Wednesday 23 March 2016

The Easter Meal Deal can now be ordered on Flexischools up until 18 March 2016. There will be no other Tuckshop items available on this day and unfortunately if you forget to order by the cut-off date, 18 March, your child will miss out.

Thank You

Thank you to all the new parents who have joined the Tuckshop by either coming to Tuckshop and helping out or by doing Home Bake. Your help is invaluable and makes the Tuckshop run more smoothly.

Term Two Menu Changes

The Smart Choices Health Food and Drink Supply Strategy will be implemented from the beginning of Term Two 2016. These changes will impact the way food and drinks are classified and will require removing items from our Tuckshop Menu to remain compliant with the Strategy.

What this means is that there will be some exciting new items on the Tuckshop Menu in Term Two, some of which will be implemented this term. It also means that some items will no longer be available. Keep your eyes posted to the Digest for the upcoming updates to the Tuckshop menu.

Kathryn, Yolanda and the Tuckshop Committee

TUCKSHOP ROSTERS

Tuckshop - Group 3		Home Bake - Group 3	
Monday 7/3/16	Karen G-T	Monday 7/3/16	Deborah P, Michelle F, Kylie L
Tuesday 8/3/16	Renee B, Julie R	Tuesday 8/3/16	Michelle McL, Karen G-T, Brielle K
Wednesday 9/3/15	Kate H, Jemma C	Wednesday 9/3/15	Nicole A, Jemma C
Thursday 10/3/15	Miranda	Thursday 10/3/15	Brigid T, Hilary L, Madeleine L, Lorelle C
Friday 11/3/16	Natasha J, Tonya F	Friday 11/3/16	Natalie MacG, Brooke G, Vicki D, Kimberley S

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR UNIFORM SHOP TEAM

As we approach the end of Term 1 there are a few things to remember:

All girls from Years 1 to 6 are required to wear the winter uniform in Terms 2 & 3.

If you have a Year 1 girl you will require:

- Navy winter tunic
- White blouse
- Red belt
- Navy bike pants (as girls remove their tunic during PE lessons).

Grade 6 girls will require a school tie.

Boy's uniform does not alter.

We are currently fully stocked other than the navy winter jackets which are due the final week of this term. All items are available in the Uniform Shop Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 8.15-9.00am or via Flexischools online store.

Cross Country is rapidly approaching. Please be aware that your child will require a House Shirt for this sporting event.

Our children all grow at different rates. With this in mind, should you think that your children might require a uniform outside of our current size range, please see our wonderful volunteers in

the Uniform Shop at your earliest convenience. Alternative sizes are available but we require at least 6 week's notice for ordering purposes.

Don't forget our regular trading hours are:

Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 8.15-9.30am.

Extended Hours: Term Two Week 1 only: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday Thursday and Friday 8.15-9.30am. Week 2 resumes with normal trading hours.

We look forward to assisting you!

Your Uniform Shop Team

UNIFORM SHOP ROSTER

Group 2	
Monday 7/3/16	Rachelle L
Wednesday 9/3/16	Karen K
Thursday 10/3/16	Shelley W

FROM HEALTH AND WELLBEING



Ascot Family Picnic - Sunday 6 March, School Oval - 3.30pm to 5.30pm, but come earlier if you wish. This low key social get together for the school's families is held on the school oval. Why not make this your first 2016 social get-together for your class? You

can get know each of the classroom families a little better. There will be several activities organised including a very large game of cricket, however feel free to just bring a blanket or chairs some drinks and nibbles and relax on the oval. We'd like to encourage everyone to walk down to the school to stretch your legs at the end of the weekend.



Children Speak: The teaching staff at Ascot does a great job with our kids but if you would like your child to elaborate on what they have learned each day, try challenging them in the morning to come home with a

story about what a fabulous day they had. If you have more than one child at Ascot, challenge each of them to come home with the best story about their day. You will learn so much more about your child's day.



The 2016 Queensland Running Cross Country season commences on Saturday 5 March at Teralba Park, Mitchelton. For more information check the website

www.queenslandrunning.com.au



The **Weetbix TRYathletes** returns to the Sleeman Complex again in 2016. The race series is being held on 22 May with entries closing on 15 May. Early Bird discounts are available until 17 March. Ages are 7 to 15

years and from all reports it is extremely well run. For more information visit <http://try.weetbix.com.au/events/brisbane>.

Pat Gerry, Co-Ordinator, pandc@ascotss.eq.edu.au

SWIM CLUB NEWS

Swim Club Families look forward to another great night of swimming on Friday night. The night will include 100m races for Club Championships along with some regular club night races. Please note that there will be no 12.5m swim this week.

A roster has been put together, please notify Jodie if changes are needed on jodiecreevey@bigpond.com or text 0403 069 128.

Week 6 Roster of Wonderful Volunteers –4 March 2016:

Presidents	Anthony, Hamish	
Starter	Charles	
Marshalling: 5.45 to End	Melissa A	Nathan
Marshalling Assistance: 5.45 to End	Ifor D'M	Loren B
Canteen/Bar	5.00-7pm Rose Mcg	5.30 to End Miranda G
	5.30 to End Tracy M	
BBQ	5.00-7pm Susie C	5.15-End Brad Ryan
	5.30-End Jason Mc Rostie	
Timekeepers (6) 5.45 Sharp	R Lay	Chris D
	Sarah T	Juliet S
	Deborah P	Julie B
Data Entry: 5.30pm	Meegan	
Judges 100m Events	Jodie	Leanne N, (TBC)

Please note that it is extremely important to our club that you are on time to do your rostered duty. Please report to the front desk on arrival. Thank you.

Jodie, jodiecreevey@bigpond.com

We would like to thank our sponsors:

Major Sponsors:

Novotel Brisbane Airport, Ray White Ascot and Swimart Ascot.

Minor Sponsors:

Hatch & Co, Network Office Supplies, TAA Connect, Oscar Oscar Hair Salons and Brisbane Anti Wrinkle and Skin Studio.

We look forward to seeing you all again this coming Friday night.

Kind regards

**Ascot Swim Club Committee,
swimclub@ascotss.eq.edu.au**

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Enrolment Day Clayfield Pre-Prep, Bayview Terrace for Pre-Prep in 2018: (children born 1 July 2013 – 30/6/14) **Tuesday, 8 March 2016 (8.00am).** \$40 waiting list fee (payable at enrolment). Waiting List Application forms can be downloaded via the website. For further information contact: Clayfield Pre-prep, Bayview Terrace, 28 Bayview Terrace, Qld 4011; Telephone: (07) 3262 2765; admin@clayfieldpreprep.com.au ; www.candk.asn.au/clayfieldpreprep