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FROM MELISSA PROVOST-BOYLE: ACTING PRINCIPAL

IPS Ascot School Council The next step in the school forming a School Council is to vote on the draft Constitution. You can vote on the acceptance of the Constitution at a P&C Special Meeting on 20 August.

School Councils drive the involvement of the community in setting the school’s strategic direction and tone as well as endorsing important decisions such as strategic plans and budgets. School Councils contribute to the strategic leadership of the school and act as the bridge between the school and its local community including staff, parents, governments, community groups and local business and industry.

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
- Final date for receipt of nominations: 1 September
- Meeting venue at which the election is to be conducted: Ascot State School in the Staff Room.

This week we start the enrolment interviews for our 2015 Prep students. Every year when the Prep interviews start I think how quickly the year has gone; it feels like we just welcomed our 2014 Prep Students to school. It’s a good time to stop and reflect on the learning journey all of our students have been on; before we know it our children will be in a new year level or starting high school.

Canberra Trip Congratulations to our Year 7/6 students for representing our school in such a responsible and positive way whilst in Canberra. Staff and students had a wonderful time learning about our government system and history whilst having outrageous fun with their friends.

All the best to our Year 6 Debating Team for their next debate on Thursday night.

Enjoy the short week.

Regards

Melissa Provost-Boyle
Acting Principal

BOUQUETS

Thank you 7/6 teachers, Kerri Mills and Sharyn Hadden for accompanying our students to Canberra.

FROM YOUR P&C

Ascot State School P&C supports the school’s philosophy to provide 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 not only focus on academic outcomes but also on the sporting, arts and social well-being of the students, our children.

The P&C’s Health & Wellbeing Committee is a group of volunteer parents who support the Physical Education teachers in organising activities that enhance the sport and physical education opportunities for our students as well as advising of other sporting opportunities through the Digest. Swimathons, Runathons, Golf Days and Parent Information Sessions are also other activities that are offered by this Committee.

As a P&C, we also like to celebrate our achievements. We like to celebrate the successes of our staff and students. Several senior students have gone on to represent their school not only at District level, but onto the next level and been part of a Met North team. To acknowledge these students’ achievements, we will present a P&C Sports Bursary to help off-set the costs associated with representative sport. At the Senior Assembly at 9.00 am on 25 August, there will be a short presentation to the following children at Ascot State School who have represented their school at this level. Mr Pat Gerry, the Health & Wellbeing Chair, will present the cheques to the children. Congratulations!

Michael G - Swimming & Aquathon
Teneille A – Swimming
Ellis M - Rugby Union

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Declan H - Rugby Union
Georgie M – Golf
Moni S - Rugby League
Amelia W – Swimming
Andrew E-S – Soccer
Manuthi H – Swimming
Piper S - Cross Country.

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

P&C Special Meeting next week
Wednesday 20 August 2014 at 7.30 pm
Staff Room (C Block)

Vote on the acceptance of the Constitution

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.

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FROM MRS HADDEN: MIDDLE SCHOOL
YEARS 3-7

I have just returned from the Canberra trip with our Years 6 and 7 students and I have to say that I am a very proud Deputy Principal due to the outstanding behaviour and co-operation I saw from those 108 children. From the airline staff to the guides in Parliament House our students impressed. As we left the final flight the QANTAS staff made a point of seeking me out and describing our students as “respectful, beautifully mannered, engaging and a credit to their school”.

High expectations from both parents and the school allow us to enjoy those moments of feedback.

There are so many wonderful things that we take for granted every day. One of those is the amazing weather we have in Queensland give or take a couple of months during summer! We are thawing out after -7 starts to the day! Just another element that adds to the experience.

A huge thank you to the teachers – Lorraine Clacher, Kristine Atkins, Rochelle Burton, Kate West and to Kerri Mills. A special thank you to Lisa MacPherson who works so hard to organise the trip.

This week we have the pleasure of welcoming Tierney Kennedy who is a practising Mathematics teacher and recognised expert in problem-based teaching. She specialises in diagnosing and fixing misconceptions, leading to rapid growth in understanding. Tierney is known for her incredibly practical approach to dealing with the reality of classroom teaching. She trains numeracy coaches, teachers and curriculum leaders for Education Queensland, the Mathematical Association of SA, the Mathematical Association of WA and numerous other government bodies and organisations. She is the author of over 30 books for teachers, including the acclaimed series, “Back-to-Front Maths”.

Tierney will be working across the school from Prep to Year 7 with classes and teachers. She will then present PD to our staff after school. This is a great opportunity to continue our work in developing our mathematical practice.

Student of the Week: Years 3-7

Next week’s assembly will be presented by 7/6E and will focus on Sportsmanship. The award recognises those children who value fairness when working and playing with their peers. Good sportsmanship is about much more than how you participate, it’s also about the support and encouragement given to others.

Congratulations to the following children who consistently demonstrate the qualities of a good sport.

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CONGRATULATIONS to 1C for being this week’s STAR CLASS. They received this award for “Being Respectful”. They follow the teacher’s instructions, greet others with respect and enthusiasm and help each other when needed.

**Student of the Week: Prep-Year 2**

Week 6: Congratulations these to these children for “Sharing”:

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**Junior Assembly**

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

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I hope everyone has a fantastic week and enjoy the EKKA; don’t eat too many Dagwood Dogs!

**Anita Heinrich, Acting Deputy Principal**

**STUDENTS ACTIVATING SUCCESS**

Ascent State School 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 Years 7/6 students have about Student Learning.

This week and next, please enjoy the wise words of Student Voice from Mrs Clacher’s class:

Believe yourself to have a good mindset.
Sam

Magic doesn’t happen if you try once.
Calliope

To believe in yourself and to achieve you must fail.
Zack

Be successful. Be kind. Be respectful.
Will

Success all depends on the person you are inside. If you are a positive person, a kind person, a person who cares, you are successful. Success is failing but trying again and getting it right. Persevering, reaching for the stars, that is success. Caring, being happy, that is also success.
Mackenzie

Be calm and not negative minded. Be peace makers. Mistakes are blessings in disguise. That is one of the most important things Mrs Clark has taught us.
Harrison

Kindness, respect, positive minds and strategies like using the Wheel by Andrew Martin. To make mistakes are blessings in disguise - you learn from them.
Louis

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Dear Mrs Clark: You are very nice, and make us think twice. When there’s something wrong, you make it right. We shall proceed to succeed.

William

Be in control of what I can. Don’t leave things and think, “this is good enough”. Doing the very best you can is more important. The mark on the report card is not the picture. It is the effort that counts. However, if you have excellent effort you are more likely to be on the road to success. A student with success is someone who fails and tries again until they get it right. Success does not come to you, you have to earn it.

Niamh McG

Warm regards,
The 7/6 Class Teachers, Students and Deanne Clark

P.E. NEWS

CD Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to our relatively small but enthusiastic band of athletes who competed at the District Carnival last week. With our Years 7/6 classes in Canberra we were missing our 12 year olds and some of our 11 year olds but the group we took represented the school very well and made us proud.

Quite a few of the students made it into the finals of the 100m and 800m races and our four relay teams performed really well with two finishing second and another finishing third out of up to 17 teams. This is a great achievement and results from the enthusiasm and effort (mindset) of the individuals involved.

Congratulations to all students who participated as well as to those who have made selection for the City District team: Moni S – High Jump (1st), Discus (2nd), Shot Put (3rd), Long Jump (4th); Stella J - 100m (2nd); Kallum R - 800m (3rd); Annabel F – Long Jump (1st); Flynn R – Shot Put (4th) and Manuthi H – Long Jump – (4th). All these students should have received permission, medical and uniform order forms and they need to be returned by the end of this week. We would like to finish off by saying thank you to those parents and teacher aides who assisted at the Carnival or who delivered/returned our shade cover.

Paul Harris/Alayne Graham

RSPCA CUPCAKE DAY

On Monday, 18 August, EarlyAct will be selling delicious cupcakes and other sweet goodies for a gold coin. All money raised from this event goes towards our cute and cuddly friends. We will have a variety of cupcake flavours and will also cater for gluten intolerant students. Please support this wonderful organisation.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER’S NEWS

Some traditions are worth their weight in gold. For me, the EKKA is a wonderful time of the year. Through the eyes of children, remember the magic of Side Show Alley, the farm animals, crafts, fireworks and the ritual of the show bags. Enjoy your show holiday tomorrow!

At Ascot state school, each year we have traditions that build a rewarding calendar of growth for our children. The Sports (Athletics and Swimming) Carnivals, Art Nights, our brilliant Music Department instrumental and choral programs. A well rounded child supported by Camps, social gatherings with Film Nights and Discos.

Our Senior school children are exposed to the Japanese language through our LOTE teacher, the assembly on Monday morning paid tribute to this discipline.

Thank you again to the Years 7/6 teachers, along with Sharyn Hadden and Kerri Mills, who accompanied our biggest group on the annual Canberra trip last week.

Our Year 5 cohort are off to Ewan Maddock Dam on the Sunshine Coast next week. Follow the prerequisite packing lists. The children will come home with great stories to share.

The P&C Meeting falls next Wednesday evening from 7.30pm. The IPS constitution will be voted on. Our P&C and School have worked very hard to set up a strong infrastructure in a transparent and consultative manner. All are welcome to attend this meeting.

The Prep Disco is on Friday 22 August with doors opening from 4.30pm. Lots of fun to be had. The Chicken Dance is just one of the many activities that puts a big smile on all their little faces.

As always, looking forward to sharing our traditions. Have a great week.

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

BOOK CLUB

Book Club brochures will be sent home with your child this week. The order form/s and payment are to be returned by 9:00 am Thursday 21 August 2014 for processing. Please place the order form(s) and payment type in an envelope marked “Book Club”, with your child’s name and class and give it to your Class Teacher. Please remember to also put your child’s name and class where indicated on the order form. Note that we are not able to accept any cash payments.

When two or more children in your family order books, please make separate payments for each child. That extra step will be very appreciated by the volunteers who process the orders on a class-by-class basis, whereby the value of all the books requested in each class must match the dollar amount on the order slips. Thank you for your co-operation on this matter.
There are two ways to pay for Book Club (NB. Cash is not accepted):

1. Credit Card
   At the bottom of the order form are instructions for credit card payment. This is done directly through Scholastic and, if there are any queries re: credit card transactions, please contact Scholastic. (NB: we only require the 11 digit receipt number on the order form, not your credit card number.)

2. Cheque
   Please make all cheques payable to: Scholastic Australia.

All going well, the Book Club orders will be distributed by mid-September.

Thank you.
Anne, Book Club Coordinator,
bookclub@ascotss.eq.edu.au

FOVAD ART EVENING – FRIDAY 5 SEPTEMBER

Meal Roster

I would like to thank all those lovely Ascot families who have baked, cooked and delivered meals to Andrea, Harry, Tom and Gus over the last five weeks. The Roster will come to an end on 17th August. Each week when I send out the reminders and see the menu (and from Andrea’s comments), I know the family has eaten very well. In fact, Andrea said she won’t need a kitchen in her new house! Andrea is very grateful for all the support she has received from Ascot State School families.

For those who were unable to help out the first time around, if you go the link below, you can register your name. There will be a stash of takeaway containers left in the staffroom for those who would like to volunteer. The link is:

Thanks again for your support. A little kindness goes a long way.

Sarah Comiskey, P&C President

PREP DISCO – FRIDAY 22 AUGUST

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 EKKA Meal Deal was a great success as usual, but could not happen without the wonderful Tuckshop Committee, Julia, Jenny and Jo, with the help of our other parent volunteer, Keiko. We hope that every child who had the EKKA meal enjoyed their show bag.

Kathryn and Yolanda
Tuckshop Convenors

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