FROM MELISSA PROVOST-BOYLE: ACTING PRINCIPAL

Report Cards are distributed electronically. Please note reports will be emailed to the email address that we have on our official school records. These email addresses were recorded on the enrolment form or emails that were updated on the record sheet at the beginning of the 2014 school year. The school does not use the email address you gave to the Class Parent Reps.

If you have changed your email address please email admin@ascotss.eq.edu.au to update school records by Friday 21 November.

Report cards will not be distributed prior to 9 December.

Students leaving for Early Holidays: If your child is taking 10 or more days off school you will need to complete an Exemption from Schooling form from the office.

If students are returning to school after Day 8 2015, we require a letter from parents stating their intentions, even if they are unsure of their return date; otherwise they may lose their enrolment at the school, if they reside outside of the catchment area. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

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. I 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 “scratchie”, shares or a gift voucher.

All gifts that have a value of more than $150.00 must be recorded in DETE’s gift registry.

G20 Summit Public Holiday will be held this Friday 14 November.

Remembrance Day: At Ascot State School we believe in the importance of keeping the memory of our Anzacs alive. On Tuesday we observed a minute silence to remember and continue to honour the brave servicemen and women of Australia.

Lest we forget – Let us remember.

Regards

Melissa Provost-Boyle
Acting Principal

BOUQUETS

Thank you Sarah Comiskey for the work that you’ve put into project managing the refurbishment of the Hall toilets.

Thank you to our P&C for all of your support this year. The November meeting will celebrate the work done and acknowledge parents contribution to the P&C.

FROM YOUR P&C

The P&C continues to be proud to fund the Excellence in Education Teacher Scholarship, currently in its sixth year. The P&C award a $5,000 scholarship each year as it values the teaching profession and this allows teachers to improve and extend their skills in an area of interest in a practical manner.

Some past winners include Lorraine Clacher with particularly pleasing results in the Authors at Ascot program which ran again in February this year. The focus on both reading and writing through this initiative has been fantastic for our children. Lorraine Clacher developed this program based on her successful P&C Teacher Scholarship application in 2012. As a skilled teacher of Writing, Lorraine has utilised her skills and knowledge to skill other teachers and introduced the use of published authors to inspire our students. In 2013 the Scholarship was awarded to Jacki Stafford and Kristine Atkins to advance ICT. The scholarship for 2014 was awarded to Kelly Creedon and Fallon Cappler who focused on Positive Engagement/Classroom Management.

The seventh award and recipients for 2015 are Rochelle Burton, Deanne Clark and Kristine Atkins. They, along with three other teachers, will undertake professional development to attend “Play is the Way” training next year.
Ascot has begun a Student Success and Wellbeing Program with our senior students last year and which this year extended to Year 5 students. This program will increase the school’s knowledge and implementation of social and emotional learning with professional training. “Play is the Way develops the skills of self-awareness, self-management, social awareness and social management. In so doing, it gives primary students and teachers a way to develop improve and successfully embed the domain of Personal and Social Capability, one of the seven General Capabilities described and detailed in the Australian Curriculum.”

Congratulations to Rochelle, Deanne and Kristine on behalf of the P&C. We wish you well in your training in February next year.

On a separate note, I would like to keep the school community informed by letting you know that the application for Principal of Ascot State School is currently being publically advertising and applications close on the 14 November 2014.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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G20 PUBLIC HOLIDAY – 14 NOVEMBER

Parents and families are reminded that Friday 14 November 2014 has been declared a public holiday to ease the impact on the city and help minimise any potential disruptions, and our school will be closed on this day.

Public transport disruption during G20

Travel into and across the city will not be as easy as usual over the G20 long weekend from Friday 14 to Sunday 16 November and in the lead up to the event.

- The South Brisbane train station will be closed from Monday 10 November to Sunday 16 November. Students can use South Bank station as an alternative.
- There will be major bus disruptions from 7.00pm Thursday 13 November to Sunday 16 November, including the closure of busway stations between Royal CH Herston and Woolloongabba stations and many CBD bus stops. If your child commutes to and from the city and surrounding suburbs by bus, he/she should aim to leave the city before 6.00pm Thursday 13 November to avoid disruptions.
- Translink is working to ensure Brisbane’s traffic and public transport network will be operational for the morning peak on Monday 17 November; however, disruptions should be expected as services return to normal after the summit. Buses will operate as normal following their regular routes, however delays and congestion in and around the city should be expected. Students should allow extra time for their journey.

Visit translink.com.au for further details of the public transport changes or visit www.q20.org/community_information/brisbane_locals/traffic_and_transport for more general information on traffic, parking and road closures.

FROM MRS HADDEN: MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS 3-7

Farewell Assembly for Jane Sedgman

In the last week of term the school will assemble to thank Jane for 15 years of outstanding leadership as the Principal of our school. Parents are welcome to join us on the 8 December at 10 am in our school hall. If you have any thoughts which we could share from our parent body, please email me at shadd5@eq.edu.au.

Instrumental Music Evening

This Wednesday evening our Music Department and Music students will present their year’s work for our entertainment. These evenings are always wonderful showcase opportunities for our students. Our thanks to the Music Department and the Class Teachers who support their efforts throughout the year.

Sleep

The importance of sleep for growing children can’t be over-emphasised. During sleep, the higher thinking regions of the brain are less active because information enters the brain during sleep. This is when the brain can devote a greater portion of its energy (metabolism) to organisation and filing the information learned during the day. This brain state is just what is needed to allow recently learned material to be stored in long-term memory. It is crucial for middle school children to sleep for a substantial period of time in order to function at an optimum level during the day. Taking away electronic devices, including television, computers and phones, is an important step to take as the temptation to have one last game or a quick chat with friends can be a great temptation. We parents would just love someone to order a big dose of sleep, wouldn’t
we! Children need sleep in order to have the concentration and energy to complete the year with new knowledge, skills and confidence.

**Graduation**

The Year 6 and 7 Graduation Ceremony will take place on **Wednesday December 10**. Year 6 and 7 parents will receive further information in the coming weeks. The Graduation Disco plans are well under way and the parents are working hard to ensure a great night for the children. The organising committee is working like a well-oiled machine. It is such a significant event for the children and a milestone to remember.

**2015**

As we continue to plan for 2015, please share any information regarding your plans for your child. It is important for our planning to be aware of children leaving the school in 2015. If you will be returning in 2015 at a later starting date please send an email or letter to your child’s current teacher informing them of the date your child will return. This information is essential to the smooth start to the new school year.

**Underwater World**

Our Year 4 students will participate in their first overnight excursion to Underwater World in two weeks. The children experience some fantastic activities at the beach and then sleep in Underwater World complete with creatures of the sea as companions! Thanks to the Year 4 teachers and a group of parents for making the trip possible. I look forward to hearing of their adventures.

Congratulations to 3A who presented a wonderful assembly this week. There will be no Middle School assembly for the next two weeks— the following week will be the final class assembly for the year presented by the Year 4 students on their return from Underwater World. During the last week of term our Graduation assembly occurs and our Farewell Assembly for Jane.

This time of the year is very demanding and exciting for our students as they continue to complete the year’s work and add the end-of-year activities into the mix. Assessment tasks must be completed as well as the daily classroom lessons. Visiting classrooms, I can see a great deal of development in the students throughout the year but one thing never changes at that is the respectful and friendly behaviour of our children. This is a credit to the high standards and shared values of parents and teachers at our school and of course to the children themselves.

Have a great week.

**Sharyn Hadden, Deputy Principal**

**FROM MRS HEINRICH: EARLY YEARS**

**PREP-YEAR 2**

**2015 Book Lists – a reminder**

Kookaburra Educational Resources will again be supplying our student packs for the 2015 School Year. Paper copies of the book lists will be available from the office on request.

**Online Ordering:**

- If you do not have online facilities you may pick up a hard copy order form from the school office.
- A new order must be completed for each student.
- The cut-off date for all orders is **10 December 2014**.
- All student packs will be individually wrapped and delivered to your nominated daytime delivery address prior to the start of the 2015 school year (prior to January 21)
- Orders received after 10 December 2014 will be given a low priority and may not be received prior to the start of the 2015 school year.
- Please ensure your orders are received by the due date.
- All orders are firm sale.

**Instructions for ordering packs on-line**

1. Go to www.kookaburra.com.au
2. Enter username: ASCOT003 and password: studentpack (lower case)
3. Select Student Packs.
4. Select your student’s 2015 year level.
5. Add the quantity next to products required by your child, in the “Quantity” box.
6. When you are satisfied with your selection, click on “Add to Order” at the bottom of the page.
7. Once you are satisfied with your order, click on “Complete Order” at the bottom of this page.
8. Your order will be delivered to your NOMINATED DAYTIME DELIVERY ADDRESS. Please ensure someone will be available to receive the goods at time of delivery or indicate that you would like the delivery left at your front door. You can indicate this in ‘order instructions’ box.
9. Please ensure your child’s details are added to this page before proceeding.
10. Proceed to “Payment Details”.
11. Select your payment method and proceed.
12. Click on “Submit Order”.
13. Fill out all details required to complete your order.
14. A copy of your order will be emailed to you as a receipt and a message similar to “Your order has now been placed with Kookaburra. If you have any queries, please contact their office on 1300 766 997.”

Kookaburra Educational Resources
Phone: 1300 766 997 Fax: 1300 768 997
www.kookaburra.com.au

* Please note: If you supply an email address you will be emailed a copy of your order as a receipt once received.
CONGRATULATIONS to PC for being this week’s STAR CLASS. They received this award for ‘Being Responsible’. Prep C consistently follows instructions, listen attentively and are continuously doing their best work. Congratulations also for a fabulous assembly presentation, it was a very Royal Affair. Excellent work Prep C!

Junior Assembly:
Please note there are no assemblies for the next two weeks due to preparations for the Music nights.

Junior Assembly Schedule for Term 4: Be sure to mark the dates in your calendar.

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Community

National Recycling Week is this week. This week offers a great opportunity for students to understand the effect of their actions on the environment and learn about the benefits of recycling. There are a lot of ideas and information at http://recyclingweek.planetark.org/

Enjoy the G20 public holiday on Friday, 14 November.

Anita Heinrich, Acting Deputy Principal

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 week again, we hear the wise words of Student Voice from Miss West’s class.

To be a great learner you have to believe in yourself. Every role model, or person you know, failed before they succeeded. Keep calm and try again.

Valentine
Believe in Yourself.

Sam
Learning is the key that makes your future.

Isha
Have the right mindset towards your work. Never give up and keep on going.

Ella-Grace
Always use the word ‘yet’.

Ben

It is very important to have a positive and growth mindset. The word ‘yet’ is very strong. It means you can still keep improving.

Ella
Failing is not bad. Failing is a way of learning how to live in life.

Ellene
To improve and learn you need a growth mindset and positive thinking.

Georgia
Always use your growth mindset, keep believing in yourself and someday your dreams will become reality.

Olivia
Everything in learning will help us to succeed in things that we can do in the future and things that we can’t do yet. We can learn and achieve in life with our mindsets. Nothing is an ending. It is always a beginning.

Elessa
You have to fail to get up.

Andrew

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

GLOBAL EARLYACT

The EarlyAct Global Group has had three businesses raising money for Oxfam and altogether we raised $1,050. Over this time we have gained business skills, teamwork and a chance to help people less fortunate than us.

We have decided to spend our money on literacy classes, toys, food hampers, goats, chickens, water, orphan care and other great chances for these people.

Thank you to everyone who supported this great charity.

Chloe Taylor

WAVELL STATE HIGH SCHOOL ORIENTATION DAY MONDAY 8 DECEMBER

Orientation Day for students in Years 7 and 8 in 2015 on Monday 8 December 2014 in Assembly Hall, Telopia Avenue, Wavell Heights at 8.30am for 8.45am start and 3:00pm finish.

Morning tea provided for parents at 10.00am.

Students to bring/wear:
- Primary school uniform
- Notepad and pens
- Morning tea and lunch.

Combined Shop Hours – Monday 8 December

Stationery and Clothing - 1.00–5.30pm

Pre-purchase your requirements prior to Orientation Day. Shop opens Monday–Thursday 8.15–11.15am.

Applications still welcome.

Enrolment enquiries: Sandra Lock. Enrolment Officer on 3350 0328
SCHOOL COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER’S NEWS

It is Week 6 already and we are at the half way mark of this final term.

Excitingly, tonight prepare to be entertained by our bands and ensembles. The Hall doors open at 6.00pm for a 6.30pm start. Thank you to Nicola W and FoM for your support and refreshments. To all the teachers in the Music Department, thank you for your dedication and work with the children. Remember your cameras and video recorders to capture the magic.

Swimathon pledges are due by the end of this week, please pay online via flexischools.

I am looking to finalise numbers for the P&C last meeting of the year on 19 November - dinner at Ruggers from 7.30pm. RSVP to my email. This includes the twenty-four Outstanding Volunteers of 2014 who have been invited.

In Week 9, we have Swimming Carnivals on 3 and 4 December. It is a good idea to get your house sun-shirts and coloured swim caps from the Uniform Shop.

On Tuesday 2 December the Prep Orientation 2015 class announcements will be held in the school Hall from 9.30am. It is a tradition that Year One parents host a small morning tea for those incoming families by way of welcome on that day. An email has gone out to Year 1 Class Parent Reps requesting assistance with this morning tea. Thank you for helping on this day.

In Week 8, Year 4 classes will enjoy their overnight excursion to Underwater World on the Sunshine Coast. For those parents who are supporting the teachers on this adventure: have a ball.

Enjoy this long weekend that the G20 public holiday has afforded us, with no school this Friday.

Many thanks,

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

A note will be sent home with these details but if you missed the note here is the information.

The Concerts will be over two evenings:

Instrumental Music Evening 6.30pm-8.30pm on Wednesday 12 November and the Choral Music Evening 6.30pm-8.00pm on Thursday 20 November.

Instrumental Music Evening

- Senior Band are to sit in the Hall Gallery until required for performance
- Junior Concert Band report to Hall Instrumental Room at 6.00pm for set up/tuning
- Intermediate Band report to Music Room 1 at 6.00pm
- Brass Ensemble report to Music Room 2 at 6.00pm
- Junior Strings report to Music Room 2 at 6.30pm
- Intermediate Strings and Senior Strings report to Music Room 2 at 6.30pm
- Senior Band report to Music Room 1 at 7.30pm.

Choral Music Evening

- Children are to sit in the Hall until required for warm up and performance
- Junior Choir will perform first at 6.30pm. Report to Year 7 Undercroft at 6.15pm.
- Musical performers report to allocated change rooms at 6.00pm
- (Girls to Hall Instrumental Music Room and Boys to Music Room 2)
- Senior Choir and Intermediate Choir report to Year 7 Undercroft at interval.

Students performing in the Concerts are required to wear their full school uniform (Girls – tunic, blouse, long red socks, red ribbon in hair and tie for senior band. Boys – navy shorts, shirt, long grey school socks and tie for senior band. Remember your music and instrument!)

Music Department

NEWS FROM THE P&C HEALTH AND WELLBEING COMMITTEE

Websites for children’s activities: If you are looking for different activities for your children to do, why not peruse some of these websites:


If you know of any other great websites to share with the school community please let me know.

Walk to School Wednesdays. Why not consider introducing your children to Walk to School Wednesdays as a healthy initiative for the community. You can use this as a time to discuss the environmental benefits as well as the health benefits.

Cricket this Friday for G20 Public Holiday. Campbell C has kindly arranged a cricket game for everyone to join in at Oriel Park this Friday. It starts at 11.00am and everyone is welcome. For more information please check the Ascot Grapevine Facebook Page.

Pat Gerry. Co-Ordinator
Email: pandc@ascotss.eq.edu.au

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 9:15-11.00am 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

Dads’ Day Out Sausage Sizzle

The next Dads’ Day Out Sausage Sizzle is at the end of November. Look out for the order in flexischools.

Kathryn and the Tuckshop Committee

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Ascot State School Uniform Shop. The Uniform Shop is located in Block B which is across from the Senior Playground.

Our trading hours for the remainder of 2014 and 2015 are as follows:

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We recommend purchasing your uniforms in November or December 2014 as quantities can be limited to determine and prices needed to be increased to keep up with inflation. January also is a busy time with children who have moved to the area and existing families who need to order uniforms and school accessories.

You can contact the Uniform Shop on 3362 3479 only during opening hours or via email at ascot Uniforms@gmail.com

Kind regards,
Tracy R and Cameron McL, Ascot Swim Club President, swimclub@ascotss.eq.edu.au
0403 387 676/0417 628 032

COMMUNITY NOTICES

G20 cultural celebrations: Make the most of Brisbane’s historic G20 Leaders Summit by taking part in the free G20 cultural celebrations in Brisbane on 24 October-16 November, with a diverse program of free music, dance, circus performances and visual art events.

Community Christmas Carols at Boyd Park Nundah on 14 December 2014: Free activities start at 3:30pm and include: pony rides; rock climbing wall; jumping castle; cookie and card decorating and more. Free fairy floss and sausage sizzle! Carols start at 6:30pm.

Next Swim Club meet will be 21st November 2014.

Cameron and I met with Eagle Junction last week and have set a date for the Ascot Cup being 14 February 2015. Please note this date in your diaries.

Thank you to our sponsors, Ray White Ascot & Dune Outdoor Luxuries, for their ongoing sponsorship of our Swim Club.

Times from last Friday will be sent in the Swim Club Newsletter.

Cameron and I look forward to seeing you all at Swim Club on the 21 November.