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FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

From the Principal

Welcome to a new term and another exciting ten weeks of learning.

This Friday, 15 July, 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 Acting Deputy Principal, Simone Coogan, to the school for Semester 2. Ms Coogan is the Deputy Principal Years 3 to 6. We also welcome to 3A Miss Lakota Andersen and to 4A Mrs Lauren Appleby. We welcome back Mrs Sue Hanslow to 1E. Please make them welcome. There are also some staff on leave. Please welcome Mrs Donna Gurren to 2A replacing Mr Nick Marsh as he travels the world, Mrs Christine Vanderwolf on 2C until the end of this week and Ms Theresa Proberts on 1A until the end of this week. We welcome back Mrs Carmel Flemming as the Teacher Librarian on Wednesdays only and Ms Kristine Atkins and Mrs Jane Kovac as the STEAM teachers on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The safety and wellbeing of each of our students is the highest priority for us at Ascot State School. The issue of parent notification if a child is absent has been raised by parents and on Monday, the report *When a child is missing: Remembering Tialeigh – a report into Queensland's children missing from out-of-home care* was released and the Queensland Government has accepted a recommendation from the Queensland Family and Child Commission that the Department will implement same day notifications advising parents/carers when a child has an unexplained absence from school. I know this will be welcomed by our parent community. Currently, the

Department is establishing student attendance management systems that, when linked with text message systems, will alert parents/carers to the unexplained absence of their child from school. This procedure has not yet been finalised. In the meantime, we will be developing our own response to this recommendation and will advise parents next week of the process to be administered at Ascot State School in the interim.

School Vision and Focus

This term we continue with our focus on improving student outcomes in all learning areas but with a school focus on Reading. Our school coaching program is continuing as is our school support for guided reading.

Within the Arts Curriculum, our Artist in Residence, Anuska de Luca, continues working with the Year 3 and 5 classes and then Prep students in Week 3. Our very popular Art Clubs continue with Years 1 and 2 on Tuesdays lunch; Years 3 and 4 on Wednesdays and Years 5 and 6 on Thursdays. Don't forget to lock in your diary our Art Evening on 9 September. An event not to be missed.

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 Tuesday 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 you are committed and attend rehearsals every week.

Also we commence our Footsteps Dance classes this semester. Prep to Year 2 students start this term and Years 3 to 6 in Term 4. Please note parents will be invoiced for these dance classes on your Term 3 statement.

We also have two educational camps this term with the Year 5 camp at Mapleton next week from Wednesday 20 to Friday 22

Great state. Great opportunity.



July. Then in Week 4 our Year 6 students are off to Canberra from Monday 1 August to Friday 5 August. What a great time to explore our National Capital following the recent election. There will be a Parent Information Session on the Canberra Trip this Thursday, 14 July, in the staff room from 5.30pm.

Parents as Partners Information Session

Parent “Drop In” Session 9.30-10.30am - Monday 18 July (Staff Room)



This term we are moving our fortnightly Parents as Partners Series to Mondays to coincide with our school assemblies. These sessions will be held in the staff room from 9.30-10.30am. Our first session next week will be a *Drop-in Session* to discuss any topics of interest. We are also interested in whether parents would be interested in some night time Parent Sessions to allow working parents to attend. If you are unable to join us next Monday, please forward an email to admin@ascotss.eq.edu.au with your suggestions.

School and Community Partnerships

In July each year the Department of Education and Training seeks parental opinion on all schools. This is called the annual *School Opinion Survey* and it will be conducted from 11-29 July 2016. All families, school staff and a random sample of students will be invited to participate. We encourage all parents/carers to take this opportunity to have your say about what this school does well and how this school can improve. Access details for the *Parent/Caregiver Survey* will be sent home with students this week.

Regards

Gayle Coleman, Principal

From the Deputy Principals

I am delighted to have the opportunity to join the Ascot State School community as acting Deputy Principal. The Deputy Principal role is something that I really enjoy and I have been fortunate to hold this position in two other schools. I am keen to involve myself in the exciting learning that Ascot State School offers to the community. Gayle, the staff and students have been very welcoming and I am looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible in the coming weeks. Here's to a successful and enjoyable Term 3!

Simone Coogan, Years 3-6

This term Ascot State School along with every other school in Australia will collect data on school students with a disability in their school community.

The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability provides Australian schools, parents, education authorities and the community with information about

the number of students with disability in schools, where they are located and the adjustments they receive.

The national data collection on students with disability reinforces the existing obligations that schools have towards students under the Commonwealth Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005. It counts the number of students who are supported under these obligations based on the professional judgement of teachers and their understanding and knowledge of their students.

The national data collection on students with disability acknowledges the work already undertaken in your school to support students with disability. It assists schools to identify and to support students with disability so they can access and participate in education on the same basis as their peers.

Attached to this newsletter is a letter that goes to the parents/guardians of all Australian school students about the process and how your child's information may be included. If you have any questions about this information please contact your child's sector Deputy – P-2 Ms Roxanne Smith or 3-6 Ms Simone Coogan.

Roxanne Smith, Prep-Year 2

From the Heads of Curriculum Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge is an annual state-wide initiative for students. It is not a competition but aims to improve literacy and encourage children to engage in reading for pleasure and learning.



Reading is paramount at Ascot State School and we would love 100% participation. There is still time to record the books that your child reads on their Premier's Reading Challenge form. The Premier's department has created booklists that you may like to use as a guide, but of course they do not have to be adhered to. Thank you for your supporting your child's love of reading.

Academic Mindset Lessons



Part of my role as Head of Curriculum – Personalised Learning involves working with each class and providing specialist lessons in the area of Academic Mindsets. The goal of this wonderful program is for our students to grow their own learning utilising the latest research in neuroscience and mindsets.

Ascot State School's program is based on the work of Dr Carol Dweck, Stanford University and Professor Andrew Martin, UNSW. We focus on the essential components of mindset and neuroscience to enhance engagement and motivation. The table below outlines when your child will participate in these lessons and the unit of study.

Years	Term	Subject
Prep & Year 1	Term 4	Learning Bodies
Year 2	Term 3	Mindful Learning: Mindful Me
Year 3	Term 2	Mindful Learning: I Learn Everywhere
Year 4	Term 4	Mindset Learning: I Can Learn Anything
Year 5 & 6	Term 2 & 3	Growth Mindset: Knowing My Learning

The program includes strands such as learning and the brain, helpful and unhelpful thinking and behaviours, fixed versus growth mindsets, the varied levels of achievement and how students can fully engage with the best of who they are. Teaching motivation, mindsets, achievement and wellbeing is essential for our students, not only for their successful transition throughout this year but also throughout primary school, high school and beyond. It is a privilege to co-ordinate this program and I look forward to working with the Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6 children this term.

Deanne Clark & Rochelle Burton, HoCs

BOUQUETS

A special thank you to Savina Hodges and the cleaners who worked in the holidays and during the election.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Events
Wednesday 13/7/16	State of Origin (Game 3)
Thursday 14/7/16	8.15-9.30am: Uniform Shop 5.30pm: Canberra Trip Parent Information Session (Staff Room)
Friday 15/7/16	6.00-8.00pm: Year 1 & 2 Film Night (Hall)
Monday 18/7/16	8.15am: Uniform Shop 9.00am: Years 3-6 Assembly 9.30-10.30am: Parents as Partners Drop In Session (Staff Room) 10.30am: Prep-Year 2 Assembly Met North Softball
Tuesday 19/7/16	
Wednesday 20/7/16	8.15am: Uniform Shop 9.00am: Student Banking

Date	Events
	Years 3 & 4 Mini Festival (Science, Thinkers, Writers)
Wednesday 20/7/16-Friday 22/7/16	Year 5 Camp to Mapleton

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Star Students

On Monday 18 July the following students will receive an award for *Trying Again and Again*.

Parents and teachers often use time-tested words of encouragement such as, "You can do it!", "Don't give up!" and "Keep going!" A growing body of research suggests that perseverance may even trump innate ability in predicting how successful children will be in life. In a series of landmark studies involving elite performers across diverse fields such as music, sports and medicine, K. Anders Ericsson Ph.D. Professor of Psychology at Florida State University, found that individual achievement was more closely linked to drive, discipline and dedication than to talent. Well done girls and boys on *Trying Again and Again*.

PA	Darcy B, Oliver C	3A	Eloise C, Alex G
PB	Lucy H, Lachlan E	3B	Claudia R, Benjamin M
PC	Cash C, Emily C	3C	Edward E, Carmen D C
PD	Sophie McD, Skylar E	3D	Leeah McC, Charlie L
PE	Kyrah B, Jordan M	3E	Bonnie S, Samuel R
1A	Xavier W, Jordan H	4A	Spencer W, Jake B
1B	Taiga M, Diezel J	4B	Jack W, Tristan W
1C	Alex J, Bella-Rose C-C	4C	Dre T, Tom B
1D	Eamon C, Georgina C	4D	Isabella C, Erem M, Alastair J
1E	Ryan S, Emerson G	4E	Ben D, Emerson P
2A	Annalise H, Matilda H	5A	Scarlet S, Ethan Mc
2B	Ethan A, Amelie J	5B	Mitchell W, Hayley H
2C	Tristan H, Isabel W	5C	Lily A, Violet S
2D	Finn McG, Liam B	6/5	Patrick B, Rhiley V
2E	Senuthi K, Blake W	6A	Nick P, Zac Rowan
		6B	Ellie McG, Charlie T
		6C	Jessica H, Alyce R

MUSIC NEWS

Welcome to Term 3.

All bands and choirs are starting rehearsals this week at their usual times. The Boys Don't Sing Choir is now starting at 8.00am on Friday mornings in the hall.

If there are any changes to Instrumental Lessons the children will be informed. If in doubt please check at the Music Office.

The Senior Band will be given a note concerning Rick Pethick's Morning Tea on Sunday, 24 July. Please return the note ASAP and look at the invitation in this newsletter for more details.

If you have any music enquiries please email Margaret Howard or Debbie Daley or phone the school and ask to be put through to the Music Room.

INVITATION TO MR RICK PETHICK'S MORNING TEA: SUNDAY 24 JULY

Margaret Howard will host a Morning Tea to celebrate and honour the many years of service Rick Pethick has given to Instrumental Music and the Senior Band at Ascot State School. The Morning Tea will be held in the school hall on Massey Street on Sunday, 24 July at 10.00am.

All present and past Ascot instrumentalists and their families are invited to attend. The Senior Band will perform and any past students who still play and would like to join the band are most welcome and should join the rehearsal commencing at 9.00am.

Please let Margaret Howard know if you are attending and or playing and which instrument you will play so we can have a chair and music ready for you.

If you know any other past band members please spread the word. We would like video footage of past bands playing so if you have anything we could show please let us know.

Rick is looking forward to seeing many "old" faces at the Morning Tea. He turned 89 recently and conducted his last Senior Band at Ascot's Graduation last December.

Margaret may be emailed or Ascot State School contact number is 3326 9333 and ask for the Music Department.

**Margaret Howard, mhowa12@eq.edu.au and
Debbie Daley, ddale3@eq.edu.au**

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 State School team placing 2nd at the City District Cross Country and to date this year 18 students being selected in City District teams and 5 students being further selected in Met North teams. Go Ascot!

Ascot Olympics Day - Thursday 1 September

We are having our own special Olympics Day this term to celebrate the Olympics in Rio. Throughout the term and leading up to this day there will be lots of information, activities and preparation to create interest in this great sporting spectacle.

Senior Athletics Carnivals 2016

What a great day with excellent sportsmanship and effort on display. It seems the Henderson team is making a habit of winning in 2016. The other teams will have to be on their toes if they don't want Henderson to make it 3 in a row with the Swimming Carnival at the end of the year.

A big thank you to everyone involved on the day from school staff, school liaison, house captains/Year 6 leaders, groundsman, admin, parents and, of course, the competitors. A special thank you to the parents who assisted Mr Kutzer setting up the tents at 7.00am. Particular thanks to Mr Morris and Mrs Busse who helped on both days. It is greatly appreciated.

Results for the Carnivals were as follows:

SENIOR CARNIVAL

March Past	Meibusch	
House Points	1st Henderson	1233 points
	2nd Ryan	1156 points
	3rd Meibusch	1156 points
	4th Ryan	1053 points

Age Champions

	Boys	Girls
8 years	Oliver B	Mia C
9 years	Ed K	Jemima M
10 years	Max B	Emma S
11 years	Finn C/Tom L/M	Kayla H
12 years	Charlie T	Mary C

JUNIOR CARNIVAL

Congratulations to the junior school on their performances at the Junior Carnival and the sports captains for fulfilling their role so well.

The results were as follows:

1st Lilley	203 points
2nd Meibusch	178 points
3rd Henderson	163 points
4th Ryan	152 points

Ascot State School Athletics Team and Training Timetable

Congratulations to the athletes who have been selected to compete at the City District Primary School Track and Field Championships on Tuesday 26 July and Wednesday 27 July at Maidencombe Street, Geebung. The following students will receive all the necessary information and documentation for this

event in Week 1. All forms must be returned to Mr Harris by the due date.

9 years Boys	Ed K, Kai A, Oliver P, Sam R, Tristan W, Louis M
9 years Girls	Jemima M, Zara D, Gemma N, Portia C, Isla F
10 years Boys	Max B, Jack M, Ryan C, Oliver D, Aiden R, Thomas S, Pedro H, Lachlan W
10 years Girls	Emma S, Mavis M, Grace T, Lily H, Sophia S, Emma B, Lilliana H
11 years Boys	Finn C, Tom L/M, Tana J, Jann B, Rudy D, Liam M, Charlie B, Lachlan Z, Ned B
11 years Girls	Kayla H, Aleah H, Isabella H, Chayse S, Caitlyn H, Amaia P
12 years Boys	Charlie T, Bailey T, Jack W, Ben B, James K, Nick P, Lochy R
12 years Girls	Mary C, Georgia P, Jemima S, Chloe Rose C, Molly R

Athletics training, as detailed below, will begin this week on the oval. As there is only 2 weeks until the Carnival we would ask children to please turn up to these sessions to prepare for their events.

Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays			
11.00–11.25am	800m	9/10/11/12 years	Mr Harris
1.00-1.40pm	High Jump	10/11/12 years	Mr Harris
Tuesdays			
8.10–8.45am	Shot Put	9/10/11/12 years	Mrs Graham
Wednesdays			
1.10–1.40am	Long Jump	9/10/11/12 years	Mrs Graham
Thursdays			
3.00–3.30pm	Discus	10/11/12 years	Mr Harris
Fridays			
12.45–1.00pm	Relay	10/11/12 years	Mr Harris

We look forward to hearing about and seeing more great performances from Ascot State School students in Term 3.

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

QACI OPEN DAY: SATURDAY 23 JULY 1.00-4.00PM

QACI is one of three selective entry State High Schools developing highly capable young people on their preferred academic pathways. At QACI students study the rigorous International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program which incorporates their creative pathway, develops university research skills and enables opportunities for real life industry experience. If you are a clever, creative learner who thrives on working with like-minded people in areas like Music, Theatre, Visual Arts, Design and Film then come along to our Open Day at 61 Musk Avenue Kelvin Grove Urban Village. Register for more information (07) 3377 9366 or visit qaci.eq.edu.au.

FROM YOUR P&C

Welcome back everyone. I hope you are all feeling refreshed and ready for another 10 weeks of school life.

The P&C has a busy term ahead of it - just like the children! Friends of Music (FoM) kick things off with the Film Night for Years 1 & 2 this Friday; Friends of Visual Art & Design (FoVAD) will be busily working towards the Art Evening on the 9 September and of course Swim Club will open registrations at the end of the term. We will also be looking at and voting on which projects we want to fund.



So pop the following dates in your diary – and if you'd like to become a member to have a say in how we spend our funds. If you wish to help out with an event, please let me know.

Friday 15 July	Years 1&2 Film Night
Wednesday 20 July	P&C Meeting
Sunday 24 July	Morning tea to for Rick Pethick
Friday 5 August	Year 5 Year Level Lunch @ Ruggers (book now on Flexischools)
Friday 5 August	Year 1 Disco
Tuesday 9 August	Ekka Meal Deal for Tuckshop
Wednesday 17 August	P&C Meeting
Friday 19 August	Prep Disco
Friday 26 August	Year 2 Disco
Monday 29 August	Swim Club Registrations open
Friday 2 September	Father's Day Stall
Friday 9 September	Art Evening
Wednesday 14 September	P&C Meeting
Friday 16 September	Year 6 Year Level Lunch (book now on Flexischools)

Sarah Comiskey, P&C President,
pandcpresident@ascotss.eq.edu.au

P&C MEETING NEXT WEEK: WEDNESDAY 20 JULY 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.

FRIENDS OF MUSIC

The Years 1 and 2 Film Night proudly supported by Amanda Butler (McGrath Estate Agents) is this Friday. The children had a vote and *Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Road Chip* was the overwhelming favourite. Please refer to the flyer for more details.

To celebrate the many years of service Rick Pethick has dedicated to our school, we are looking for bakers to contribute to his Morning Tea. Since 1977 to 1987 as a member of staff, Rick was a passionate instrumental teacher and band conductor. From 1988 until last year, Mr Pethick generously volunteered his time to return on a weekly basis as one of our band conductors. Please refer to the Music News for more information.

Friends of Music events raise valuable funds that support the excellent and highly regarded music program offered at Ascot State School. To find out more about volunteering, please email FOM@ascotss.eq.edu.au.

Nathalie Smith, FoM Convenor

TUCKSHOP ROSTERS

Tuckshop - Group 2		Home Bake - Group 2	
Monday 18/7/16	Trudy C	Monday 18/7/16	Ruane N, Steph P, Rama T
Tuesday 19/7/16	Louise A, Melanie B, Julie M	Tuesday 19/7/16	Suzie C, Jodie R, Karen L, Julie M
Wednesday 20/7/17	Di F, Fiona H, Kate S	Wednesday 20/7/17	Jane W, Kim H, Beth P, Yocira A
Thursday 21/7/16	Mary J, Kerry D, Susie C	Thursday 21/7/16	Anna Q, Bianca F, Fiona B

Tuckshop - Group 2		Home Bake - Group 2	
Friday 22/7/16	Bella B-H, Catherine S-A, Saoirse C, Carol B	Friday 22/7/16	Deta D, Nikki T, Joleen H, Natasha S

UNIFORM SHOP

We continue to take orders for the new V-neck jumper, open to children in Years 4, 5 & 6. The \$55.00 poly-cotton jumper comes in sizes 10, 12, 14 & 16, with samples in these sizes available for fitting in the Uniform Shop. Some sizes are close to being sold out but will become available again next year. Delivery is expected in Week 2 of this term.



Girls red tights are also available in the Uniform Shop in sizes 5-6, 7-8, 9-10 & 11-14. Worth considering for girls going on the Year 6 trip to Canberra coming up in Week 4!

Items are available in the Uniform Shop and on Flexischools.

Our trading hours are:

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 8.15-9.30am.

We look forward to assisting you!

Uniform Shop Team

UNIFORM SHOP ROSTER

Group 1	
Monday	Mina J
Wednesday	Carla C
Thursday	Adie B

COMMUNITY NOTICES

C&K Ascot Kindergarten Enrolment for 2017 starting 27 June 2016! Enrolment for 2017 kindergarten placement is starting on 27 June 2016 for C&K Ascot Kindergarten. To be considered please complete an online waiting list application at www.candk.asn.au/ascot. We run both a traditional five day fortnight kindergarten program and a two day per week longer day program. We would love to welcome you into our kindergarten community so please apply quickly!

Greater Brisbane Junior Tennis (GBJT) conducts weekly Tennis Fixtures at the Queensland Tennis Centre, Tennyson and The University of Queensland for children up to 18 years of age. Grading day for new players is to be held on Sunday 24 July at the Queensland Tennis Centre, Tennyson from 3.00-5.00pm. Further information is available at www.gbjt.org.au or by phoning Mrs Peta Davis on 3374 0516.

National Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

Dear Parents/Carers,

Collecting data on school students with disability helps teachers, principals and education authorities support the participation of students with disability in schooling on the same basis as students without disability.

All Australian Governments have agreed to work together on the annual collection of data on school students with disability.

All Australian schools participate in this annual data collection.

The data provided to the Australian Government is aggregated data only. Please be reassured that the Department will not provide on to another organisation any data that can identify an individual student. The only data being collected at the school level to be reported nationally is the:

- number of students in the school who are provided with an adjustment to address a disability;
- level of adjustments we provide for those students; and
- broad category of disability.

Consultation with parents is important not only for the data collection but also to ensure you are aware of the adjustments being provided to support your child. We will therefore continue to consult with you.

While only data that cannot identify your child will be submitted outside of the Department, if you do not wish for your child's details to be included, please let me know.

Information and fact sheets are available to help you make a decision from the:

- Department's website:
<http://education.qld.gov.au/curriculum/disability-data-collection.html>
- Australian Government Department of Education website:
<http://education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability>

Alternatively, if you have any queries about the collection or use of this data I encourage you to contact me directly.

Gayle Coleman, Principal, Ascot State School