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## FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Welcome to all of our parents and thank you for attending the Meet the Teacher and School/P&C Priority Sessions at the school last week. 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. At Ascot State School we value our strong community partnerships as we know they are vital to learning growth for every one of our young children.

I would like to introduce new members of our school staff each week in the Digest. This week I would like to introduce our Leadership Team for 2016.

These include our Prep to Year 2 Deputy Principal, Mrs Roxanne Smith, our Acting Deputy Principal Years 3 to 6, Mr Scott Matthews, our Head of Curriculum Personalised Learning – Mrs Deanne Clark and our Head of Curriculum Teaching and Learning, Mrs Rochelle Burton. Please read a little snippet about them below.

Next Monday we introduce our 2016 School Captains, Mary C and Ned B, to the school community. We also acknowledge our other Year 6 leaders for 2016. I invite all Year 6 parents to the school for the Leadership Ceremony in the school hall at 9am on Monday 22 February. Parents will be seated in the upper level or the entrance level. Please stay for morning

tea in the Games Court following the Leadership Ceremony and have some photographs taken to mark this special event in your child's education. I look forward to seeing you there. Please note all Year 6 students are expected to wear the formal uniform. Parents are reminded that our Prep students are not joining us for this Ceremony but if you have a Prep sibling of a Year 6 student you are more than welcome to bring them to the Assembly with you. Please let their class teacher know.

Our little Prep and some Year 1 students are still transitioning to their new classrooms. Parents may like to visit the Kidsmatter website for tips on leaving students at drop off. Please visit <http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/>. Teachers have commented that students are settling very well once parents have left so we assure you we are making progress.

This week our Acting Deputy Principal, Mr Scott Matthews, will be sending home a letter regarding the ICAS Tests being held at Ascot State School. Parents may visit the ICAS website for further information. There is a fee attached to the tests and parents are being asked to indicate if their child/children would like to participate. Parents will be billed in the Term 2 statement.

Class Parent Reps: Thank you so much to the parents who have signed up to be a Class Parent Rep for your child's class in 2016. This is a key role in the school community and ensures a point of contact between the school, the class teacher and the parents of the class. We are holding our first meeting at 9.00am in the staff room on Friday 19 February. I hope to see you there.

Parents as Partners Sessions: This year we will hold a range of educational programs around what is happening across the school for parents. These sessions are planned for Friday mornings in the staff room. Our first session will be held on Friday 18 March from 10am in the staffroom. Titled "Mindset Matters", Mrs Clark will share research and practices being

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used in the school as we focus on learning and progress for all students at Ascot State School. Please add it to your diary.

Have a great week.

### Regards



**Gayle Coleman, Principal**

## FROM YOUR P&C EXECUTIVE

The P&C are very lucky, in that we get to see (and work with) the best of our parent community, but unfortunately, this last week, some of our volunteers and parents have had to deal with some poor behaviour from our parents. It will not be tolerated.

Our children know the school rules, and this week is a reminder from the P&C Executive that the high standards we expect from our children start at home. So remember: Be **Respectful**, Be **Responsible** and Be **Safe**.

If you would not say it in person, then please do not put it in an email or on social media. To write, ".....please explain!!" in an email is not being respectful. If a parent pulls up alongside as you are parking (illegally) in the two minute zone with a polite reminder that you can't park, then remember, they are reminding you that parking in the zone affects the safety of our children. So be safe and park legally and walk an extra hundred metres. And if a parent asks you to not tie your dog near the entrance of the school so children can walk past without fear, then do the responsible thing and thank them for pointing out the situation and take the appropriate action.

We are all part of the wonderful Ascot State School community. We need to keep it that way. So remember, our community has high expectations that 'social norms' and boundaries will be adhered to by everyone and that people accept differences and display tolerance and respect at all times. Our Ascot community needs to stay a happy place.

Don't forget, the first P&C Meeting this year is tonight in the staff room. I would suggest you come along and see what it is that P&C does. We also have a guest speaker, Mrs Deanne Clark, who will speak about "Play is the Way" which provides a great resource not only for teachers, but parenting.

If you are interested in helping out or joining Ascot State School's P&C, please email Sarah at [pandcpresident@ascotss.eq.edu.au](mailto:pandcpresident@ascotss.eq.edu.au) .

### **The P&C Executive**

**P & C MEETING TONIGHT: WEDNESDAY 17  
FEBRUARY  
AT 7:30PM – STAFF ROOM (C BLOCK)**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Wednesday 17/2/16</b>	7.30-8.30pm: P&C Meeting (Staff Room)
<b>Thursday 18/ 2/16</b>	
<b>Friday 19/2/ 16</b>	9.00am: Class Parent Rep Meeting (Staff Room)
<b>Monday 22/2/ 16</b>	9.00am: Years 1-6 Leadership Assembly (Hall) Final day for senior shirt orders
<b>Tuesday 23/2/ 16</b>	
<b>Wednesday 24/2/16</b>	9.00am Student Banking (Admin) 9.15-11.00am: Welcome Group (White Jam Café, Hendra) Met North Swimming at Lawnton Olympic Pool 7.00-8.00pm: School Council Meeting

## INTRODUCING:

### Scott Matthews



My name is Scott Matthews and I have recently started as the Acting Deputy Principal Years 3-6 at Ascot State School. Previously, I worked at Jamboree Heights State School in a number of roles including class teacher, Master Teacher and Acting Deputy. Outside of school, I enjoy spending time with my growing family. I currently have a two year old daughter named Emily, with my second child due in March. I look forward to meeting you all in the next few weeks. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to come and say hello.

### Roxanne Smith



I am delighted to have started the year at Ascot State School as the Prep-Year 2 Deputy Principal. I come to this role after 29 years in DETE in various settings and roles. I started work in 1987 at Bundaberg State High School as an Art and Geography class teacher. Early in my career I became interested in students who struggled in the school environment. This led me on a journey of discovery at a personal and professional level that has involved additional study in organisational communication, special education and guidance and counselling. I love working

with children and have maintained my interest in children and how they learn throughout my career.

## Rochelle Burton



This school year will be my twelfth year at Ascot State School and I have been so fortunate to work for so long in a school that I love. My role at the school has evolved from relief teacher to class teacher to Head of Curriculum. My favourite thing about being a teacher is always being open to learning. It's what inspires me as an adult and I hope to share this love of learning with the children and teachers I am fortunate enough to work with this year.

## Deanne Clark



I am delighted to be the Head of Curriculum, Personalised Learning, for the Ascot community in 2016. I look forward to meeting and working with you and your students. I am passionate about providing all students with a respectful, innovative and engaging learning experience. Personalised Learning acknowledges the important roles that Academic Mindsets, Social Skills, Academic Behaviours, Academic Perseverance and Learning Strategies play in success. It is a privilege to work at Ascot State School and lead these innovative learning programs. Please stop by and say hello.

## BEFORE SCHOOL OPTIONS

*Before 8:30am: Go to the covered games court near the tuckshop.*

*When the bell rings at 8:30am:*

### Option 1:

*Stay in the games court. You may sit quietly with friends or play handball.*



### Option 2:

*Go to the oval - Take your school bag with you and leave on the oval stairs.*



### Option 3:

*Go to the Library - Take your bag with you and leave outside the Library.*



*At the 8:50am bell ... take your bag to your classroom and prepare for learning*

## CONGRATULATIONS

The Ascot State School staff would like to congratulate Grace T who competed in the U8-U10 South Coast Branch Nipper Carnival recently earning the following results: 2nd in Flags, 2nd in Wade, 5th in Surf Swim and 6th in Beach Spring. Grace also competed in her Club's Age Championships and received 1st in Board, 2nd in Wade and 2nd in Swim!

Grace swam through tough swells, high waves and at times had difficulty seeing the markers. She called upon her bravery, self-belief and learning mindsets to prevail. Grace told her class that she focussed on seeing herself on the podium at the end of the race, rather than the swell of the surf that day. Well done Grace. What a tremendous effort and a wonderful result.

## P.E. NEWS

### District Swimming Carnival Report (Friday 12 February)

We had a busy, hot day at the City District Swimming Carnival held at the Valley Pool on Friday. We had a well behaved team, 35 competitors (9-12 years), all aiming for a spot on the City District team. A big thank you to the enthusiastic group of parents who cheered on the team. We had some great results and some amazing performances.

I would like to acknowledge our parent officials, Nick A, Stephen C, Monique C and Anna T who assisted with timekeeping/marshalling.

The following swimmers have been selected to represent City District at the Met North Swimming Carnival at Lawnton Olympic Pool on Wednesday 24 February. Swimmers, please return all documentation/monies to Mr Harris by Thursday 18 February.

10 years	Charlie C, Keira T
11 years	Charlie B, Sienna T
12 years	Mary C

I would also like to acknowledge Jemima M for winning the 9 years girls 50m breaststroke at her first District Swimming Carnival on Friday. It was a wonderful result.

### City District Sporting Trial Process

This term, there will be many trials at various sporting venues for students turning 11 and 12 years old, who would like to make city district sporting teams. We will consider children turning 10 in 2016 if numbers allow and those particular children possess very good skills. The sporting standard at these trials is very high and the children who are selected to attend (numbers are usually restricted to 4 or 5) will need to take completed paperwork and pay a small fee. Trials will normally be in school time and private transport to venues will be required. Because numbers are restricted we would expect those students who express interest and then are selected, to attend the trials. There is usually a very quick turnaround from trial notification

to student nomination, so please express interest to the P.E teacher responsible for that sport straight away in case an in school trial needs to be conducted before nomination. Please note that sometimes trials are postponed or the date changes and children will be notified as quickly as possible.

Tuesday 16 February	Basketball	Mr Harris
Friday 26 February	AFL	Mr Harris
	Hockey	Mrs Graham
Friday 11 March	Rugby League	Mr Harris
	Netball	Mrs Graham
Friday 18 March 18	Soccer	Mr. Harris
	Touch	Mrs Graham

### Cross Country (Junior Wednesday 16 March/ Senior Thursday 17 March)

Preparation for this event is important so children feel confident. We will begin morning tea practices this week for those interested in training at school. Children need to move straight to the oval at 11am for 15 minutes of running and then will be able to eat morning tea. (Morning tea practices: Mr Harris –Tuesday/Thursday and Mrs Graham –Monday/Wednesday).

It would be beneficial if children could also do some running practice outside of school, particularly if they want to trial for Districts (9–12 year olds). Qld. Running is starting a running/cross country program on 5 March suitable for families at Teralba Park Mitchelton if you are interested.

The distances children will run are as follows:

#### Prep – Year 2 (School Oval)

- Prep/Year 1 – 2 laps of oval
- Years 2 – 3 laps of oval.

#### Years 3–6 (Brothers Rugby Union)

- 8/9 year olds – 1km
- 10 years – 2km
- 11/12 years – 2 or 3 km (children wishing to be selected for Districts must run 3 km).

**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**

## PREP YEAR LEVEL LUNCH

The Prep Year Level Lunch is very soon! It is on Friday the 26 February 2016. All Prep parents are invited. It is held at Ruggers Restaurant (Crosby Road, Albion) from 11.45am–2.45pm. Cost is \$40 and includes a drink on arrival and a delicious lunch.

You must book your ticket on [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au) before 4pm on the 23 February 2016. There are no cash sales at the door, so please book today and come along.

Click on the tab below if you are new to Flexischools to find out how it works.

## SPELLATHON

Yes, it is that time of year again. For our new parents, every year, the P&C run a Spellathon. The Spellathon is a great educational and fundraising activity for our school. All classes really get behind this activity and competition is fierce!

The winning class from Prep-Year 2 (Junior) and Years 3-6 (Senior) are treated to a free movie with popcorn and water at the end of semester. There is a special prize for the highest individual fundraiser from the Junior and Senior school and children who raise \$25 or more will receive a small prize.

## FoVAD NEWS

### Art Club and Art Lessons

Art Club with our Artist in Residence, Anuska De Luca, has proven to be a very popular 2016 innovation. Anuska leads Art Club on Tuesdays (Years 1 and 2), Wednesdays (Years 3 and 4) and Thursdays (Years 5 and 6) every week.



The Blossoms piece featured is by Alyce R, who created this at Art Club last week. Anuska said all the blossoms created by the children were beautiful.

Last week, Vincent Van Gogh's Starry Night was the inspiration for Year 6 and 5/6 art lessons with Anuska. The children did a wonderful job with print making. The print featured is from Year 6 student, Aleah H, 6B.

This week, Art Club will feature another Chinese New Year activity - paper fan making.

In art classes this week, the Year 2s have been combining science and art to watch how different materials interact to create forms and textures.

The Years 5/6 and 6 begin works on canvas this week in art class. The unit entitled "ME" is a reflection of the individual using words and colour. The students will be reviewing the inspiration for the work, Paul Klee, and also go through the colour wheel, mixing colours and creating a tone for the image.

If you would like to know more about the activities of the P&C sub-committee FoVAD, which promotes the appreciation of the visual arts and opportunities for artistic expression by our students, please contact the Convenor, Katrina M on [Katrina@kmir.com.au](mailto:Katrina@kmir.com.au).

**Katrina M, FoVAD Convenor**

## FROM THE TUCKSHOP

### Easter Meal Deal: Wednesday 23 March 2016

The Easter Meal Deal can now be ordered on Flexischools up until 18 March 2016. There will be no other Tuckshop items available on this day and unfortunately if you forget to order by the cut off date, 18 March, your child will miss out.

### Thank You

Thank you to all the new parents who have joined the Tuckshop by either coming to Tuckshop and helping out or by doing Home Bake. Your help is invaluable and makes the Tuckshop run more smoothly.

### Term Two Menu Changes

The Smart Choices Health Food and Drink Supply Strategy will be implemented from the beginning of Term Two 2016. These changes will impact the way food and drinks are classified and will require removing items from our Tuckshop Menu to remain compliant with the Strategy.

What this means is that there will be some exciting new items on the Tuckshop Menu in Term Two and some of which will be implemented this term. It also means that some items will no longer be available. Keep your eyes posted to the Digest for the upcoming updates to the Tuckshop menu.

**Kathryn, Yolanda and the Tuckshop Committee**

## TUCKSHOP ROSTERS

Tuckshop - Group 1		Home Bake - Group 1	
<b>Monday</b> 22/2/16	Miranda, Kath G	<b>Monday</b> 22/2/16	Andrea Y, Julianne D, Ceri McD
<b>Tuesday</b> 23/2/16	Kim H, Carleen W	<b>Tuesday</b> 23/2/16	Louise A, Leanne N, Russell C
<b>Wednesday</b> 23/2/16	Alison L, Amanda B	<b>Wednesday</b> 23/2/16	Julia R, Alison S, Priyanka
<b>Thursday</b> 25/2/16	Natasha J, Emma-Jane V	<b>Thursday</b> 25/2/16	Kristin H, Louise K, Melissa V, Bushra M
<b>Friday</b> 26/2/16	Kristin H, Danielle B, Cindy J	<b>Friday</b> 26/2/16	Angela B, Kate H

## UNIFORM SHOP ROSTER

Group 4	
<b>Monday</b> 22/2/16	Julie B
<b>Wednesday</b>	Kate R

Group 4	
23/2/16	
<b>Thursday</b> 25/2/16	Cindy J

## SWIM CLUB NEWS

Our Swim Club had a group of swimmers represent our Club at The Ascot Cup Carnival over the weekend held at Eagle Junction State School. We would like to congratulate all competitors. We as a Club are very proud of your swimming achievements!

Please find this week's roster and race order for Week 4. We have a few positions left to fill. If you would like to volunteer this week or in the coming weeks please contact Jodie C at [jodiecreevey@bigpond.com](mailto:jodiecreevey@bigpond.com) or text 0403 069 128.

### Week 4 roster of wonderful volunteers – 19 February 2016:

<b>Presidents</b>	Anthony, Hamish	
<b>Starter</b>	Charles E	
<b>Marshalling: 5.45 to End</b>	Required	Required
<b>Marshalling Assistance: 5.45 to End</b>	Required	Required
<b>Canteen/Bar</b>	<b>5.00-7pm</b> Required	<b>5.30 to End</b> Required
	<b>5.30 to End</b> Required	Required
<b>BBQ</b>	<b>5.00-7pm</b> A. Gatenby	<b>5.15-End</b> Required
	<b>5.30-End</b> Required	Required
<b>Timekeepers (6) 5.45 Sharp</b>	Leesa G	Hudi C
	Nadia L	Amanda D
	Required	Required
<b>Data Entry: 5.30pm</b>	Meegan	

Please note that it is extremely important to our Club that you are on time to do your rostered duty. Please report to the front desk on arrival. Thank you.

<mailto:jodiecreevey@bigpond.com>

### Race order for this week: 19 February

12.5m Freestyle, 100m IM, 25m Freestyle, 50m Freestyle, 25m Breaststroke, 50m Breaststroke, 25m Backstroke, 50m Backstroke, 25m Butterfly, 50m Butterfly.

## We would like to thank our sponsors:

### Major Sponsors:

Novotel Brisbane Airport, Ray White Ascot and Swimart Ascot

### Minor Sponsors:

Hatch & Co, Network Office Supplies, TAA Connect, Oscar Oscar Hair Salons and Brisbane Anti Wrinkle and Skin Studio.

We look forward to seeing you all again this coming Friday night.

**Ascot Swim Club Committee,**  
[swimclub@ascotss.eq.edu.au](mailto:swimclub@ascotss.eq.edu.au)

## FROM HEALTH AND WELLBEING

The P&C's Health & Wellbeing Committee aims to support the Physical Education teachers in organising volunteers to assist with activities that enhance the sport and physical education opportunities for our students. Other objectives include identifying activities or events that the school members can participate in, either as an individual or as a school community group. These activities do not have to be based around physical activity, but may simply focus on the wellbeing we all achieve by being part of such a large and diverse school community.

In past years the school has been involved in community events such as the Bridge to Brisbane and The Bloody Long Walk for the Mitochondrial Disease Research Foundation.

In 2015 the activities of the Health & Wellbeing was involved with the FoVAD Committee to initiate the inaugural Ascot State School Photo Competition and helped the P.E. teachers with the return of the School's Cross Country competition. Other new initiatives last year included the school being selected as a Pilot for the Let's Ride Program and implemented the Prep End of Year BBQ.

### Ascot Family Picnic



In continuing with the wellbeing benefits from being part of the school community the P&C is again hosting the Ascot State School Family Picnic. This is low key social get together for the school's families and is held

on the school oval. This is a great opportunity for families to socialise and for parents to get know each of their classroom families a little better. There will be several activities organised including a very large game of cricket, however feel free to just bring a blanket or chairs some drinks and nibbles and relax on the oval. We'd even encourage everyone to walk down to the school to stretch your legs at the end of the weekend. The suggested time is from 3.30 to 5.30pm but feel free to arrive a little earlier.

## Are you spending ten minutes a day either reading or playing word games with your children?



Ten minutes isn't long a long time and when it comes to spending this time reading, it's easy to put it off because it is such a short amount of time. However, demonstrating the benefits of reading and making it fun can really make a difference to your child's attitude to reading.

**Pat Gerry. Co-Ordinator, [pandc@ascotss.eq.edu.au](mailto:pandc@ascotss.eq.edu.au)**

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Bricks 4 Kidz** are running an after school program each Wednesday from 3.30-4.30pm in the Art Room. If you love building with LEGO® Bricks, then you will have fun while learning new ways of building. Please contact Bridget at [www.bricks4kidzaustralia.com.au/queensland-brisbane-inner-east](http://www.bricks4kidzaustralia.com.au/queensland-brisbane-inner-east) to reserve your place for the rest of Term 1. Don't forget to bring along an afternoon snack and then get ready for some fun and excitement!

**Norths Rugby 2016 Registrations:** 2016 registrations now open for U6-U17, split season for U15-U17 so you can play for your School and Club. Register online at [www.northsjuniorrugby.com.au](http://www.northsjuniorrugby.com.au) . Club sign on day is 6 February 10am-4pm. Come down and sign on in person. Free sign on pack for all players. Norths Rugby Union, 150 Shaw Road, Woolloowin. Email [registrar@northsjuniorrugby.com.au](mailto:registrar@northsjuniorrugby.com.au) .