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FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM



Gayle Coleman with 2016 School Captains Mary C & Ned B

Congratulations to our 2016 Ascot State School Captains – Mary C and Ned B. I know that you will both do an exceptional job representing our student community. Thank you to all students who gave speeches and I was impressed with key messages about team work, collaboration, being inclusive and the many ideas presented as projects for 2016. I would like to wish all students now nominating for other leadership positions all the best.

Year 6 parents are invited to the Investiture Ceremony on Monday 22 February at 9.00am in the hall. Prep students will not be attending this special assembly but if parents have a child in Prep and they would like them to attend, you may take them with you to the Assembly and then return your child to their Prep classroom.

Meet the Teacher/Leadership Team Evening

Thank you to those parents who have attended our Meet the Leadership Team sessions in the hall at 6.30 and 7pm last

night and tonight. Also many thanks for visiting your Meet the Teacher Sessions. At these sessions we are also asking parents for the following information:

- Update your parent contact details
- Update any medical information for your child
- Parent email contacts and Class Parent Rep Nomination.

Upcoming Events

City District Swimming Carnival is being held this Friday at the Valley pool. All the best to our many competitors and we know you will give it your best effort.

Explorama Workshops

On 13 March, Explorama workshops are being offered at the University of Queensland by Kids College QLD. The days are engaging and children select an activity from a variety of themes including science, engineering, art, illustration, coding, environmental studies, languages, cultures, legal studies and more. Registrations opened recently and last year filled quickly. A cost is involved to participate.

Regards

Gayle Coleman, Principal

Great state. Great opportunity.

QUEENSLAND ACADEMIES CREATIVE INDUSTRIES CAMPUS OPEN DAY

Queensland Academies Creative Industries Campus will be holding an Open Day on Saturday 20 February 2016, 1.00-4.00pm, at 61 Musk Avenue, Kelvin Grove. Visit qaci.eq.edu.au or phone 3377 9366 for further information



Year Level	Date of Lunch
Year 3	Friday 20 May
Year 4	Friday 10 June
Year 5	Friday 5 August
Year 6	Friday 16 September
Past & Present Mothers' Lunch	Friday 21 October

The lunches will again be at Ruggers Restaurant (Crosby Road where Brothers Rugby is) from 11.45am-2.45pm and tickets will be purchased on flexischools only.

Don't forget, the first P&C meeting this year is on Wednesday the 17 February at 7.30pm in the staff room. I would suggest you come along and see what it is that P&C does. We also have a guest speaker, Mrs Deanne Clark, who will speak about "Play is the Way" which provides a great resource not only for teachers, but parents.

If you are interested in helping out or joining Ascot State School's P&C, please email me at pandcprresident@ascotss.eq.edu.au

Sarah Comiskey, P&C President

FROM YOUR P&C

The P&C is like a business, in that it has goals and objectives. It differs in that it is run by volunteers. Yes, we do this for free. ? This year, the P&C has just started its new strategic plan for 2016-2020.

Vision: Genuine partnering for the improved learning outcomes of our children.

Purpose: Quality support and advice to build a stronger school community.

Roles:

1. Provide advice, support, funding, resources and opportunities that allow students to enhance their learning;
2. To support and value our teachers and encourage them to create opportunities and be innovative in their classrooms and
3. To improve the school's physical environment.

Part of our purpose is to build a stronger school community and we do that through "friend raising" (as opposed to fund raising.) Our Year Level Lunches will again run this year and will allow everyone the opportunity to meet not only the parents in their child's class, but parents across the entire year level. So keep the following dates free:

Year Level	Date of Lunch
Prep	Friday 26 February
Year 1	Friday 18 March
Year 2	Friday 29 April

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 10/2/16	Meet the Teacher: 6.30: Years 2 & 3 7.00: Year 4 (Leadership Team/P&C sessions to be held in the hall at 6.30pm and 7.00pm)
Thursday 11/2/16	
Friday 12/ 2/16	City District Swimming Carnival at The Valley Pool Swim Club
Saturday 13/2/16	Ascot Cup
Sunday 14/ 2/16	Valentine's Day
Monday 15/2/16	9.00am: Years 3-6 Assembly in hall 10.30am: Years 1 & 2 Assembly in hall 7.30pm: FoM Meeting in Instrumental Music Room
Tuesday 16/2/16	Spellathon forms go home for pledges City District Basketball Trials at Kedron State High School
Wednesday 17/2/16	7.30pm: P&C Meeting in staff room

P&C MEETING NEXT WEEK: WEDNESDAY 17/2/16 AT 7:30PM - STAFF ROOM (C BLOCK)

Agenda:

- Welcome
- Minutes of Previous Meeting
- Matters arising from the Minutes
- Correspondence
- Matters arising from the Correspondence
- Principal's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Subcommittee Reports
- General Business
- New Memberships.

2016 TERM 1 CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR PARENTS

Please click the link below or call to the Office to collect a copy of the 2016 Term 1 Calendar of Events for Parents. Please be aware that changes can and do occur.

PARKING AT ASCOT STATE SCHOOL

For the safety of our children the Passenger Zones in Pringle and Massey Streets are designated two minute drop off and pick up areas. To use the two minute passenger zones correctly:

DO	DO NOT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> plan your trip to avoid arrival at peak times (8.30am and 3.00-3.10pm) pull in move up to the head of the queue pick up or drop off children via the car's kerb DOORS move out safely if your child/children are not at your arranged spot, go around the block and try again. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leave your car Double park Stay more than two minutes Arrive early in the afternoon and sit in the zone.

STUDENT ABSENCES

Did you know we have a 24/6 number dedicated to Student Absence calls. Please ring **3326 9360** and record student's name, class, date of absence and reason for absence. This information is relayed to teachers twice a day and class rolls marked appropriately.

P.E. NEWS

P.E. Teachers

This year Mr Harris will be working every day except Wednesday and teaching the Years 3–6 classes. Mrs Graham will work every day except Friday and teach the Prep–Year 2 classes. Please contact the teacher responsible for your child's year level if you have any concerns (email addresses below).

Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons began for all classes (except Prep) last week. Please ensure students bring togs, sun shirts and caps and that all items (uniform and swimming gear) are clearly labelled to prevent loss/mix ups. Students are expected to participate in each lesson but, if they have been sick with a digestive illness and in the interests of pool hygiene, they should not swim for at least 3 days. A letter of explanation must be provided if they are unable to participate. We would ask for one parent per lesson to volunteer to be a spotter and in Year 1 classes we also request parent helpers to be in the water to assist students. Please let your child's class teacher know if you can volunteer for the swimming program. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

District Swimming Carnival (Friday 12 February)

Congratulations to the following selected swimmers who shall compete at the City District Swimming Trials on 12 February at the Valley Pool. The following students have all received all relevant information and should have returned their necessary documentation:

Boys Team

9 years	Hunter D, Jono H, Ed K, Archie B, Lachlan Mc, Sam Ellis
10 years	Charlie C, Gabriel G, Finn M, Ed N, Bronson R
11 years	Charlie B, Lachlan Z, Tom M/L, Ned Boorer
12 years	Charlie T, Parker B, Lochy R

Girls Team

9 years	Lucy T, Portia C, Zara D, Jemima M, Gemma N
10 years	Keira T, Emma S, Lucy D, Carmen A, Remy R
11 years	Sienna T, Jessica T, Ruby P, Tayla N
12 years	Mary C, Lulu H, Elle M

A big thank you to the parents who are available to assist as an official on the day.

City District Sporting Trial Process

This term, there will be many trials at various sporting venues for students turning 11 and 12 years old, who would like to make

City District sporting teams. The sporting standard at these trials are very high and the children who are selected to attend (numbers are usually restricted to 5) will need to take completed paperwork and pay a small fee. Trials will normally be in school time and private transport to venues will be required. Because numbers are restricted we would expect those students who express interest, and then are selected, to attend the trials. There is usually a very quick turnaround from trial notification to student nomination, so please express interest to the P.E teacher responsible for that sport straight away in case an in-school trial needs to be conducted before nomination. Please note that sometimes trials are postponed or the date changes and children will be notified as quickly as possible.

February Trials:

Tuesday 16 February	Basketball (Mr Harris)
Friday 26 February	AFL (Mr Harris)
	Hockey (Mrs Graham)

Cross Country: Junior Wednesday 16 March/ Senior Thurs 17 March

These dates have been added to our school calendar (Week 8). Preparation for this event is important so children feel confident. We will begin some morning tea practices from Week 4 for those interested in training at school. It would be beneficial if children could also do some running practice outside of school, particularly if they want to trial for Districts (9–12 year olds). Queensland Running is starting a running/cross country program on 5 March suitable for families at Teralba Park Mitchelton if you are interested.

The distances children will run are as follows:

Prep–Year 2 (School Oval)

Prep & Year 1: 2 laps
Year 2: 3 laps.

Years 3–6 (Brothers Rugby Union)

8/9 years: 1km
10 years: 2km
11/12 years: 2 or 3 km (children wishing to be selected for Districts must run 3 km).

Sports Captains

Our Year 6 students will soon be selected for the position of Sports Captains. These positions (2 Captains, and 2 Vice Captains - swimming and athletics, per house) come with responsibilities of leading their house and performing roles at all Carnivals and being in charge of sports equipment lending at 2nd break play (rostered on). Listed below are the criteria for selecting our Sport Captains for 2016.

Selection Criteria for Sports Captains:

1. The student demonstrates a positive attitude and good sportsmanship when participating in P.E. lessons and sporting fixtures.

2. The student demonstrates good behaviour and is committed to performing the role as described above.
3. The student has participated in school sporting events, including swimming and athletic carnivals and the interschool sports program.
4. The student may have achieved representation in one or more sports at District/Met North/State or National level.
5. The student will not have accepted any other leadership position, i.e. School or Class Captain.

NB: Ideally, male and female captains will be chosen for each house, however in circumstances where there is no candidate of one gender who satisfies the above criteria, candidates from the alternative gender will be considered.

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

BOOK CLUB

For those who are unaware, Book Club is a system by which you can order Scholastic books through the school and have them delivered to your child at school to bring home. Scholastic gives the school 20% of the value of all orders as rewards and the school Library is able to purchase a wide range of resources thanks to the support of the school community. Last year, we raised over \$7,000 for the Library and each child from the class that earned the most rewards in 2015 received a book from the Library as a thank you. That class was 2A.

Your children will have brought home their order forms for Issue 1. Please have all orders in by Thursday 11 February. You can order online at Scholastic.com.au or on the paper form with a cheque accompanying it. Please note, the paper form does not need to be returned to school if you have ordered and paid online.

There is also a new option when ordering online whereby you can choose to have your order marked as a gift. Where orders are marked in this way, I will not send the books to your child's classroom on distribution day. I will leave these items for collection at the office and send a note home with your child.

Finally, I am looking for volunteers to help with book distribution. This is done on two Fridays per term and usually takes about an hour after drop off. I would ideally like to have one volunteer per class. Please let Kim H know if you are able to help out on bookclub@ascotss.eq.edu.au.

MUSIC NEWS

Choirs have commenced rehearsals this week. There are no auditions to join choirs at Ascot. Children simply attend rehearsal at the appropriate time and sign up.

Senior Girls (Years 3 to 6)	1.15pm Hall	Monday
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Junior Choir (Years 1 & 2 Boys & Girls)	8.15am Hall	Tuesday
Boy's Don't Sing Choir (Years 3 to 6)	8.15am Music Room 1	Friday

Band rehearsals have commenced this week.

Senior Band	7.30am Music Room 1	Tuesday
	7.30am Music Room 1	Thursday
Intermediate Band	7.30am Music Room 1	Wednesday
Brass Ensemble	1.00pm Instrumental Room	Tuesday
String Ensemble	7.30am Instrumental Room	Thursday

Please address any enquiries to:

Margaret Howard	mhowa12@eq.edu.au	Director of Music (Instrumental)
Debbie Daley	ddale3@eq.edu.au	Choral Director
Dan Simpson	dsimp7@eq.edu.au	Percussion
Kylie Moorhouse	kmoor31@eq.edu.au	Woodwind
Rachael Doucet	rdouc1@eq.edu.au	Brass
Mark Boughen	mboug8@eq.edu.au	Strings

Please feel free to call in at the Music Office before or after school.

Margaret Howard & Debbie Daley, Classroom Music Teachers

FRIENDS OF MUSIC (FoM)

If you or your child has an interest in music, consider joining the Friends of Music Committee. Volunteers help raise valuable funds that support the excellent and highly regarded Music program offered at Ascot State School. To find out more about volunteering with Friends of Music, come to our next meeting on Monday 15 February at 7.30pm in the Instrumental/Parent's Room behind the school hall. If you cannot attend but would like to get involved please email FOM@ascotss.eq.edu.au.

Nathalie S, FoM Convenor

FROM THE TUCKSHOP

Over-the-counter sales at the Tuckshop

Starting this week over-counter sales for ice creams, Slushies, home bake and chips can be made by Years 3-6 students.

All morning tea/lunch hot food and sandwich items must still be ordered via the flexischools system.

Parents of Prep-Year 2 students must use the flexischools systems for all orders from the Tuckshop.

Easter Meal Deal

The Easter Meal Deal will be up on flexischools shortly for you to order for Wednesday 23 March 2016. There will be no other food items sold for lunch on this day and the cut off for ordering is 18 March 2016. Due to the workload on this day no late orders will be taken.

Volunteers

Thank you to the new parents and grandparents who have volunteered to start Tuckshop this term. The roster is looking much better!

Kathryn, Yolanda and the Tuckshop Committee

TUCKSHOP ROSTERS

Tuckshop - Group 4		Home Bake - Group 4	
Monday 15/2/16	Anita G, Tina M	Monday 15/2/16	Barbara C, Katie T-G, Clare D, Mina J
Tuesday 16/2/16	Nadia S, Anna J	Tuesday 16/2/16	Nadia S, Anna J, Jo Cooke
Wednesday 17/2/16	Mina J, Bella B-H	Wednesday 17/2/16	Georgina S, Michelle A, Jodie B
Thursday 18/2/16	Leta D, Margaret B, Natalia S	Thursday 18/2/16	Julie C, Amanda H, Margaret B
Friday 19/2/16	Rachel T, Catherine K	Friday 19/2/16	Donna G, Loretta G, Rachel T

UNIFORM SHOP ROSTER

Group 3	
Monday 15/2/16	Julie B
Wednesday 17/2/16	Kate R
Thursday	Cindy J

Group 3

18/2/16

SWIM CLUB NEWS

Swim Club Families: please check your emails this week for information on the Ascot Cup held this coming Saturday.

Please find this week's roster and race order for Week 3. We have a few positions left to fill. If you would like to volunteer this week or in the coming weeks please contact Jodie C at jodiecreevey@bigpond.com or text 0403 069 128.

Week 3 Roster of Wonderful Volunteers – 12 February 2016

Presidents	Anthony, Hamish	
Starter	Charles E	
Marshalling: 5.45 To End	Loren B	Required
Marshalling Assistance: 5.45 To End	Anna J	Juliet S
Canteen/Bar	5.00-7pm Margot B	5.30 To End Angela B
	5.30 To End Required	
BBQ	5.00-7pm Mel Mck	5.15-End Required
	5.30-End Required	
Timekeepers (6) 5.45 Sharp	Darren W	Lidia D
	A. Gatenby	Chris D
	Stuart C	Mel T
Data Entry: 5.30pm	Meegan	Nathan

Please note that it is extremely important to our club that you are on time to do your rostered duty. Please report to the front desk on arrival. Thank you. jodiecreevey@bigpond.com.

Race order for this week: 12 February

12.5m Freestyle, 100m Butterfly, 25m Freestyle, 50m Freestyle, 25m Breaststroke, 50m Breaststroke, 25m Backstroke, 50m Backstroke, 25m Butterfly, 50m Butterfly.

We would like to thank our sponsors:

Major Sponsors:

Novotel Brisbane Airport, Ray White Ascot and Swimart Ascot

Minor Sponsors:

Hatch & Co, Network Office Supplies, TAA Connect, Oscar Oscar Hair Salons and Brisbane Anti Wrinkle and Skin Studio.

We look forward to seeing you all again this coming Friday night.

Ascot Swim Club Committee,
swimclub@ascotss.eq.edu.au

COMMUNITY NOTICES

St Agatha's Parish Sacramental Program 2016: (for all children in Year 3 and above). Under new Archdiocesan Policy, the Sacraments will be celebrated over a 3 year period with Confirmation in year 3, First Holy Communion in Year 4 and Reconciliation in Year 5. You need to enrol in 2016 for all 3 Sacraments. Enrolment weekend: 7/8 May at any of the masses: Saturday 6.00pm; Sunday 7.00am, 9.00am and 5.30pm. Parent's Meeting: Monday 9 May 7.00pm or Tuesday 10 May, 7.00pm at St. Agatha's Church. (N.B. Parents need only attend 1 of these sessions.) For further information call Jane Cameron at the Parish office: 3262 2859.

Taekwondo - Mondays and Wednesdays 5.45-6.45pm in school hall. Do you want to boost your child's self-confidence and self-esteem and at the same time provide them with a good physical and mental workout? Taekwondo will increase their physical fitness, strength, coordination, balance, endurance and flexibility. It also helps improve concentration, memory and discipline. Training involves general strength and fitness, self-defence, working on technique, forms (defined patterns of defense and attack motions), sparring and board breaking.

Moon Lee Taekwondo run classes twice a week on Mondays and Wednesdays 5.45-6.45pm in the school hall. Contact Daniel on 0433 978 214 www.moonlee.com.au.

Hamilton Library will host Megan Daley from Children's Book Daily blog on Thursday 25 February 6-7pm. This is a session for parents wanting to know more about assisting children learn to read, and to enjoy reading. Megan is a Teacher Librarian and has been involved with The Children's Book Council of Australia for many years now. Her session will share her insights and expertise and provide practical tips and take home resources. For parents and carers of all age children. Everyone welcome. Book your place by calling Hamilton Library on 3403 1050. (Tuesday to Saturday).

Australian Bureau of Statistics: Apply now to be a 2016 Census Area Supervisor! The Australian Bureau of Statistics is seeking motivated and community minded project managers to work on the 2016 Census and make a difference in your community. Area Supervisors are: Non-office based positions requiring travel; casual temporary positions, with flexible working hours. As an Area Supervisor, you will: recruit, manage and train a small team of temporary Census field staff; implement and manage the Census delivery and collection processes and procedures; undertake a range of administrative tasks, including the receipt, handling and storage of a range of Census materials; earn \$34.76 per hour (inclusive of 25% loading). As an Area Supervisor, you must: know your local

community; hold a current driver's licence; be comfortable using computer, tablet and mobile devices; comply with ABS work health and safety policies; hold Australian Citizenship or have the legal right to work in Australia. Job seekers from diverse backgrounds, including non-English speaking backgrounds and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, are encouraged to apply. More information is available from the ABS website. Apply online at abs.gov.au/careers.