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## THE Digest

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to Term 2 and welcome to our new families. We look forward to educating your children and to welcoming your family joining the Ascot community.

This term we welcome the following new staff: Ms Donna Fredrickson as the permanent Business Services Manager; Mr Vic Bond as the Acting Schools Officer; Ms Julie Politics as the Year 6C teacher for the remainder of the year. Please introduce yourself and make all staff welcome.

Welcome back to Ms Lorraine Pecorelli in the Music Department after her exciting trip overseas.

We had an unusual end to Term 1 and I would like to thank all parents and carers for your understanding and support of the closure of the school on Thursday 30 and Friday 31 March. Due to the loss of the last two days of term the following events were cancelled:

- Senior Cross Country - we will be holding a cross country event for any interested cross country contenders this Thursday 20 April from 9.00-11.00am. This will be held at school and we would greatly appreciate parent volunteers to assist with marshalling around the school border. Please see the item in the Digest from the HPE Department regarding the cross country. This event is ONLY for cross country contenders aged 8 years and above. Please note students may wear their house colours for the event and then change into their school uniform. There will be no medals awarded as this is a selection process only.
- Prep Easter Hat Parade – this event has not been rescheduled due to the fact that we have a very busy

Term 2. I apologise for any inconvenience but this was out of the control of the school.

- Year 2 and Year 5 Celebrations of Learning - all parents have the opportunity over the next two weeks to discuss individual progress at parent-teacher interviews.

## School Priority

Over the next two weeks all classroom teachers are conducting parent-teacher interviews. As a matter of courtesy, please advise the classroom teacher if you are unable to attend your interview.

Next week, the Queensland Health Department will be at the school to conduct vision testing for all of our Prep students. Parents are reminded to ensure your consent forms have been returned to the front office.

## School and Community Partnerships

Thank you to Class Parent Reps for your work in disseminating P&C information to the parents in Term 1. We have a busy Term 2 and Michael Spork and I would like to meet Class Parent Reps for a brief meeting from 9.00-9.30am in the staffroom this Friday 21 April.

Thank you to those parents who provided feedback at the end of Term 1. Your feedback will inform school processes for next year. The following is a summary of parent responses:

- Students in Years 1 and 2 bringing book packs to school prior to the first day – A very positive impact – 59%; a slight impact – 3% and no noticeable impact – 38%.
- Students meeting their classroom teacher and classroom in Week 10 at the end of the school year – A very positive change – 87%; slightly useful – 4% and no impact – 9%.

- Parents as Partners Series of Parent Workshops conducted on Friday mornings from 9.00am – only 4% of respondents attended these sessions – “I think these sessions are fantastic”; other comments included changing days, times and offering evening sessions.

Please remember next Tuesday 25 April is the ANZAC Day Public Holiday and we are holding our school ANZAC ceremony on Monday 24 April from 9.15 on the oval. I encourage all families to join us for this important occasion and you are invited to lay a wreath during our service.

Congratulations to Lucy W who was selected on the Queensland Team for Level 7 Gymnastics and will be heading to Melbourne to compete at the National in May.

Once again, welcome back to a busy term of learning with “happy students learning together to grow and succeed”.

Regards



**Gayle Coleman, Principal**

## BOUQUETS

To Ms Alayne Graham, Mr Paul Harris and staff for assisting in the Junior Cross Country at the end of Term 1.



## FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL: YEARS 3-6

Each term at our school we use classroom observations to shine a spotlight on certain aspects of teaching and learning. This term our leadership team is visiting classrooms to participate in guided reading lessons. Guided reading is a common approach that teachers use to assist students to develop reading strategies that they can apply independently. Our teachers have worked together to articulate what these lessons look like at Ascot, and they are doing an amazing job linking this learning to broader learning.

Guided reading provides teachers with the opportunity to work with students in small groups, using the same text. Teachers introduce the text, work with students to make connections in the text by talking through elements of the book that are familiar and less familiar and then during this time are able to listen to individuals read. Through targeted questioning, comprehension skills are grown and students are encouraged to explore meanings and reflect on what has been read as well as reading strategies that have been used.

The aim of all explicit teaching of reading is to assist students to read with fluency and understanding, which of course means we can read for pleasure. If you would like to read about what

parents can do to assist with reading at home, this Scholastic article may be of interest:

<http://www.scholastic.com/parents/resources/article/more-reading-resources/reading-tips-parents>

**Simone Coogan (Years 3-6)**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

WEEK 1	EVENTS
<b>Tuesday 18/4/ 17-Friday 21/4/17</b>	Parent/Teacher Interviews
<b>Wednesday 19/4/17</b>	9.30-11.00 Welcome Group (White Jam Café) 7.30pm: P&C Meeting (Staff Room)
<b>Thursday 20/4/17</b>	8.15-9.30am: Uniform Shop
<b>Friday 21/4/17</b>	8.15-9.30am: Uniform Shop 9.00am: Class Parent Rep Meeting (Staff Room)
WEEK 2	EVENTS
<b>Monday 24/4/ 17-Friday 28/4/17</b>	Parent/Teacher Interviews
<b>Monday 24/4/17</b>	8.15-9.30am: Uniform Shop 9.15am: ANZAC Ceremony (Oval) Prep Vision Screening City District Tennis Trials
<b>Tuesday 25/4/17</b>	<b>ANZAC DAY HOLIDAY</b>
<b>Wednesday 26/4/17</b>	8.15-9.30am: Uniform Shop 9.00am: Student Banking 9.30-11.00 Welcome Group (White Jam Café) Prep Vision Screening
<b>Thursday 27/4/17</b>	8.15-9.30am: Uniform Shop Prep Vision Screening
<b>Friday 28/4/17</b>	Prep Vision Screening City District Rugby Union Trials



Our Anzac Day Commemorative Ceremony on Monday 24 April will replace our normal assemblies. A number of dignitaries have been invited to attend including local and state representatives of the Ascot area. This is a moving ceremony with all the solemnity deserving of the occasion and a strong participation by the students.

All parents are invited to attend. Please arm yourself with hat, umbrella (or both) since it becomes quite hot and sunny at this time of day on the oval.

The proceedings will begin at 9.15am on the oval and chairs will be provided for your comfort.

## TERM 2 OVERVIEW

Please click on the link below to view the Term 2 Overview or collect a copy from the Office. Please note that changes can and do occur.

## REMINDER:

**P & C MEETING TONIGHT: WEDNESDAY 19  
APRIL  
7.30PM – STAFF ROOM (C BLOCK)**

## MUSIC NEWS

Welcome to Term 2. This is a busy term for the Music Department so please make sure you have the following dates marked in your calendar:

Anzac Service	24/4	Senior Band and all Choirs except Junior Choir	9.15am (Oval)
Year 3 Disco	5/5	Year 3 Ascot SS students	6.00–7.30pm (Hall)
ANCA Conference Combined Choirs Rehearsal	15/5	For children who have nominated	12.30–2.30pm (Hall)
Creative Generation of Voices (Senior Choir)	19/5	Senior Choir	9.00–11.00am (Old Museum)
The Happiness Box	24/5	Prep	9.00–11.30am (QSO Studio)
Year 2 Film Night	26/5	Year 2 Ascot SS students	6.00–8.00pm (Hall)
Year 1 Film Night	2/6	Year 1 Ascot SS students	6.00–8.00pm (Hall)
Northside Beginner Band Blitz	6/6	Beginner instrumental students	9.00–3.00pm (Old Museum)
Northside Junior String Camp	6/6, 7/6	Instrumental students in second of study	9.00–3.00pm (Stafford SS)

Northside Junior String Camp & Concert	8/6	Instrumental students in second of study	9.00–3.00pm (Old Museum)
Ascot Music on Sunday	11/6	All Choirs, Bands and Ensembles except Junior Band	3.00–5.00pm (Hall)
Music Assembly Senior Assembly	12/6	Senior Band/ Senior, Boys Don't Sing and Intermediate Choirs	9.00–9.30am (Hall)
Music Assembly Junior Assembly	12/6	Junior Choir	10.30–11.00am (Hall)

Senior Choir Rehearsals will be held on Friday lunch time when there is a public holiday on the Monday. Please remind your Choir children.

All rehearsals are as usual. The rotating timetable for instrumental lessons seems to be working well.

Remind the children to check their instrumental timetable every week.

We welcome back our Music Teacher Aide Ms Pecorelli and thank Ms Phoebe Braithwaite who helped us out in the Music Department during Term 1.

If you have any questions please contact the Music Department by phone (school number) or email.

**Debbie Daley, [ddale3@eq.edu.au](mailto:ddale3@eq.edu.au)**

## P.E. NEWS

### Welcome to Term2 (Date Claimer)

We hope everyone has had a wonderful holiday and is raring to go for Term 2 as we have lots of sporting events this term.

### TERM 2 CALENDAR

WEEK	DAY/DATE	EVENT
3	Tuesday May 2	City District Cross Country
6	Friday May 26	Gala Sports Day 1 (Years 4-6)
7	Friday June 2	Gala Sports Day 2 (Years 4-6)
8	Friday June 9	Gala Sports Day 3 (Years 4-6)
9	Friday June 16	Gala Sports Day (wet weather date)
10	Tuesday June 20	Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival
10	Wednesday June 21	Prep-Year 2 Athletics Carnival

## Junior Cross Country

Congratulations to Lilley house who won the Junior Carnival with 332 points. All houses performed well and it was a close competition with Henderson finishing second on 273 pts, followed by Ryan on 256 pts and Meibusch on 235 pts. There were many impressive performances and it was great to see children showing persistence and resilience. Not everyone can win the race but it is important to complete the course and to show good sportsmanship.

JUNIOR CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS			
EVENT	1ST	2ND	3RD
Yr 2 Boys	Harry M	Xavier W	Ned C
Yr 2 Girls	Adelaide M	Maryann B	Maggie L
Yr 1 Boys	Hudson T	Samuel J	Billy G
Yr 1 Girls	Olivia K	Pippa M	Sienna J
Prep Boys	Archie J	Tom D	Marx E
Prep Girls	Alessia B	Indie D	Ava B

Unfortunately the poor weather we experienced in the last two weeks of the term meant we were unable to run our senior carnival. We still need to select a school team to perform at the District Championships so those children who wish to be considered for selection will have the opportunity to run a course involving laps around the oval and perimeter of the school during the morning session on Thursday, starting at 9.00am with the 8 years age group and working backwards to the 12 years age group. We hope to be finished by morning tea and would ask any parents who could volunteer to be supervisors around the school perimeter to let us know.

Children who are selected in the school team will receive paperwork to complete and will be required to continue training (personal and/or school sessions) leading up to the event on Tuesday May 2 at the Grammar Fields at Northgate.

## City District Teams

Quite a few of our students have been selected in City District Teams to compete in Regional Carnivals this term. Just a reminder to make any payments and complete any necessary forms by the required dates. We wish you all the best as you compete in these competitions and look forward to hearing about your performances.

## Prep/Year 1 Perceptual Motor Programme Parent Volunteers (Weeks 3–8)

The Perceptual Motor Programme will start in Week 3 and continue until Week 8. For the motor programme students are split into groups to rotate around different activities. To ensure students get the most out of each activity, are safe and stay on task, it is preferable to have adult supervision. This could include parents, grandparents or another trusted adult. If possible it would be great to have three adults at each lesson.

## Year 1 PMP will be on Tuesdays and Prep PMP will be on Thursdays

Times for each class are detailed below but changes may occur before the programme starts and will be detailed in next week's newsletter if that is the case. If you are able to assist can you please fill in the parent roster that will be at your child's classroom from Week 2.

TUESDAY (YEAR 1)		THURSDAY (PREPS)	
TIME	CLASS	TIME	CLASS
9:30 – 10:00	1C	10:30 – 11:00	Prep C
10:00 – 10:30	1D	11:30 – 12:00	Prep E
10:30 – 11:00	1E	12:00 – 12:30	Prep D
11:30 – 12:00	1F	12:30 – 1:00	Prep A
12:00 – 12:30	1B	2:00 – 2:30	Prep B
12:30 – 1:00	1A		

**Alayne Graham, Prep-Year 2, Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs,**  
[agrah27@eq.edu.au](mailto:agrah27@eq.edu.au)

**Paul Harris, Years 3-6, Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri,**  
[pharr17@eq.edu.au](mailto:pharr17@eq.edu.au)

## WAVELL STATE HIGH SCHOOL OPEN DAY INFORMATION AFTERNOON:

Sunday 21 May 2017

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.

## WELCOME GROUP

Welcome back to Term 2 at Ascot State School.

Just to remind everyone and inform all our new families to our school that Welcome Group is back and will be meeting Wednesday mornings from 9.30-11.00am at White Jam on Zillman Road just over the train line.

We welcome all parents and families, be they new or old to the school or area.

Our purpose is to chat and welcome new families to Ascot and help them with local information, meet other families and generally adjust to life here in Ascot.

We will meet for the first 3 weeks of term on Wednesday mornings, that is 19 April, 26 April and 3 May with other dates during the term to follow.



Hoping to see you all there.

### **Catherine K**

To celebrate and acknowledge the wonderful Mums/Women in our children's lives, Ascot State School is once again supporting the Mother's Day Stall. This provides the children with a great opportunity to go shopping and purchase a special gift for their beautiful Mum/Granny/Significant Person to let them know how much they love them.



This year the Mother's Day Stall will be held on Friday 12 May. It will be held in the school hall from 9.00am–Morning Tea. There will be a variety of gifts for the children to choose from. All gifts are \$10.00.

It is much easier for the children and the parent volunteers if the children bring in the correct change in a named envelope.

The children can purchase one gift when they are rostered to attend the stall with their class. If they wish to purchase more than one gift, they are more than welcome to return to the stall at Morning Tea.

All classes will be rostered a visit to the Mother's Day stall and will be brought down by their class teachers.

Parents: if you are available to assist at the Mother's Day stall on Friday 12 May, your help would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Kylie (kylie@locationone.com.au) to indicate your availability.

Volunteers are also being sought to assist in setting up the Mother's Day Stall in the school hall on Thursday evening 11 May from 7.30–8.30pm. If you are free and would like to lend a hand – I would love your help.

## **FRIENDS OF MUSIC**

This term Friends of Music volunteers and Music Seniors will be in full swing with the start of the Disco season. The Discos are one of the social highlights of the year, which the children really look forward to.

Volunteers help raise valuable funds that support the excellent and highly regarded Music Program offered at Ascot State School. We run Discos, Movie Nights, refreshment stalls, raffles and help out at musical performances. New volunteers are always welcome.

If you would like to get involved please email FOM@ascotss.eq.edu.au.

**Nathalie S, FoM Convenor**

## **FROM THE TUCKSHOP**

### **Menu Changes**

With the cooler months now approaching there will be some Menu changes this Term to watch out for.

## **Australia's Biggest Morning Tea**

Our annual Biggest Morning Tea will be held on Wednesday 17 May from 9.00-10.30am on the Games Court. Ray White Ascot are once again coming on board and supplying the coffee van for a gold coin donation. Everyone knows someone affected by cancer and this is Ascot State School's chance to make a difference.

We are looking for donations for our raffle on the day and also asking for donations of baked goods for our morning tea. If you can help out in any way please email the tuckshop@ascotss.eq.edu.au. Your help and donations are always appreciated.

**Katherine, Yolanda & the Tuckshop Committee**

## **TUCKSHOP ROSTERS**

<b>Tuckshop - Group 2</b>		<b>Home Bake - Group 2</b>	
<b>Monday</b> 24/4/17	May S, Paola B	<b>Monday</b> 24/4/17	Steph P, May S
<b>Tuesday</b> 25/4/17	ANZAC DAY HOLIDAY	<b>Tuesday</b> 25/4/17	ANZAC DAY HOLIDAY
<b>Wednesday</b> 26/4/17	Beth P, Kate F	<b>Wednesday</b> 26/4/17	Kim H, Beth P
<b>Thursday</b> 27/4/17	Marie J, Kerry D, Shellie L	<b>Thursday</b> 27/4/17	Anna Q, Bianca F, Fiona B
<b>Friday</b> 28/4/17	Catherine S-A, Carol B	<b>Friday</b> 28/4/17	Leta D, Joleen H, Natasha S

## **UNIFORM SHOP**

### **Need a new jumper for those cool early mornings or Year 6 Canberra trip?**

V-neck jumper, open to children in Years 4, 5 and 6 – introduced last year. The \$55.00 poly-cotton jumper comes in sizes 9, 10, 12, 14 and 16, with samples in these sizes available for fitting in the Uniform Shop. Navy – Boys, Red – Girls.



**The Fleece zip up jumper** for Prep right through to Year 6 is still available in all sizes.

**Girls red tights** are also available for those cooler days in Terms 2 and 3. Available in sizes 5-6, 7-8, 9-10 and 11-14 years.

All items are available in the Uniform Shop and on Flexi-schools.

### **Extended Trading Hours this week only**

Thursday and Friday open 8.15-9.30am.

**Week 2** resumes normal trading hours:

Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 8.15-9.30am.

Uniformshop@ascotss.eq.edu.au

Phone 3862 2476

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

Thank you to Jacqui and our wonderful Uniform Shop volunteers for your help during the extended shop opening hours this week.

**Your Uniform Shop P&C team**

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**The Clayfield-Toombul Returned Services League** is pleased to invite your students and their families to join them in commemorating ANZAC Day at the Kalinga Honour Gates, on Tuesday 25 April 2017. The details of the ceremony are as follows: March – 7.00am, Ceremony - 7.10 am, Dismissed – 7.45am. Location: Honour Gates at Park Avenue (entrance to Kalinga Park). Medals: Ex-Service members – medals on left breast, medals of deceased family members may be worn on right breast. For more information please contact John on 0407 008 380.

**Brisbane North Tennis Academy:** Term 2 tennis classes will be commencing this week at the Ascot tennis courts (Reeve Street). Enrolments are now open for all students from tiny tots (4 years) to secondary students. If you would like to enrol your child in a class or match play please visit [www.bnta.com.au](http://www.bnta.com.au) for more information. If you have any further enquiries please contact Scott Morgan by email at [admin@bnta.com.au](mailto:admin@bnta.com.au) or by phone on 0404 902 284. Tennis court bookings are now available online and can be made through the above website or by visiting [bookmeacourt.com/bnta](http://bookmeacourt.com/bnta). Wishing everyone a fantastic Term 2.

**National Karate Academies Miranda Kai System** is proud to be operating the first QLD. Dojo right here in Ascot. Miranda Kai system is a cross between tradition karate and practical self-defence (it will get you home safe), discipline, fitness and, most of all, it is fun! Your first lesson is always free, come and join us on Monday nights at the Ascot After School Centre on Barlow Street: 6pm for Juniors, 7pm for Seniors (over 13 years old). Mums and Dads can join in and enjoy a sport with the kids! Our first night back will be Monday the 24th of April. First grading for our current students will be held on Sunday 30 April.