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FROM GAYLE COLEMAN: PRINCIPAL

Student Successes

Congratulations to the students who participated in the NBN project at Chermiside Shopping Centre last week. Congratulations to the students who assisted with the Prep Parent Information Session by escorting families around the school. I am always impressed by the excellent standards of both presentation and manners of our Ascot students. It is very re-affirming when I receive complementary emails from visitors as I did last week.

Staffing Update

Last week we congratulated Mrs Melissa Provost-Boyle on her promotion as Acting Principal at Riverview State School. We have appointed Mrs Kylie Wells to the position of Acting Deputy Principal. Mrs Wells has been leading the Teacher Education Centre of Excellence at Kelvin Grove College and has a wealth of experience in mentoring both beginning and pre-service teachers. Mrs Wells was previously the Head of Curriculum for the Junior School and we look forward to welcoming her to our school.

National Consistent Collection of Data

All Australian state and territory governments have agreed to implement a nationally consistent collection of data on school students with disability. This will be an annual data collection with all schools providing data in August as part of the census collection. Ascot State School is beginning this process this term with our whole school data being submitted by 7 August 2015.

Collecting data on school students with disability helps teachers, principals and education authorities support the participation of students with disability in schooling on the same basis as students without disability.

The data provided to the Australian Government is aggregated data only. Please be reassured that the Department will not provide on to another organisation any data that can identify an individual student. The only data being collected at the school level to be reported nationally is the:

- number of students in the school who are provided with an adjustment to address a disability;

- level of adjustments we provide for those students; and
- broad category of disability.

I wish to advise that only data that cannot identify your child will be submitted through this process. If you do not wish for your child's details to be included, please let me know in writing so that your child's data will be excluded. Parents have the right to opt out.

Consultation with parents is important not only for the data collection but also to ensure you are aware of the adjustments being provided to support your child. Class teachers will therefore continue to consult with you.

or visit the link

<http://education.gov.au/what-nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability>

Every Day Counts

Attendance at Ascot State School is high but this is just a reminder to parents to ensure your child attends school every day. Our statistics for last week were:

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| Prep | 96% |
| Year 1 | 94% |
| Year 2 | 97% |
| Year 3 | 95% |
| Year 4 | 95% |
| Year 5 | 90% |
| Year 6 | 90% |

Regards

Gayle Coleman
Principal

BOUQUETS

Special bouquets to the Friends of Music and all of their helpers for the successful Years 6/5 Disco last Friday night. Thank you for your support!

FROM YOUR P&C

Still not sure about who or what our School Council is? The who is easy – it comprises of two automatic members – the Principal, Gayle Coleman, and myself as, P&C President. It also has two elected staff members, Nick Marsh & Belinda Mason, two elected parent members - Pat Gerry & Jono Perry and two appointed community members, Professor John Bell and Michael Walsh. All these members volunteer their time.

The School Council does the following:

- approves, advises and monitors the strategic direction of the school and
- supports administration and staff to ensure the best learning outcomes for our students.
- All members of the School Council volunteer their time.
- The School Council is open and approachable.
- 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.

It is good to know the role of the P&C remains unchanged. Ascot State School P&C supports the school in providing students with an educational experience that builds the foundations for enhanced learning and development. We support the school and staff as they engage in an agenda to ensure the best outcomes for students which include not just a focus on academic outcomes but also on the sporting, arts and social well-being of students. Here is a quick overview of the roles of the Principal, P&C and the School Council:

| | | RESPONSIBILITIES | | | |
|----------|----------------|------------------|--------|------------|-------------|
| | | Governance | Advice | Operations | Fundraising |
| Entities | Principal | Yes | Yes | Yes | No |
| | School Council | Yes | Yes | No | No |
| | P&C | No | Yes | No | Yes |

The Vision Night on 10 June is your opportunity to be present your ideas. The School Council and P&C are always looking to improve. As we have refreshments, remember to RSVP to my email below. And if you are unable to attend, please send through your ideas.

Please email me at pandcpresident@ascotss.eq.edu.au.

Sarah Comiskey, President

UPCOMING EVENTS

| | |
|-------------------------|---|
| Wednesday 3/6/15 | 6.30-8.00pm: High Achievers Celebration Night (KGSC) |
| Thursday 4/6/15 | 8.15-9.30am: Uniform Shop open 1.15pm: Thinkers' Club (Art Room) |
| Friday 5/6/15 | 9.00-3.00: Years 4-6 CD Gala Sports Day 3 |

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| | 12.00pm Ascot Big Day Out Meeting (Staff Room) World Environment Day |
| Saturday 6/6/15 | Queensland Day |
| Monday 8/6/15 | QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY |
| Tuesday 9/6/15 | Beginner Band Blitz (Windsor SS) 1.00pm: Year 5 Debating (in 4A) FoVAD Photo Competition opens |
| Wednesday 10/6/15 | 7.45am Debating 6 (in 6/5) 8.15-9.30am: Uniform Shop open 9.00am: Student Banking 9.15am: Welcome Group 1.15pm Opti-MINDS Trials (1) 7.00pm: School Vision Night (Hall) |

MONDAY 8/6/15: QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY

VISION NIGHT: WEDNESDAY 10 JUNE - 7.00-8.30PM (STAFF ROOM)

SCHOOL PHOTOS: THURSDAY 11 & FRIDAY 12 JUNE

School photos are on the **Wednesday 11 and Friday 12 June**. Please return orders to your child's teacher or order online at www.advancedlife.com.au. Online orders due by 11/6/15. Our school code is **FJ5 24Y ZNB**.

FROM MRS HADDEN: MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS 3-6

Thank you to our Music Department for their wonderful work with the bands and choirs. It is amazing to hear and see the improvement in the Senior Band throughout this year. Perseverance and regular practice are the keys to this level of performance and of course the skill of our Music Department.

I recall when I first came to Ascot School being in awe of the performances I witnessed and quickly realising that the level of performance was matched by the dedication of the teachers, students and parents who are part of the program. Music is so much more than a tuneful voice and the ability to learn an instrument. The discipline and commitment needed to achieve at this level requires an ability to learn across other learning areas. Well done!

High Achievers Program

This evening will be the culminating event for the High Achievers Program and marks the end of a unique learning opportunity for a group of our students. The students will present the fantastic work they have done over the past term to their fellow students and parents. Each year we have the opportunity to participate as members of the City Cluster. Our students develop skills, challenge their thinking and build relationships in a new setting.

Athletics Carnivals

During the next few weeks there will be a focus on preparing for our Athletics Carnivals. I look forward to these events as I know so many children just love the opportunity to take their energy onto the sporting field. Remember to mark the Athletics Carnivals on your calendar as the days are fun-filled and there is nothing like a good audience to bring out the best of performances.

Gala Days have been another good opportunity to increase fitness, games skill and sportsmanship. This week is the last of our Gala Days for the term and I commend the children on their good behaviour and sportsmanship.

Mobile Phones

As I have stated on a number of occasions both to the children and via the Digest, mobile phones at school come with strict conditions; students must complete a permission request and return it to me before a phone is brought to school. Please ensure that your child completes a permission form which can be found on the school website and returned to me prior to bringing a phone to school. Phones must be left in the child's bag and will not be kept by their teacher. At no time is a child permitted to use their phone for calls or photos during school hours.

Next week there will be no assembly due to the long weekend.

Have a great week and enjoy the long weekend.

Sharyn Hadden, Deputy Principal

STUDENT SUCCESS AND WELLBEING DATE CLAIMER

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION HELP YOUR CHILD GROW AND BLOSSOM THEIR INTELLIGENCE

Wednesday 17 June – 10.00-11.00am
(straight after Kathryn's Biggest Morning Tea)

**"MINDSET AND MOTIVATION MATTER MORE THAN
EVER"**

Motivation is a battery pack of skills, from passion to perseverance to self-control. A little-known fact about motivation is that it can be taught and parents play a pivotal role. Mindset and Motivation are the essential 21ST Century skills all students need to ensure success and increase academic achievement.

Come along and enjoy an inspiring information session that will outline motivation and mindset; and provide you with the

tips, strategies and latest research to help your child grow and blossom their intelligence.

This information session is for all parents, regardless of your child's grade at school. It will be pertinent for parents of Preppies to those with Year 6 students ready to transition to high school next year.

I look forward to welcoming you. Please RSVP to: dclar70@eq.edu.au

Deanne Clark, Student Success & Wellbeing

SPEAKING MATHEMATICALLY

At Ascot State School we make mathematics real. Students are solving area problems using the hall and their knowledge of usable and unusable space, formulas for area and measurements of seating capacity in year 6; students are exploring just how big Gulliver is by extrapolating from small amounts of information, using knowledge of ratios and statistics of hand/foot measurements in 6/5; using a 'Zoom in' strategy to reveal just small parts of Escher's "Day and Night" art work to wonder about symmetry and tessellations and transformations and in year 3 really 'seeing' how many arrays there are in our school grounds and using iPads to take photographs, create an equation and solving using multiplication knowledge.

Mathematics is also very real in the home, any opportunity to demonstrate how you use mathematics knowledge to cook, build, decorate, paint, create and embed within technology will give our children the answer to 'why do I need to learn this' question in mathematics classes. Below see some examples of our year 3 'Array hunt'.



Monique Russell

ASCOT WRITERS' CLUB

I hope everyone shared in Josephine's delight in writing about her surprise meeting with Tony Abbott.

This week, I present for your reading pleasure, William's story. I love that writing is still cool for Year 6 boys. ENJOY!

Lorraine Clacher

THE HISTORY OF EVERYTHING BY WILLIAM

This is cruelty.

Why in the world did we move to this house in this street? Now this is what I call torture; sitting in the back seat of the car with my five year old animal-of-a-brother Rigby pulling into the crumbly remains of the driveway of our 'new' home -thirteen Cursed Street New South Wales. We get out of the car and unpack our bags. My head is burning from Rigby's deafening Spiderman game on his old DS. A tidal wave of Boredom surges through me. It's like I'm close to being his personal assistant. I want to grab that spoilt brat's lips and tie them in a knot so he shuts up! No I don't. Mum would go berserko. I start up the stairs. Finally looking up from his Nintendo, Rigby opens his big mouth: "hey Mum! This place looks like the shrieking

shack from. Harry Potter!" I'm surprised. He's right! (For once) until he adds "cool!" In which he is terribly, terribly wrong.

CREEEEEAAK! I enter the front door of our "new" home. There is mould all over the walls and wallpaper is peeling off left, right and centre. I dump the bags on the foul carpet and start to wander around, forgetting about mum and 'the thing from la la land' (Rigby) and go down a corridor and notice an odd cupboard that looks like it hasn't been used for a long time. Feeling adventurous I push it away. There's a door in the wall. The door slowly and mysteriously opens. Inside, I see a desk, chair, light, grandfather clock.

AND THEN I NOTICE IT.

It looks like a little stone birdbath with cupids with silly little harps carved into it **and there is still water in it!** *How could water lie in a broken old birdbath for so long?* I dip my hand in the water **and it starts to suck my hand in!** Yanking as hard as I can I try to pull it free but the 'water' sucks me in; my elbow then my shoulder and then the rest of my body ...

Everything goes black.

I land heavily. Pulling myself up, I look around; the room has got a desk, chair, light, grandfather clock and that same old monster birdbath in the room. For a second I think that I'm in the same room but it can't be. It looks clean. Very clean. Itching to investigate, I open the door. The cupboard is not there. I walk down a long corridor and stop when I hear voices in the room five away from the birdbath. "Sir, you think that this portal is safe?" "Yes shorts, the portal is truly safe, I tested it." Shorts?? Who was 'shorts'? I run outside to check exactly where I am: Cursed Street.

I remember mum telling me about the first portal into the future being made, and finished twenty years later, by Henry Smithers on the 21st of January 2046. Then, the portal was gone. And so was Henry Smithers. When I was born exactly three years later, a policeman went looking for the famous inventor but did not return James someone. Coming to my senses, I start to make some logic of it.

I hurry inside and peek through the keyhole. "I hope you're right Smithers, I really do". *Did the inventor of the first portal to the future live in OUR house? This house?* I listen again, "Then why are you living in **this** house when you could live in your old one?" "No James, you've got it all wrong, I DON'T WANT people 'Willy Nilly' going through the portal to whenever to wherever they want. They might just change the natural cause of history!" "But we could change the world, reinvent companies, and become not just millionaires but billionaires!

"NO!" .Smithers; "That's fraud!" "HAHAHAHAHAHA!" An obese man in a crumpled police uniform lumbers out of the room he was in and into the one with the birdbath. I follow, but just as I get to the room in 'stealth mode' he's gone. James Shorts. I jump into the portal; *I need to stop him...*

I stand up aching. *Gee; I didn't know that thing deposited you that hard.* There's an open book on the floor I hadn't noticed before. 'The history of everything' it reads on the cover. Feeling curious, I open it. After I read a few sentences, something strange starts to happen. The words start to change, like everything is being re written. I shriek. The house starts to

look more modern. Flat screen televisions start sprouting up everywhere. The new iPad which sprouted in the corner of the room seems to upgrade. If Mr James Shorts doesn't think about what he's doing soon, not only Antarctica will melt as well as the Arctic. Someone has to do something and the only someone who really knows what's going on is me but how am I going to get back through?

I think hard about where I want to go and jump, **here I go again!**

It's dark. The moon is the only light and my arms hurt from carrying a stone birdbath. I pass the stairs and I hear two people snoring. *He's still here.* I drag the portal outside and put it on its side. I put my hand into the water. The world starts to spin. I push, and the portal goes tumbling down the hill, over the cliff and into the deep sea below, just as darkness encloses. *Pretty good idea to come up with the night before he walks out Ricky mate.*

Dinner is tense. Apparently, mum screeched her head off for me to help 'ickle Rigby' with his potty. As if I've done enough in one day. Mum also blames me for not coming when she called me to carry his car seat inside. But I don't care, because I just saved the entire planet from a lunatic! But as if mum's going to believe that. But I do, of course.

FROM ANGELA DAWSON

High Achievers' Celebration Night – 3 June

The High Achievers' Celebration Night is on tonight at Kelvin Grove State College from 6.30 to 8.00pm. This is a chance for our participating students to showcase their work from the past six weeks.

Opti-MINDS for Years 4, 5 and 6 students

Opti-MINDS is an opportunity for students with a passion for learning and problem solving to showcase their skills and talents in an exciting, vibrant and public way. Teams are required to work together on a Long Term Challenge for six weeks without assistance from anyone outside the team. Participants are encouraged to explore possibilities and experiment with ideas as they endeavour to produce their best possible solution.

Students present their Challenge solution to a panel of judges and an audience on Challenge Day. They have ten minutes in which to present and must do so in a 3 x 3 metre performance area. Our students will present their challenge on **23rd August 2015 at Kedron State High School. Students must be available all day.**

Opti-MINDS Trials

Opti-MINDS Trials will be held on Wednesday 10 June (and the following 2 Tuesdays if needed) in Mrs Clacher's classroom at 1.00pm. **To try out for Opti-MINDS the children need to prepare a two minute dramatic presentation outlining why they should be selected for the team. They should also write up a short persuasive essay (no more than 200 words) outlining why they will make an excellent team member.**

We will meet one morning or afternoon a week and one lunch time each week in Term 3. It is a huge commitment for the

children and weekend practices will be required. There is a small cost for each student to participate in Opti-MINDS. Teachers who will be working on Opti-MINDS this year are Lorraine Clacher, Angela Dawson, Rysia Sullivan, Sophia Barker and Nick Marsh.

For more information on Opti-MINDS check out their website:
<http://www.opti-minds.com/>

We welcome all interested students next Wednesday. If students can't make 10 June, they can come on the 17 June.

The Australian Curriculum: General Capabilities - Critical and Creative Thinking

In the Australian Curriculum, students develop general capability in critical and creative thinking as they learn to generate and evaluate knowledge, clarify concepts and ideas, seek possibilities, consider alternatives and solve problems. Critical and creative thinking are integral to activities that require students to think broadly and deeply using skills, behaviours and dispositions such as reason, logic, resourcefulness, imagination and innovation in all learning areas at school and in their lives beyond school.

Responding to the challenges of the twenty-first century – with its complex environmental, social and economic pressures – requires young people to be creative, innovative, enterprising and adaptable, with the motivation, confidence and skills to use critical and creative thinking purposefully.

- **Critical thinking** is at the core of most intellectual activity that involves students in learning to recognise or develop an argument, use evidence in support of that argument, draw reasoned conclusions and use information to solve problems. Examples of thinking skills are interpreting, analysing, evaluating, explaining, sequencing, reasoning, comparing, questioning, inferring, hypothesising, appraising, testing and generalising.
- **Creative thinking** involves students in learning to generate and apply new ideas in specific contexts, seeing existing situations in a new way, identifying alternative explanations and seeing or making new links that generate a positive outcome. This includes combining parts to form something original, sifting and refining ideas to discover possibilities, constructing theories and objects and acting on intuition. The products of creative endeavour can involve complex representations and images, investigations and performances, digital and computer-generated output, or occur as virtual reality.

At **Ascot State School**, our teachers explicitly teach and embed critical and creative thinking throughout all learning areas and encourage students to engage in higher order thinking. By using logic and imagination and by reflecting on how they best tackle issues, tasks and challenges, our students are increasingly able to select from a range of thinking strategies and employ them selectively and spontaneously in an increasing range of learning contexts.

Angela Dawson

ASCOT ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE (AKA GENERAL WASTE AND THE GARBAGE GANG)

As you know, our school logo is: **It's not cool to litter our school.** Our gang is trying really hard to reduce the amount of litter around our school. The good news is: we are making great progress.



Last Wednesday at Morning Tea, there was no rubbish left in the Prep, 1/2 and 3/4 areas. Unfortunately, the only litter we could find was in the 6/5 area near the oval. Come on Years 5 & 6, we can do better!

This Friday is **World Environment Day** and we want to celebrate Ascot style and make a huge difference! The slogan for this year is: **Seven billion dreams, One planet, Consume with care.**

Our dream for Ascot this Friday AND EVERY DAY is: **Seven hundred students, One school, Consume with care.** Please consider bringing a litter free lunch to school on Friday and every day when possible.

Ascot, together we can make a difference. Look out for our posters and listen to our messages during the week.

"I have a dream", said Martin Luther King.
 "If you dream it, you can do it", said Walt Disney.
ASCOT YOU CAN DO IT!

P.E. NEWS

Sporting representatives

Congratulations to our students who competed in the Met. North Cross Country trials last Tuesday. They represented City District well and we congratulate them on their efforts. We would also like to congratulate Moni S and Flynn R for being selected in the City District Rugby Union team last Thursday.

Perceptual Motor Program (Prep/Year 1) Adult Helpers Required

Thank you if you have helped out with the program so far. Unfortunately I had to cancel Year 1 PMP last week due to sickness, however the program runs for the next two weeks if you have been unable to assist so far but would still like to.

| | 9.00 - 9.30 | 9.30 - 10.00 | 10.00 - 10.30 | 10.30 - 11.00 | 11.30 - 12.00 |
|-------------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| YEAR 1 Tuesday | 1A | 1E | 1C | 1B | 1D |
| PREP Thursday | Prep A | Prep B | Prep C | Prep D | Prep E |

Final Gala Sports Day (Years 4 – 6)

The last Gala Sports Day for Semester 1 takes place this Friday - weather permitting. **Please make sure your child starts the day with sunscreen on and teachers will remind children to re-apply.** We hope the children have enjoyed their taste of

interschool sporting competition and developed their sporting and team play skills as well as had a lot of fun. I was very pleased to hear a story from one of our students who had previously not played the sport she chose. Her comment to her mother was, "I think I've found my sport, Mum". This student now wants to pursue Soccer outside school which is a great outcome of the Gala experience.

Sports Carnival Date Claimer

Sports Days are fast approaching so put the following dates on your calendar:

Tuesday 23 June – Years 3-6 Carnival

Wednesday 24 June – Prep – 2 Carnival

Alayne Graham (agrah27@eq.edu.au)

Mondays/Tuesdays/Wednesdays/Thursdays

Paul Harris (pharr17@eq.edu.au)

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays

STUDENT COUNCIL COLLECTION FOR MARANOA ANIMAL RESCUE

Don't forget that during the remainder of Term 2, the Student Council will be collecting donations to send to Maranoa Animal Rescue, a small animal rescue based in remote areas of Western Queensland, such as Charleville, Miles and Mitchell.



The Student Council would like to ask you to donate items such as dog and cat food, pet toys, blankets, coats or anything else suitable to help out pets in these communities.

Items can be donated **every morning before school in the undercover games court. The last day to donate goods will be Monday 22 June (Week 10).**

For each item donated, you will receive a raffle ticket in the draw to win one of two Smiggles vouchers. Winners will be announced during assembly in Week 10.

Please ask your mum or dad's permission to donate items to our collection. Thank you to everyone who has donated already.

Student Council

SCHOOL COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER'S NEWS

Days to Remember/Actions Required

- Please put your name down for group work and the reading roster for this term.
- Please return your class photograph envelope or alternatively you can go online to register and pay at www.advancedlife.com.au before 11 June
- Please RSVP for the Vision Night on 10 June.

We have only 3.5 weeks left this term and I would like to celebrate all the fantastic learning the children have been engaged in this semester. In particular, the growth in their reading has been amazing. All children have taken enormous strides in their reading ability and love of books.

One of the contributing factors in this growth is the reading they have been doing at home and in the morning at school. The opportunity to read to different adults each morning at school and the way they perceive reading as valued by you is precious. So please keep up your reading each morning. Even if you only hear one child read before you leave helps immensely.

Another helpful hint is to make your reading location exciting for your child. For junior readers, you could have afternoon tea in the garden or park and listen to your child read their home reader. Throw a blanket over the dining room table and make it into a reading cave or snuggle under the blankets at bed time with a torch to read their book.

Vision Night - Ascot: *The Past, The Present and The Future* is on Wednesday 10 June from 7.00pm–8.30 in the Hall. All past, present and future parents, staff or community members who have an interest in the future direction of Ascot State School, an Independent Public School, are invited.

Photography Competition

FoVAD and the Health & Wellbeing sub-committees have organised a Photo Competition which is open to all children in all years. Check this Digest for details.

Upcoming Dates in Term 2

- Wednesday 10 June – Ascot: The Past, Present & The Future Brainstorming 7.00-8.30pm in the hall
- Thursday 11 & Friday 12 June – School Photos
- Friday 12 June – Photo Competition Afternoon Tea
- Wednesday 17 June – Biggest Morning Tea 9.00-10.30am (Tuckshop)
- Sunday 21 June – Music on Sunday in the hall
- Tuesday 23 June - Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival
- Wednesday 24 June – Prep-Year 2 Athletics Carnival
- Tuesday 23 June – reports will be emailed out
- Friday 26 June – closing day for the Photography Competition
- Friday 26 June – end of semester and free dress day (gold coin donation).

Have a great week.

Leanne Buckle, SCLO, 0403 576 688, leannebuckle11@gmail.com

BOOK CLUB

Order forms are due back on tomorrow. Books will be distributed on Friday 19 June.

FoVAD REPORT

Photo Competition

The FoVAD/Health and Well Being Photo Competition 2015 opens next week! It is called "*My School and I – A Snapshot*".

TO ENTER:

Using a digital device (iPhone or iPad) or any camera, students should take and create an image of the school that captures a favourite moment or memory for them.

Entries are to be an A4 colour print of a photographic image.

All entries must have:

- the student's first name and first initial of surname and;
- class and
- [flexischools payment reference](#) and title of photo (optional)

written **on the back of the photo**, to be a valid entry. All entries are to be handed in to the school office by Thursday 26 June.

The photos can be taken in the student's own free time or they can take the photos at the Photographic Afternoon Tea on Friday 12 June at 3.15pm at the school. A free healthy and scrumptious afternoon tea for all ticket holders with a lucky door prize! Our competition sponsor, Maree Coster from Maree Coster Photography will also be present to provide photographic tips and answer any student questions on photography matters.

Parents please note to enter, there is a consent form that is attached to the flexischools entry ticket purchase for the competition which is also the entry ticket to the afternoon tea on 12 June (\$5.00- all proceeds go to the school's P&C). The consent form has the terms of entry to the competition. Please use the flexischools full website to enter, not the app.

Entries open **Tuesday 9 June 2015**. The closing date for entries is **Thursday 26 June 2015**.

Winners will be announced and prize giving will occur at assemblies in the first weeks back after the holidays. Winning entries will be professionally framed by our sponsor and all entries will be displayed in the school hall.

Photographic Tips from Our Sponsor, Maree Coster Photography

Our kind sponsor for the Photo Competition is *Maree Coster Photography*, 80 Massey Street Ascot. Maree's photographic tips for this week for our students are:

- *Try different angles, i.e. get down nice and low or try a higher angle to see how much the photo changes.*
- *Make sure your background isn't cluttered. You don't want to distract from the subject or person. A background needs to complement the subject.*

FoVAD is delighted to join with the Health and Well-Being P&C sub-committee in organizing this competition, a new initiative for the school.

FoVAD Art Week Collaborative Auction Pieces for Big Day Out!

FoVAD presents two of the 2015 Art Week collaborative pieces, which are up for auction at the ABDO from the Year 1 and 2's. We will feature other amazing Art Week Collaborative auction pieces in forthcoming Digests.

Art Week collaborative piece - "Jellyfish Jiggle" - Canvas

This adorable 'smack' of Jellyfish will make you smile every time you look at it. A colourful collage of tissue, crepe and various papers kept the year 1 and 2's captivated during Art Week.



Art Week collaborative piece - "Butterflies" - Framed

This stunning, delicate display of butterflies was handcrafted by the Year 1 and 2's during Art Week. Each one is uniquely individual, using oil pastels and liquid watercolours.



If you would like to join the FoVAD P&C sub-committee and help promote art opportunities for our students, please contact Katrina at Katrina@kmir.com.au.

Katrina M, FoVAD

FROM THE TUCKSHOP

Ascot State School's Biggest Morning Tea is on Wednesday 17 June 2015. With only two weeks to go the preparations for our Morning Tea are well under way. Ray White Ascot have kindly donated the Coffee Van for our enjoyment once again this year. Thank you Tonja and Dwight. Amanda Howard will be making some smoothies and juices using the Thermomix.

Raffle Prizes so far:

Bottle of Moet
Dinner for two and a bottle of Wine (Ruggers)
Bottle of Jansz and chocolates
Cook Book and Thermosaver
Obsession by Calvin Klein
Joop Aftershave and Spray
Lomani Eau De Toilette
Linen by Ogilves.

We have more prizes still to come. Thank you to everyone who has donated so far and to the parents that have offered to bake something for our Morning Tea. Please contact Kathryn by email if you wish to donate a raffle prize or bake something for our Morning Tea. Tuckshop@ascotss.eq.edu.au

Wendy Joyce will be pre-selling raffle tickets to the staff and the Tuckshop will be pre-selling raffle tickets as well as selling raffle tickets on the day

Forgotten Lunches/Mum or Dad has not packed me enough to eat

The Tuckshop is here to provide a service to the school, parents and children. With that in mind, when a child comes to the Tuckshop and says they have forgotten to bring their lunch or "I have eaten everything at Morning Tea", the Tuckshop will provide for those children. The Tuckshop Convenor will try phoning the parent or guardian first but, if the parent is not contactable, the child will be offered a home bake or piece of fruit for morning tea or a sandwich (jam, vegemite or honey) and a piece of fruit/home bake for lunch. A note is then sent home informing the parents and requesting that they pay via the flexischools system.

Kathryn, Yolanda and the Tuckshop Committee

TUCKSHOP ROSTERS

| Tuckshop - Group 4 | | Home Bake - Group 4 | |
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| Monday 8/6/15 | QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY | Monday 8/6/15 | QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY |
| Tuesday 9/6/15 | Jenny F, Carleen W | Tuesday 9/6/15 | Louise A |
| Wednesday 10/6/15 | Mina J, Alison S, Bella B-H | Wednesday 10/6/15 | Georgina S, Anna J, Michelle A |
| Thursday 11/6/15 | Leta D, Margaret B | Thursday 11/6/15 | Julie C, Amanda H, Margaret B |
| Friday 12/6/15 | Bronwyn McL, Belinda W | Friday 12/6/15 | Donna G, Loretta G |

UNIFORM SHOP ROSTER

| Group 1 | |
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| Monday 8/6/15 | QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY |
| Wednesday 10/6/15 | Carla C |
| Thursday 11/6/15 | Vicki B |

NEWS FROM THE P&C HEALTH AND WELLBEING COMMITTEE

Kids Helpline

Have you heard the advertisement for Kids Helpline on the radio? I did last weekend and it was disturbing if the information is correct – "on average, in Australia, one child phones the helpline every minute". To think that there are that many children needing assistance every day – 1440 if you do the numbers. Putting it into perspective, that's every child at Ascot phoning for help twice a day. It made me ask my children whether they are aware of any friends who might need extra assistance or if they notice kids at school doing it tough? And, it was a conversation worth having as it helped them realise how good their lives really are.

Has your child decided on his or her favourite bit of Ascot State School for the upcoming Photo Competition?



The competition is titled *My School and I – A Snapshot*. The competition is designed to give the kids a chance to use either one of the iPads purchased by the P&C or they can use a family camera of any type, to take and create an image of the school that they think captures their favourite memories. A BIG, BIG thanks to our sponsor Photography by Maree Coster.

Beware CHILDREN - November is a month of touring legends

Hot on the heels of visions of Sweet Caroline about to be belted out by Neil Diamond and 20,000 tragic fans each night at the BEC, is the news that the Beach Boys are coming Downunder and visiting both the Gold Coast and Sunshine Coast. I think it is time we warn the kids that some parents and teachers could be behaving a bit weird come November!

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

WELCOME GROUP

Have you recently enrolled your child at our school and would like to meet other parents? 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!

Our Welcome Group catch-ups are on Wednesdays at 9.15am at White Jam Cafe in Hendra. Please get in touch with Peter if you have any questions.

Peter, Welcome Group Co-ordinator, welcome@ascotss.eq.edu.au