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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to Week Four. Yesterday we farewelled some very excited year six students at Brisbane Domestic Airport as they departed for their Canberra excursion. Parents are advised that our Ascot State School facebook page will have regular updates on their adventures.

Sadly, Ms Cappler is still unable to return to school following a motor vehicle accident in the July holidays. We thank Mrs Jill Halloway for her dedication and work on 2C this term. Our dedicated and caring Year 2 teaching team have been supporting the implementation of the Year 2 program in Ms Cappler's absence. Thank you to all parents for their kind words and support of Ms Cappler.

This week is also School Support Week and we are fortunate to have very experienced office staff and a new Business Services Manager, who ensure our office and administrative procedures comply with DET policy. A huge thank you to Donna Frederickson, Vicki Shera, Rhonda Smith and more recently, Melissa Allen who has joined the front office staff on Mondays and Tuesdays. A big shout out to Vic Rienstra, our Relieving Schools Officer, who has made a tremendous difference to our school with his building skills.

### School Vision and Focus

Each year the Department of Education and Training (DET) seeks the opinions of parents, students and school staff about important aspects of schooling. The survey is being conducted from 31 July to Friday 25 August this year. Information on the parent/caregiver survey is below and flyers with login details are being sent home this week to the eldest in the family.

Parents of students in Years 5 and 6 are advised that a sample of students will be identified and they will complete an online survey during school time over the next two weeks.

### School Opinion Survey 2017

The annual suite of *School Opinion Surveys* will be conducted 31 July to 25 August 2017. All families, school staff and a random sample of Years 5 & 6 students will be invited to participate. We encourage you to take this opportunity to have your say about what this school does well, and how this school can improve.

Access details for the *Parent/Caregiver Survey* will be sent home with students this week. This is an online survey and parents must follow the instructions on the School Opinion Survey Parent/Caregiver Survey 2017 form to complete.

Parents/caregivers are welcome to complete their survey online at the school, and school computers will be available on Friday mornings in the computer lab from 8.15 to 9am until Friday 25 August 2017.

You may also request translations of the survey. Enquiries may be directed to administration on telephone 07 3326 9333 or email [admin@ascotss.eq.edu.au](mailto:admin@ascotss.eq.edu.au).

### School and Community Partnerships

Thank you to those parents who attended our Cyber Safety session last Wednesday.

Our preparations are in full swing for the Big Day Out on Saturday 9th September. Please ensure you stay tuned to the countdown to the Big Day Out with emails from your Class Parent Rep and reminders on Assembly each Monday.

Have a great week.

**Regards**

**Gayle Coleman, Principal**

## FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL: YEARS 3-6

Ascot is one of the first members of Queensland Academies Partnership Schools (QAPS). In 2014, the school went through a 'self-study' to gain this accreditation. This status now sees Ascot heavily involved with this network, formally meeting four times per year in member schools where they can showcase their practice. I have taken up the post of President of the newly established Executive and we are now working hard moving to a governance model for the Partnership network, developing a strategic plan and planning for continued growth of staff and students in the schools in our learning community. Membership of QAPS allows us to offer our families a broad variety of opportunities through Queensland Academies that would not otherwise be available. More information about QAPS can be found here:

<https://qa.eq.edu.au/partnerships-schools/>

This week we are pleased to advertise three opportunities to connect with Queensland Academies through the events that they have arranged in the coming weeks. Please see the attached flyers for more information.

**Simone Coogan, Deputy Principal, Years 3-6**

## BOUQUETS



To our Year 6 teachers, Ms Sharon Herman, Ms Kristine Atkins and to Ms Melissa Allen for escorting our Year 6 students to Canberra.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

WEEK 4	EVENTS
Sunday 30/7/ 17-Friday 4/8/17	Year 7 Canberra Trip
Wednesday 2/8/17	8.15-9.30am: Uniform Shop 9.00am: Student Banking Year 5 UQ Project
Thursday 3/8/17	8.15-9.30am: Uniform Shop 9.30-11.00am Welcome Group (White Jam Café)
Friday 4/8/17	Year 4 Parent Lunch Year 1 Disco Year 6 students return from Canberra
WEEK 5	EVENTS
Monday 7/8/17	8.15-9.30am: Uniform Shop 9.00am: Years 3-6 Assembly (Host 4B)

	10.30am: Prep-Year 2 Assembly (Host PA)
Tuesday 8/8/17	2A & 2B Newstead House Excursion Prep 2018 Interviews
Wednesday 9/8/17	8.15-9.30am: Uniform Shop 9.00am: Student Banking Prep Interviews 7.30pm: P&C Meeting (Staff Room)

## 5C STEM BINS

5C have been embracing Design thinking all year, with this term incorporating weekly STEAM/STEAM activities in our classroom. Please see Micah's entry about this initiative in our class:



This term in 5C we have been working with STEM bins.

Our STEM bins each have different materials in them and we have challenges where we have to use the materials in the container and make a randomly selected object.

The object could be a 3D shape or a real life one such as a tent, or bridge or building.

You can only use what is in your container which could be materials like blocks, cups, pipe cleaners, playdough or toothpicks.



I think our STEM bins are a challenging activity because we have to solve design problems and only use what is in the container. It is also really fun to construct and collaborate and co-operative with your partner.

**Micah Catelan and Mrs Russell 5C**

## ABSENCES

**The safety of children is paramount.**

This is why the school needs to know your child's whereabouts during the school day.

For Prep, students arrive to class at 8.35am to commence learning at 8.45am when the roll is first marked.

Students in Years 1-6 should arrive to class at 8.50am to prepare to start the school day at 9.00am when the roll is first marked.

The student absence phone line is **3326 9360**. This is a 24/7 recorded message service.

### Daily absence

If your child will be absent from school parents must phone the absence phone line before 9.00am. The message should include day, caller's name, student's name, class, and reason for absence. The teacher will be notified of the student's absence by office staff.

Parents are asked to follow this procedure any time your child is absent from Ascot State School, including attending an off campus activity arranged through the school. For example City District/Met North Sport, Chess Tournaments, Music Camps, etc. Thank you to parents for phoning the school absence phone line to report their child's absence at the City District Track & Field last week.

If your child will be absent from school for more than one day, call the absence phone line in advance. The message should include caller's name, student's name, class, reason for absence and duration of absence. The teacher will be notified of the student's absence by office staff.

Absences of more than 10 consecutive school days duration require Principal approval. Forms are available from the office. This allows the school to record the absence as an exemption – meaning it is a non-penalty absence.

### Late arrivals

If your child will arrive to class **after roll call at 9.00am** parents must phone the absence phone line before 9.00am. The message should include day, caller's name, student's name, class and reason for delay. On arrival students must go directly to the office where a Late Slip is issued for the student to give to their teacher on arrival to class.

### Early departures

Parents should present to office to collect your child. Office staff will arrange for your child to come to Office for collection and issue an early departure slip that will be given to the class teacher by office staff. Staff will not permit any child to be collected from the classroom or play areas.

### Unexplained absences

Should your child's absence be unexplained, an automated SMS will be sent. A prompt response is requested.

Important note: Advising the teacher in person or via email does not negate the need to follow the above procedures and may result in inaccurate attendance records.

For your information the roll is called again at 2.00pm. School finishes at 3.00pm (Prep at 2.45pm) and children should be collected promptly.

Before School, After School and Vacation Care are provided by Camp Australia at Barlow Street, Clayfield. Enquiries to 1300 105 343.

Your child's safety is a joint responsibility requiring good communication between home and school.

## PAYMENT PROCESS CHANGE – INCURSIONS, EXCURSIONS & CAMPS

The school will no longer issue Term Accounts. Instead, events will be invoiced individually.

As the school is required to pay for events in advance, it is necessary to enforce a cut-off date for payments. **NO LATE PAYMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

The Department of Education & Training is moving towards a cash free payment platform. Schools are being encouraged to promote the use of BPoint for payments and schools will no longer be able to either receive nor store credit card details directly. If parents contact the school to pay outstanding accounts over the phone our office staff will redirect them to the BPoint facility for payment to be made. Parents who have not registered for QParents will be asked to register shortly and this app enables parents to view their school accounts and to pay multiple invoices in one payment. **WATCH THIS SPACE!**

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

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

PA	Albert D	3A	Freddy H
PB	Sarah F	3B	Leo B
PC	Mitchel N	3C	Maddison A
PD	Alexis V	3D	Lauren j
PE	Sam D	3E	Liam B
1A		4A	Austyn P
1B	Mikayla A	4B	Jordan C
1C	Simon A	4C	James R
1D	Pippa M	4D	Grace P
1E	Isiah M	5/4	Simeon J
1F	Thomas C	5A	Bronson R
2A	Maryann B	5B	Elsie J
2B	Frankie C	5C	Madison V
2C			
2D	Hamish R		
2E	Roman-Alexander D		

## GOLDEN TICKET AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who were great citizens in the playground and acknowledged on assembly:

Connor McN (PA)	Poppy B (3A)
Zara P (PC)	Samantha P (3B)
Taiga M (2B)	Sebastien M (3B)
Celeste G (2C)	Tom Z (3D)

## MUSIC NEWS

All beginner woodwind, brass or percussion children should be attending Junior Band on Friday mornings at 7.45am. This band is conducted by Ms Dykes, our Year 3 woodwind teacher. If your child has not made it to band yet, please make sure they attend the next rehearsal.

It is not too late for children to join a choir. A few boys have indicated in class lessons they wish to join the Boys Don't Sing Choir but they rely on parents to drop them off for the 8.00am Monday rehearsal in the music room. Please have a conversation with your child just in case they wish to join a choir. Other rehearsals are Junior Choir (Years 1/2) on Friday mornings at 8.15am in the hall. Intermediate Choir (Year 3/4 girls) Wednesdays, 1.15pm in the music room and Senior Choir for Years 4 to 6 on Mondays at 1.15pm in the music room or hall.

The rotating instrumental timetables seem to be working well for most children. If you have any feedback please inform the Music department.

Musical rehearsals are continuing on Fridays at 1.15pm in the music room. This week will be a girl's chorus rehearsal.

Ms Doucet, our Brass and Percussion teacher is taking leave from Week 4 to Week 7. We are currently seeking a replacement teacher.

If you have any questions please contact the Music department.

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**Lois Pagano, [lepag@eq.edu.au](mailto:lepag@eq.edu.au)**

## BSHS MIFF 2017: 9 SEPTEMBER

BSHS P&C Association Instrumental Music Sub-Committee is holding their Music & International Food Festival on 9 September from 1.30-8.30pm.

For details, please click the link below or collect a flyer from the Office.

## P.E. NEWS

### State Cross Country Results

Congratulations to Isabella H and Jemima M who competed very successfully at the State Cross Country Carnival recently. Jemima finished 9th and just missed selection in the State team and Isabella finished 1st and has been selected in the State team to compete in Hobart. This is an amazing effort by both girls and we wish Isabella all the best in the national competition.

### District Athletics Results

Congratulations to all our students whose effort and behaviour at the Carnival were excellent. All students contributed to the Ascot Team finishing second in the District on overall points and placing second in the District for the percentage trophy where points are divided by the number of competitors. These are both great results and all our competitors should be proud of what they achieved. We would also like to thank Phoebe Braithwaite, Deborah Pilkington and Natasha Spork for their assistance in running the discus event and would also like to thank Natasha for delivering the tent back to school at the end of the carnival. Your support was much appreciated.

There were some great performances on both days and the following students have made selection into the District Team to compete at the Metropolitan North Carnival at UQ on August 22 and 23:

#### Boys

**Ryan C** – 800m (1st), high jump (2nd)

**Pedro H** – discus (2nd), shot put (3rd)

**Ethan M** – Tetrathlon (1st), 800m (2nd)

**Oliver P** – discus (2nd), long jump (4th)

**Hunta T** – long jump (2nd)

#### Girls

**Isla F** – discus (3rd)

**Isabella H** – 800m (1st), 200m (2nd), high jump (2nd)

**Jemima M** – 200m (4th), 800m (4th)

**Ruby H** – high jump (3rd), long jump (4th)

**Emma S** – long jump (2nd), high jump (2nd)

**Grace T** – shot put (4th), discus (4th)

Congratulations also to our 9 year old competitors who also performed very well. They do not proceed to the Met North Carnival but those who placed very highly include Archer B – 800m (2nd), 100m (4th), Mia C – 100m (4th) and A'Moz U – shot put (2nd).



12 years relay team



11 years relay team

**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**

**P&C WEEK NEXT WEEK**  
**7.30PM WEDNESDAY 9 AUGUST**  
**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.

**YEAR 4 PARENT LUNCH INVITATION: 4 AUGUST**

Please see below for details or collect a copy from the Office.

**FRIENDS OF MUSIC**

The Year 1 Disco, proudly supported by Amanda Butler of Butler & Co Estate Agents, is on this Friday 4 August and the Prep Disco is on 18 August. Please refer to flyers for details

If you are interested in becoming next year's FoM Convenor please join us at the Year 1 Disco to learn the ropes.

Our Discos make up some of the social highlights of the year which the children really look forward to. Friends of Music events help raise valuable funds that support the excellent and highly regarded music program offered at Ascot State School.

Last week I was fortunate enough to spend the morning with Dietrich Lasa, a very accomplished string musician who has played with orchestras all around the world. He is the owner and founder of a local specialist strings business and is willing to host an educational session. Please email if you are interested.

To find out more about volunteering or becoming next year's FoM Convenor, please email FOM@ascotss.eq.edu.au.

**Nathalie S, FoM Convenor**

**YEAR 1 DISCO: FRIDAY 4 AUGUST**

For details, please click the link below or collect a flyer from the Office.

**PREP DISCO: FRIDAY 18 AUGUST**

For details, please click the link below or collect a flyer from the Office.

**TUCKSHOP NEWS**

**EKKA Meal Deal**

The Tuckshop will be having their EKKA Meal Deal on Tuesday 15 August. Order via Flexischools by Friday 11 August. Due to the sheer volume of orders, this will be the only lunch available on the day. Breakfast and morning tea can be ordered as normal.

**Woolworths Earn and Learn**

From 26 July to 19 September Woolworths is running their Earn and Learn Program. For every \$10.00 spent at Woolworths you will receive a sticker place this on the sticker sheets provided at Woolworths. Fill it up and return the full sticker sheet to the Tuckshop. At the end of the program we will receive learning resource for the school.

**Katherine, Yolanda & the Tuckshop Committee**

**TUCKSHOP ROSTERS**

Tuckshop - Group 1		Home Bake - Group 1	
<b>Monday</b> 7/8/17	Miranda	<b>Monday</b>	Andrea Y, Julianne D, Karen G-T
<b>Tuesday</b> 8/8/17	Kim H	<b>Tuesday</b>	Louise A, Leanne N, Russell C
<b>Wednesday</b> 9/8/17	Alison L, Michelle A, Katie H	<b>Wednesday</b>	Alison L, Priyanka
<b>Thursday</b> 10/8/17	Natasha J, Emma-Jane V, Carleen W	<b>Thursday</b>	Kristin H
<b>Friday</b> 11/8/17	Kristin H, Cassandra T. Julie M	<b>Friday</b>	Angela B, Jodie A, Julie M

## UNIFORM SHOP

Would you like to be one of our new Uniform Shop volunteers?

Once a month – 8.15am to 9.30am

If you are interested in supporting the school and volunteering, please contact Jacqui in the Uniform Shop by popping in to the shop, emailing [uniformshop@ascotss.eq.edu.au](mailto:uniformshop@ascotss.eq.edu.au) or phoning 3862 2476 during our opening hours.

We would love for you to join our wonderful team!

### Second hand uniforms

The Uniform Shop currently has a good range of second hand uniforms for boys and girls. Come in and have a look as the stock range constantly changes.

Please note - second hand items are not available for phone or Flexischools orders.

### Uniform Shop hours

Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays, 8.15-9.30am

Phone: 3862 2476

Email: [uniformshop@ascotss.eq.edu.au](mailto:uniformshop@ascotss.eq.edu.au)

<https://www.flexischools.com.au/>

We look forward to assisting you.

**The Uniform Shop Team**

## UNIFORM SHOP ROSTER

Tuckshop - Group 2	
Monday 7/8/17	Mel T
Wednesday 9/8/17	Renee S
Thursday 10/8/17	Kym P

## SWIM CLUB

### Registrations Have Opened

Registrations for Ascot Swim Club are done through Flexischools. It costs \$130 per family. All swimmers will receive a FREE Club T-Shirt and each family a sample bag thanks to our generous sponsors! In addition, this year we are fortunate enough to have a sports photographer come on board. Amanda will be capturing action shots of our swimmers one Friday night in October. Please don't forget to tick the permission box on Flexischools. As always membership numbers are capped so don't delay in signing up.

## Togs on Sale!

Ascot State School Swimming togs can be purchased at a reduced price at time of registration. Sale prices apply only to last season's stock. Limited sizes and quantities available.

Australian made Scody Girls one piece - \$20

Australian made Scody Boys racing trunk - \$10.

## We Need Some Help!

Grab a friend or two and join our Committee!

<b>BBQ Manager</b>	Job role involves collecting the meat and bread, set up and some supervision
<b>Canteen Convenor</b>	Job role involves ordering and supervision of sales
<b>Trainee/ Reserve Starter</b>	We are looking for a reserve starter (or 2). Commitment is approx. 2 Friday nights per term

Please send expressions of interest to [swimclub@ascotss.eq.edu.au](mailto:swimclub@ascotss.eq.edu.au). We are very happy if you want to job share.

## With Thanks to the Sponsors



## Charles and Jodie - Ascot Swim Club

## ASCOT BIG DAY OUT 2017: PRELOVED ON PRINGLE

Feeling like you need to declutter? Think of us!! Please click the link below for details or collect a flyer from the Office.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Brisbane North Tennis Academy:** Term 3 Tennis Coaching (Enrolments Still Open). Brisbane North Tennis Academy offers tennis coaching for tiny tot students (4 years) through to adults. Players can choose from classes, private tuition and the option to form your own group. Coaching is conducted 7 days per week (Mon-Sun). For a full list of available classes and costs please visit [www.bnta.com.au](http://www.bnta.com.au). Mid-week ladies groups will continue Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9.30-10.30am, with a mixed adult class conducted on Sundays from 9.00-10.00am. All classes conducted at the Ascot State School tennis courts located in Reeve St, Clayfield.

**National Karate Academies** are extremely proud of the partnership with Ascot State School and we look forward to continuing to grow together. If you are interested in joining National Karate Academies your first lesson is always free. Come and join us on Monday nights. If you or any member of your family or friends would like to experience a practical self-defence class please join us at St Margret's Philip Harris

Sports Centre, Lapraik Street, Ascot 6pm for Juniors, 7pm for Seniors (over 13 year old). Mums and Dads can join in and enjoy a sport with the kids! Please contact Dai Sempai Hamish James on 0439 717 483 for any further details.

**Holy Cross School Festival Sunday 27 August:** Morrison Street, Woolloowin from 10.30am. Step right up – fun for all. Live music, baby animal farm, raffles, clowns, rides, games, face painting, choirs, quality second hand goods, super slide, food stalls, drinks, fairy floss, snow cones, cent auction, craft stall, homemade sweets and cakes and more.