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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Students and families at Ascot State School have so much for which to be grateful. The Big Day Out exceeded expectations and had a great vibe that showed the value, support and generosity of our parent community. Thank you to all of the sponsors, volunteers and families who gave time and funds to make the Big Day Out the success it was. We truly appreciate the efforts of all members of our school community.

Research on parent and community involvement clearly shows that our students benefit from positive, respectful relationships between home and school. "Research demonstrates that effective schools have high levels of parental and community involvement. This involvement is strongly related to improved student learning, attendance and behaviour ... and can have a major impact on student learning, regardless of the social or cultural background of the family. Family involvement in schools is therefore central to high quality education and is part of the core business of schools."

*The Australian Family-School Partnerships Framework: A guide for schools and families, Family-School and Community Partnerships Bureau, 2008*

This term we farewell one of our much-loved, dedicated teacher aides. Mrs Lisa Petko has worked for nearly ten years at our school and has been transferred to Kelvin Grove State College where her children attend school. We will miss your professionalism, commitment and support of our students. We wish Mrs Petko all the best. Next term we welcome Ms Carrie Schuler to 1A classroom as Mr Kosack is on leave for the first week and returns on Tuesday 10 October. Class teachers, Mr Nick Marsh, Mr John Manning and Ms Lisa MacPherson return in term four also. A big Ascot thank you to our relief teachers who always step up to ensure learning continues in every classroom.

## School Vision and Focus

We are now three quarters of the way through the school year and class teachers have been busy planning their curriculum programs for term four. With ten weeks remaining of the school year, this is an opportunity for each child to consolidate their learning and set their own learning goals for the final term of school.

Our whole school focus remains on the teaching of Reading with teachers carefully monitoring the improvement of every child in every classroom every day. I hope all parents make the time to attend the Celebrations of Learning where your child will articulate their learning progress and share their works from term three. Times and dates are:

- Year 1** – Thursday 2.30 to 3.00pm
- Year 2** – Thursday 2.30 to 3.00pm
- Year 3** – Wednesday 9 to 9.30 am
- Year 4** – Wednesday 8.30 to 9.00am
- Year 5** – Friday 8.30 to 9.00am
- Year 6** – Wednesday 2.00 to 3.00pm.

Swimming also returns as part of our Health and Physical Education Program in term four. Teachers will let students know their days for swimming later this week. Please ensure all children's belongings are clearly labelled. Prep students commence swimming for the first time this year.

Gala Days for students in Years 4, 5 and 6 also commence in week one of term four on Friday 6 October. Please ensure your child knows which sport they have registered for and that payment has been made to the school. Gala Days occur for the first three Fridays.

## School and Community Partnerships

Please remember there is a P&C meeting this Wednesday at 7.30pm in the staff room. It will be a wonderful opportunity to thank our P&C for their efforts for the Big Day Out and to reflect on the successes of the day. This is also the meeting

where the proposals for funding for 2017-2018 are put forward. I encourage parents to join us.

Have a great week.

Regards



**Gayle Coleman, Principal**

## PREP IN 2018

We are currently accepting enrolments for the 2018 school year. Enrolment packages can be collected from our office. On receipt of a completed enrolment form we then book a Prep interview for you and your child. These interviews enable us to collect any additional information about your child that is not contained in the written documentation.

Transition days for the 2018 Preps are on Wednesday November 1 or Thursday November 2 from 9.30-10.45am. At this time students will transition to their classrooms with their teachers for the 2018 school year. Any additional information can be obtained by contacting the Early Years Deputy Principal Roxanne Smith on [rsmit310@eq.edu.au](mailto:rsmit310@eq.edu.au).

**Roxanne Smith, (Prep-Year 2)**

## BOUQUETS



major sponsor.

To the numerous families and businesses who sponsored the Big Day Out and to the parents who volunteered in any capacity. I would particularly like to acknowledge the generous donation of the helicopter to promote the Big Day Out from Avcair, our

## UPCOMING EVENTS

WEEK 10	EVENTS
<b>Wednesday 13/9/17</b>	8.15-9.30am: Uniform Shop 8.30am: Year 4 Celebration of Learning 9.00am: Student Banking 9.00am: Year 3 Celebration of Learning Geography Excursion (5B) 2.00-3.00pm: Year 6 Celebration of Learning 7.30pm: P&C Meeting (Staff Room)
<b>Thursday 14/9/17</b>	8.15-9.30am: Uniform Shop 9.30am-11.00am: Welcome Group (White Jam Café) Geography Excursion (5/4) 2.30-3.00pm Year 1 Celebration of Learning

WEEK 10	EVENTS
<b>Friday 15/9/17</b>	8.30-9.00am: Year 5 Celebration of Learning Last Day of Term 3 Free Dress Day Swim Club Registrations close
<b>HOLIDAYS</b> Saturday 16/9/17-Monday 2/10/17 inclusive	

WEEK 1	EVENTS
<b>Monday 2/10/17</b>	Queen's Birthday Holiday
<b>Tuesday 3/10/17</b>	First Day of Term 4 Swimming starts
<b>Wednesday 4/10/17</b>	8.15-9.30am: Uniform Shop 9.00am: Student Banking

## LIBRARY NEWS

Over the holidays we are upgrading our Oliver System, which is the software we use for managing our library and curriculum resources throughout the whole school. One of the many exciting benefits for students, will be that this upgrade will mean that Oliver can be accessed from any desktop or tablet device. This will allow students to be able to browse, place holds, manage current books on loan and check their overdue books from school, as well as from home at any time.

For this upgrade to occur, we have had to unfortunately close our borrowing to students before the holidays. Wednesday is our last borrowing day for Term 3. We have encouraged students who borrow on either Thursday or Friday with their classes, to borrow before school, at morning tea or lunchtime this week. Don't forget the services of our local Brisbane City Council libraries over the holidays as well. All City Council libraries offer a range of holiday events that your children may be interested in. A sample of some of the events on offer at the **Hamilton Library** are listed below.

<https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/whats-on/venue/library-events>

### Saturday, 16 September | 9:30-10:30am



#### Roald Dahl Day

September is the month Roald Dahl was born, and Brisbane libraries are celebrating! Join the fun with games and activities based on some of this much loved author's most famous books. Ideal for children aged 6-11 years. Bookings essential.

### Saturday, 16 September | 2:30-4pm



#### Maker space

Drop into the library to get creative with block building, free art and craft activities.

New projects will be available each week. Ideal for children aged 2-10 years and their carers.

## Tuesday, 19 September | 11am–12pm



### Drop in and meet NAO

NAO robot is visiting the library and looking forward to meeting you. See how this amazing humanoid robot can sense its environment and interact with people using surprisingly lifelike gestures and movement. Ideal for all ages. Drop in anytime between the listed times.

A BNEtechkids workshop.

## Friday, 22 September | 1–4pm



### Board game fun

Have fun playing board games at the library. Bring your friends and family or meet new game partners to share in the fun. Ideal for

all ages.

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following students who received an Award at Assembly on Monday:

PA	Pippa C	3A	Olivia M
PB	Elliott M	3B	Teliah C
PC	Hayden P	3C	Lauren B
PD	India D	3D	Hamish M
PE	Bella M	3E	Sam S
1A	Alexander K	4A	Tom C
1B	Josh L	4B	Iliana A
1C	Sophie M	4C	Jake H
1D	Sean M	4D	Gigi B
1E	Hugo B	5/4	Kobe E
1F	Nellie C	5A	Paige J
2A	Ben A	5B	Riley H
2B	Emily N	5C	Alex L, Dugald W
2C	Josh G	6A	Cara B
2D	Samara A	6B	Caitlyn H
2E	Natchanont P	6C	Spencer M

## GOLDEN TICKET AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who were great citizens in the playground and acknowledged on assembly:

Levi S (1A)	Amelie B (3A) x 2
Matthew R (1B)	Hayden S (3E)
Zara B (1E)	Freddy H (3A)
Sebastian L (2E)	

## MUSIC NEWS

A special thank you to the Ascot children who gave up their time to perform at the Big Day Out and to their parents for supporting them. Also, I would like to acknowledge the people who helped carry chairs and music stands to and from from the stage. Well done to one and all.

This week all rehearsals are back to normal except for the Junior Band.

NO JUNIOR BAND REHEARSAL THIS FRIDAY.

The Music Department is now looking to term 4 and the end of year concerts. It is essential your child attends rehearsals so they are fully prepared for their performances. Please check the dates for various concerts and engagements on the school calendar.

I wish you all a happy restful holiday.

If you have any concerns or questions please email or ask at the Music Office.

**Debbie Daley**, ddale3@eq.edu.au  
**Rachael Doucet**, rdouc1@eq.edu.au  
**Kylie Moorhouse**, kmoor31@eq.edu.au  
**Mark Boughen**, mboug8@eq.edu.au  
**Connie Lien**, clien1@eq.edu.au  
**Lois Pagano**, lepago0@eq.edu.au  
**Christy Dykes**, cadykes@me.com

## P.E. NEWS

### Summer Gala Days Term 4: 7, 13, 20 October

Next term on Friday of Week 1, 2 and 3, Year 4–6 children will participate in Gala Sport days from 9:30am–2:30pm. Children need to return their permission note which must be returned, along with payment, by Friday 15 September (last day of term 3).

Children will be travelling by bus to the following venues:

<b>Boys touch</b>	JRLFC Gibson Park, Stafford
<b>Girls touch</b>	Shaw Rd, Woolloowin
<b>T20 cricket</b>	Norths cricket Shaw Rd, Woolloowin
<b>AFL</b>	O'Callaghan Park, Zillmere
<b>Baseball</b>	Hendra All Stars, Bannister Park, Hendra

<b>Flipperball</b>	Week 1: Wilston pool (9:30 – 11:45), Eagle Junction pool (12:15 – 2:30) Week 2 & 3 Ascot pool (no travel)
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## Swimming - Term 4

In Term 4 all year levels will have at least one swimming lesson, including our Prep students. To participate in swimming lessons children will need to wear togs, sunshirt and a cap and all classes need to have one parent volunteer in the stands to act as a spotter. With Prep and Year 1 classes we also ask for some parent volunteers to assist us in the water with the safety ratio designated as 1 adult to 10 children. When the Term 4 timetable has been finalised teachers will notify you of swimming times and we would appreciate if you could advise of your availability to volunteer. Many hands make light work and children think it is special when Mum and/or Dad come to help.

## Information Noticeboard: Holiday Clinics/Sports Events

Please check the noticeboard under the Office building for information on September netball and cricket holiday clinics and information on other sporting events.

We wish all our Ascot families a wonderful holiday.

**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**

## FREE DRESS DAY: FRIDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

This Friday 15 September is the last day of term and a Free Dress Day.

Please send along a gold coin donation to assist the Student Council in achieving their Legacy Gift goal this year. The usual free dress clothing requirements apply.

## KEDRON STATE HIGH SCHOOL



## REMINDER: P&C MEETING TONIGHT 7.30PM (STAFF ROOM)

## FoVAD NEWS

FoVAD is looking forward to an exciting fourth term.

### FoVAD events coming up:

- Lunch Time Art Club with our Artist in Residence continues for five weeks in Term 4, from Week 2. Years 1, 2 and 3 on Tuesdays and Years 4, 5 and 6 on Wednesdays.
- The 63 Café Christmas Cup Competition will be on again straight after the holidays – a huge success last year. More in the first Digest in Term 4.
- The Year 6 Art Seniors will be engaging in a Brisbane City Council (Artforce) public art project. They will be painting a Traffic Signal Box on the corner of Kent Street on Racecourse Road. Design and planning are done. We just have to have the box prepared and then it is time to paint. Art Seniors' mothers will also be invited to be involved in the painting. Further details next term.
- The three beautiful Year 6 Collaborative Art pieces (one created by each class) will be auctioned at the Year 6 Parent Lunch at Ruggers on Friday 3 November. Anyone at all (not just Year 6 parents) can place a pre-bid on the pieces, which will be featured in future Digests and on display in the office next term. FoVAD will also take phone bids from any parents or members of the public before and during the auction at Ruggers on Friday 3 November. Book your tickets on Flexischools now!!
- Anuska De Luca's hugely popular After-School Art Club resumes in Term 4 on 10 October (Week 2). Years 1, 2 and 3 on Tuesdays 3.15–4.30pm and Years 4, 5 and 6 on Wednesdays 3.15–4.30pm. These are private fee-based art workshops (\$18.50 per class) conducted in the school's Art Room. Places are limited, so please call Anuska on 0457 474 793 or email [anuskadeluca@gmail.com](mailto:anuskadeluca@gmail.com) if you wish to book a place for your child. A flyer is attached.

**Katrina M, FoVAD Convenor**

## TUCKSHOP ROSTERS

Tuckshop - Group 1		Home Bake - Group 1	
Monday 2/10/17	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY	Monday 2/10/17	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY
Tuesday 3/10/17	Kim H	Tuesday 3/10/17	Louise A, Leanne N, Russell C

Tuckshop - Group 1		Home Bake - Group 1	
Wednesday 4/10/17	Alison L, Michelle A, Katie H	Wednesday 4/10/17	Alison L, Priyanka
Thursday 5/10/17	Natasha J, Emma-Jane V, Carleen W	Thursday 5/10/17	Kristin H
Friday 6/10/17	Kristin H, Cassandra T. Julie M	Friday 6/10/17	Angela B, Jodie A, Julie M

## UNIFORM SHOP

Get ready for swimming in Term 4 with this ideal swim wear package  
Only \$100 - Great value with a savings of \$27



- Sun safe, long sleeve house rashie
- Water proof swim bag
- Lycra house colour swim cap
- Ascot state school microfibre quick drying towel
- Unisex shorts.

### Everything you need for school swimming

Visit the uniform shop or order by phone 38622476 during opening hours: Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursday 8.15 to 9.30am or email [uniformshop@ascotss.eq.edu.au](mailto:uniformshop@ascotss.eq.edu.au).

Flexischools orders are not available.

### Extended Hours for Term 4

The Uniform Shop will be open for extended hours for Week 1 only of term 4 from Tuesday through to Friday from 8.15am to 9.30am.

### Girls Summer Uniforms

Girls from Year 1 to Year 6 will change back into their summer uniforms for Term 4. We are fully stocked in all sizes. All items are available on Flexischools or visit our friendly Uniform Shop team.

As our children change back into their summer uniforms again for Term 4, please consider donating any uniforms that they may have grown out of back to the Uniform Shop. All profits made go directly back into our school community to benefit all our children.

## Uniform Shop hours

Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays 8.15-9.30am

Phone: 3862 2476

Email: [uniformshop@ascotss.eq.edu.au](mailto:uniformshop@ascotss.eq.edu.au)

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

We look forward to assisting you.

### The Uniform Shop Team

## UNIFORM SHOP ROSTER

Monday 2/10/17	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY
Tuesday 3/10/17	Paula S
Wednesday 4/10/17	Karen K
Thursday 5/10/17	Anita G, Louise M
Friday 6/10/17	Karen K

## SWIM CLUB

### Registration still open!

This season is going to be a great one! New members are welcome so please tell your friends to register on Flexischools. Our first Club Night is set for Friday 6 October 5:45pm sharp. Gates will open at 5:30pm.



### Collection Day Wednesday 4 October 8:30am

Please note welcome bags, swim caps, Club t-shirts and swimwear are to be collected prior to our first Club night. Collection day is Wednesday 4 October 8:30-9:30am.

### Rosters

Volunteers available to help on 6 October, please email Angela [angela@bbcapital.com.au](mailto:angela@bbcapital.com.au) or text 0407 480 844.

Thanks in advance to all our families for being on our rosters. We are a volunteer run Club and we couldn't continue without our awesome parent helpers.

### New Committee Members Welcome

We are currently looking for a BBQ Manager – join our team!

Email Jodie or Charles, [swimclub@ascotss.eq.edu.au](mailto:swimclub@ascotss.eq.edu.au)

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

Want to know how fast your child is? Want your child to run faster? The **Ascot Little Accelerators Program** will continue in Term 4 2017. From Monday 9 October to the 7 December 2017. Little Accelerators sessions are Monday and Friday

mornings on the Oval from 7:45am till 8:30am. These Little Accelerators sessions will include: stability, flexibility, footspeed, strength, agility and anaerobic fitness. These sessions will increase your child's speed! It is \$198 for 18 sessions and \$117 for 9 sessions. You will also receive a discount up to \$5.00 if two or more children enrol together. For more information and to register please go to this link: [http://www.accelerationesp.com/accelerationesp/little\\_accelerators.cfm](http://www.accelerationesp.com/accelerationesp/little_accelerators.cfm)

**Brisbane North Tennis Academy Holiday Tennis Clinics (18-22 and 25-29 September).** Tennis clinics will be run during both weeks of the September school holidays (Mondays-Fridays) at the Reeve Street tennis courts in Clayfield. Clinic times vary according to student age (4 years and up), so please visit [www.bnta.com.au](http://www.bnta.com.au) for further information and to enrol your child in the upcoming clinics. We look forward to seeing some new and familiar faces during the holiday break.

### **Term 4 Tennis Coaching Enrolments Now Open**

Brisbane North Tennis Academy offers tennis coaching for tiny tot students (4yrs) through to adults. Players can choose from classes, private tuition and the option to form your own group. Coaching is conducted seven days per week (Mondays-Sundays). For a full list of available classes and costs please visit [www.bnta.com.au](http://www.bnta.com.au). Mid-week ladies groups will continue Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9.30-10.30am, with a mixed adult class conducted on Sundays from 9.00-10.00am.

All classes conducted at the Ascot State School tennis courts located in Reeve Street, Clayfield.

### **Invitation to September National Karate Academies**

**Grading:** I am Dai Sempai Hamish James, the Senior Instructor of National Karate Academies Ascot Club. I would like to invite you to the September and final Grading of 2017 of our 1st Queensland Club in Australia on September 16, 2017. We are happy to announce that we now have 57 clubs in Australia. We already met once when I came to ask for permission to build the club in Ascot and thank you for your cooperation in that matter. The function is to be held at Ascot State School Hall at 9.00am. The function includes demonstrations from our Seniors Instructors and the club's juniors and senior members will then perform grading requirements. Tea and coffee will be served after presentation of the students next levels. It will be our honour if you can grace our occasion with your presence. The function starts at 9.00am so kindly come to the function on time as there are many demonstrations that you do not want to miss. Please allow National Karate Academies Ascot to record a word of thanks in welcoming us to Ascot State School. We look forward to a favourable response from you. Thank you. Dai Sempai Hamish James 0439 717 483.

**Virginia United FC A-Side** starting October 10 and 11. Get out and play with your mates. Register now at [virginiaunitedfc.com.au](http://virginiaunitedfc.com.au). Mini-roo Tuesday Competition: Kick of times 4.30, 5.15, 6.0, 6.45pm – age categories U6/7, U8/9, U10/1. Youth Wednesday Competition. Kick of times 5.00, 5.45, 6.30pm – age categories U12/13, U14-U16. Two fixtures per night - \$90 per player. 5 week comp., 40 minute games.

**Football Star Academy** will be holding a school holiday clinic at Earnshaw College, starting Tuesday 19 till Wednesday 21

September. 5-7-year olds will be 9am-12pm and 8-12 year olds are 12:30-3:30pm. Cost is \$40 per day and you can register online at [footballstaracademy.com.au](http://footballstaracademy.com.au) or call Dave on 0448249335. You can also book for Term 4 clinics for Ascot State School, which are held every Tuesday on the oval from Tuesday 10 October till the end of term.