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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to a new term and another exciting ten weeks of learning. We welcome several new students to the school and look forward to a busy term as we prepare for the Big Day Out on Saturday 9 September.

This week our Prep students will celebrate 100 days of Prep. Each class will be doing their own little celebration as we celebrate how much our young Prep children have grown and learnt in their first 100 days of school.

This week we welcome our new teachers to the school. Please welcome to 3A permanent staff member Ms Megan Cutler, to 4D Ms Alexis Forbes and to 6C Ms Carmel Flemming. We also welcome some wonderful relief teachers for those staff on extended leave including Ms Julie Chapman on 2D till Friday 21 July; Ms Chris Vanderwolf on 3B until Friday 14 July; Ms Jessica Chia will be teaching 4A until Wednesday 19 July. We also welcome Ms Jill Holloway on 2C as Ms Fallon Cappler was involved in a motor vehicle accident during the holidays and due to injury is unable to return to work for the first two weeks.

During the holidays we commenced some of the major works being undertaken to improve the school facilities. This is part of a long-term facilities upgrade and included the completion of the installation of the pool filtration system and secure store areas, major garden maintenance works, painting of the office entrance, repairs to the roof in Prep classrooms, check and installation of additional external lighting especially around the perimeter of the hall, and general cleaning.

We have also been advised that the kerb and channel is being replaced in Pringle Street. This work was due to be completed in the holidays but was delayed due to the weather. Thank you to all parents for your patience and understanding as we endeavour to improve our school learning environment.

School Vision and Focus

One of the benefits of an education at Ascot State School is the breadth of programs available for our students. This term our teams continue with Debating and Optiminds. We also have selected students participating in the Mini-Thinkers Program that commences this Wednesday for three weeks. Years 3 & 4 students are joining other students from City Cluster schools for enrichment as Writers, Scientists, Design Thinkers or Coders. We welcome students from other schools attending Ascot State School over the next three Wednesdays to participate in the Design Thinkers class with Ms Atkins and Mr Marsh.

We also continue with our choral groups, band and ensembles. New students are welcome to join the choral groups with the Junior Choir held on Friday mornings from 8.15am in the hall. All students in Years 1 and 2 are welcome to join. The Senior Choir is on Mondays from 1.15pm in the hall and all students from Years 3 to 6 are invited to join. We welcome newcomers this term, but ask that students are committed and attend rehearsals every week.

Also we commence our Footsteps Dance classes this semester. Prep-Year 2 students commence this term and Years 3 to 6 in term four. Within The Arts Curriculum, our Artist in Residence, Anuska de Luca, continues working with the Years 3 and 5 classes and then Prep students in Week 3. Our very popular lunch time Art Clubs continue also.

In Week 4, our Year 6 students are off to Canberra for the week. There will be a Parent Information Session on the Canberra Trip on Wednesday 19 July at 6.30pm in the staff room before the P&C meeting.

School and Community Partnerships

This Friday we have a Class Parent Rep Meeting in the staff room from 9.00-9.30am. As we are in full swing for the Big Day Out it will be great to have as many Class Parent Reps attend as possible.

I'm looking forward to another great term.

Regards,

G. Coleman

Gayle Coleman, Principal

BOUQUETS

To Whom It May Concern: Whom It May Concern: our cleaners and the schools officer for the maintenance and cleaning of the classrooms and external areas of the school in preparation for term three. The school looks great.



UPCOMING EVENTS

WEEK	EVENTS
Wednesday 12/7/17	8.15-9.30am: Uniform Shop 9.00am: Student Banking City Cluster Mini Festival
Thursday 13/7/17	8.15-9.30am: Uniform Shop
Friday 14/7/17	9.00am: Class Parent Rep Meeting (Staff Room)
WEEK	EVENTS
Monday 17/7/17	8.15-9.30am: Uniform Shop 9.00am: Years 3-6 Assembly 10.30am: P-Year 2 Assembly (Host 2A)
Tuesday 18/7/17	
Wednesday 19/7/17	8.15-9.30am: Uniform Shop 9.00am: Student Banking City Cluster Mini Festival 6.30pm: Canberra Parent Information Session (Staff Room) 7.30pm: P&C Meeting (Staff Room)

PAYMENT PROCESS CHANGE – INCURSIONS, EXCURSIONS & CAMPS

The school will no longer issue Term Accounts. Instead events will be invoiced individually.

As the school is required to pay for events in advance, it is necessary to enforce a cut of date for payments. **NO LATE PAYMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

ABSENCES

The safety of children is paramount.

This is why the school needs to know your child's whereabouts during the school day.

For Prep, students arrive to class at 8.35am to commence learning at 8.45am when the roll is first marked.

Students in Years 1-6 should arrive to class at 8.50am to prepare to start the school day at 9.00am when the roll is first marked.

The student absence phone line is **33269326**. This is a 24/7 recorded message service.

Daily absence

If your child will be absent from school parents must phone the absence phone line before 9.00am. Message should include day, caller's name, student's name, class, and reason for absence. The teacher will be notified of the student's absence by office staff.

Parents are asked to follow this procedure any time your child is absent from Ascot State School, including attending an off campus activity arranged through the school. For example City District/Met North Sport, Chess Tournaments, Music Camps, etc.

If your child will be absent from school for more than one day, call the absence phone line in advance. Message should include caller's name, student's name, class, reason for absence and duration of absence. The teacher will be notified of the student's absence by office staff.

Absences of more than 10 consecutive school days duration require Principal approval. Forms are available from the office. This allows the school to record the absence as an exemption – meaning it is a non-penalty absence.

Late Arrivals

If your child will arrive to class **after roll call at 9.00am** parents must phone the absence phone line before 9.00am. Message should include day, caller's name, student's name, class and reason for delay. On arrival students must go directly to the office where a Late Slip is issued for the student to give to their teacher on arrival to class.

Early departures

Parents should present to office to collect your child. Office staff will arrange for your child to come to Office for collection and issue an early departure slip that will be given to the class

teacher by office staff. Staff will not permit any child to be collected from the classroom or play areas.

Unexplained absences

Should your child's absence be unexplained an automated SMS will be sent. A prompt response is requested.

Important note: Advising the teacher in person or via email does not negate the need to follow the above procedures and may result in inaccurate attendance records.

For your information the roll is called again at 2.00pm. School finishes at 3.00pm (Prep at 2.45pm) and children should be collected promptly.

Before School, After School and Vacation Care are provided by Camp Australia at Barlow Street, Clayfield. Enquiries to 1300 105 343.

Your child's safety is a joint responsibility requiring good communication between home and school.

PREP 2018 ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS

If you have a child currently enrolled at our school with a sibling eligible to start Prep in 2018, please collect an enrolment package from the Office as soon as possible. If you have a friend or neighbour residing in our local catchment area with a child eligible to start Prep in 2018, could you please let them know that now is the time to complete an enrolment application.

SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERS

Some parents arranged with Advancedlife for their school photo orders to be sent to the Office for collection. Please call to collect between 8.00am and 4.00pm.

EARLY ACT JELLY CUPS STALL

Thank you to the Ascot school community for supporting the Early Act jelly cups stall at the Year 3–6 Athletics Carnival. The profit from the stall is just short of \$200 which will go to the Cancer Council in honour of past and present Ascot families fighting cancer.

Thank you for the jelly crystal donations, parents who made jellies and to the school community for purchasing our jelly!

Beth, Imojen, Annaka – Early Act Seniors
Ms Russell and Ms Baker – Early Act Coordinators

P.E. NEWS

Welcome back from your break and we hope everyone had a lovely holiday.

Last term was a very busy term for P.E. and Sport with training for City District Cross Country, Gala Sports Days and Athletics Carnivals as well as teaching and assessing for reporting. It was also very successful in terms of the Ascot Team placing 1st at the City District Cross Country and, to date this year, 21

students being selected in City District Teams and 4 students being further selected in Met North Teams. Go Ascot!

What a great day, with excellent sportsmanship and effort on display. Congratulations to Henderson house who not only won the Carnival, but also the March Past. A big thank you to everyone involved on the day from school staff, school liaison, groundsman, admin, parents and of course the competitors. Results for the Carnivals were as follows:

Senior Carnival

March Past – Henderson

House Points:

1st - Henderson – 1375 points

2nd - Lilley - 1329 points

3rd - Ryan – 1313 points

4th - Meibusch – 1270 points.

There were some great performances during the day and many of them came from our Age Champions. We congratulate them on their success.

Age Champions

	Boys	Girls
8 years	Leo M	Sienna C
9 years	Archer B	Anika D
10 years	Tristan W	Jemima M
11 years	Ryan C	Emma S
12 years	Ethan M	Isabella H

Junior Carnival

Congratulations to the junior school on their performances at the Junior Carnival and the Sports Captains for fulfilling their role so well. It was great to see so many children being active and having fun in the sunshine. It was a very close race for the winning House and the results were as follows:

1st – Meibusch – 122 points

2nd – Lilley – 120 points

3rd – Ryan – 96 points

4th – Henderson – 92 points.

We are looking to replace our House flags and House banners next year and would like to ask our parent body to email us if you have any contacts who could help us with this process. They have served us well over the years but it would be great to start 2018 with some new flags and banners to inspire the children.

Ascot State School Athletics Team

The Ascot athletics team will compete at the City District Athletics Carnival at Bowden Park, Geebung on July 25 & 26. Students who have made selection in the Ascot Team will receive the necessary information and documentation this week. Athletics training will begin this week on the oval. As there are only two weeks until the Carnival we would ask

children to please turn up to these sessions to prepare for their events.

We look forward to hearing about and seeing more great performances from Ascot students in Term 3. Mrs Graham will be on leave for Week 1 but will return to work on Tuesday July 18.

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

VACANCY- SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISORS

A casual position exists for a School Crossing Supervisor at Ascot State School.

The School Crossing Supervisor may be required to work five days per week *in all weather conditions*. The hours of work for the School Crossing Supervisor are 1 hour and 30 minutes a day and comprises 1 hour in the morning and 30 minutes in the afternoon.

Current crossing time: 08:00 – 09:00am and 2:55pm – 3:25pm

The current rate of pay is \$28.89 per hour.

Commencement of work for the successful applicant is dependent on:

- The favourable outcome of a health assessment.
- A Positive Notice Blue Card (you do **not** need to have a blue card to apply for the position)

Closing date for applications: ASAP.

Completed applications should be returned to:

The Principal, Ascot State School, Pringle Street, Ascot.

P&C MEETING NEXT WEEK: WEDNESDAY 19 JULY 7.30PM (STAFF ROOM)

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.

FRIENDS OF MUSIC

The Year 2 Disco proudly supported by Amanda Butler of Butler & Co Estate Agents, is on next Friday 21 July. Please refer to the flyer for more details.

If you are interested in becoming next year's FoM Convenor please join us at the next disco to learn the ropes.

Our discos make up some of the social highlights of the year which the children really look forward to. Friends of Music events help raise valuable funds that support the excellent and highly regarded music program offered at Ascot State School. To find out more about volunteering or becoming next year's FoM Convenor, please email FOM@ascotss.eq.edu.au.

Nathalie S, FoM Convenor

YEAR 2 DISCO: FRIDAY 21 JULY

Doors open: 5.00pm

Disco starts: 5.30pm

Disco finishes: 6.30pm

Ascot State School Hall

Admission: \$12 on entry

Drinks, snacks and glow products will be for sale.

Click on the link below for Year 2 Disco flyer or collect a copy from the Office.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

EKKA Meal Deal

The Tuckshop will be having their EKKA Meal Deal on Tuesday 15 August. Order via Flexischools by Friday 11 August. Due to the sheer volume of orders on the day this will be the only lunch available on the day. Breakfast and morning tea can be ordered as normal.

Woolworths Earn and Learn

From 26 July to 19 September Woolworths is running their Earn and Learn Program. For every \$10.00 spent at Woolworths you will receive a sticker place this on the sticker sheets provided at Woolworths. Fill it up and return the full sticker sheet to the Tuckshop. At the end of the program we will receive learning resource for the school.

TUCKSHOP ROSTERS

Tuckshop - Group 2		Home Bake - Group 2	
Monday 17/7/17	May S, Paola B	Monday 17/7/17	Steph P, May S
Tuesday 18/7/17	Louise A, Melanie B	Tuesday 18/7/17	Jodie R, Karen L
Wednesday 19/7/17	Beth P, Kate F	Wednesday 19/7/17	Kim H, Beth P
Thursday 20/7/17	Marie J, Kerry D, Shellie L	Thursday 20/7/17	Anna Q, Bianca F, Fiona B
Friday 21/7/17	Catherine S-A, Carol B	Friday 21/7/17	Leta D, Joleen H, Natasha S

UNIFORM SHOP

Warm jumpers and girls tights for those chilly days!

V-neck Jumper available to children in Years 4, 5 and 6 – introduced last year.

The \$55.00 poly-cotton jumper comes in sizes 9, 10, 12, 14 & 16, with samples in these sizes available for fitting in the Uniform Shop. Navy – Boys, Red – Girls.



The **Fleece zip up jumper** for Prep right through to Year 6 are still available in all sizes.

Girls red tights are also available to wear with the winter uniform.

Available in sizes 5-6, 7-8, 9-10 and 11-14 years.

All items are available in the Uniform Shop and on Flexischools.

Uniform Shop Trading Hours

Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 8.15-9.30am

Email: Uniformshop@ascotss.eq.edu.au

Phone: 3862 2476

<http://www.flexischools.com.au/>

Your Uniform Shop team

UNIFORM SHOP ROSTER

Monday 17/7/17	Paula S
Wednesday 19/7/17	Tracey M
Thursday 20/7/17	Leigh B

ASCOT BIG DAY OUT 2017: PRELOVED ON PRINGLE

Feeling like you need to declutter? Think of us!! We are accepting any items in good, clean, working condition:

- Books
- Clothes

- Games
- Puzzles
- Sporting goods (including bikes)
- Homewares
- Furniture
- Plastic bags
- Wire coat hangers (lots of these!)

The second hand stall was a huge success last ABDO, so please help us make it even better this year so that we can raise even more funding for our great school.

For queries contact Tanya 0428215773, Renee on 0449644910, or Chiu on 0411888910.

Thanks to Storage King Eagle Farm and PODS for supporting us this year!

SWIM CLUB NEWS

Fundraising at Grill'd during July

This month Ascot Swim Club is fundraising through Grill'd on Racecourse Road. Please visit during July and pop your token in our jar.

Registrations Opening Soon

The new season is fast approaching and we are counting down the weeks until Flexischools will be open for registrations. This season is going to be a great one! Membership numbers will be capped so please ensure you get in quickly.

Our committee have been very busy in the off season developing our new look logo, and merchandising. We have also secured some exciting new club sponsors who will join our returning long term sponsor Ray White Ascot. Watch this space for details...

Committee Members

We are very fortunate to have many of our committee members staying on for another season. Without our parent volunteers the club simply couldn't go on - THANK YOU to our awesome committee!!

It's not too late to get involved.

We are currently advertising for the following three club roles:

1. BBQ Manager
2. Canteen Convenor
3. Data Entry Role.

Please send expressions of interest to swimclub@ascotss.eq.edu.au.

Charles E and Jodie C, Ascot Swim Club

COMMUNITY EDUCATION CLASSES – TERM 3

Please go to the link below for Community Education Classes offered at Ascot State School during Term 3 or collect a copy from the Office.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

St Agatha's Parish Sacramental Program 2017

Sacrament of Confirmation (for all children in Year 3 and above).
Parent Information Evening: 7th August, 7pm or 8th August
7pm at Venue: APAC, St Agatha's School. (N.B. Parents need only attend 1 of these sessions.) Rite of Enrolment: 12/13
August at any of the masses

Mass times: Saturday 5.00pm; Sunday 7.00am, 9.00am &
5.30pm. For further information call Jane Cameron at the
Parish office: 3262 2859 or go onto our website
<http://www.clayfieldparish.org.au/>.