FROM MELISSA PROVOST-BOYLE: ACTING PRINCIPAL

What a great week we had last week!

The 2014 Art Evening was an outrageous success! It was wonderful to see so many children, parents and staff at the event. The quality of the children’s art gets better and better each year. This of course is due to the fact that we have a Specialist Art Teacher, Carla Adams, funded by the P&C.

Thank you to Rebecca McWilliam and Katrina Murphy for taking the lead in organising the Art Evening; Beck and Katrina are well supported by the fabulous FoVAD volunteers.

Last week the Prep classes celebrated Father’s Day. It was wonderful to see so many Dads spending time in the classrooms. Fathers and significant males in children’s lives play an important role in developing important life skills such as work ethic, loyalty and honesty. Children will love us for all sorts of reasons, most of all for spending time with them.

Over three days last week, Wednesday-Friday, 36 students (12 students each day) from Year 7/6 attended the Brisbane Writers’ Festival. The students had attended the Ascot Writers’ Club at lunch time earlier in the year.

This writing enhancement excursion was made possible through the Learning Innovation Fund, a P&C initiative that allows teachers to apply for funding to implement innovative learning experiences for students. Thank you Lorraine Clacher for organising the excursion; Lorraine has included more information later in the Digest.

Last week, our Year 7/6 students attended SPARQed to engage in DNA extraction from strawberries and explore a DNA profile.

SPARQ-ed™ (Students Performing Advanced Research Queensland) is a unique educational facility established as a collaboration between The University of Queensland’s Diamantina Institute (UQDI) and Queensland’s Department of Education, Training and Employment (DETE).

SPARQ-ed aims to promote excellence and innovation in biological and biomedical education by delivering world class specialist programs to Queensland school students and their teachers. These programs are based on a model that brings together personnel and expertise from the education and scientific research communities.

The SPARQ-ed facility is located in the Translational Research Institute (TRI) in Woolloongabba, Brisbane. It features a state of the art biomedical teaching laboratory and online learning area on the ground floor of the TRI building where participants can work alongside scientists from TRI’s partner institutes.

This exciting educational enhancement was made possible through the generosity of the P&C Learning Innovation Fund. Thank you Kate West for organising the visit. We’re organising for the SPARQed Scientists to come out and work with our Year 5 students next term.
**Before School Supervision**

This week it was reported to the office that a child waiting in the Games Court at 7.45am was playing handball; he ran out onto Pringle St in front of a car to retrieve a ball. Before School Care is such a small price to pay to know that your children are safe.

There is **no before school supervision on the Games Court prior to 8.10am**. If you need to drop your children off prior to 8.10am you will need to make alternative arrangements. Before School Care is available through Camp Australia.

Children are not permitted to play with balls, run around or ride scooters, skateboards or bikes. These rules ensure adequate supervision is available and the children are safe.

As part of the review and audit processes within Education Queensland, every school across the state will undergo a **Discipline Audit** which focuses on 5 Domains:

- Principal Leadership
- Parent and Community Engagement
- Data Informed Decision Making
- Clear and Consistent expectations for Behaviour, and
- Explicit Teaching of Appropriate Behaviour to all Students.

Our school will undergo the Discipline Audit on Friday 10 October. Once details of the audit have been confirmed I’ll let parents know the process.

Once the audit is completed, we’ll publish an executive summary of the audit, which will outline aspect of our school behaviour management processes that working well and those which we could place more focus on in the future.

Should you wish to read our Responsible Behaviour Plan please visit the school website to download an electronic copy: https://ascotss.eq.edu.au/Ourschool/Rulesandpolicies/Pages/Rulesandpolicies.aspx

**IPS School Council**

Congratulations to Nick Marsh (4B) and Belinda Mason (4C) who have been appointed to the School Council as Staff Representatives.

Public Notice of the Holding of an Election for Elected Members of the School Council is attached, click on the link below for further information.

IPS Date Claimers for Elected Members of the School Council:

- Date of election: 17 September.
- Meeting venue at which the election is to be conducted: Ascot State School in the Staff Room.

**Celebrations of Learning** are being held this week. This is a great opportunity for you to see the work that children have been working on in class. Week 2 next term will be Parent Teacher Interviews; information will be sent home next week.

Sharyn Hadden is on leave for the last two weeks of the term to go on an overseas holiday. As a school we actively support staff to take on Leadership opportunities as they arise. The **Acting Deputy Principal** role will be covered by Angela Dawson (SC), and Kelly Creedon (3C). Angela will be in the role during Week 9 and Kelly during Week 10.

Have a wonderful week!

**Regards**

**Melissa Provost-Boyle**  
**Acting Principal**

**BOUQUETS**

Thank you to our amazing FoVAD volunteers for an extraordinary night of Art!

Thank you to parents and staff for supporting the school and its many endeavours to provide a well-rounded education for our students.

**FROM YOUR P&C**

I know this will be one of many, but thank you to our wonderful FoVAD team for the Art Evening last Friday. It really was a wonderful night and all that hard work was certainly worth it. I loved seeing each of my children’s artistic endeavours and was very impressed with Carla’s pencil drawing of the elephant. With the support of our sponsors it looks like the night raised $13,000. So thanks again to the evening’s major sponsors: King & Co Solicitors, Tomkins Commercial & Industrial Builders, Ella Bache at Portside, Boydell Property Agents and Boutique Framing. Also a big thank you to Sci-Fleet Toyota, Sirianni’s IGA, Village Travel, Monza Restaurant, Sea Grill Café & Restaurant, Followmont Transport, the Rossister Family and C&R Darvill Pty Ltd. Wow, what a result!!

Congratulations to Sharyn H and Peta O’B for won the large canvases of “Ascot Pop” by Jacqui Conias that were auctioned off. For those that didn’t attend or missed out on the silent auction, you can buy an A3 poster at the Uniform Shop for $10.00. Frame these prints and they make a wonderful piece of art and would be a great keepsake of your child’s time at Ascot. Thanks also to Rod P from Smartcomm for sponsoring the printing of the posters.

Talking of sponsors, on Tuesday the 14 October, the P&C will be hosting a night to thank our past sponsors and also invite new sponsors for the 2015 P&C events. So if you are a business owner and are looking to support our school, please email me your details, so we can include you on our invite list.
And remember to log on and keep an eye out on Facebook on The Ascot Grapevine.

If you have any questions or would like to offer any suggestions, please email me at any time.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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FROM MRS DAWSON: MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS 3-7

Well done to all our hard-working students who are one week away from a well-earned break. This week we have our Celebrations of Learning and I know how much the children love to share their work. I’m sure they will also be keen to demonstrate their progress with the learning targets they set earlier in the term. The happy, animated students I see each and every day assure me that a positive attitude to learning is alive at Ascot.

Science

Next week we celebrate Science Week with the focus on hands on experiences. Students will be studying Earth and Beyond, Sustainable Energy and Light, Colour and Sound.

Art Evening

What a great event – amazing organisation and fantastic community support. It was wonderful to see children proudly showing off their beautiful artwork to parents and friends. Thanks to all those tireless volunteers who made this night a resounding success.

Assembly

This week’s Assembly was presented by 7/6C. Thank you so much Mrs Clacher. They did a wonderful job. It was obvious that the whole class had worked independently to produce an entertaining assembly. I also loved hearing about learning targets and collaboration.

Next week’s Assembly will be presented by 7/6D and will focus on Responsible Behaviour. The award recognises those children who value responsible behaviour when working and playing with their peers. Congratulations to the following children who consistently demonstrate the qualities of behaving responsibly.

Student of the Week: Years 3-7

Responsible Behaviour - Week 10

| Year 3A | Cara B | Thomas S |
| Year 5/4 | Sam T
| | Oliver T
| | Hannah R |
| Year 3B | Soren F | Josephine F |
| Year 5A | Tahlia Z
| | Jack T |
| Year 3C | Zoe B | Sophie L |
| Year 5B | Elina S
| | Chloe Z |
| Year 3D | Lani McW | Lucy W |
| Year 5C | Daniella F
| | Marcus DeR |
| Year 3E | Nina S | Camden M |
| Year 7/6A | Xavier S
| | Poppy McG |
FROM MRS HEINRICH: EARLY YEARS
PREP-YEAR 2

Prep Father’s Day Celebrations

The Prep Father’s Day celebrations last week were very special and a privilege to share. The joy on the children’s and father’s faces was memorable. They were so pleased with themselves and were having so much fun with so much love and care in the air! I would like to thank the Prep teachers and Teacher Aides for an extraordinary job in organising these events.

Child Protection Week - 7-13th September

This week is Child Protection Week. There are 20 Key Messages supported by the Queensland Child Protection Committee. Here are 3:

1. Child protection is everyone’s business. The responsibility lies with adults in keeping children safe from harm. All members of society need to play a part in ensuring children are nurtured and safe.

2. Adults are essential in ensuring children’s safety and well-being.

3. Listening to children and young people is the number 1 indicator in assisting their safety and well-being.

http://childprotectionweek.org.au

Congratulations to 1D for being this week’s STAR CLASS. They received this award for “Being Respectful” 1D greet and welcome visitors into their classrooms with warmth and respect; they follow their teacher’s instructions and treat others with care. Congratulations 1D!

Angela Dawson, Acting Deputy Principal

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 everyone.

Anita Heinrich, Acting Deputy Principal

BRISBANE WRITERS’ FESTIVAL 2014

It has been my desire for a number of years, to attend the annual Brisbane Writers’ Festival which features a Wordplay program where students are introduced to some of Australia’s leading authors. I have always wondered how I could make this dream a reality! This year, I was able to accomplish this through the kind generosity of the P&C and their Innovation Fund. With their support, which covered the cost of a replacement teacher for my class for three days, I was able to accompany 36 Year 7/
6 students to the Festival which was held at various venues at the State Library and GOMA. To the P&C, my sincere thanks.

Our students met, listened to and conversed with some fabulous and inspiring writers. Each of the authors spoke about their inspirations for writing and the ideas behind their latest publication. I have purchased a copy of each of the books (autographed for Ascot State School students) for our school Library and, over the next couple of weeks, I will have students from the group review them and report on them.

I will also publish the key messages that I came away with about the importance of reading and writing for both parents and teachers.

**SPARQ-ed VISIT**

On Monday and Tuesday, the 1st and 2nd September, the Year 7/6 classes attended a DNA workshop conducted by SPARQ-ed in the Translational Research Institute building in Woolloongabba. SPARQ-ed (Students Performing Advanced Research Queensland) features a state of the art biomedical teaching laboratory and online learning where the students worked alongside scientists.

Throughout this workshop, students used everyday household products to extract DNA from a strawberry. They then performed a simulated DNA profile (using real electrophoresis equipment) to solve a simple crime. The students really enjoyed the hands on laboratory experience, using scientific equipment and looking like professional scientists, wearing lab coats, protective glasses and gloves. This was a fantastic opportunity for all the students to be inspired and experience what the sciences have to offer.

**Miss West**

The SPARQ-ed excursion was a fun and memorable trip. We learned a lot about DNA and how every living thing has DNA, even fruit. The children had to test a strawberry for DNA. We got to dress up in a lab coat and glasses. SPARQ-ed was an excellent learning experience and it was a privilege to attend.

**Isha T 7/6E**

Our visit to the SPARQ-ed science lab was so cool. We got to interact with the lab tools. We extracted DNA from strawberries and kiwi fruit. We could see the strings of DNA!!! Overall it was lots of fun and I wish I could become a scientist when I’m older.

**Rosanna M 7/6E**

**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, we continue with the wise words of Student Voice from Ms MacPherson’s class.

Yet is the most powerful word in learning.

**Denny**

I believe to never give up and always persevere. If you put in effort you will succeed. Every person who has tried and failed has succeeded along the way.

**Georgie**

I will always remember that the power of yet is very strong.

**Kelsey**

**Group 1: Annabel, Margherita, Jessica, Eva, Olivia, Katie-Rose, Uta, Ivy, Niamh, Charlotte, Xandro, Kyle**

**Group 2: Charlotte, Poppy, Izzy, Dayle, Yassi, Gabbi, Bryleigh, Abby, Rebecca, Chloe, Laura**

**Group 3 (pictured with author – Pamela Rushby – Miss West’s cousin):**

Yannick, Zara, Issy, Chloe, Mia, Paris. Louie, Amelia, Niamh, Elspeth, Mackenzie, Emily

**Lorraine Clacher**
Believe in yourself. Stay hopeful, stay strong and believe in yourself.

**Elspeth**

I believe that when I try my best I can achieve anything. I will never give up until I know it’s not going to work. I believe that when you know it’s not going to work, it will one day. Never stop believing in yourself. Trust yourself, be kind to yourself.

**Lamia**

I learned about growth and fixed mindset. And that you should keep a growth mindset and try not to get caught up in fixed mindsets. We learned about Austin’s Butterfly and saw how persistent he is. When Mrs Clark walks into the room with her lovely voice, she teaches us to believe in ourselves. She teaches the most important subject.

**Xavier**

Warm regards

*The 7/6 Class Teachers, Students and Deanne Clark*

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**WAVELL STATE HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR SECONDARY**  
**PARENT INFORMATION EVENING - YEARS 7 & 8 2015**

MONDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2014 COMMENCING AT 7:00PM  
ASSEMBLY HALL, TEOPIA AVENUE, WAVELL HEIGHTS

2015 Enrolment Applications are due now. For further details contact our Enrolment Officer Ms Lock on 3350 0328.

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**JALLY PRODUCTIONS: “GOLDILOCKS ROCKS” PREP-YEAR 5**

On Tuesday, 16 September, we welcome Jally Productions to our school. Jally Productions will perform their highly recommended “Goldilocks Rocks” show. This performance is an educational, interactive and fun show for all children.

**Synopsis** – Goldilocks really likes to help people. She happily does the shopping for her grandmother plus the gardening too. She often walks her neighbour’s dog and collects their mail. Goldilocks cheerfully gives her teacher a hand setting up for class and she’s always happy and very polite.

It’s true what they say - “Goldilocks Rocks!”

Of course not everyone is pleased. The Big Bad Wolf is furious that Goldilocks has become so popular. He is very jealous and he’s planning to cause all sorts of trouble - what a bully. Watch out Goldilocks!

This performance supports our school’s Responsible Behaviour Management Policy and the Personal Development strand of our school’s Health Program.

We hope that all students from Prep to Year 5 can join us for this performance. A payment of $5.00 (including GST) was included in the Term 3 Account. Classroom teachers will inform students if a payment is outstanding. The performance will be held in our School Hall.

With kind regards,

**Mrs Cassie Mathewson (Teacher, Year 5/4)**

**SCHOOL COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER’S NEWS**

Thank you Lisa and Karen for an amazing Father’s Day Stall last Friday. Many Dads were spoilt thanks to the efforts of these lovely Mums and a team of beautiful helpers supported by our wonderful school P&C.

The art evening was magical! Again, many thanks to the hard working team of Katrina M, Bec McW and FoVAD. Our talented art teacher, Carla Adams, has worked with our children to build the stunning display that took over the games court last Friday. The memories from the event ... priceless!
This Friday night is the FoM Years 5 and 6 Disco in the Hall. Doors open from 6.00pm for 6.30-8.30pm.

$12.00 entry with snacks and glow products available for purchase. Friends of Music events provide safe social interaction fun for our pre-teens and essential fundraising to maintain our musical instruments, plus the rich environment for our budding musicians.

Any Years 5 or 6 volunteers available to help this Friday – please contact FoM@ascotss.eq.edu.au.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our school in so many ways.

Have a great week.

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

FoVAD ART EVENING

What a fabulous night and one that would not have been possible without the support of our generous sponsors, raffle prize donors and supporters who donated free goods and services towards the event.

A huge thank you to all our FoVAD volunteers and helpers who have worked tirelessly and cheerfully for months to make this event such a success.

A special thank you to the team of loyal student helpers who were in the Art Room every lunch hour working with Carla Adams (and having fun) on Art Evening preparations.

Thank you to everyone for coming along I’m sure you’ll all agree the children’s art work was simply amazing! The only thing we forgot to do was to take photos of our big event, can you believe it? So if you have any wonderful photos of the evening, we would be very grateful if you could email them to Katrina@kmir.com.au or rebecca@gdm.net.au.

Rebecca McW and Katrina M, FoVAD