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FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

I hope that the holidays were a time for relaxation and a chance to catch up with some family time.

This term is a busy one with a number of fantastic activities for all. I am looking forward to our fantastic Ascot Big Day Out, excursions for a number of year levels, Canberra trip for the Year 6 students and Mapleton for the Year 5 students, to mention just a few of the events.

Student Successes

Congratulations to Annabel Walker for contributing to a children's cookbook as mentioned in an article in the Australian Newspaper (3rd July). The book launch event will be held on 27th of August. Well done Annabel!

Qld State Basketball Championship: Congratulations to Wesley B on his selection into the Met. North Basketball team in 2015. It was wonderful to hear that Wesley and the Met. North team played so well at the State Carnival, receiving a silver medal overall. A fantastic effort to Wesley. All the best with your basketball in the future.

Congratulations to Stephen W who has achieved a Queensland Junior Chess rating! Congratulations also to Sebastian LM who competed in the Queensland Junior Championships at Mudgeeraba during the holidays and won 4/8 games.

Staffing Changes

Welcome to Kylie Wells in the role of Acting Deputy Principal Prep to Year 2. Congratulations also to Morelle Harris who has an Acting Deputy Principal position at Ithaca Creek State School for semester two. Morelle will be replaced by Fiona Campbell who has worked at Ascot State School in the past and is a highly qualified early year's educator.

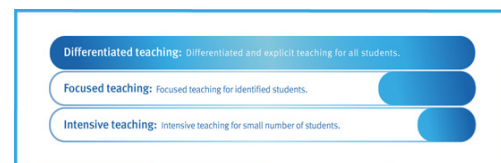
Welcome to our relieving teachers – Selina Taylor for Cathy Dore; Susan Braun for Megan Harper from week two; Hayley Bloxham for Meredith Blythman; Jodie Beveridge for Jean Whitehead till week six and Liz Kelly for Jodie Beveridge till week six. Lots of new staff who are familiar with our school programs and students. Please make them welcome.

Ascot State School Improvement Plan

This term we have made some significant changes to support our students in Literacy. We have employed five additional teacher aides so we can provide support for all classes across the school and we have assigned Support Teachers Literacy and Numeracy (STL&N) to specific year levels. The roles for the STL&N will be to support classroom teachers with specific students for focused teaching as per the diagram below.

We are implementing a deliberate whole-school approach to the teaching of Reading and Writing in response to our students' needs with the implementation of a Literacy block across Years 1 to 6. Times for targeted literacy support are:

Monday to Thursdays – 9-11am - Years 1, 3 and 5
Monday to Thursdays - 11.30-1pm - Years 2, 4 and 6



We are still continuing our focus on Mathematics with Monique Russell working with the Prep to Year 3 teachers and students this semester.

School Opinion Survey

It is that time of the year where parents are asked to respond to the School Opinion Survey. It is an excellent opportunity to share your views on the school's achievements and to anonymously share your feedback on the positive aspects of school life for your child/children and to also offer areas where improvements can be made. The annual School Opinion Survey is being conducted over the next two weeks. Your child will bring home an envelope containing the details of the survey for you to complete online. We would appreciate you completing the survey as soon as possible. If you have any further inquiries please contact Sharyn Hadden shadd5@eq.edu.au.

Before School Initiatives

This term we trial two initiatives before school from 8.30-8.50am on Monday to Thursday. These include:

- Before school Reading – students are now able to access the library before school to read/change library books; read library books or read home

readers. Teacher Aides and Year 6 buddies are available to support younger students with their reading.

- Before school Physical Activity – students are now supervised on the oval for walking and talking, skipping or throwing and catching activities. This initiative is to address our school obligations with regards to Smart Moves.

Parent helpers are very welcome to join either of these activities – just come along. Please note these activities are NOT conducted on Friday mornings or in wet weather. At these times students will remain in the Games Court. We will seek parent and student feedback mid-term on this initiative.

Term 3 Parent Calendar

Please find attached our Term 3 Parent Calendar for your information. Please note there may be some last minute changes so please check the weekly Digest for regular updates.

Every Day Counts

As we begin Term 3 I would like to remind parents of the importance of attending school every day. Attendance at Ascot State School is high but this is just a reminder to parents to ensure your child attends school every day. Our statistics for the last week of Term 2:

Prep	83%
Year 1	88%
Year 2	86%
Year 3	77%
Year 4	78%
Year 5	72%
Year 6	76%

Regards

Gayle Coleman, Principal; Sharyn Hadden, Deputy Principal; Kylie Wells, Acting Deputy Principal

BOUQUETS

A special thank you to Sarah Comiskey and the P&C for the upgrade of the sculpture garden and the relocation of the trees to the oval during the holidays. The seating and the heart sculpture look amazing.



FROM YOUR P&C

On the holidays, someone asked me why we have Sponsor Thankyou Boards up on the school advertising local businesses? It is one way to acknowledge and thank these businesses who give generously to our school to support our children. There is one where the children sit to be collected from the Pringle Street Pickup and another one up on the Senior Building (I Block).

We have four levels of sponsorship:

- Partner: \$10,000+ (sponsorship in a calendar year)
- Platinum: \$6,000-\$9,000
- Silver \$2,500-\$5,999
- Bronze \$500-\$2,499.

This term, with our school fete – the Ascot Big Day Out (ABDO), we have many sponsors who have generously given us cash or kind to make this big fundraiser a big success. The support from local businesses in this community means the P&C is able to offer such wonderful programs such as Art Week or Swim Club. And this year, sponsorship will allow for us to host another fabulous fun-filled fete which will no doubt raise substantial money for the P&C.

So thank you to Ray White Ascot – a Platinum Supporter.

Thank you to McGrath Real Estate agent Amanda Butler; Blow Inn; Place Real Estate; Brisbane Northside Emergency and Boydell Property Agents who are Silver supporters.

And thankyou to our Bronze supports – Dune Outdoor Luxuries, Brisbane Pop Culture, Bendigo Bank Ascot branch and Eaton's Hill Hotel.

With Michael S and his team working hard to bring us the ABDO, I know we'll raise lots of money. How/when to spend that money will be decided at the September P&C Meeting. You need to be a member to vote, so if you haven't been to a P&C meeting, please come along tonight and join and then in September, you can vote and have a say in how the P&C spends the money we raise, hopefully \$100,000 from this year's ABDO.

And if you are a local business who would like to support our children, please contact me and I'll be happy to help fill in the paperwork.

And please, just as they local businesses support our school, please support them.

Please email me at pandcprresident@ascotss.eq.edu.au.

Sarah Comiskey, President

**P & C MEETING TONIGHT
WEDNESDAY 15 JULY AT 7.30PM
STAFF ROOM (C BLOCK)**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 15 July	7.30-8.30pm: P&C Meeting (Staff Room)
Thursday 16 July	8.00-8.45am: Robotics Club – Year 5 8.15-9.30am: Uniform Shop open 1-140 Opti-Minds
Friday 17 July	Years 1 & 2 Film Night (Hall)
Monday 20 July	8.15-9.30am: Uniform Shop open 9.00am: 4A & 4B Assembly (Ecomarine Talk by Kylie Roche) 10.30am: 2D Assembly
Tuesday 21 July	
Wednesday 23 July	7.45-8.30am: Debating Meeting in (Class 6/5) 8.15-9.30am: Uniform Shop open 9.00am: Student Banking 9.15am: Welcome Group 1.00-1.40 Year 4 Robotics Club Gem Mini Festival (Thinkers in Ascot SS (Hall) & Writers and Scientists at Newmarket SS) Prep, Years 1 & 2: Footsteps Dance

4B	Ella U Riley W	6C	Zahra A Josh F
4C	Lachlan K Cara B		



Student of the Week: Prep-Year 2

We celebrate Week 2 awards for “Joining In”. Congratulations to the following students for demonstrating this important skill.

Prep A	Diezel J Frankie C	Year 1D	Ruby H Tristan H
Prep B	Aston B Ryan S	Year 1E	Riyadh A Adithya S
Prep C	Benjamin M Maggie L	Year 2A	Lachlan B Liam J
Prep D	Hope C Mason S	Year 2B	Alice C Niklas D
Prep E	George D Isabella S	Year 2C	Zoe R A'Moz U
Year 1A	Hunter D Eloise D	Year 2D	Harry L Sophie S
Year 1B	Sophia A Max C	Year 2E	Hugo M Carmen D
Year 1C	Charlie F Eloise H		

ASSEMBLIES



Student of the Week: Years 3-7

4A and 4B will present our first assembly for the term. The award this week is for “Valuing the Opinion of Others” which is an important skill to develop in order to communicate and understand different viewpoints and

perspectives.

Congratulations to the following students:

3A	Madeline B Elaine C	4D	Zara P Jack M
3B	Milana D Nicholas H	5A	Harry F Aleah H
3C	Genevieve G Lachlan McR	5B	Kathryn M Harry P
3D	Daisy Q Liam R	5C	Jack W Katie B
3E	Cooper B Abigail B	6/5	Zara C William F
4/3	Sophie W Josh B	6A	Gus D Tara F
4A	Ava B David B	6B	Wesley Robert E-S

**Sharyn Hadden, Deputy Principal & Kylie Wells,
Acting Deputy Principal**

FROM MRS HADDEN: MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS 3-6

Year 4 have been studying and writing Traditional Folk Tales. Folk Tales have a moral or a message. Please enjoy Isabella’s (4B) story. Congratulations to Isabella of 4B for sharing her writing with us – a fine effort.

How My Life Changed

By Isabella 4B

Once, many years ago in a faraway land located in Nepal up a colossal, rocky, forbidding mountainside next to an overflowing and glistening waterfall was a hidden, rusty cottage perched at the top of a misty mountain. In that hut happily lived two parents Benjamin and Elizabeth and their daughter Mary. Benjamin was a loyal, courageous and understanding young gentleman and worked in the extraordinary and luscious forest at the bottom of the mountainside. He lovingly chopped down all the wood to make fire and also hunted for wolves and other livestock for

their meals every night. Elizabeth was a beautiful, devoted and loving mother and always loved to try something new.

On the other hand, Mary hated everything. She hated being kind, she hated having to help her parents and most of all she was a spoilt brat. Whenever she was given new clothes especially made for her she would shout hysterically, "that is disgusting" or "I hate that shirt" and "I hate that hat."

One misty and frosty afternoon when the snow was pure and clear, there was a racket in the cottage. "I hate helping you." "I've never even liked having to help you chop the wood in the forest," bellowed Mary.

"But it will be fun and enjoyable" exclaimed Benjamin pleadingly. "It's so boring and stressful" replied Mary who stormed off smashing her feet on the ground making a huge racket.

"Please darling listen to your father," said her mother kindly.

"No, just go away and leave me alone, I hate you all," yelled Mary.

That night, as the cold air rushed through the cottage, Mary sat shivering in her bed and exploded with anger and frustration. She did not want her parents to treat her that way and wished that her parents would vanish and disappear forever and ever.

The next morning Mary sprang out of bed and slipped downstairs feeling every step with glee. Her parents weren't there, shocked May called out "Mummy, Daddy where are you? Please come back." Mary desperately yelled and yelled but there was no answer. Her wish had come true, what would she do? Mary rushed outside. She would have to go and start chopping down some wood from the deep, dark forest to become warm. "This is impossible" screamed Mary whacking at a gum tree for wood. "I can't do it, Daddy was able to, but I can't."

Crying hysterically Mary frantically rushed over to the back of the hut for her mother's bow and arrow and started trying her luck to find an animal to hunt for food. "Grrrr," a sound so unbearable hit Mary's ears. There standing was a white, ferocious wolf with gleaming eyes staring at her with his bright, green eyes. Mary started staring back panicking, "what would Mummy do in this situation?" Mary started firing all of her bows. But the wolf was too fast for her, Bang! Every time a bow went, the wolf would just swiftly glide past, missing him. Mary gave up. As she watched the wolf glide across the horizon disappearing, she soon realised the sky was becoming dark. Mary raced home as fast as her legs could carry her. She dropped everything down as soon as she got home and raced upstairs to her bedroom. Mary was cold and starving and wished that her parents would come back and live the normal life she used to have.

The next morning was bright and sunny with birds chirping everywhere. Mary raced downstairs with her heart pounding and there was a jump of happiness, Benjamin and Elizabeth were standing there. Mary glided in to her parents with a big smile on her face, she was so happy to see them again. "I am so sorry for not appreciating you and I have learnt to always help you and appreciate and respect you" gasped Mary. "Please forgive me" said Mary.

"Of course, we forgive you and thank you so much for caring for us," replied her parents.

Have a great first week and stay warm!

Sharyn Hadden, Deputy Principal

FROM MISS WELLS: JUNIOR SCHOOL PREP-YEAR 2

A huge thank you to all the families, students and staff of Ascot State School for making me feel so welcome. For those of you I am yet to meet, my name is Kylie Wells and I will be the Acting Deputy Principal for the remainder of the year. I am joining you from Kelvin Grove State College where I have been the Head of Curriculum in the Junior School and most recently the Deputy Principal of the Teacher Education Centre of Excellence and Learning Frameworks. In this role I was working with teachers and pre-service teachers in mentoring, coaching and professional development, in addition to supporting classroom teachers with the alignment of assessment and curriculum from Prep-Year 12 at the College and a working partnership with QUT around Initial Teacher Education. I am so excited to be joining the Ascot State School team.

I look forward to meeting you all!

Kylie Wells, Acting Deputy Principal

FROM DEANNE CLARKE

Doodle 4 Google Competition

The 2015 Doodle 4 Google competition is now open.

Would your child like to design a Google doodle for 2015? The 2015 Doodle 4 Google competition is now open. Google are inviting school students in Years 1 – 10 to sharpen their pencils and use their imagination and artistic talent to create a Google doodle depicting their vision for the theme, "If I could travel back in time, I would ..."

If your child is interested in entering, please visit the website. The students enter at the school level first, we announce the winners from each section of the school and then those entries are submitted to Doodle 4 Google. There is important information from Google worth reading online re the judging and parental permission. I also recommend parents have a look at past winners online to see the calibre of the competition. Doodles that contain copyrighted images or logos will be automatically disqualified and only one application per student is permitted.

Doodles will be judged based on the following three categories:

- *Artistic Merit*: based on grade group and artistic skill.
- *Creativity*: based on the representation of the theme and use of the Google logo.
- *Theme Communication*: How clearly the competition theme is expressed in both the artwork and the written statement.

Please email me if your child is entering. Good luck doodlers!

Deanne Clark, dclar70@eq.edu.au

FROM MONIQUE RUSSELL

Second semester:

What will my child be learning about in Mathematics this semester?

A new semester for your child in their year level will generally mean an increase in the complexity of many of the concepts that have been addressed already in Semester 1. Often what was explored, identified, drawn, discussed will now be applied, used with standard units and reasoned with to provide solutions to problems. In some cases new knowledge will be introduced that will be built upon in further years at school. Even something as simple as patterning with beads in Prep and Year 1 is vital for understanding of combinations and patterning in a more symbolic way in algebra in Year 6. There will be a distinct use of real life scenarios for your child to “see” where the Mathematics is and many opportunities for your child to “think aloud”, to tell what is happening in their head and what they are thinking and to use this to justify their Mathematical understanding.

The concepts will be engaged with using fluency (able to know it quickly and well), understanding (comprehend what it is), reasoning (logical and thoughtful application) and problem solving (further application in order to solve a problem). The concepts are arranged in the three Australian Curriculum areas of Number and Algebra; Measurement and Geometry and Statistics and Probability and many of the activities they engage in classroom activities will be observed by teachers to determine what your child needs next in Mathematics so that they enjoy their Maths, feel successful at it and demonstrate growth.

Monique Russell

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, sports development sessions, Gala Sports Days and Athletics Carnivals as well as teaching and assessing for reporting. It was also very successful in terms of winning the City District Cross Country and to date this year, students being selected in 36 City District teams and 7 students being selected in Met. North teams. Go Ascot!

Senior Athletics Carnival 2015

The Mighty, Mighty, Meibusch team struck back in 2015. It has been quite a few years since the green team has won the Athletics trophy. Lilley and Ryan have been dominant for the last decade. Meibusch was the champion team in the 1990/2000. The Meibusch sprint finalists got the team over the line with a close finishing blue Lilley team.

It was a challenging day weather wise, with a couple of stoppages, but we eventually finished all of the field events on time. A big thank you to everyone involved on the day from school staff, school liaison, groundsman, admin, parents, and of course the competitors. A special thank you to the parents who assisted our groundsman setting up the tents at 7am. It is greatly appreciated.

Results for the carnivals were as follows:

Senior Carnival

March Past – Lilley

House Points:

- 1st Meibusch – 1483 points
- 2nd Lilley – 1460 points
- 3rd Henderson – 1349 points
- 4th Ryan – 1273 points.

Age Champions		
	Boys	Girls
8 years	Ed K	Jemima M
9 years	Ryan C	Emma S
10 years	Josh B	Charlotte A
11 years	Robert E.S.	Elizabeth E.S.
12 years	Moni S	Manuthi H

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 – Henderson – 152 points
- 2nd – Ryan – 120 points
- 3rd – Lilley – 114 points
- 4th – Meibusch – 108 points.

Ascot State School Athletics Team Training Timetable

The Ascot Athletics team will compete at the City District Athletics Carnival at Bowden Park, Geebung on 30/31 July. Ascot athletes involved will receive the necessary information and documentation this week. Athletics team training will also begin this week.

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday:

- 800m Boys & Girls (9/10/11/12) - Morning Tea 11-00-11.30 (Oval)
- High Jump Boys & Girls (10/11/12) - Lunch 1.00-1.40 (Oval)
- Discus Boys & Girls (10/11/12) - After School 3.00–3.30 (Oval).

Wednesday:

- Long Jump Boys & Girls (9/10/11/12) - Lunch 1.10–1.40 (Oval)

Friday:

- Shot Put Boys & Girls (9/10/11/12) - Lunch 1.10–1.40 (Oval)
- Relay Boys & Girls (10/11/12) - 12.45–1.00 (Oval).

We look forward to hearing about and seeing more great performances from Ascot students and maybe from staff as well, in Term 3. I did hear Ascot staff may have beaten the Year 6 students after a brave fight in a game of Tag League at the end of last term. Thanks to Mrs Kaias for organising the game which was enjoyed by all.

Alayne Graham (Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri)

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Paul Harris (Mon, Tues, Thurs) pharr17@eq.edu.au

SCHOOL COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER'S NEWS



Prep B tour our new additions to the sculpture garden on Monday

A very warm welcome back this week - we need it as it's going to be cold! Please remember to keep our kids warm - hopefully avoiding colds and flu.

Photography Competition: The winners will be announced next Monday on assembly.

Premier's Reading Challenge: Keep reading and recording those books.

Get set for another exciting action packed term. Thank you for all of your wonderful help and support.

Have a great week.

Leanne Buckle, SCLO, 0403 576 688,

leannebuckle11@gmail.com

FoVAD NEWS

Photo Competition Results and Exhibition

At the time of going to press, our competition judge, professional photographer Maree Coster was still finalizing her decisions for the winners of the 2015 Ascot State School Photo Competition which was conducted last term by FoVAD and the Health and Well-Being Committee. The quality was so very high that Maree said she was finding it very hard to make her final decisions!

Thank you to everyone who entered and for all the kind support from parents and teachers. Winners will be announced at next Monday's assemblies. All entries will then be proudly exhibited in the school hall. Congratulations to all our talented young photographers.

Big Day Out Art Week FoVAD Art Week 2015 Auction Pieces

There are twenty beautiful Art Week collaborative year pieces up for auction at ABDO. Please go the Ascot Big Day Out website and view the art that our school produces. The link is <http://ascotbigdayout.com.au/auctions>. Any of the pieces would be a stunning addition to your house or office and all money raised from the auction goes to the school.

This week, FoVAD proudly features two of the pieces which could be yours if you are the highest bidder!

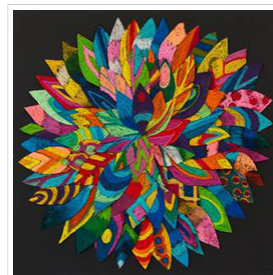
'Autumn Hues' – Framed 50cm x 70cm – Prep



Commemorate a year that your child will always remember and secure a Prep artwork!

A flurry of dabbed paint over a pre-taped forest scene allowed the Prep students to be free having fun playing and experimenting with colours. This enchanted wood emerged perfect for any wall.

'Fantail' – Framed 52cm x 52cm Year 5 and 6



This beautiful piece transpired using Art Week 2015's 'Earth' theme. Each delicate leaf in varying sizes designed and handcrafted by the Year 5 and 6 using soft pastels. Who would not love to feature this piece in their home?

Katrina M, FoVAD

YEARS 1 & 2 MOVIE NIGHT: FRIDAY 17 JULY

Movie: Big Hero 6.

Doors open at 5.20pm for 5.50pm start. Pick up promptly at 7.30pm.

YEARS 3 & 4 MOVIE NIGHT: FRIDAY 24 JULY

Movie: Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, GO GOOD, VERY BAD DAY.

Doors open at 6.10pm for 6.40pm start. Pick up promptly at 8.00pm.

FROM THE TUCKSHOP

Woolworths Earn and Learn Program is Back

Starting Wednesday 15th July, when anyone from our school community - staff, parents, and friends - shop at Woolworths, they can collect stickers to place on their sticker cards. They'll get one sticker for every \$10 they spend. Once they complete their sticker cards they can place them in a collection box at the Tuckshop. This community program enables schools to earn education resources when anyone from the Ascot School community shops at Woolworths.

Kathryn, Yolanda and the Tuckshop Committee

TUCKSHOP ROSTERS

Tuckshop - Group 2		Home Bake - Group 2	
Monday 20/7/15	Catherine McL, Trudy C	Monday 20/7/15	Ruanne N, Steph P
Tuesday 21/7/15	Louise A, Melanie B	Tuesday 21/7/15	Jodie R
Wednesday 22/7/15	Vanessa H, Bella B-H	Wednesday 22/7/15	Natasha S, Kim H
Thursday 23/7/15	Mary J, Kerry D, Susie C, Shellie L	Thursday 23/7/15	Anna Q, Bianca F, Fiona B
Friday 24/7/15	Carolyn H, Liz Kelly	Friday 24/7/15	Leta D, Nikki T

UNIFORM SHOP ROSTER

Group 1	
Monday 20/7/15	Jacqui B
Wednesday 22/7/15	Carla C
Thursday 23/7/15	Vicki B

CHESS

Chess lessons at Ascot State School will be on Mondays from 7.40-8.40am and Thursdays at 3.10-4.10pm. Come and try it out! Email or ring for a trial lesson www.gardinerchess.com.au. These classes are for all abilities from beginners to rated players and from Prep to Year 6.

To register and pay for your child/ren please go to the secure web site:

<https://gardinerchess.com.au/registration/>

NEWS FROM THE P&C HEALTH AND WELLBEING COMMITTEE

Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. The important thing is not to stop questioning.

Albert Einstein



Kids RIDE program - now called LETS RIDE program:

Learning to ride a bike safely is another life-skill.

Ascot has been selected in the pilot programs for the Lets Ride program. We are limited to two full groups which are almost full. The session will be run during Term 3. If you would like to register or express your interest please email your interest to the email below.

Extra-curricular activities. If your child has been enrolled in activities outside of school hours in previous terms, please remember to re-enrol them for Term 3. Most of the same activities are available again with the exception of the swimming lessons.

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

WELCOME GROUP

Have you recently enrolled your child at our school and would like to meet other parents? 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!

Our Welcome Group catch-ups are on Wednesdays at 9.15am at White Jam Cafe in Hendra. Please get in touch with Peter if you have any questions.

Peter, Welcome Group Co-ordinator, welcome@ascotss.eq.edu.au

COMMUNITY EDUCATION – TERM 3

Community Education Classes will be run throughout Term 3.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Acceleration Enhancing Sports Performance: Want to know how fast your child is? Want your child to run faster? The Ascot Little Accelerators program will continue in Term 3 from Monday 20 July-Friday 11 September. Little Accelerators

Sessions are Monday and Friday mornings on the Games Court 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 \$176 for 16 Sessions and \$100 for 8 Sessions. You will also receive a discount up to \$23 if 2 or more children enrol together. For more information and to register please go to http://www.accelerationesp.com/ascot_state_school.

Aussie Hoops is a basic 6 week introduction to basketball for primary school aged children. It is run in a safe and friendly environment for those that want to give basketball a try. Who: Grades 3–6 boys and girls only; When: Thursdays 3.45-4.45pm from 30 July—2 September; Where: Ascot State School - Games Court. Cost: \$80 per participant for full six week program. All first time participants receive the Aussie Hoop pack which includes basketball, backpack and singlet. To register go to: www.brisbane.basketball.net.au and follow the link or for more information contact Lucian on 041 972 4392.

Brothers Touch Association: Girls Touch Football 24 July-24 October at Windsor Park, Windsor. Teams finalised 17 July. Sign up now. Sisters in Arms! More sign on info at brothersjuniorrugby.com.au/.

Grasshopper Soccer: Soccer fun for girls and boys aged 2-12. After School and weekend programs available. Trial sessions are available at most centres before program starts. You must book your spot to secure your child's place in the trial and term program. Spots are limited. New grasshopper Soccer? Book and pay by 12 July and get 10% off all new enrolments. Call 0414 852 312 to book today. [Facebook.com/grasshoppersoccerbrisbanenorth](https://www.facebook.com/grasshoppersoccerbrisbanenorth), www.grasshoppersoccer.com.au.

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 26 July at the Queensland Tennis Centre, Tennyson from 3pm to 5pm. Further information is available at www.gbjt.org.au or by phoning Mrs Peta Davis on 3374 0516.

Fancutt Tennis Centre will continue the tennis program at the school courts in 3rd term on Reeve Street on Mondays 3.00-3.30pm (Prep), 3.30-4.15pm (Beginners), 4.15-5.00pm (Players); Tuesdays 3.00-3.30pm (Prep), 3.30-4.15pm (Beginners), Wednesday afternoons 3.00-3.30pm (Prep), 3.30-4.15pm (Beginners), 4.15-5.00pm (Players). Junior rackets on special \$30.00. Friendly Hot Shots Tournaments at Fancutts for trophies are on Saturdays 10am-12pm (Serving and Green Ball) during school term. McDonald's voucher and free Tennis Australia t-shirt is given to every player. Super League fixtures are on Saturday afternoons and Sunday evenings for children and teenagers and Tuesday/Wednesday nights for adults. Adults social, fitness and music (Ladies) is on Thursday evenings 6.30-7.30pm and Friday mornings 9-10am. Restrings – a 24 hour service or possible emergency restring while you wait. All enquiries, please contact Fancutts 3857 2922 in office hours email admin@fancutts.com.au.

Giving Back to Gondwana Choirs Music Soiree, Concert and Cocktail Party on Saturday 18 July 2015: at 5.30pm Welcome drinks and canapes on arrival; 6.15pm Concert with

performances by elite ensemble groups from Brisbane Grammar School, Brisbane Girls Grammar School, St. Peters Lutheran College, St. Margaret's, Anglican Church Grammar School, Queensland Conservatorium of Music, members of Gondwana Indigenous Children's Choir and professional musicians. 8.00pm Stand-up fork dinner and drinks. Venue is St. Peters Lutheran College Performing Arts Centre, Harts Road, Indooroopilly. Tickets available online only at www.trybooking.com/HZSW. Ticket sales close Wednesday 15 July. Cost: Adults \$75, school students \$40. For further information contact Samantha on 0403 266 019 or samanthapwoods@gmail.com.

Picnic in the Park: Sunday 26 July 10am-3pm at Roma Street Parkland. Free entry. Two Peppa Pig shows. For more information visit www.picnicinthepark.org.au