FROM MELISSA PROVOST-BOYLE: ACTING PRINCIPAL

It’s been a great week at Ascot State School ...

Last Wednesday night, we held an IPS School Council Session for interested staff and parents. Thank you to the staff and parents who joined us for the session. The next step in our IPS journey is to vote on the draft Constitution. You can vote on the acceptance of the Constitution at a P and C Special Meeting on 20 August.

On Friday, Jane Sedgman and I presented the work that has been done at our school in Reading, focussing on how we improved reading outcomes across all year levels, particularly from Prep to Year 3. We presented 2 workshops to approximately 120 principals at the Queensland Association of State School Principals 2014 State Conference.

I was very proud to share our work around the teaching of reading; this is the work of all stakeholders ... students, teachers, parents and administrators. I continue to share the work that has been done with Principals and Administration teams visiting our school to see how we teach reading.

Inaugural Class of 2020 Prep Luncheon 50 Prep parents enjoyed fine food and company last Friday at Baguette. Thank you to Amanda H and Jen M for organising the event, it was a great success.

7/6 Canberra Trip It was a very early start for the 7/6 parents as they arrived at the airport at 4.15 am on Monday to farewell the 7/6 students and teachers as they left for their Canberra trip. Thank you to Sharyn Hadden, Lisa MacPherson, Rochelle Burton, Lorraine Clacher, Kristine Atkins, Kate West and Kerri Mills for accompanying the students. Everyone has a fabulous time!

Our school camps and trips are a wonderful opportunity for children to experience an increased level of independence in a supportive and nurturing environment. In a few short weeks our Year 5 students will be heading off on their camp. These camps are made possible through the dedication of the teaching and non-teaching team.

Debating: Last Wednesday night our two Year 7 debating teams had their first debate in the Queensland Debating Union round at Clayfield College. It was a difficult topic with both teams debating the negative position: ‘That we should ban junk food advertising targeted at children.’ Both teams were successful in arguing their positions winning both debates. Congratulations!

Thank you to Mrs Burton and Mrs Clacher for coaching the Year 6 and 7 Debating teams.

Due to the Show Holiday next week on Wednesday, the Digest will be emailed out on Tuesday 12 August. Hasn’t the EKKA rolled around quickly?

Have a fabulous week.

Regards

Melissa Provost-Boyle Acting Principal

BOUQUETS

Thank you to Amanda H and Jen M for organising the inaugural Class of 2020 Prep Luncheon.

FROM YOUR P&C

With the new School Council that is in the process of being formed, it is good to know, that 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 soon to be formed School Council:

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The August meeting will be a ‘special meeting’ as we vote on the School Council Constitution. We are also discussing proposals that the school community would like the P&C to fund. Remember, if you have an idea and would like to see it implemented, please fill in the attached form and send it to me...
or come along and present the idea yourself to the meeting. We are always looking to improve.

Sarah Comiskey, P&C President
Email: president@ascotsspandc.com.au

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Wednesday 6/8/14 | 3.15 pm LCC Meeting  
High Achiever’s Celebration Night |
| Thursday 7/8/14 |                                                   |
| Friday 8/8/14   | Years 6 & 7 students return from Canberra            |
| Monday 11/8/14  | 9.00 am Japanese Assembly  
10.30 am Prep A Assembly                                 |
| Tuesday 12/8/14 | ICAS Mathematics Competition  
* Digest emailed due EKKA Holiday                     |
| Wednesday 13/8/14 | EKKA Holiday                                          |

* Please note: Due to the EKKA holiday the deadline for Digest items will be 9.00 am Monday 11 August 2014.

FROM MRS HEINRICHT: EARLY YEARS PREP-YEAR 2

Footsteps Dancing

Last week I joined the Prep Footsteps dancing, they were doing such a great job dancing and groovin’! The dance teacher gives names to certain moves so the children (Yes, even the big ones!) know what’s coming next. Loads of fun and energetic!

Congratulations to 1E for being this week’s STAR CLASS. They received this award for “Being Responsible”. On numerous visits to the classroom, these remarkable children were ensuring that they were organised for the day and ready to learn, following instructions straight away and doing their best work.

School Opinion Survey

The date for completion of the surveys has been extended to 8 August. We would appreciate your participation in this annual opportunity to provide feedback to our school.

Have a wonderful week.

Sharyn Hadden, Deputy Principal

FROM MRS HADDEN: MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS 3-7

This week’s Digest comes to you from the chilly downtown Canberra – the children are enjoying every moment and we are having a fantastic time together. Tomorrow we are off to the snow and the excitement is high. Next week we will have some more photos to share.

Student of the Week: Years 3-7

Next week’s assembly will be presented by our senior students and will focus on their studies in Japanese. The Award for the Week is to celebrate our Multicultural awareness and ability to embrace other cultures. Congratulations to the following children.
Student of the Week P-2

Congratulations to these students for Being a Good Friend (Week 5)

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Congratulations to 1C and 1B for a job well done on assembly this week. Again we were amazed by the ability for these children to remember their lines and have the opportunity to develop skills in front of an audience, awesome! Thank you for reminding us about Using the ‘High 5’.

Junior Assembly

Junior Assembly Schedule for Term 3. Be sure to mark the dates in your calendar.

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Have a great week! I hope it’s not too cold in Canberra for Year 6/7.

Anita Heinrich, Acting Deputy Principal

STUDENTS ACTIVATING SUCCESS

Ascot students in years 6 and 7, use the work of Dr Andrew Martin, UNSW to further their understanding and growth of learning. Our students discuss their own education; what it means to learn; the value of helpful thinking and behaviour; and how to use their passions and strengths to participate and grow their learning and mindset.

Dr Martin states that students’ self belief is the key for engagement and motivation in learning. This term we are pleased to share with you the knowledge that our year 7/6 students have about Student Learning.

This week again, we hear from Mrs Burton’s class. Enjoy Student Voice:

Listening and understanding that your attitude, strategy and effort leads to success.
Educating to be able to look after yourself and your feelings.
Acknowledging that you can choose helpful or unhelpful thinking.
Reminding yourself to be kind and caring to yourself and others.
Never give up and try different things.

Emily

Everyone has control over what they do. Everyone wants to succeed at something and you can. All you have to do is use your mindset and your voice. If it to be, it is up to me!

Alex

Student Success is: Andrew Martin’s Wheel, improving, potential, enthusiasm, mindset, confidence, achievement, character, success, think, yet, commitment and helping.

Cade and Michael

I love to learn how to grow a growth mindset. I do have some weaknesses but having a class with Mrs Clark, I forgot all about them. Strengths, are the things that we can do. I have a growth mindset, do you?

Claudia

Learning is feeling good about your work and feeling that you did all you could. Even if you didn’t get an A, that doesn’t mean that you can’t change. ‘YET’ is a strong word for students.

Izzy

I am the only person who can change who I am. And I can do almost anything if I put my mind to it.

Katie-Rose
Student Success is: confidence, commitment, success, achievement, perseverance, effort, thinking, good mindset, valuing school, learning focus, enthusiasm and believe in yourself!

Reagan
With a growth mindset, you don’t have to have talent, and even if you failed it doesn’t matter. You can still try.

Joanne
Every day I walk into this school with a smile on my face and I could not be happier. I have so much to be thankful for, I have the best class in the school. But if I don’t think, I won’t be able to accomplish anything. No matter what you do, you will master it if you think positive.

Aston
Warm regards,

The 7/6 Class Teachers, Students and Deanne Clark

P.E. NEWS
City District Athletics Carnival
Our athletes competed on Monday and Tuesday this week and we will give you a full wrap up of results in next week’s newsletter.

Met North Rugby Union
Congratulations to Ellis M and Declan H who, after the City District Carnival, gained selection in the Met North side. Great effort boys!

Commonwealth Games 2014 (July 24 – Aug 4)
Congratulations to 5B for coming the closest in their guess for Australia’s gold medal tally at the games. Australia finished with 48 gold medals and 5B’s guess was the closest at 56. This was well under our haul for the last games with England on the top of the medal tally, ousting Australia from the top spot after six consecutive games. Nice to have a new leader to chase and another four years to prepare for the next Games on the Gold Coast.

Paul Harris/Alayne Graham

CHOIR NEWS

Choir rehearsals have commenced for second semester. If your child would like to join one of our choirs at Ascot they are most welcome. There are no auditions but a commitment to attend rehearsals and performances is expected.

Junior Choir for Years 1 and 2 children rehearse on Wednesday mornings at 8.15 am in the hall. The children wait for me in the Games Court next to the Tuckshop where they are supervised until I escort them to the hall.

Intermediate Choir (Years 3 and 4) rehearse Wednesday lunch times from 1.15 pm in the Music Room.

Senior Choir (Years 5, 6, & 7) rehearse Monday lunch times in the hall from 1.15 pm.

The Choirs have been asked to perform at the St Augustine’s Fete in Racecourse Road at 11.00 am on Saturday, 18 October.

The Ascot School Choral Music Evening is Thursday, 6 November from 6.30 pm and the Community Carols are held in the grounds of St Augustine’s on Racecourse Road on Friday, 28 November from 5.30 pm.

Please mark these dates in your diary.

If you have any questions please contact me in the Music Department any day of the week except Thursday.

Debbie Daley, Director of Choirs

“Music expresses that which cannot be said and on which it is impossible to be silent.”

Victor Hugo

SCHOOL COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER’S NEWS

Week 4 and there are a lot of activities in the pipeline.

Congratulations to our City District athletes who competed on Monday and Tuesday this week at Bowden Park. Special thanks to the parents and H/PE Teachers who supported these students.

EKKA Meal Deal is next Tuesday 12 August. If you wish your child to participate, you need to have your order in by 9.30 am on Monday 11th August. The Tuckshop is always looking for more volunteers to fill rosters. If you can help, the commitment is once a month 9.00 am -1.30 pm.

The FoVAD Art Evening is Friday 5 September 6.00-9.00 pm. Book your tickets (Adults $15.00) via Flexischools. Please send any raffle prize donations to the office, labelled ‘FoVAD’ with your name and phone number. Special thanks to Katrina M and Rebecca McW for the co-ordination that goes into this night.

The FoM Prep Disco is on Friday 22 August in our school hall.

The EKKA holiday falls next Wednesday. Enjoy the wonder and excitement of the country coming to the city.

Our Years 6 and 7 students will return from Canberra this Friday having had an action packed adventure. We will look forward to the Senior assembly which reveals the behind the scenes fun.

Have a great week.

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

WELCOME GROUP

Have you recently enrolled your child at our school? Have you recently moved into the local area? Are you interested in meeting other school parents and families? You may be interested in joining our school’s Welcome Group. Our Welcome Group has been set up primarily as an opportunity for new parents to our school to meet other school families, although anyone who is interested in making new friends is welcome to attend; everyone is welcome!

Our Welcome Group meets from 9.15-11.00 am every Wednesday during school term at White Jam Cafe, Hendra. Our coffee catch ups are a great opportunity to chat to other parents and to share information about local family services (medical, kinder and child care) and children’s activities (music, sport, etc.).Hope that you can join us.

Rachel & Peter, Welcome Group Co-ordinators
Email: welcome@ascotss.eq.edu.au

FROM THE TUCKSHOP

EKKA Meal Deal

The Tuckshop will be running its annual EKKA Meal Deal on Tuesday 12 August. This year for the first time we will have a Morning Tea and Lunch option for the children to choose from.

The Tuckshop Committee and volunteers work very hard on this day to ensure that it is a success and that the children enjoy the novelty of having an EKKA Show Bag with some surprises in it. Therefore, the EKKA Meal Deal will be the only items available for purchase on Tuesday 12 August. The cut-off for orders will be 9.30 am on Monday 11 August.

EKKA Meal Deal - Morning Tea

Mini meat pie or 1/2 sausage roll
Home Bake
Orange or apple juice cup.

EKKA Meal Deal - Lunch

Pluto Pup or Sausage Roll
Sauce
Drink of Choice
Homemade Ice-cream
Chips
Novelty surprise.

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Fancutt Tennis Centre will continue the tennis program at the school courts at Reeve Street on Mondays 3.00-3.30 pm (Prep) and 3.30-4.15 pm (Beginners); Tuesdays 3.15-4.00 pm (Beginners); Wednesday afternoons 3.00-3.30 pm (Prep), 3.30-4.15 pm (Beginners) and 4.15-5.00 pm (Players). Junior rackets on special for $30.00. Adults social, fitness and music is on Thursday evenings 7.30-9.30 pm and Ladies on Monday evenings 6.30-7.30 pm and Friday mornings 9.00-10.00 am. Friendly Hot Shots Tournaments (for trophies and prizes) are
being held at Fancutts on Wednesday Exhibition Holiday (13th August) from 12.30-3.30 pm and Monday 20 October (Student Free Day) from 9.00 am-12.00 pm for Beginners and Players separately and 12.30-3.30 pm for Players. These tournaments give children valuable match-play. Trophy for winner, McDonalds voucher, prizes and free Tennis Australia t-shirt is given to every player. Friendly Hot Shots Tournaments at Fancutts for trophies are on Saturdays 10.00 am-12.00 pm (Serving and Green ball) during school term. Super League fixtures are on Saturday afternoons and Sunday evenings for children and teenagers and Tuesday/Wednesday nights for adults. Restring – a 24 hour service or possible emergency restring while you wait. All enquiries please contact Fancutts 3857 2922 in office hours or email admin@fancutts.com.au.