Issue 10 – Wednesday 2 April 2014

FROM MRS PROVOST-BOYLE: ACTING
PRINCIPAL

What a great start to the year we’ve had. Our Prep students have had a flying start to school. They are well and truly settled in their new school. I’m looking forward to the Easter Hat Parade on Friday.

As always I’m impressed with the learning that occurs in the school and this term has been no exception. This week teachers are meeting to moderate the work that has been done during the term. The quality of work and the learning is outstanding. Congratulations to teachers and students on a great job!

Enrolling students at Ascot State School

There seems to be some interesting conversations that are being had within the school community about who has automatic entry to the school. Ascot State School is an enrolment managed school. If a family resides in the local catchment area they have automatic enrolment at the school. We cannot and will not turn away an enrolment of a child or family residing in the local catchment area.

Further information on the local catchment area is available at: http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/catchment/plan-a/ascotss.html


Waiting List

Students from outside the school’s catchment area applying for enrolment at Ascot State School are placed on a waiting list in order of receipt of application, by date and by time. These applications remain current only for the school year in which they are applying to enrol.

Please note that for the 2014 school year, we only made offers of enrolment to students on the Waiting List entering the Prep year.

I’d like to take this opportunity to request that parents approach Administrators if they have questions about school process rather than engage in conversations that generate and sustain misinformation being communicated. If you have any questions regarding the enrolment process or the waiting list please see me or Sharyn Hadden.

A child is not their behaviour

Recently I’ve had some conversations with parents who wish to discuss the behaviour of a child other than their own. I’d like to remind all parents that a child is not their behaviour and at times we need to look past a child’s behaviour to the person they are. All children have positive qualities; sometimes they may choose the wrong behaviour (just like adults).

Please keep in mind that often the children we are talking about are 4 or 5 years old; too young to be labelled. Even a child in Year 7 is too young to be labelled.

A good motto to remember is to treat every child the way you would like someone to treat your child.

If you intend to approach a Teacher or an Administrator about another child’s behaviour we will not discuss another child or their parents with you, just as we wouldn’t discuss your child with other parents. We can discuss the situation and what is happening but we won’t be drawn on conversations about another child.

Semester One Parent/Teacher Interviews

Our focus at Ascot State School is on achieving academic success for all students through a supportive, nurturing and challenging environment. Reporting to parents is an integral part of this process and so each year we offer the following:

Term 1 – Parent Teacher Interview
Term 2 – Semester One Written Report
Term 3 – Parent Teacher Interview
Term 4 – Semester Two Written Report.

Online Parent Teacher Interview Booking System

We have scheduled Parent/Teacher interviews for you to meet with your child’s teacher. The interviews have been scheduled from Monday 28 April to Friday 2 May.

More information about the booking system will be emailed home to parents Week 1 of Term 2.

Date Claimers for Term 2

- Year 3 NAPLAN Parent Information Session
  Wednesday 23 April at 9.30am in the staff room
- Prep Writing Information Session for Parents
  Thursday 30 April at 9.30am in the staff room.

A reminder email will be sent out on the first day of Term 2. PowerPoints will be uploaded to the school website after the sessions.
Ms Jinder Kaur finishes her time with us as Acting Deputy Principal. Thank you for the work you’ve done Jinder; it’s appreciated.

Finally, I’d like to thank the students, parents, staff and Sharyn Hadden for supporting me in the Acting Principal role. I can’t say enough positive things about Ascot State School; Great School, Great Students, Great Parents and Great Staff. Truly a great place to work.

Thank you for a wonderful term - enjoy the holidays!

Regards

Melissa Provost-Boyle
Acting Principal

BOUQUETS

Thank you to our students for their efforts and achievements during Term 1. Thank you to our parents for your support. We wish your family a safe and very happy Easter vacation.

From the staff of Ascot State School.

FROM YOUR P&C

Well done to all parents, teachers and students – we have almost finished Term 1 – and in good spirits. I for one, am looking forward to holidays (and a break from school lunches!) Term 2 starts back on Tuesday 22 April and the P&C have a raft of fabulous activities planned:

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Have a look at the school webpage under the P&C tab for all the events planned for this year. If you are interested in helping out, whether it is with the Golf Day sponsorship, selling food at the Discos or cooking at the Dads’ Day Out, we would love to hear from you. Please email me at pandc@ascotss.eq.edu.au.

Have a safe holiday.

Sarah C, P&C President

P&C Meeting

Wednesday 23 April 2014 at 7:30pm  
Staff Room (C Block)

Agenda:

Welcome
Minutes of Previous Meeting
Matters arising from the Minutes
Correspondence
Matters arising from the Correspondence
Principal’s Report
Treasurer’s Report
Subcommittee Reports
General Business
New Memberships.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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KEEP A WATCH ON OUR SCHOOL THESE HOLIDAYS

With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please call School Watch on 13 17 88.

The School Watch program is a partnership between the Department of Education, Training and Employment, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools.

If you do see something suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter. Keep the number handy – 13 17 88 – and let’s work together to help create a safer school community.

FROM MRS HADDEN: MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS 3-7

Here we are at the end of a very positive and busy term for our students, teachers and families.

It’s certainly a team effort to make our school the vibrant, energetic place that it is. We appreciate the support and involvement of our parents, the hard work of our teachers and support staff and, of course, the outstanding efforts and achievements of our lovely students. Thank you!

Maths Equipment

Our sincere thanks to the P&C for their generous donation of funds to support our Maths learning in the school. We have been able to provide a Maths trolley, complete with highly motivating equipment, for each year level in the school. The equipment focuses on developing the children’s interest and understanding of Maths concepts and problem solving strategies. A fine example of our partnership!

Bullying No Way Poster Competition

Congratulations to the following artists who were chosen by the Student Council as the winners of the “Bullying No Way” poster competition. The winners were presented with a certificate and gift voucher for their efforts.

The winning entries will be displayed in the library window. Well done girls and boys!

School Uniform

As the second term begins, children will be expected to wear their winter uniform, with the exception of our Preps. Winter uniform is worn in both Term 2 and Term 3.

Year 6 and Year 7 children will be expected to wear the school tie, as this is the students’ senior and last year at Ascot State School.

Students in Years 4–7 are permitted to wear their sports uniform on Fridays. This is not compulsory for Year 4 students.

School Photos

In the second week of next term our school photos will be taken by Advanced Life Photography. This week your child has brought home their payment envelopes complete with details for orders and payments.

Please read these details carefully as we now use a different photographer so the process may be different to previous years.

This seems so far away, but will creep up quickly with two weeks of holidays coming up.

Teacher Aides

We are very lucky to have some wonderful Teacher Aides who work with our students under the guidance of class teachers and specialist teachers. Each class has an allocation of Teacher Aide time per week and this is used to support learning, under the direction of the teacher, or helping with resourcing. There are other Teacher Aides who work with students who have been verified with a disability. These students have access to specialised Teacher Aides who work under the guidance of our Special Needs teachers and the class teacher. In order to access this level of Teacher Aide support a diagnosis is required by a paediatrician or specialist in a specific field such as a hearing or vision specialist. If you have any questions about the allocation of Teacher Aides please feel free to contact me.
**Spellathon**

We are now down to the final countdown for Spellathon. The final date for payment is the first week of second term. Again, we thank you for your support of this event.

**Key dates for this year’s competition:**

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Have a wonderful, relaxing holiday with your family.

*Sharyn*

**FROM MS KAUR: EARLY YEARS PREP-YEAR 2**

It was a pleasure to be at the Prep-Year 2 assembly and to share in the celebration of student success in “Following Directions”. The 2E presentation was very clear in its presentation of the importance of following directions in school and also in our daily lives.

**Easter Hat Parade and Grand Parents Day**

We hope to see you at the Easter Hat Parade on Friday 4 April 11.45am-12.15pm in the Covered Games Court. There has been a lot of activity in the Prep rooms and the children cannot wait to show off their creations.

**Thank you to the Ascot State School community**

It has been a privilege to be at Ascot State School for the last two weeks. I have been very impressed with the students who are a credit to the school. Thank you to the parents and staff who made me feel very welcome.

*Jinder*

**EVERY DAY COUNTS**

As we reach the end of Term 1, parents are reminded of the importance of sending children to school every day. Being at school every day counts, with one day absent each week quickly adding up to two months of missed lessons in a year.

Unless your child is ill, it is expected that your child will be at school learning every day of the school year.


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**STUDENTS HELPING STUDENTS**

We would like to sincerely thank the Learning Innovation Fund, provided by the P&C, for their generosity in providing for the Years 7/6 Playground Buddies their new Playground Vests. This year all Years 7/6 students will be given the opportunity to be a Playground Buddy, assisting younger students in the playground each Thursday.

The Playground Buddies commit to five weeks of lunch time training with Deanne Clark, learning the skills of Active Listening. They are then ready to try their new skills in an engaging and supportive environment. Initially we will begin helping in the Years 1/2 Eating Area and Playground and extend to other areas of the school throughout the year.

We know that Playground Buddies will benefit the buddies and the students they help, equally. Developing the “whole child” is essential for teachers at Ascot State School and we look forward to seeing our students increase their positive feelings and behaviours, identify and develop their strengths, cultivate gratitude and respect and become their best possible selves. (Seligman et al., 2005). Thank you again to the P&C’s Learning Innovation Fund; we love our vests.

*With thanks,*  
7/6 Teachers, 7/6 Students & Deanne Clark  
dclar70@eq.edu.au


**P.E. NEWS**

**City District Teams**

Congratulations to Marcus D who has been selected in the City District Soccer team. Also well done to our four Met. North Swimmers who competed last week. It is a big achievement making it to this level of competition.

**Cross Country**

A reminder that Cross Country training continues this week (except Wednesday). These training sessions are at 8:10am and at morning tea times. Remember that you will have to continue to train over the holidays as we will be making selection for the school team in the first week back after holidays. Distances that different age groups run are as follows:

- 10 years – 2 km.
- 11/12/13 years – 3 km.

**Term 2**

Term 1 is almost over and Swimming is nearly complete until Term 4. Thank you to all the students who regularly participated in lessons wearing the correct clothing and to all the parents who acted in the spotter role or who braved hopping in the water to help out with the younger grades. Your help and involvement in the swimming program is much appreciated.
In Term 2 students will be developing their Athletic skills in preparation for the Athletics Carnivals at the end of the term and the Years 4–7 students will continue to develop their sports skills in preparation for Gala Days. At this stage the Gala Days have been set down for Fridays in Weeks 5, 6 and 7 and all students in Year 5-7 will travel to different venues on those Fridays to participate in a variety of sports. More information will be forthcoming on the Gala Days next term.

Also in Term 2, as part of the P.E. Program, I run perceptual motor group activities for the Prep and Year 1 students. These activities are very beneficial to the physical development of young students but require some parent supervision in addition to my instruction. If you are interested in helping with your child’s class it looks like Year 1 students will participate in the program on Mondays and Prep students will be involved during their Wednesday P.E. lessons starting Week 3. I will put in a reminder in the Digest next term when timetables have been confirmed.

Finally, we wish everyone a happy, healthy and relaxing Easter holiday break and look forward to seeing everyone back in Term 2.

Paul Harris/Alayne Graham

FROM THE STUDENT COUNCIL
FREE DRESS DAY – FRIDAY 4 APRIL

This Friday’s Free Dress Day will raise money for the Buy a Bale charity, which donates hay and other essentials to farmers in drought. Over 65% of Queensland and much of New South Wales are being affected by drought.

We would like to show our support for communities suffering the effects of the drought.

We ask you to come in your best country style clothing to support our farmers.

If you come in “Country" clothing” or other “Free Dress", please remember to bring in a gold coin donation for this worthy cause.

While this is a great opportunity to show off your style, it’s important to follow these rules:

- No singlet tops
- No shirts with rude or offensive slogans
- No “short” shorts or skirts
- No thongs.

We hope to see you in your best country clothing this Friday!

Student Council

ADVERTISEMENT FOR CLEANER

Permanent Cleaning Position available at Ascot State School. 26 hours per week.

Submit Cover Letter and Resume to Ascot State School, Pringle Street, Ascot.

Required: Suitability Card from Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian.

Successful candidate may be subject to probationary period. Please contact Savina Hodges on (07) 3326 9333 for further information.

Role Description available at Administration. Closing Date - Friday 4 April.

Savina Hodges, BSM

WAVELL STATE HIGH SCHOOL – SUNDAY 18 MAY 2014

SCHOOL COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER’S NEWS

It is the last week of Term 1. Well, we made it. It has been a very busy term and wonderful to see students settling in so well.

Thank you to the Prep parents and grandparents for their attendance this Friday 4 April in the Tuckshop under covered area for an 11.45am start. Yes, you can take your preppies home with you after the celebratory Easter hat parade and lunch. Remember to sign your child out at Admin if you do. Don’t forget your cameras. It is a visual delight.

A reminder to return all Spellathon pledges via flexischools by the end of term.

Girls in Years 1-7 return in their winter uniforms. Red ribbons, red socks and black shoes.

School resumes on Tuesday 22 April.
Routine for Forgotten Lunches
The Tuckshop has a standard Forgotten Lunch that we provide to children who have forgotten to bring their lunch to school. We then send a note home with the child, with the Forgotten Lunch cost and ask for payment to be made via flexischools.

On occasions we have children who state that they have eaten all the lunch that has been provided and they are still hungry. In cases like this we provide the child with a sandwich.

Ordering Lunch from the Tuckshop
If your child has a Tuckshop order and does not receive it in their Tuckshop box, could you please let them know that they are to return to Tuckshop and let the Convenor or a parent working at the Tuckshop know so that we can check our daily flexischools records to ensure that they do receive lunch. As you can imagine, there can be several reasons why a lunch is not in the Tuckshop box:

- a friend has taken the lunch out of the box to give to a child but has not found the child before he or she comes down to the Tuckshop to say their lunch is missing
- the parent has forgotten to order
- the Tuckshop has forgotten to put the order into the box

Please let your children know regardless of why their lunch is missing, as long as they come down to the Tuckshop and let the Convenor or one of the parents know their lunch is missing, we will endeavour to find it or provide a replacement.

Happy Easter and please enjoy your school holiday break.

Kathryn and the Tuckshop Committee

TUCKSHOP ROSTERS

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FROM THE TUCKSHOP

The Tuckshop Committee, Kathryn and Yolanda would like to thank all the parents that have volunteered to do Tuckshop this Term. Your hard work and dedication to Ascot State School is always appreciated.

Prep Parents

Term Two is finally here and the Prep students can now purchase Tuckshop online via the flexischools system. Tuckshop for Prep students is Mondays - Thursdays.
**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

**Girl’s Winter Tunics**

The Uniform Shop is discounting the previous style of girl’s winter tunic (the same as our current tunic but no side zip). We have limited stock of sizes 12-16. We are selling these tunics at the reduced price of $49.00.

**Extended Hours**

The Uniform Shop will be open on the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of Week 1 Term 2 (8.15am-9.30am).

Normal days (Monday, Wednesday and Thursday) resume Week 2.

**Uniform Shop**

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**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**Brisbane North Tennis Academy:** Holiday Tennis Clinic: Scott Morgan and Giles Kelly will be conducting tennis clinics in the first week of the Easter Holidays from Monday 7 April to Friday 11 April (9:00-11:00am) at the Reeve Street tennis courts in Ascot. Students of all ages and standards are welcome to come along and join in on a week of tennis fun. For any further information on clinics or enrolment forms please contact Scott Morgan by email at admin@bnta.com.au or by phone on 0404 902 284 (Scott) and 0415 462 203 (Giles).

Term 2 Tennis Classes: Enrolments for Term 2 classes are also now being taken. Groups will be divided by age groups and have a maximum of six students per session for Years 2 and above and maximum of four students up to and including Year 1. The classes are as follows.

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For any further information please email admin@bnta.com.au or phone Scott Morgan on 0404 902 284.

**Garage Sale Fundraiser - Sunday 6 April at Oriel Park:**

Josephine (Year 5) is organising a big garage sale at the Guide Hut (next to Oriel Park) from 8.00am-1.00pm on Sunday 6 April to raise funds for the Village Library Project in Kenya. There will be lots of toys, books, clothes and household stuff. Come along and pick up a bargain! Donations also gratefully received - contact nicolawarda@yahoo.com.au.

**Aussie Hoops Basketball:** Term 2 programs now open. Programs for children 4+ years. Fun, active, social and safe at an indoor venue near you. For more information please email Luc at development@northsidewizards.com or call 0419 724 392 www.northsidewizards.basketball.net.au.

**Chess:** a group of parents are starting up an Ascot State School Chess Club through Gardener Chess from 3.20-4.20pm on Wednesdays. If interested please contact Rachel at welcome@ascotss.eq.edu.au.

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