4 March 2015

FROM GAYLE COLEMAN: PRINCIPAL

Last week 1234 State School Principals attended the State School Principals Conference in Brisbane. Fortunately I have not been struck down by the food poisoning that many of my colleagues are suffering from.

I left the conference feeling very excited about the path that Ascot State School has taken in engaging with the growth mindset, student success and well-being program that is being embedded across the school. The key theme of the conference was on collaboration and the mantra “every great school has a great school down the road”. But the overwhelming message from educational experts was the responsibility of state schools to engage students in not only academic success but also social-emotional well-being. Dr Geoff Masters reiterated the theme of leading improvement but stressed the need for balance of academic outcomes and non-cognitive outcomes, including health and well-being. Dr Masters used the analogy of a football match and reminded us that it is not a focus on the scoreboard that improves performance, but a focus on the skills and knowledge you need to play the game.

Dr Adam Fraser, author of The Third Space, elaborated on the theme in the context of work-life balance. He presented on how to show up with the right mindset in both your work and home life and this resonated with me given our staff opinion survey data which I have summarised below. His presentation made a distinction between pleasure and happiness and highlighted that authentic happiness is having goals or challenges and then reaching them. His research is heavily based on the work of Carol Dweck with a focus on how as individuals we handle struggle or setbacks. Dr Fraser has researched extensively on work-life balance and suggested three strategies for leaders: Reflect – Rest – Reset. He posed some interesting questions to school leaders: What do you sell? A love of learning and emotional connection? Engagement and achievement?

This week I will share a snapshot of the staff opinion survey data from 2014. Staff were very satisfied with the following aspects of their work:

- I feel I have the necessary skills to do my job effectively at this school 100%
- I have the required skills to use the necessary ICTs to do my job at this school 100%
- I am aware of occupational health and safety procedures at this school 100%
- This school encourages me to take responsibility for my work 100%

The staff at Ascot State School do a fabulous job of educating every child, working alongside parents in the education process and working collaboratively with colleagues on year level or curriculum teams. However, nearly half the staff felt they did not have a good work-life balance and this has impacted negatively on staff morale and enjoyment of working at Ascot State School. This is one area I will be consulting widely with all staff to improve as it is vital for a healthy work environment that staff enjoy coming to work, and, more importantly, they have the right mindset.

Happy teacher = happy children = happy parents.

This week I attended my first Junior and Senior Assemblies. Class 5B and Miss Butler presented an informative skit that included some very famous Australians such as Burke and Wills, Sir Don Bradman and Richard Benaud. Mrs Harris and the delightful 1A students presented despite technical mishaps with some classics like A Sailor Went to Sea. Both classes talked about setting learning targets for the next five weeks, so please remember to ask your child what targets they have for the end of Term 1.

Today we welcome Dr Andrew Martin to Ascot State School and I thank all the parents who are joining us for his presentation.

I’m looking forward to the Family Picnic this Sunday. Hope to see you there.

Regards,

Gayle Coleman
Principal
**BOUQUETS**

Bouquets to Mrs Alayne Graham and Mr Paul Harris for organising a range of activities for our students during HPE Week.

**FROM YOUR P&C**

We had a fabulous turn out for our first year level Lunch last Friday with 50 Prep parents enjoying a drink and a delicious lunch at Ruggers. While many of us aren’t new Prep parents, it is great to get to know the parents in your class and your year. Over the seven years (Prep–Year 6) there are many class changes, so by the end you pretty much do know all the children and their parents. It makes the Graduation ceremony even more special when you watch, not only your child, but all the children you know, all grown up and ready to leave Ascot. Don’t forget, there are other year level Lunches organised by the P&C over the course of this year. Just keep an eye out on flexischools and don’t leave it to the last minute, as there is a cut-off date and you will miss out.

Talking of events, the next big event is the Family Picnic on our oval on Sunday 8 March from 12-4pm. The P&C would like to acknowledge and thank our sponsor, Boydell Property Agents, for making this inaugural event possible. It is a casual afternoon, so if you can’t get there until 2pm, that is fine. Just pack you own blanket, picnic hamper and a hat and we’ll see you there. Thanks also to Peter A, Kim H, Natalie McG, Claudia DeB and Michael S for organising the day. This is simply a social event – not a fundraiser - and I know our family is looking forward to the day.

Spellathon words are now, hopefully, imprinted in the memory bank and will be tested this week. This year we hope to raise $25,000 as the P&C has approved increasing the bandwidth of the school from 4Mbps to 20Mbps at a cost of $25,000. This will allow the children to use the class sets of iPads and laptops more efficiently. As we know, it is vitally important to have the technology to support the resources we work so hard to provide to our children. This year, as a thank you, each child who raises $50 or more will receive a small thank you present from the P&C. And of course, there is a fabulous class prize for the highest fundraising class in Prep-Year 2 and Years 3-6, as well as individuals in those groups.

If you are interested in helping out, joining Ascot State School’s P&C or have any ideas or suggestions for the P&C, please email pandcpresident@ascotss.eq.edu.au.

_Sarah Comiskey, P&C President_

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**WELCOME GAYLE COLEMAN**

**Wednesday 11 March from 7.30-8.30pm (Staff Room)**

**INVITATION**

Dear Parents,

The Ascot State School Council invites you to a school function to welcome our new Principal, Mrs Gayle Coleman.

This function will also introduce the members of the Ascot State School Council. The evening is to give the school community the opportunity to meet Gayle and ask questions about what it means for Ascot being an IPS and the role of the School Council. The School Council also wants to hear from you and what you would like to see in Ascot’s future.

_WHEN: WEDNESDAY, 11th of March 2015
Where: Staff Room, Fringe St, Ascot
Time: 7:30PM – 8:30PM
RSVP: kmc955@ascotss.eq.edu.au by the 1st of March, 2015_ *

*Bys in the event will be extended, it is important that you send your RSVP.

Bright Futures. Endless Possibilities.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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FROM MRS HADDEN: MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS 3-6

The term is flying by and classes are working beautifully. Last week the school was abuzz with pirates and the atmosphere was fantastic. Thank you to Lorraine Clacher for an outstanding example of learning and fun together.

Next week year level teachers meet to discuss the progress made and the assessment tasks planned for completion prior to the Easter break. What amazes me is the amount of progress that can be made when the learning intent is clear, children have achievable learning targets, directions are clear and expectations are high. A great start to the year.

World of Maths

This week we have World of Maths working with our students to encourage a love of Maths and to motivate our students with hands-on, challenging activities.

Professor Andrew Martin UNSW

We once again welcome Andrew to our school and look forward to the continued partnership which encourages our students to believe in their ability to succeed and thrive in a supportive learning environment. Deanne Clark works with our students each week to deliver a program which emphasises helpful thinking and behaviours, growth mindsets, achievement and how students can fully engage to be their best. Teaching these skills supports our students throughout their school life and beyond.

Mobile Phone/Electronic Device Policy

Children of this generation have a wide range of communication methods at their disposal. They are adept at using technology via a broad range of electronic devices. As a school we provide many opportunities to access and develop their skills in a protected environment. A copy of the school policy as well as an application form to apply for permission to have a mobile phone at school appears below. Please read this policy carefully. If you then wish to complete an application for your child to have a phone/device at school, complete the application and return to the administration office.

Spellathon

Key dates for this year’s competition: *Please note there has been a change in the dates originally advertised.*

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Assembly

This week we began our weekly assemblies with 5B presenting. A great start to the assemblies for the year. The children presented some very Australian characters and did so with confidence and flair. The focus was also on goal setting and persevering to achieving goals. Children understand the need to challenge and develop their knowledge and skills and take great pride in achieving targets. Parents, you can help your child focus on their goals and achieving their targets by providing positive encouragement which further reinforces the connection between home and school. Our students regularly set learning targets in Reading, Maths, Writing and a Social goal. Congratulations 5B – great job!

Next week our Assembly will be presented by 4/3 and we look forward to another entertaining performance. **The award for the assembly will be for “Being Inclusive”**. Our students can be proud of the way in which they welcome and support new students and show friendly behaviour to their peers. New teachers are equally impressed by the friendly and respectful way in which our students interact.

Student of the Week: Years 3-7

Congratulations to the following students who make our school a warm and friendly place to learn and play:

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Safety First

I have had a number of emails and phone calls from parents who are disturbed by the number of incidents, at pick-up and drop-off times, where children’s safety is compromised. I regularly remind parents and carers of the correct way to
approach and travel during drop-off and pick-up times at school. Brisbane City Council and the local Police have indicated that they will regularly be visiting the school perimeter throughout the year. They will issue fines to those who disregard the parking and no stopping rules around the school in our united aim to make drop-off and pick-up times the safest they can possibly be. We will never apologise for our insistence that our children's safety is the main concern. For the sake of all our children please observe all road rules and information regularly published in the Digest.

Have a wonderful week.

Sharyn Hadden, Deputy Principal

FROM MRS PROVOST-BOYLE: EARLY YEARS PREP-YEAR 2

How much fun was Pirate Day?

Thank you to students and staff, and even some parents, for dressing up for Pirate Day. A great time was had by all. In Zara’s (School Captain) speech she spoke about the Spirit of Ascot. I think Pirate Day was a wonderful example of the Spirit of Ascot in action.

Two students who really demonstrated the Spirit of Ascot and showed initiative were Darcy H and Flynn R from 6C. Darcy and Flynn took it upon themselves to organise a treasure hunt for the students in Prep to Year 2.

Thank you boys, I appreciate your Ascot Spirit!

All classes got into the Pirate theme with many looking at mapping and writing stories/poems about Pirates.

Thank you to Captain Polly Wanna Clacher, aka Mrs Clacher, for all of the work that went into this great day.

Plans are underway for us to have another dress up day in Term 3!!

Accreditation

Our School Accreditation process, Australasian School Accreditation Agency (ASAA), was very successful. The Panel validated many of the great things that are occurring in the school. As yet, we haven’t received the final report. This will come through in the next couple of weeks and will be shared with the parent community. Thank you to the parents who met with the Panel to discuss the school practices and processes.

I would like to acknowledge the work of all staff over the past twelve months as we prepared for the Accreditation. The

work you do is highly valued and appreciated. In particular, I must acknowledge the work of Angela Dawson for leading the Accreditation process. You did an amazing job. Angela led a team of seven teachers in each of the domain areas:

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Thank you Kristine, Donna, Cathy, Leanne, Sharon, Meredith and Sue for the extraordinary work you’ve done!

Before School Practices

This year there has been a change in bell times for the start of the day. When children arrive at school at 8.30am they are to go to the Games Court and remain sitting until 8.50am. Supervision is provided from 8.30am. If children are in the school prior to 8.50am with parents, they are to remain sitting with parents, not playing in the Sculpture Garden or on the play equipment.

Junior Assembly

Congratulations 1A for starting off the assemblies for the year. You did a great job!

Student of the Week: Prep-Year 2

Next week’s Student of the Week award is for “Waiting your Turn”. Congratulations to:
The assembly roster for this term is:

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<td><strong>Be Proactive</strong>&lt;br&gt; Manners are Important&lt;br&gt; Say Please and Thank You to teachers and friends</td>
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<td><strong>Be Proactive</strong>&lt;br&gt; Show Kindness&lt;br&gt; Use your Self Control and be aware of choosing kind words with your teachers and friends</td>
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<td>23 March</td>
<td><strong>Be Proactive</strong>&lt;br&gt; Everyone is Special&lt;br&gt; Acceptance of others says a lot about you!</td>
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<td><strong>Be Proactive</strong>&lt;br&gt; Show Respect for yourself and others.&lt;br&gt; “Would it be right?” is a good question to ask yourself.</td>
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**Learning Targets**

Each student has a learning target for Reading, Spelling (Years 1-6) and a Numeracy target. Learning targets are individual learning goals. These are short term targets that focus on a particular aspect in an area of learning. Targets allow teachers to personalise the learning to meet the needs of students. Talk to your child/ren about their learning targets. This is particularly helpful to revisit when working on homework.

Have a great week!

_Melissa Provost-Boyle, Deputy Principal_

**TWO WEEKS OF AUTHORS, WRITING AND BOOKS**

The last two weeks spent with Authors from Ascot and our Author in Residence were a wonderful experience for our students. Julie, Jacqui and Kierin provided valuable insights into writing for both students and teachers at Ascot. There was a great buzz around the school when we held our Book Swap for the Room to Read Project. Our students and parents embraced the project generously and we collected around $700. This will equate to 700 books being published in a native language in a developing country in Asia or Africa. Thank you Ascot for your support.

There was an even GREATER buzz around the school last week when we hosted Dr Cameron Stelzer as our Author in Residence. Dr Stelzer is a Brisbane author who has written and illustrated a series of picture books about The Stroogles and a series of short novels, The Pie Rats.

Come as a Pirate on Wednesday was thoroughly enjoyed by the entire school community. The feedback from students and parents has been overwhelming.

_Some very serious pirates!_

_Melissa Provost-Boyle, Deputy Principal_
• High Energy
Teacher energy and enthusiasm for the content is a strong motivating factor in student engagement. Furthermore, a teacher who uses high energy in their instruction coupled with effective pacing of instruction can dramatically impact on the engagement levels in a classroom and student outcomes.

• Missing Information
Tapping into students’ sense of curiosity and anticipation through the use of missing information also allows teachers to engage students to solve academic problems by exploring their prior knowledge to “fill in the gaps”.

• The Self-System
Teachers can further engage students by allowing students opportunities to engage in the concept of “self”, that is students are more likely to engage in curriculum if they are able to make links to their own personal ideologies and beliefs.

• Mild Pressure
Exerting mild pressure on students during games, questioning, activities and competitions aids in focussing on students the key elements of the learning process.

• Mild Controvery and Competition
Controversy and competition used in a nonthreatening manner such as debates, tournaments and other related forms of team-based activities taps into the students’ competitive nature.

Our teachers at Ascot State School strive to become effective teachers by engaging students fully in their learning.

Differentiation Parent Information Session

All parents are invited to attend a Parent Information Session on Differentiation on Tuesday, 10 March in the Staff Room from 9:00-9:45am. Differentiated instruction allows teachers to meet the needs of individual learners, providing all students with the appropriate level of challenge and the appropriate level of support. We will outline provision for gifted students, learning support students and students with disabilities.

What is Differentiation?

Students come to our classrooms with unique differences as people and therefore as learners. Our students have varied degrees of background knowledge and readiness to learn, different life experiences, cultural orientations, languages, interests and preferences for how they learn best and different feelings about themselves as learners and about school. Teachers who differentiate instruction are mindful of the varied learning needs of their students and plan instruction accordingly.

Differentiated instruction is both a philosophy and a way of teaching that respects the different learning needs of students and expects all students to experience success as learners. Learning activities may be differentiated on the basis of students’ readiness for learning the specific content or skill, their interests or their preferred ways of learning. In a differentiated classroom, students experience learning in many configurations – working in small groups (with peers having similar or different readiness, interests or learning preferences), with a partner, individually and as a whole group.

Have an awesome week.

Angela Dawson

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS - THE SPIRIT OF ASCOT

The “Spirit of Ascot” is a new award being introduced by our Student Council. It will be presented once a month, to two worthy Ascot students. One student from Prep–Year 2 and one student from Years 3- 6 will receive the award for showing the “Ascot Spirit” throughout the month. This could include helping teachers around the school without being asked, showing respect and outstanding behaviour. Students will be able to nominate a student who they think shows the “Ascot Spirit”.

The Student Council will read the nominations and award winners will be announced each month on assembly. A certificate and badge will be presented to both Spirit Winners each month at the Junior and Senior Assembly.

We can’t wait to see “The Spirit of Ascot” being shown in our school.

Mattea V for the Student Council

P.E. NEWS

Sports Captains

Congratulations to all our Sports Captains for 2015:

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City District Swimming

Congratulations to all of our swimmers who competed last Wednesday at the Met North Swimming Trial. They included Amelia W, Chloe Z, Moni S, Tim H, Ruby P, Jorja M, Manuthi H, Teneille A and Sienna T. Sienna (2005) has qualified for the Met North team in the 200m I.M. (2nd) and 50m butterfly (5th). Teneille (2004) has qualified for the 200m I.M. (1st), 100m freestyle (2nd), 50m backstroke (4th) and 50m butterfly (5th). Manuthi (2003) has qualified for the 50m and 100m butterfly (1st), 100m freestyle (3rd), 50m backstroke (3rd) and 50m freestyle (4th). Congratulations girls on such a great effort and we wish you all the best at the State trial.
H.P.E. Week (2-6 March)

We are running an Aquathon (3 laps of the oval/3 laps of the pool) this week for Years 4 -6 students: Monday lunch for the boys and Thursday lunch for the girls. Students will wear togs, sun-shirts and sandals for the event.

Classes will also compete in a goal shooting competition with different distances set up for different year levels.

We will publish results for both competitions in next week's newsletter so stay tuned and good luck to all our competitors.

City District Trials

Good luck to those students who are trialling to make the City District Hockey team this Thursday and Rugby League and Netball teams this Friday. Students will be selected this week to attend the Soccer and Touch trials on Friday 13 March.

Cross Country

This year we will be holding a Junior (Prep-Year2) Cross Country in the school grounds on Thursday 26 March and a Senior (Years 3-6) Cross Country at Brothers Rugby Union on Tuesday 31 March. Distances the children will be required to run will be as follows:

- Prep/Year 1 – 500m (2 laps of the oval)
- Year 2 – 750m (3 laps of the oval)
- Years 3 – 6 students
- Children born 2006/2007 – 1km
- Children born 2005 – 2km

Training for this event will begin at school next week but children are welcome to do their own training outside of school as well. Children will be notified of training times by class teachers via the daily notices this Friday.

Please continue to check the newsletter for further information.

Alayne Graham (agrah27@eq.edu.au) Monday/Tuesday/ Wednesday/Thursday
Paul Harris (pharr17@eq.edu.au) Monday/Tuesday/ Thursday/Fridays

SCHOOL COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER’S NEWS

The inaugural Prep year level Lunch was a delight. Thank you to the fifty fab mums and dad who joined us at Ruggers to enjoy an amazing feast. 11.30am-2.30pm worked a treat!

This Sunday is the Boydell Family Picnic on our school oval from 12-4pm. BYO picnic rugs and provisions for some good old fashioned fun and frivolity. Looking forward to sharing in the excitement of egg and spoon, sack races, etc.

The Saturday Ascot Cup was a sensational swimming meet between Ascot, Eagle Junction and Wilston. Special thanks to Tracy R and Cameron McL for all they have achieved over the past two Swim Club seasons

Enormous gratitude to our weekly banking superstars, Catherine McL, Sophie S, Rachel M and Amanda H who process our student banking forty weeks of the year.

Scholastic Book Club ran last Friday thanks to our new volunteer, Kim H. A very comprehensive handover and succession planning was implemented by Anne S. Thank you on behalf of all the young student readers of Ascot! Our Library is the beneficiary of Scholastic funds as a result of our patronage.

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

BOOK CLUB

Thank you to everyone who ordered from Issue 1. The books should have come home last Friday. If there are any problems or queries, please email Kim at bookclub@ascotss.eq.edu.au .

As a result of your orders we have raised $1273 in rewards for the school.

The order forms for Issue 2 have been sent home. Orders are due by Thursday 12 March. Please remember, if you order online you do not need to return your order form to school and please do not send cash.

Thank you.

Kim Hodge, Co-Ordinator

ASCOT BIG DAY OUT

At the 2013 ABDO the raffles and auctions raised more than $40,000. This was mainly due to the generous donation of items by members of the greater school community and of course the fantastic class art projects.

Raffles

We would like to have a similar prize pool to 2013 where we had more than 50 prizes worth more than $10,000. Each person/organisation is credited (you can be anonymous) with supplying each prize on the website and on the day. The more prizes the better!

Auction

Auction items are normally higher value items that are auctioned off on the big day. In the past items have included, memorabilia pieces, dinner with the Treasurer, family holidays, surf boards, boat charters and much more.

We would like to have the raffle and auction items solidified by the end of this term so please contact brad@bubhub.com.au with a short description of your item(s), value, web address (as appropriate) and a contact name and number. Please do not hesitate to contact Brad if you have any questions.

ALL FUNDS RAISED GO TO THE P&C TO USE ON SCHOOL PROJECTS

Brad L
NEWS FROM THE P&C HEALTH AND WELLBEING COMMITTEE

It’s Week 6 and the run to the first break has begun. Typically, it’s about now the littlies begin to struggle with motivation to go to school and our job as parents is to keep them up and about and enjoying school. It was timely then that this week’s assembly theme from 1A was about goal setting.

The goal setting you choose can be varied and different on a daily basis. Simply reminding your children of their friends, “What about lunch time when you play with Harry or Maddie”, can be a simple motivator. Reminding them of their great teacher or teacher aide and how much they will be missed in class if they don’t go. Talk about the different activities that the school puts on for them – last week’s Pirate’s Day and the Aquathon that was run for the older students are great examples of the extra effort the staff go to.

You should also set goals that are both daily and further afield. Ask your child if he or she is going to nominate someone for the Ascot Spirit award today – if they are unsure, explain to them to find a friend who does great things like picking up rubbish and then they can go to the Library and put their name in. Always follow this up in the afternoon asking who it was they nominated. Eventually they will nominate a friend and it will give them that greater sense of involvement in the school. Further afield you can talk of the upcoming Cross Country that is being put on by the PE staff or the upcoming Photo Competition which will involve using the iPads and photographing their favourite school symbol – talking about these activities or events with your child reminds them of just how good Ascot State School is.

Alternative goals you could set are the upcoming holidays. You can talk about so many things such as the obvious Easter Bunny or your traditional family holiday or start planning to do something different. If you are stuck for new ideas below are a couple:

- Music – Just Percussion at Newstead provides many forms of music tuition and holiday programs with a focus on drums. It might be better that the kids thrash the kits at Just Percussion than at home.
- Film – if your child is into extreme sports (or perhaps you are) then the Banff Mountain Film festival could be the go. Held at the Powerhouse it described as having mesmerising cinematography with adrenaline-inducing action sequences.
- Outdoors – Riverlife at Kangaroo Point always has plenty of fun activities such as abseiling, rock climbing, kayaking and even Segway tours. Activities the whole family can do.
- Organised activities – Sports Tuition is holding its Survivor Camp these holidays and the kids love the experience of three days and two nights under the stars and it is open to boys and girls 8-13 years
- An alternative is Indarra Equestrian which offers riding camps for children aged 5 years and up, catering for beginners and more. They offer both day camps and overnight options and are based at Wellington Point.

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 White Jam Cafe in Hendra. Please get in touch with Peter if you have any questions.

Welcome Cuppa for English as an Additional Language Parents of Ascot State School – Thursday 26 March. Please RSVP to Natalie Rose nrose9@eq.edu.au.

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

FROM THE TUCKSHOP

Easter Meal Deal - Wednesday 1 April 2015

With Easter only a month away the Tuckshop has programmed its annual Easter Meal Deal for Wednesday 1 April.

This will be the first time the Preps will be having Tuckshop and with the added excitement of receiving an Easter Surprise. The Preps will be having a different menu from the Years 1-6 to ensure their first day of Tuckshop runs as smoothly as possible.

You will be able to order the Easter Meal Deal via flexischools from this Friday 6 March. The cut off for orders will be Monday 30 March.
Forgotten Lunches/Mum or Dad has not packet 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.

Volunteers for Tuckshop/Home Bake

The Tuckshop still requires a few more volunteers for Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. A normal Tuckshop day is from 9.10am-1.30pm. If you are unavailable for a full day, please see Kathryn or Yolanda if you can help out at any other time. With the Preps starting Tuckshop next Term, Prep children will be able to order Mondays-Thursdays at the start of Term 2. Fridays are unavailable for Preps due to the sheer volume of orders on this day.

Kathryn, Yolanda and the Tuckshop Committee

TUCKSHOP ROSTERS

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FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP

All girls from Years 1 to 7 are required to wear the winter uniform in Terms 2 and 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).

Boys’ uniform does not alter.

All items are available in the Uniform Shop on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 8.15-9.30am or via “flexischools”.

Extended Hours Term Two - first week only:
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday Thursday and Friday 8.15-9.30am.

Week Two resumes normal trading Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8.15-9.30am.

We look forward to assisting you.

Uniform Shop Committee

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SWIM CLUB

Dear Swim Club Family

Another great night at Swim Club on Friday night. We only have three more weeks to go until the end of the season. Thank you to all our wonderful parents who were on roster on Friday night. You all do such a great job.

We had our Ascot Cup on Saturday. We would like to thank Eagle Junction and Wilston for a great meet. Eagle Junction was the winner of the Cup this year. Congratulations to all of our swimmers who did a wonderful job and did us proud. A great big thank you to all of our parents who were rostered on. You all did a fantastic job. The meet was a great success.

A reminder to everyone that the Club Championships will be held on Sunday 15 March. If your child/children are participating, we require all nominations by Friday 6 March.

Parents on Roster this week:

All families should have nearly completed four rosters for this season. If you have not, please email Rose and get your name down as there are only three weeks left.

A reminder that if you nominate for Club Championships, you WILL be placed on duty for either the first half or second half of the afternoon.

Please contact Rose M on rose.04@me.com or 0417 707 995 to fill this roster for this week. Please do not contact the Presidents with regards to the rosters.

Parents on roster this week - PLEASE REPORT TO THE PRESIDENTS’ DESK ON ARRIVAL.
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PLEASE REMEMBER THAT IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT YOU ARE ON TIME FOR YOUR ROSTER DUTIES AS THIS HELPS US RUN ON TIME.

We are still looking for volunteers for Swim Club for next season.

We congratulate Hamish C and Anthony F who will be the new Presidents, Brad J as Secretary and Jodie C has taken on the role for Rosters.

Positions still vacant are as follows:

- Vice Presidents x 2
- Treasurer x 1
- BBQ/Canteen Co-Ordinators x 2
- Data IT Co-ordinator x 2

If you are interested in any of these roles, please contact Cameron or myself on the numbers below or come and see us at Swim Club. These roles need to be filled for next season by the end of this term.

We would like to thank our sponsors, Ray White Ascot and Dune Outdoor Luxuries, for their ongoing sponsorship of our Swim Club.

Cameron and I look forward to seeing you all on Friday night.

Kind regards

Tracy R and Cameron McL, Ascot Swim Club
Presidents
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