



# Ascot State School

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## THE Digest

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to Week 6. Thank you to the Music Department and particularly, Deb Daley, for the wonderful evening of entertainment by our Ascot State School choral groups and our talented students who performed the Wizard of Oz. We do indeed have some very talented young students.

This Wednesday evening we will be entertained by our Ascot Ensembles and Bands. Please join us in the Hall from 6.30pm for this celebration of our Instrumental program in the school.

### School Vision and Focus

Tonight our School Council meet for the final time in 2016. The School Council is a vital means of engaging with and being held to account by parents, school staff and the community. The function of our School Council is to monitor the school's strategic direction; approve and monitor the implementation of school plans and policies of a strategic nature; and advise the Principal about strategic matters.

The School Council is comprised of the P&C President, the School Principal, two staff members, two parent representatives and two external representatives as we are at the end of our two-year cycle of governance. Tonight some of these positions will become vacant. I encourage parents and staff to consider becoming a member of our Ascot State School Council as we move to implementing the second year of our Ascot State School 2016-2019 Strategic Plan.

From our Ascot State School 2016-2019 Strategic Plan, we have implemented our 2016 Annual Implementation Plan and 2016 Investing for Success Plan.

Our Improvement Priority 4 is based on community engagement with Parents as Partners in the education of your young child/children. As a school community we recognise, acknowledge and celebrate the tremendous support that Ascot State School receives from our parent community. We are very interested in feedback from parents on the four actions of this strategy.

These include:

- Continuing to collaborate with the Community Engagement Officer, School Council and P&C to communicate the 2016-2019 Strategic Plan, AIP and I4S.
- Review communication strategies to improve feedback loops, consultation and learning partnerships with parents and teachers.
- Raise parental awareness of growth mindset, latest educational research and STEAM initiatives through a comprehensive Parents as Partners Program.
- Provide regular updates and feedback to parents on the range of Learning Enhancement Programs available.

Please click on the link below to access the survey to provide your feedback as we plan next steps for 2017.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZXY28PQ>

## Parents as Partners

**Class Parent Reps:** Just a reminder that we have a thank-you morning tea for all of our 2016 Class Parent Reps on Friday 2 December at 9.00am in the staff room. Please keep this date free and join us for morning tea as a thank you for your generosity, support and acknowledge your efforts throughout this year.

Have a great week.

### Regards



**Gayle Coleman, Principal**

## FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

### Remembrance Day: Lest We Forget

#### Why is this day special to Australians?

At 11 am on 11 November 1918 the guns of the Western Front fell silent after more than four years continuous warfare. The allied armies had driven the German invaders back, having inflicted heavy defeats upon them over the preceding four months. In November the Germans called for an armistice (suspension of fighting) in order to secure a peace settlement. They accepted allied terms that amounted to unconditional surrender.

The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month attained a special significance in the post-war years. The moment when hostilities ceased on the Western Front became universally associated with the remembrance of those who had died in the war.

The students and staff of Ascot State School will observe one minute silence at 11.00am this Friday.

**Simone Coogan (Years 3-6), Roxanne Smith, (Prep-Year 2)**

## BOUQUETS

Bouquets to the Music Department – Margaret Howard, Debbie Daley, Lorraine Pecorelli, Donna Gurren, our wonderful Ascot staff, Nathalie Smith, Karen Kose, Natalie Squara, Charles Ellis, Anna Tait, Kym Parsons-Pope and Friends of Music for the wonderful Choral Evening and Musical last Thursday. A special thank you to Amanda Butler, McGrath Estate Agents, for proudly supporting this event.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Events
Wednesday 9/11/16	6.30pm: Instrumental Music Evening
Thursday 10/11/16	8.15-10.30am: Uniform Shop & Prep Fittings
Friday 11/11/16	11.00am: Remembrance Day Final Day to return Swimathon money raised Swim Club
Monday 14/11/16	8.15-10.30am: Uniform Shop & Prep Fittings 9.00am: Years 3-6 Assembly (4A) 10.30am: Prep-Year 2 Assembly (2B)
Tuesday 15/11/16	
Wednesday 16/11/16	8.15-10.30am: Uniform Shop & Prep Fittings 9.00am: Student Banking 2016 P&C Thank You Dinner

## ASSEMBLY AWARDS

### Star Students

On Monday 14 November, the following students will receive an award for *Being a Sensible Learner*. Parents and teachers know the importance of making every day count; and these students know the importance of making every lesson count. Being a Sensible Learner reflects one of our Social and Emotional Learning cards, "It Takes Great Strength to be Sensible". Well done girls and boys on focusing on your improvement and learning. Achievement and success always follow.

PA	Abby O, Sean McR, Rory N, Darcy B, Sofia H	3A	Niklas D, Alex C
PB	Xavier C, Sophia P	3B	Lewis W, Emma B
PC	Oliver D, Emily C, Rupert H-S, Wadaan M	3C	Carmen D C, Archie B
PD	Samuel J, Oliver K, Elliot L, Elton L	3D	Leeah McC, Stephen W
PE	Poppy S, Isabelle N, Rupert H, Jordan M	3E	Zachary N, Hugo H
1A	Fletcher T, Astrid S	4A	Gabe G, Sienna R
1B	Roman D-G, Diezel J	4B	Lucy T, Eloise R
1C	Samara A, Zachary V	4C	Harrison C, Mishca B
1D	Sebastian W, Ruby C	4D	Isabella C, Thomas S

<b>1E</b>	Annie T, Keira J, Yasmin B	<b>4E</b>	Annie P, Max B
<b>2A</b>	Max S, Charles N	<b>5A</b>	Emily C, Aniese U
<b>2B</b>	Luca T, Eloise D	<b>5B</b>	Grace T, Megan C
<b>2C</b>	Elsie D	<b>5C</b>	Lachlan W, Violet S
<b>2D</b>	Lucy D, Madeleine P	<b>6/5</b>	Sophie L, Keira T
<b>2E</b>	Harry M, Emily C	<b>6A</b>	Abby C, Lucy C, Greer P
		<b>6B</b>	Finn C, Charli C McG
		<b>6C</b>	Bailey T, Cameron W

## FROM THE OFFICE

### Gifts to Teachers

As we move into the Christmas period I know that many parents wish to give teacher's a gift to thank them for the year. We wanted to draw your attention to the EQ's policy on receiving gifts and benefits. In particular, employees must refuse any offer of cash or any items which are readily converted into cash — such as a lottery ticket or “scratchy”, shares or a gift voucher. All gifts that have a value of more than \$150.00 must be recorded in DET's gift registry.

## STUDENT LEARNING – STUDENT VOICE



### Grok Code Quest

Grok Code Quest is a five week long coding competition run by [groklearning.com/](http://groklearning.com/). Students can compete individually from home.

Grok Code Quest started 31 October 2016 and will run new challenges weekly to 4 December 2016. The competition will educate students in programming as the competition progresses so no prior knowledge is necessary. There are four streams to choose from and problems will range from simple to challenging.

Visit the Grok Code Quest competition page for further information and registration.

<http://www.groklearning.com/codequest/>

## MUSIC NEWS

Congratulations to our wonderful musicians who performed in our mini musical *The Wizard of Oz* and sang with the choirs at our Choral Evening last Thursday night. Our choirs are now rehearsing for the Racecourse Road Community Carols evening at the end of November.

On Thursday 17 November, there will be an instrumental demonstration to the Year 2 and 3 children. The String, Woodwind and Brass teachers will present and play instruments that the children may have the opportunity to learn next year. Expression of interest forms will be sent home with the children.

The Instrumental Evening featuring our Junior, Intermediate and Senior Bands, String, Brass and Woodwind Ensembles will be held tonight in the hall commencing at 6.30pm. The Junior Band should report to the Music room at 6.00pm for warm-up and then perform first at 6.30pm. Intermediate Band should report to the Music room for warm-up at 6.25pm after the Junior Band have left to go to the hall. Senior Band members should stay in the hall seated with their parents until they are called for warm-up. Instruments may be left at the back of the Music room. String players should report to Music Room 2 where Mr Boughen will prepare the string players for their performance. Brass and Woodwind Ensembles will have been informed by their conductors where to warm-up.

When children are not playing they should either be seated in the hall or in a warm-up room. No one should be walking around the school unsupervised.

We look forward to seeing you tonight.

Mark your diary:

<b>Racecourse Road Christmas Carols</b>	Choirs	St Augustine's	25 November at 6.00pm
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**Margaret Howard, [mhowa12@eq.edu.au](mailto:mhowa12@eq.edu.au) , Debbie Daley, [ddale3@eq.edu.au](mailto:ddale3@eq.edu.au)**

## P.E. NEWS

### Swimming Carnivals (Week 9)

Prep–Year 3 students will swim in sessions on Tuesday 29 November and Year 4–6 students will compete in their Carnival on Thursday 1 December. Please mark these dates on your calendar, with more detail to come closer to the events.

### Aquathon/Triathlon Trials (Met North Team)

Congratulations to six Ascot students who competed in the trials at Lake Kawana last Sunday against stiff competition from all other regions. Mary C competed in the triathlon and came 10th (2004). In the Aquathon Ned B came 25th, Tom L came 28th (2005), Isabella H was 14th (2005), Lucy C was 3rd and Archie B 1st (2008). What a great effort and they will soon find out if they have made selection in Regional teams to attend the State Titles.



Congratulations also to Ed K, Oliver P, Aiden R and Tristan W who competed very successfully on the weekend in U10 Met North Athletics. All the boys have now made the team to compete at States in December and we wish them continued success.

**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**



## FROM YOUR P&C

Can you believe we are half way through Term 4? Only a few short weeks and this year will be over and our Year 6 students will graduate and say farewell to Ascot. We all then get a *well-deserved* break before 2017 kicks off.



The P&C has a few more events this year, including Friday night Swim Club and this Friday is SUPER special as Emily Seebom will be there to show her Olympic swimming medals (thanks to Totally Technique for organising this). We also have the dinner next week for our volunteers and the Prep Afternoon Tea on the 25 November.

After feedback from our events this year, a few of the events on the calendar for 2017 are the Family Picnic in Term 1, Art Week and a Trivia Night in Term 2 and a Fete in Term 3. We will be looking for sponsors for these events and we'd love to hear from you if event planning is "your thing" as we are always looking for *active parent helpers*.

Don't forget the new Ascot towels can now be ordered from the Uniform Shop and if this is your final year at Ascot, I'd suggest you buy one of the \$10.00 art posters as it looks amazing framed (this \$20.00 frame is from Officeworks). All proceeds from the poster sales go towards the Class of 2016's Legacy Project.



**Sarah Comiskey, P&C President, pandcpresident@ascotss.eq.edu.au**

## SWIMATHON

It's Swimathon time again. Each year our students hop in the pool and swim as many laps as possible to raise vital funds for the school. Please, please support this fundraiser by helping your child to find sponsors or donors. There is a prize for the classes who swim the most laps and raises the most funds.

### Key dates:

<b>18 November</b>	Prep-Year 6: Last day for Swimathon money (preferably by Flexischools or in a clearly marked envelope).
<b>21 November</b>	Winning classes announced and the class Prep-Year 2 and Years 3-6 which raises the most money wins a trip to the movies in the final week of Term 4.

The P&C sincerely thanks you for your continued support - it's fundraisers like these that allow us to provide vital classroom support materials, reading books and school facility upgrades.

**Stella, P&C Secretary**

## FRIENDS OF MUSIC

Congratulations to all the children involved in last week's Choral Evening for a job well done; all the hard work paid off. The night was a huge success and showcased the incredible singing, acting and dancing talents of our students. Thanks must go to our Music teachers, Miss Margaret Howard and Mrs Deborah Daley, who worked tirelessly with the children to produce this amazing evening. Special thanks to the parents and staff who volunteered and to our sponsor, Amanda Butler - McGrath Estate Agents, whose ongoing support of our Music department is greatly appreciated.

Be sure not to miss the Instrumental Evening tonight - an unforgettable evening of exceptional music. See poster below for more information.

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presents

## Ascot Instrumental Evening

Proudly supported by



*Featuring*

- Senior Band
- Senior Strings
- Brass Ensemble
- Intermediate Band
- Junior Strings
- Other instrumental performances
- Junior Band

*Wednesday 9 November*

- Doors open at 6pm for a 6.30pm start
- Ascot School Hall
- Adults - \$6
- Children - free entry
- Light refreshments including sushi available for purchase

FOM@ascotss.eq.edu.au



We will be selling raffle tickets for a chance to win a Weber Q1200, kindly donated by Mr Tim Nicholls MP, Member for Clayfield. This very popular outdoor gas grill will prove invaluable for those summer meals. Nextra Toombul have gifted the Weber's Barbecue Bible, Wheel&Barrow Homewares in Fortitude Valley a heavy duty apron and Bunnings Toombul a BBQ tool pack for the lucky winner. Second and third raffle winners will each receive a wine and chocolates pack. The raffle will be drawn during the Instrumental Evening tonight.

We encourage all families to attend and support our highly regarded Music program offered at Ascot State School. To find out more about volunteering, please email FOM@ascotss.eq.edu.au .

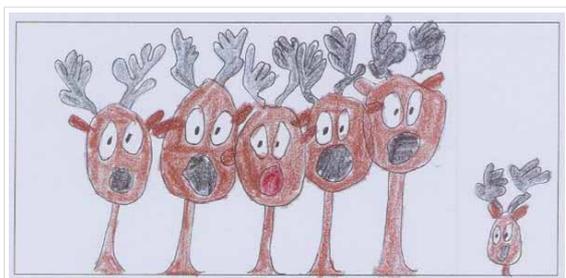
**Nathalie S, FoM Convenor**

## FoVAD NEWS

### Design a Christmas Cup Competition for 63 Café

63 Café has decided to award four equal winners to the Design a Christmas Cup Competition from our wonderful 15 finalists published last week in Digest.

The lucky winners are:



Leo M, 2D



Katelyn C, Prep E



Rory Alexander P, 6C



Jack W, 4B

The four winners will each receive a \$100 voucher from 63 Café and have their designs published on Christmas Cups over the Christmas season. The designs are currently in progress. The prize vouchers will be presented at forthcoming assemblies – parents of the winners will be advised of the exact date.

### Little Ray of Giving



Every child deserves to smile this Christmas

Hummingbird House is Queensland's only children's hospice. Drop a present into our office from December 1 to help children and families discover festive moments and create precious memories.

**Ray White.**

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Ascot State School Visual Arts sponsor, Ray White Ascot, has partnered with Act for Kids to help disadvantaged children who may need a little extra light in their festive season. The Ray White team are calling on the local community to embrace the giving season and dig deep for children who need it most.

All you need to do is wrap up your present, drop it under the tree in our office and inform the receptionist Rosie if the gift is for a boy or girl and nominate an age group. They will make sure your gift reaches a deserving child. Ray White Ascot is located at 138 Racecourse Road, Ascot. The special giving tree will be in the front window with gifts collected from 1 December 2016. Time to get the kids to organise their special gift now for this wonderful cause.

**Katrina M, FoVAD Convenor**

## TUCKSHOP ROSTERS

Tuckshop - Group 3		Home Bake - Group 3	
<b>Monday</b> 14/11/16	Karen G-T, Margot B	<b>Monday</b> 14/11/16	Deborah P, Michelle F, Kylie L
<b>Tuesday</b> 15/11/16	Renee B, Julie R	<b>Tuesday</b> 15/11/16	Michelle McL, Karen G-T, Brielle K

Tuckshop - Group 3		Home Bake - Group 3	
<b>Wednesday</b> 16/11/16	Jemma C	<b>Wednesday</b> 16/11/16	Nicole A, Jemma C
<b>Thursday</b> 17/11/16	Miranda, Olivia G	<b>Thursday</b> 17/11/16	Brigid T, Hilary L, Madeleine L, Lorelle C
<b>Friday</b> 18/11/16	Natasha J, Tonya F	<b>Friday</b> 18/11/16	Natalie MacG, Brooke G, Vicki D, Kimberley S

## UNIFORM SHOP

Our Swimming Carnivals are scheduled for early December. Now is a great time to come in and purchase a house rashie (\$40) and a house swim cap. Both are available to order on Flexischools.



### Planning for 2017

With only 4 weeks until the end of the year it is time to start planning ahead for next year.

**Prep students 2017** - bookings are now available for fittings for students attending Prep in 2017. Please contact the Uniform Shop for a 15 minute appointment by email or phone Keiko during opening hours.

**Year 1 students for 2017** - Chair bags are available from the Uniform Shop as they are not included in the book list.

Girls summer uniforms are available for those girls transitioning into Year1 next year.

Boys summer uniform remains the same.

**Year 3 students 2017** - have the option to wear the Ascot sports shirt and sports shorts on Fridays.

**Year 6 students for 2017** - boys require the school tie to be worn all year. Girls only when in full winter uniform.

**Senior band and ensembles students for 2017** - require the school tie for all concerts, performances and photos.

All school uniform items can be ordered via Flexischools or you're more than welcome to come in and see your friendly team in the Uniform Shop.

**Second hand uniforms** - the Uniform Shop currently has a good range of second hand uniforms. 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:

**Monday, Wednesday and Thursday** 8.15am to 9.30am

**Phone:** 3326 9309

**Email:** uniformshop@ascotss.eq.edu.au .

### Uniform Shop Team

## UNIFORM SHOP ROSTER

Group 4	
<b>Monday 14/11/16</b>	Julie B
<b>Wednesday 16/11/16</b>	Carla C
<b>Thursday 17/11/16</b>	Cindy J

## SWIM CLUB

Some very exciting news for our swimmers this week. We have 3 x Olympian and national record holder, Emily Seebohm, joining us at Club Night. Emily will kindly be available for photos and autographs with our Club members. We can't wait!

Swim Club Parents: we need some volunteers for Friday. Please contact jodiecreevey@bigpond.com.au if you can help. Despite all the excitement we still need volunteers to make the night a success.

This season we have been fortunate to have generous support from our Sponsors. Without these businesses funding our Club we could simply not continue. Let's show our gratitude by taking the opportunity to use their services.

### A very big thank you to:

**Ray White Ascot, One Fifty Ascot Bar & Eatery, Eleven Rooftop Bar, TAA Connect and Oscar Oscar Salons.**

### Race order for this week:

100m Breast, 25m Free, 50m Free, 25m Breast, 50m Breast, 25m Back, 50m Back, 25m Fly, 50m Fly.

Any questions contact swimclub@ascotss.eq.edu.au .

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Would you like to be a Host Family to an AFS exchange student arriving in February?** Are you ready to get an unforgettable experience, get to know another culture, make a lifetime friendship by adding a new member to your family from different country? If your answer is YES, then log on to our website [www.afs.org.au/host](http://www.afs.org.au/host) and get to know our amazing students arriving in February. We have students from a variety of different countries eagerly awaiting any kind of information regarding their future host families who will host them here in Australia for the length of their program. If you believe you can be such host family for 5 or 11 months, then please contact the Hosting Coordinator at the AFS National Office: on 1300 131 736.