I hope all mothers were spoilt for Mother’s Day! Thank you to Melissa J and Kylie T for organising the Mother’s Day Stall and to the mothers who volunteered their time to sell gifts. The children really enjoyed picking something special for their very special mothers.

Last week, I attended a Mothers’ Morning in Prep A. Mothers were treated to crazy hair, hand massages, storytelling, puzzles and my personal favourite … the nail bar. A special thank you to Isla who gave me crazy hair with the purple and yellow pipe cleaners and did a beautiful job painting my nails. We couldn’t decide on one colour so we used five different colours!

Such a special morning in Prep A.

You may recall last term I received a letter from Arthur Rosbrook, a 91 year old former student, who sent the school a poem about his school days. Three students from 3E, Mr Sayer’s class, wrote back to Mr Rosbrook. Last week, Ella S, Katie R and Camden M received individual letters from Mr Rosbrook. What a lovely connection these students have made, no doubt making a 91 year old man very happy.

This week our Years 3, 5 and 7 students will sit NAPLAN tests in Reading, Writing, Spelling and Language Conventions and Numeracy. Our students are well prepared for NAPLAN, this preparation started in Prep through to Year 3 and onto Year 7 through a quality rigorous curriculum.

Parents of students in Years 3, 5 and 7, all of the work has been done. Support your child through a good night’s sleep and a decent breakfast on the mornings of the tests. Remember … help children to focus on doing their best and trying hard.

Friday Forum Focus

16 May - School Councils. If you have knowledge of/are on/ have been on a school council we would welcome your suggestions.

I’m happy to receive suggestions that I’ll share at the forum on your behalf, alternatively you may wish to email IPS questions/suggestions to ips@ascotss.eq.edu.au .

2015 Prep Enrolment: If you are residing in the catchment area or have a sibling of a Prep age child for 2015 and you wish to enrol them in Prep 2015, can you please call into the office to collect an enrolment form.

Have a great week everyone.

Regards

Melissa Provost-Boyle
Acting Principal
BOUQUETS
Thank you to Mel J and Kylie T for organising the 2014 Mothers’ Day Stall; what a wonderful service for children and parents.
Thank you to our FoVAD volunteers for organising the FoVAD poster competition. I’ve seen some of the entries; the judges are going to have tough time deciding on the winners.

FROM YOUR P&C
Without volunteers there would be no P&C, so with Volunteer Week celebrated across the nation from 12-18 May, this is the week that I’d like to take the opportunity to say “thank you” to the parents & friends of Ascot State School who help out in our school every single day. Your contributions undoubtedly make a big difference to our school.
So thank you to those parents & carers who give up their time for free to help with the following activities that make Ascot such a fantastic school:

- Class reading & other class activities
- Tuckshop & home bake
- discos, movie nights and musical evenings
- Art classes, Art Week and Art evenings
- Swim club & parents who oversee swimming lessons
- Uniform shop fittings and service
- Welcoming new families
- Overseeing building projects at the school
- Assisting with Physical Education classes and other sporting days
- Class parent representatives
- P&C Executive team and members.

And also a special thanks to those teachers who also go ‘above and beyond’ by giving up their lunch hours to coach debating, chess, Robotics, EarlyAct, cross country training, Friends program, Optiminds and of course band & choir practices.
So this week, if you are up at the school, please make a point of saying ‘thank you’ to someone you know who helps out. If you don’t get up to the classroom, send them an email or there is so much to be said for receiving a handwritten note. And please, feel free to send me an email singing their praises. There is so much to be said for the simple acknowledgement of a “thank you”.

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

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P&C Meeting next Wednesday 21 May
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.

FROM MRS HADDEN: MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS 3-7
I hope all the mums had a wonderful day on Sunday.

A big thank you to the amazing Mums who helped with our Mother’s Day Stall last week. It was great to see the children carefully choosing gifts with the help of those very patient ladies.

NAPLAN
The Years 3, 5 & 7 children have been confidently completing the NAPLAN tests this week. We wish them well and congratulate them on their efforts to prepare for the tests.

Lace up for Walk Safely to School Day
Parents and children are encouraged to lace up their shoes and take part in Walk Safely to School Day on Friday 23 May.
An initiative of the Pedestrian Council of Australia, the annual, national event encourages parents and children to build regular walking into their daily routine. We’re asking our parents and students to get up early on Walk Safely to School Day and join thousands of other Australians walking all or part of the way to school.
For those who live too far to walk, why not try parking the car a few blocks away and walking the rest of the way with your child?
Now in its fourteenth year, Walk Safely to School Day promotes the important message that Active Kids are Healthy Kids. Regular walking makes you feel better, is good for the environment and reduces traffic congestion around the school.

Maths Parent Workshop

Last week Angela Moore and I presented a Maths Workshop for a large group of parents and they must be congratulated for their hands-on work with problem solving challenges. It was a practical way to “feel” how a child does when faced with a new challenge. It was great to have such an interactive meeting – thank you for attending. We look forward to sharing strategies and tips to once again strengthen the home-school bond.

To access the resources and information from last Tuesday’s Maths PD please go to the school website. They can be found by clicking the Parent Information tab and then Parent Workshops tab. All information should be updated and uploaded this week.

Assembly

Congratulations to our Year 4C children who creatively presented an assembly based on perseverance and the ability to finish what you start. Well done 4C for an entertaining performance.

Student of the Week Years 3-7

Next week’s assembly will be presented by 4D and the award will be for “Observing Timeframes”.

The need to observe and commit to timeframes becomes more relevant as learners mature. Those who can learn to complete tasks within time limits develop confidence in their own abilities and thrive when opportunities to learn independently are presented.

Congratulations to the following students:

| Year 3A | Thomas S | Pollyanna P | Year 5/4 | Marielle S | Wesley B | Samuel T |
| Year 3B | Georgina M | Violet S | Year 5A | Robbie F | Gus D |
| Year 3C | Emma S | Lachlan K | Year 5B | Jackson H | Joshua G |
| Year 3D | Jack M | Kirsten G | Year 5C | Natasha H | Will M |
| Year 3E | Will T | Sienna T | Year 7/6A | Gabi D | Poppy M |
| Year 4A | Henry Z | Kayla H | Year 7/6B | Reagan L | Yasmin I |
| Year 4B | Henry G | Bridget M | Year 7/6C | Hannah W | Niamh B |
| Year 4C | Antoinette E | | Year 7/6D | Lucia M |
Prep B  Clara B  Year 1E  Niklas D  
Ruby B  Taylor B 
Prep C  Issei S  Year 2A  Talan S  
Leo B  Alastair J 
Prep D  Harry M  Year 2B  Ailce S  
Annabelle R  Fergus P 
Prep E  Teliah C, Lachlan C  Year 2C  Imogen S  
Year 1A  Eliza M  Year 2D  Baryal M  
Isabelle M  Lleaf M 
Year 1B  Charlie L  Year 2E  Olivia G  
Oliver P  Dre T 
Year 1C  Annabelle B  Year 2F  Harrison C  
Jackson D  Roman T  

**Junior Assembly:** Junior Assembly Schedule for Term 2 – Be sure to mark the dates in your calendar. Parents and Grandparents are welcome to attend.

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Have a great week,

**Anita**

**P.E. NEWS**

**District Trials**

Congratulations to all of our students who ran in the District Cross Country event. Three of our students have made it through to the Regional event. Well done to Nick P (2nd), Piper S (2nd) and Joshua F (5th) and we wish you well at the next event.

**Perceptual Motor Program (Preps/Year 1)**

The Perceptual Motor Program started in week 3 (Year 1 Monday/Preps Tuesday) and continues until Week 8. We need adults to assist with the program so if you haven’t already volunteered to help can you please add your name to the roster at your child’s classroom. Unfortunately one class had no parent helpers on Monday and missed out on the planned activities.

**Alternate Gala Sports Program (Years 5-7)**

Students participated in their first activity last week, developing skills and competing against another House. It was great to hear feedback from the teachers as to how much the children enjoyed participating in some of our new sports. At each activity students can earn points for their house. After the first week the results are as follows:

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Don’t worry if your House score isn’t very high yet because there are more opportunities at some of the sports (Ten Pin Bowling and Table Tennis) to earn higher points because of the number of games played. Good luck for this Friday.

**Paul Harris/Alayne Graham**

**EARLY ACT GLOBAL GROUP– TERM 2 PROJECT**

**COLLECTING GOODS FOR A YOUTH CENTRE IN CAMBODIA**

The Ascot State School Early Act Global Group would like to ask our school community for donations of the following items. These items will be transported and used by the Cambodian Children’s Trust (CCT) Youth Centre in Battambang, Cambodia.

CCT’s Youth Centre supports children from the local slums by providing food, health care and education. It also incorporates a kindergarten as there is no preschool available to children in Cambodia. Children from the slums in Cambodia are often left with the responsibility of their younger siblings who are not yet school age, which means that they too are not able to attend school. The Youth Centre provides access to literacy and numeracy classes, computer skills programs, Ethics and Critical Thinking classes, as well as various cultural activities. All school aged children at the Youth Centre are enrolled in their local public school. CCT pays their school fees. CCT then provides scholarships to the high achievers to attend Pannasasatra International School. We also provide scholarships to high achieving primary school, high school and university students.

“The kids here at the Youth Centre desperately need clothes particularly the boys as they literally have rags, some of them. It doesn’t matter what sizes they are, as there are 100 or more kids of all shapes and sizes. Shoes, underwear (new) are also needed. Donations of games of any description such as puzzles, sticker books (just anything educational and fun), as these kids have nothing and they don’t have much fun at all with their learning. Also coloured pencils, books - reading books of any level as the kids do not have any and they are desperate to learn English”.

We are currently investigating the best and cheapest way to transport these goods to Cambodia. Australia Post will transport ($160 for 10 kgs. – Airmail). We would like to know if any of our Ascot families, know a cheaper way to transport
our donations. Please contact Kristine Atkins (Year 7/6 teacher) katki9@eq.edu.au if you can help in this regards.

Donations can be delivered to 7/6D’s classroom over the next three weeks. We would like to transport our donations on Friday 30 May.

Thank you in advance for your charitable assistance. Your donations are certainly going to a good cause.

Year 4-7 Early Act Group – Global Committee

EARLY ACT – COLLECTION FOR HOMELESS CONNECT

This week, the members of Early Act, community group, are running a collection for Homeless Connect. Homeless Connect provides a unique opportunity for us to help people experiencing homelessness. We are asking families to bring in to school non-perishable food items and shampoo and conditioners.

Each day up until Friday 16 May, Early Act members will be coming around to classrooms, collecting the items families donate.

This is the 4th year Early Act has run this collection. In previous years, we have collected an amazing amount of items with lots of people supporting the cause and we would love to see the same result this year.

Homeless Connect provides homeless people with a step on the path out of homelessness, so let’s get behind this organisation and help those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

Chloe Bew 7/6B

WAVELL STATE HIGH SCHOOL OPEN DAY

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Open Day Information Afternoon
Sunday 18 May 2014
2:00pm – 4:30pm
Assembly Hall
Telopia Avenue, Wavell Heights
Organised Guided Tours of the School
An Address by the Principal
Opportunities to meet Teachers and Students
Afternoon Tea
Parents and Students of any year level are most welcome to attend.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER’S NEWS

Friday morning saw a swift trade with our children choosing something very special for their Mums. I hope all the Mums had a truly lovely day.

Thanks to Melissa J and Kylie T for the hard work behind this year’s Mothers’ Day Stall.

Sarah C, our P&C President, has perfectly highlighted the importance of the many volunteer roles in our school community and the gratitude we feel towards the many who step up to make this school as wonderful as it is. Again, thank you.

Our next P&C Meeting falls on Wednesday 21 May 21 at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

As you know, Art Week is running over four days from Mon 19 May – Thursday 22 May.

Your valuable time and assistance is required to help run the fabulous activities FoVAD have planned for the children. No artistic talent is required.

At present volunteers are very short for Prep and Years 5, 6 and 7 so please, if you are available during this week, could you email Karen K on karenkose@hotmail.com advising her what day/s and year level you would like to help out in. Without you we cannot achieve all the wonderful activities planned. Time required to be at school is 12.30pm – 2.00pm. Always meeting in the Art Room (just off the Prep playground).

Thank you so much; we are looking forward to another great Art Week having fun creating with our kids.

Have a great week.

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

FoVAD ART WEEK POSTER COMPETITION

A reminder that the FoVAD Art Week Poster Competition closes on Friday. Closing date is only a two days away!

Your children have all brought their posters home to finish at home by now. If they wish to start again, have lost their poster or wish to enter more than once, any A3 paper may be used
for an entry. Multiple entries are also welcome. $3.00 P&C donation entry to the class teacher by Friday please for each entry. The theme is “Carnival”. Any medium including collage is accepted and will be wonderful. All entries will be on display at the school.

The wonderful prizes for BOTH Junior (Prep to Year 2) and Senior (Years 3 to 7) school divisions are;

First prize:
Art Gift Hamper and $30 Justice voucher or Art Gift Hamper and $30 EB Games voucher.

Second prize:
Art Gift Hamper and $20 iTunes voucher

Third prize:
Art Gift Hamper and $10 Smiggle voucher.

Special encouragement prize: $20 Smiggle voucher.

FOVAD gratefully acknowledges the kind donation of prizes by Justice Toombul, our Ascot State School families and our wonderful Art Week sponsor, Discount Art Warehouse.

Art Week starts on Monday! Four days of exciting art activities each lunch time for all students!

Katrina M

ASCOT STATE SCHOOL GOLF CLASSIC – 22 MAY 2014

Ascot State School P&C invites parents & friends to a morning of golf followed by lunch on Thursday 22 May 2014 at Nudgee Golf Course.

No prior playing experience is required as the format of the day is a 4 person Ambuske event over either 18 holes – 6.45am tee-off or 7 holes 9.00am tee-off.

The morning concludes over lunch at the Club House from 12.00 pm. Great prize on offer.

Cost per player including green and lunch 18 holes $80.00
7 holes $50.00
Just lunch $15.00

Registrations – Catherine McLeod – by Thursday 15 May cameronmcleod@iinet.net.au.

This is a P&C fundraising event.

YEARS 4 & 5 DISCO – FRIDAY 23 MAY 2014

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 terms 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

Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea

The Tuckshop will be hosting its annual Biggest Morning Tea on Wednesday 4 June to help raise funds for the Cancer Council of Queensland to fund research, prevention and early detection programs, support services and advocacy campaigns for the 1 in 2 Queenslanders who will be affected by cancer by the time they are 85. The support of Queenslanders like the Ascot State School community makes its work possible.

Event: Tuckshop’s Biggest Morning Tea
Hosts: Kathryn, Julia, Jenny and Jo (Tuckshop Committee)
Date: Wednesday 4 June
Time: 9.00-10.30am
Morning tea provided for a gold coin donation. Great raffle prizes.

If you can help the Tuckshop Committee by either:

- donating a prize for the raffle
- baking a cake, slice or savoury for the morning tea

Please contact Kathryn Tuckshop@ascotss.eq.edu.au or phone 3326 9326.

Let’s make this event as successful as we possibly can.

**Prep Parents**

Term Two is finally here and the Prep students can now purchase Tuckshop online via the flexischools system. Tuckshop for Prep students is Mondays - Thursdays.

**Routine for Forgotten Lunches**

The Tuckshop has a standard Forgotten Lunch that we provide to children who have forgotten to bring their lunch to school. We then send a note home with the child, with the Forgotten Lunch cost and ask for payment to be made via flexischools.

On occasions we have children who state that they have eaten all the lunch that has been provided and they are still hungry. In cases like this we provide the child with a sandwich.

**Ordering Lunch from the Tuckshop**

If your child has a Tuckshop order and does not receive it in their Tuckshop box, could you please let them know that they are to return to the Tuckshop and let the Convenor or a parent working at the Tuckshop know so that we can check our daily flexischools records to ensure that they do receive lunch. As you can imagine, there can be several reasons why a lunch is not in the Tuckshop box:

- a friend has taken the lunch out of the box to give to a child but has not found the child before he or she comes down to the Tuckshop to say their lunch is missing
- the parent has forgotten to order
- the Tuckshop has forgotten to put the order into the box

Please let your children know regardless of why their lunch is missing, as long as they come down to the Tuckshop and let the Convenor or one of the parents know their lunch is missing, we will endeavour to find it or provide a replacement.

**Volunteers**

Please contact Kathryn at the Tuckshop on 3326 9326 or Tuckshop@ascotss.eq.edu.au if you are unable to make your shift so that we can cover for you.

**Dad’s Day Out Sausage Sizzle**

It has come to my attention that not all parents at Ascot know the meaning of a Dad’s Day out Sausage Sizzle, and for that I apologize.

Definition: Dads who cannot normally fulfil any volunteer duties at the school due to work commitments come and help out one day a term and serve up a Sausage Sizzle to the students at Ascot State School. It is their way of helping out.

For the Preps, I know it is a little daunting and we are trying to perfect the process each time we do it. Still a few glitches, but hopefully in Term 3 it will be better.

A big thank you to the four Dads and one Grandfather who helped serve up the Sausage Sizzle on 8 May. Without you these events would not be possible.

Thank you.

**Kathryn and the Tuckshop Committee**

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**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

St Augustine’s Anglican Church on Racecourse Road is starting up a kids’ club in Term 3. The aim is to build community among young people in the Hamilton/Ascot area in a safe way which promotes good family and community values for kids at play. Gatherings are planned about three times per term, each one to finish with a sausage-sizzle-and-salad early dinner for kids and their families. There will be no fee. This is aimed at Prep to Year 2 students, although clubs for other age groups can be started if there is good interest. For expressions of interest or any queries, please contact the Rev. Professor Rodney Wolff (E: rodney.staugust@gmail.com, M: 0426 287 283) or the parish office (T: 3268 3935).