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FROM GAYLE COLEMAN: PRINCIPAL

Student Successes

Congratulations to all the Years 3 and 5 students who put in a great effort for NAPLAN last week. We should receive student reports late Term 3.

Independent Public School

Last year Ascot State School became an Independent Public School. We are one of 150 Independent Public Schools in Queensland. The purpose of IPS is to increase autonomy in decision making, cut red tape and remove layers of management to improve outcomes for students. What does this mean for parents of Ascot State School? The Independent Public Schools Initiative gives local communities a greater say in decision-making. It gives all persons involved with Ascot State School greater control and ownership over your school to improve learning outcomes for all students.

The role of a School Council is to:

- monitor the school's strategic direction
- approve:
 - plans and policies of the school of a strategic nature
 - other documents affecting strategic matters, including the annual estimate of revenue and expenditure for the school
- Monitor the implementation of the plans, policies and other documents mentioned above
- Advise the school Principal about strategic matters.

The School Council performs its functions in a way that achieves the best learning outcomes for the school's students. Our Ascot State School Council has the responsibility to approve the strategic documents that set the direction, culture and tone of our school. Our P&C President is on the School Council to represent the views of the P&C Association. The Independent Public Schools initiative does not have any impact on the functions of P&Cs.

So in order to have your say, our P&C President, Sarah Comiskey, and I will be inviting all members of the Ascot State School community to a Thinktank Session on Wednesday 10 June. This is an opportunity to work with parents, businesses

and other community groups to put forward suggestions for the future of Ascot State School. The outcome of these sessions is to develop our four-year Strategic Plan as we move towards our 100 year celebrations.

So please put on your thinking caps and do your research on what is happening at other high-performing schools in Australia and indeed the world. I hope to see you there.

Every Day Counts

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 last week were:

Prep	95%
Year 1	96%
Year 2	93%
Year 3	98%
Year 4	92%
Year 5	88%
Year 6	90%

Regards

Gayle Coleman
Principal

BOUQUETS

Special bouquets to the Friends of Music and all of their helpers last Friday for the Year 3 Disco. What a great night of dance and laughter!!

FROM YOUR P&C

Have you seen our new Sponsor Thankyou Boards? 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.

Last week I acknowledged our volunteers. This week I would like to acknowledge our sponsors. The support from local businesses in this community means the P&C is able to offer such wonderful programmes 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 thank you to our Bronze supports – Dune Outdoor Luxuries, Brisbane Pop Culture, Bendigo Bank Ascot branch and Eaton's Hill Hotel.

With Amanda H working hard in the role of Sponsorship Co-Ordinator, I know there will more names to go up on our board soon. If you would like to support our children, please contact me and I'll put you in touch with Amanda.

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

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

Sarah Comiskey, President

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 20/5/15	7.30pm: P&C Meeting (Staff Room)
Thursday 21/5/15	7.00am-2.00pm: Michael Calder Memorial Golf Day Classic (Nudgee Golf) 8.15-9.30am: Uniform Shop open Years 5 & 6 SPAQ-ed Science Workshop 1.15pm: Thinkers Club (Art Room)
Friday 22/5/15	Walk Safely to School Day 11.30-2.45: Year 3 Lunch (Ruggers, Albion) Years 4-6 Gala Sports Day 1
Monday 25/5/15	8.15-9.30am: Uniform Shop open 9.00am: 4D Assembly 10.30am: IC Assembly
Tuesday 26/5/15	9.30am: Prep Enrolment Session (Hall) 1.00pm: Year 5 Debating (4A)
Wednesday 27/5/15	7.45am: Year 6 Debating (6/5) 8.15-9.30am: Uniform Shop open 9.00am: Student Banking 9.15am: Welcome Group 1.45-3.15pm: High Achievers Talent Program (KGSC) State of Origin #1

**P&C MEETING TONIGHT: 20 MAY 2015 AT
7.30PM
(STAFF ROOM - C BLOCK)**

**REMINDER: PREP ENROLMENT SESSION
TUESDAY 26 MAY - 9.30AM (HALL)**

FROM MRS HADDEN: MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS 3-6

Lace up for Walk Safely to School Day

Parents and children are encouraged to get on those walking shoes and take part in Walk Safely to School Day on Friday 22 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.

Assembly

Congratulation to our Year 6A children who creatively presented an assembly based on the need to develop strategies to observe timeframes. The class presented a number of very funny fairy tale skits which emphasised the message of their assembly. 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.



Student of the Week: Years 3-7

Next week's assembly will be presented by 4D.

Congratulations to the following students who are **working hard at persevering at tasks**. Children love to begin new tasks but the ability to persist and maintain enthusiasm can take much more practice. Congratulations to the following children who are developing these vital skills.

3A	Roman T Spencer W	4D	Ella S Alexander M
3B	Louis Mo	5A	Parker B

	Tabitha W		Paris P
3C	Lily D Hemi J	5B	Johnathon R Sophie P
3D	Nick V Liam R	5C	Jan B Kevin B
3E	Madeline P Ewan B	6/5	Eleanor C William F
4/3	Sophie W Finlay M	6A	Cody S Zack L
4A	Tehleeya C Barclay C	6B	Stella J Moni S
4B	Ava H Ruby P	6C	Aston G Cara S
4C	Lilly H Jack O		



Student of the Week: Prep-Year 2

Next week's student of the week award is for "Working Well in Groups".

Congratulations to:

Prep A	Hamish T Emily J	1D	Sebastien M Harry M
Prep B	Bella L Lennox E	1E	Tia F Talia B
Prep C	Emily N Zachary V	2A	Nicolas P Taylor A
Prep D	Sophia M Sukhdeep S	2B	Luke S Annabelle B
Prep E	Astrid S Flyn B	2C	Sam R Lucy C
1A	Aurora L Mimi M	2D	Leeah M Bonnie S
1B	Isabel W Teliah C	2E	Miles D Millicent Q
1C	Saige S Ambre Kh		

Parking at School

Several of our neighbours have asked that we once again remind our parents that driveways and no standing zones are carefully observed around the school perimeter. We appreciate the support of our neighbours and want to ensure that they are treated with the courtesy they deserve.

When children arrive late to the pick-up areas in Pringle Street and Massey Street it is essential that cars proceed around the block rather than block the zones and create traffic hazards around the area. Thank you to the majority of parents who take such great care with the safety of our precious children.

Have a great week.

Sharyn Hadden, Deputy Principal

FROM MRS PROVOST-BOYLE: EARLY YEARS PREP-YEAR 2

Congratulations to our Years 3 and 5 students, who worked diligently on the NAPLAN tests, last week. Thank you to teachers on all year levels for the contribution you've made to the children's learning.

2016 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 2016, can you please call into the office to collect an enrolment form. Alternatively, enrolment forms will be available at the Prep Enrolment Session next Tuesday.

2016 Prep Enrolment Session: Tuesday 26 May April, 9.30am in the Hall

PowerPoints will be uploaded to the school website after the session.

Junior Assembly Schedule for Term 2

Be sure to mark the dates in your calendar.

Term 2 Assembly Roster:

Date	Wellbeing Focus	Class	Assembly Focus
25 May	Begin With the End in Mind I am an important part of my class and contribute to my schools vision which is...	1C	Working well in groups
1 June	Begin With the End in Mind I look for ways to be a good citizen. What can you do this week in the classroom, at P.E., at the tuckshop, in the library?	1D	Helpful Behaviour
8 June	Queen's Birthday Holiday		
15 June	Begin With the End in Mind I set priorities and follow my plans. I follow my teachers morning routine and prepare for the day.	1C	Game skills

Date	Wellbeing Focus	Class	Assembly Focus
22 June	<p>Begin With the End in Mind</p> <p>I spend time on things that are important to me. Family and holidays are important, just like school.</p>	PE	Caring for others

To parents attending the Michael Calder Memorial Golf Day - enjoy! What a lovely way to acknowledge Michael.

Have a good week.

Melissa Provost-Boyle, Deputy Principal

THANKS ASCOT P&C SPARQ-ed

Today and tomorrow our Year 5 and 6 students are working at Ascot on Science Workshops with the SPARQ-ed Team. SPARQ-ed aims to promote excellence and innovation in biological and biomedical education by delivering world class specialist programs to Queensland school students and their teachers. Thanks to our wonderful P&C and their Innovation Fund, **every** student in Year 5 and Year 6 is attending a session!

Thinkers' Keys

There are 20 different Thinkers' Keys each designed to unlock different parts of the thinking process. The use of the keys helps to develop flexible problem solving and thinking habits. The Thinkers Keys place emphasis upon the development of innovative and creative thinking. The use of the keys is important because:



1. Creative thinking can be exciting and enjoyable. This active participation can then create a positive attitude towards the learning process.
2. The stimulation of creativity in learning heightens the emotional link with that learning. This emotional involvement boosts the effectiveness of our memory systems.
3. Developing our creative potential will strengthen our ability to cope with change.

Teachers use the keys in classrooms as they provide a flexible and dynamic way to engage students in further learning. They are a great way to do informal assessment before and during a unit of work for measuring student understanding. The Keys can be used by teachers as warm up activities, reading contract activities and for inquiry.

If there is one thing that we can guarantee in the 21st century, it is the exponential rate of change that affects the world. When our thinking is open-ended and accepting of new ideas, we become much more capable of adapting to these changing circumstances.

Classroom examples, using the **Question Key**, write five questions that the answer could be "the Solar System".

Using the **What If Key**, explain what might happen if the world's population immediately doubled.

Angela Dawson

ASCOT THINKERS' CLUB

Don't forget the Year 1 and Year 2 Thinkers' Club begins this Thursday in my room for the students who have signed up at 1.15-1.40pm. I will collect students from their Eating Area.

Have a great week.

Angela Dawson

ASCOT WRITERS' CLUB

I hope everyone enjoyed Greer's short story last week. This week, I present for your reading pleasure, Olivia's story. Please share these stories with your children. These young authors have very strong 'voice' in their writing. VOICE is one of the 6 *Traits of Writing* that we teach at Ascot.

Lorraine Clacher

THE TRAPDOOR BY OLIVIA

I breathed in the air perfumed with hundreds of flowers as I dragged my polka-dot suitcase inside with me. "OMG!!!!!" my big sister Emma texted me. The tall ceiling was made of wood strips woven intricately in a large circular design. Mum had definitely done a good job on this one.

We were in Thailand, in the villa Mum had bought for our family vacation each year. It was so big it seemed like the luxury resort behind us was actually inside the villa! The resort, Koh Samui Doris Hotel was a little bit to the left of the part of the beach that we were overlooking.

The placid water gently lapped at the golden sand, the docile waves calling like a tranquil lullaby. Schools of brightly coloured parrotfish and angelfish weaving their way around the billowing anemones in the coral reef were easily seen from our deck.

Our new villa had four spacious levels, oh, and did I mention a state-of-the-art elevator? The bottom level which we are on, with a protruding deck that connected to our own private pier, the second level which was above us, with the gourmet kitchen and generously-sized living and dining rooms, the third level above that, with all the bedrooms, bathrooms and closets, and the topmost level with a pool and shade structure with deck chairs and a snack and drink stand.

"Unpack, everybody!" Mum called after herding everyone into the elevator and to our bedrooms. "We'll be here for three months, make yourselves comfortable!" she added, after catching Rodger, my devious little brother from pushing the unsuspecting Emma into the open fireplace. Thankfully it wasn't burning. We were sweating enough already. "You too, Ashley!" she continued, and my face burned scarlet with embarrassment. "Yes, Mum." I mumbled.

Mum ran her hand through her tousled red hair before releasing Rodger to wreak more havoc freely onto our family (primarily Emma and I).

Emma and I dragged our bags into the spacious room we would be sharing. “C’mon, unpack all the way, Ash!” Emma nagged as she gestured to my stuff perched haphazardly on my queen bed the villa had come with. “Don’t just leave your clothes lying around like that!” Emma urged.

“I’ll unpack them later!” I replied, lazily reading a Thailand brochure.

“Thank goodness Mum made the bed already, or you’d be too lazy to do even that!” Emma replied, visibly appalled.

“It’s summer vacation!” I say. “I’m off the clock!” and on that note, I grab my towel and a tube of sunscreen and head to the elevator to go swim in the ocean.

I’m on my way to the pier, and I head across the deck, only to find I’ve mysteriously lost my footing!

“Aaaah!” I screamed as I plummeted into the darkness and crashed to the ground with a dull ‘THUD’. My piercing shriek was so loud it was a wonder no one else could hear me. I stared desperately upwards as the trapdoor closed with a grinding noise, shutting out all light.

Coughing and spluttering in the stale air, I tried to stand, but my legs had been fallen on when I slipped, unnoticed through the disused trapdoor, and were weak.

“So you’ve made it.” spoke a stranger with a deep voice. He was in a balaclava and he shone his torch on me. I bit back a squeal of surprise as I was a bit taken aback by his seemingly impromptu entrance.

“Who are you?” I asked boldly to mask my fear as soon as I’d regained composure.

“Really? You do not know who I am?” he asked, genuinely surprised.

“Um, last I checked, dude, you are wearing a balaclava. How am I s’posed to know?” He narrowed his eyes and began to circle me much like a shark circles his prey. Whatever his intentions, they were obviously not good.

His beady eyes never left mine. “I am Lord Kill!” He replied, his voice becoming louder and louder. “Wait. Aren’t you in prison?” I asked, bewildered. I climbed to my feet, bracing myself for the whole story. “I’ve been out and on the run for weeks! And I was last seen in the lobby of...”

“Koh Samui Doris Hotel!” I cried, putting it together. My heartbeat quickened. If this was Lord Kill, then I was in grave danger.

My eyes darted around the room, desperate for an escape, but all I saw was blackness. He approached closer and closer; his torchlight was becoming almost blinding. “I am looking for an enchanted button, one that turns all enemies to dust when pressed, and this map,” he pointed to an aged piece of paper, “says it’s right *here*.”

I noticed something dangling precariously from his vest pocket. He snatched it, and then started rummaging through his satchel on the ground. He produced a match. He lit it with a satisfying ‘scratch’, and dangled it close to the object edge.

“Surely you want to escape my dynamite?” he taunted, waving the burning fuse. I backed up against the wall. My elbow

bumped something on the wall, and I discreetly removed and stared at it thoughtfully.

“Any last words?” Lord Kill asked. His eyes now had a maniacal glow. “Wait!” I called, desperate to buy myself a little time. “Why kill me?”

“Isn’t it obvious?” He replied flatly. “You know too much.” Only one thought echoed through my head, which was otherwise eerily silent. “How do I escape?”

I dropped the hexagonal object I had been clutching. A button on the back had been pressed as it hit the floor... and WHOOSH. Lord Kill and his dynamite were gone. All that was left of them was a pile of brightly coloured dust in one corner.

“What happened?” I said to myself. Then my thoughts darted to the contents on the floor. The dust and *the button*.

I had found the enchanted button.

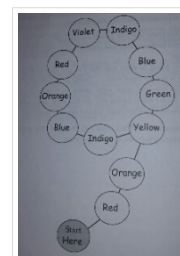
SPEAKING MATHEMATICALLY

Children love winning games. They especially love the power of being able to use a strategy or “trick” to win a game every time! Mathematics can do this for them. Try this game at home.

Magic Colour Predication

This little game is great for learning counting, but it makes a great trick for older children too – for them the challenge is to figure out how it works. Secretly write down the colour orange on a piece of paper and place the prediction face down where everyone can see it. Show your child the diagram below, which looks like a large 9 (see below for example). Think of it as a circle of colours, with a tail going off at the bottom.

1. Start with your finger at the end of the tail, on the “Start Here” circle.
2. Ask your child to choose a number bigger than two but smaller than ten
3. Count his/her number going up the colours of the rainbow, so 1 is Red, 2 is Orange, 3 is Yellow, 4 is Green etc., stopping on her number
4. Now count his/her number again, this time going clockwise and around the circle instead of down the tail.



You will always end on the colour orange.

It will work with numbers bigger than 10 too, though for numbers bigger than 11, you find yourself doing more than one loop of the circle. Choosing a big number such as 50 and counting it both ways every quickly out loud – and ending up on orange yet again – makes great entertainment!

This sort of game has double value. Not only is it embedding the idea of counting, but there’s the deeper question of *why it always works!* This is problem-solving at its most enjoyable.

Monique Russell

P.E. NEWS

Term 2 City District Trials

Trials coming up this term are listed below. If you are skilled in these sports please let Mrs Graham/Mr Harris know of your interest to trial.

Rugby Union – Thursday 28 May
Girls' Softball – Thursday June 18

Girls (10-12) who would be interested in doing some training to develop softball skills before the trial can meet me on the oval on Thursday at second break (1.10–1.40pm).

Perceptual Motor Program (Prep/Year 1) Adult Helpers Required Please

(A big thank you to all those parents who have helped in Weeks 3 and 4. Don't miss out on this opportunity to watch your child in action)

The perceptual motor program started last week for Prep and this week for Year 1 and it continues until Week 8. For the motor program students are split into groups to rotate around different activities. To ensure students get the most out of each activity 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. If you are able to assist can you please fill in the parent roster at your child's classroom.

	9.00 - 9.30	9.30 - 10.00	10.00 - 10.30	10.30 - 11.00	11.30am - 12.00pm
Year 1	1A	1E	1C	1B	1D
Prep	Prep A	Prep B	Prep C	Prep D	Prep E

Gala Sports Days (Years 4–6)

Gala Sports Days for Years 4, 5 and 6 students start this week on Friday 22 May and continue on 29 May and 5 June. Students will be transported by bus from 8.45am to play fixtures between 9.30am and 2.30pm and return to school by approximately 3.00pm. All students must take food, water, hats and sunscreen with them to the venues. Canteens may operate at some venues. Soccer players also need to take shin guards with them. Permission slips should have been returned to class teachers by Monday 18 May.

Venues

Rugby League – Bishop Park
Netball – Pine Rivers, Lawnton
Boys Soccer – Boys Grammar Playing Fields, Northgate
Girls Soccer – Virginia United Soccer Fields, Northgate
Tag League – Shaw Park.

Alayne Graham (agrah27@eq.edu.au)
Mondays/Tuesdays/Wednesdays/Thursdays
Paul Harris (pharr17@eq.edu.au)
Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays

ASCOT ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE (AKA GENERAL WASTE AND THE GARBAGE GANG)

Year 6 students from this Committee have been delivering a clear message to Ascot students that 'It is not cool to litter our school'.



Some Important Facts:

Some of the litter from our school grounds goes into the storm water drains and eventually flows into Moreton Bay.

Plastic bottles are the most common item removed from our waterways by the Healthy Waterways Clean Up crew.

Across South East Queensland, almost 700,000 water quality tests are performed every year to ensure high quality tap water.

You can save money and prevent plastic bottles becoming waterway litter by always carrying a reusable bottle and filling it with tap water.

Did you know?

Drinking two litres per day from the tap will cost you about \$1.50 per year. The same amount from single-use bottles is likely to cost almost \$3,000 per year!

Help rid our school of litter and save money by using refillable water bottles! Our school has ample water taps and even chilled water available to our students.

Lorraine Clacher

SCHOOL COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER'S NEWS

This week is another big week.

Well done Years 3 and 5 - NAPLAN is over for another year.

The Year 3 Disco last Friday night was a tremendous success that was ably manned by FoM volunteers. Thank you ladies and our marvellous Music Department for hosting our excellent eight year olds!

This Friday it is our Year 3 parents turn to enjoy their Year Level Lunch from 11.30am-2.45pm at Ruggers. (Crosby Road, Albion). Free parking.

Our P&C will meet tonight at 7.30pm in the Staff Room.

We have many amazing parents who give their time, skills and passion and they, in turn, are making a difference. On Thursday we celebrate the life of one such parent, Michael Calder, through our annual Golf Day. Michael was an awesome supporter of our school, an active and vital member of our School Council and P&C and a sponsor of this day. It is very fitting that through this special school event we remember him.

To Andrea and their three sons, we look forward to respectfully embracing his memory.

Have a very special week.

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

FoVAD REPORT

NBN and Ascot State School

FoVAD is delighted to be involved in the National Broadband Network community collaborative project at Westfield Chermerside on Monday and Tuesday 25 and 26 May next week.

Our very talented Jacqui Conias has been selected to lead the project and thirteen Ascot State School senior students will be working with Jacqui, assisted by FoVAD, to create a collaborative, bright and colourful art piece consisting of the students' individual designs on a three dimensional installation.

FoVAD and Health and Well-Being Digital Photo Competition

"My School and I – A Positive Snapshot"

FoVAD is collaborating with the Health and Well-Being Committee to produce a photo competition open to all students! The theme is "My School and I – A Positive Snapshot." Students may take a very open interpretation of this theme and reflect in their photo any aspect of the school – social or built environment or both – that they love.

Fabulous prizes for the winners from our sponsor, as well as rosettes and ribbons for Highly Commended entries and Special Mentions. Winners will be announced at assemblies. All entries will be displayed in the hall.

Entries open on **Tuesday 9 June** and close on **Friday 19 June**. It is \$5.00 for each entry (on flexischools from 9 June). Entry will entitle all entrants (and parents) to a Photographic Afternoon Tea at the school on Friday 12 June after school with a free healthy afternoon tea, drink and treat bag supplied to entrants and a chance to win one of two fluffy toy "Lucky Door" prizes which will be drawn at assembly between 9 June and 19th June (as well as winning great prizes in the competition).

Students, please start thinking about your photo entries now! Entry day of **Tuesday 9 June** (straight after long weekend) is coming soon. More details on the entry form and the competition in next week's Digest.

Please contact Katrina on Katrina@kmir.com.au if you have any questions.

Katrina M, FoVAD Convenor

ASCOT'S BIG DAY OUT: 12 SEPTEMBER

There are only 117 days (at the time of writing) until the next **Ascot Big Day Out!!!**



The date is set: Saturday the 12 September. Sunrise is at 5.49am, Sunset is at 5.39pm and the day will be 11 hours and 50 minutes long.

Side Show Alley

We are looking for two vivacious parents to head up Side Show Alley. If you have children in Years 3 or 4 this is your time to shine. Please contact me directly in 0408 776 759. Most of the work has been done so it is really just managing a roster and helping setting up on the Friday.

Sponsors

There are still a few spots available for sponsors to get in on the action. If you would like your company as the naming rights to the entire event or want to have your business name in lights above the café please email Amanda Howard at howardfour4@bigpond.com.

Second Hand Stall

Due to popular demand we are bringing the second hand stall back this year. We will need two people to help organize on the day and the week's prior. Brings in days will need to be confirmed, working bees to sort the wonderful items donated, etc. Please call me on 0408 776 759 if you are interested or have done before.

Our next meeting is on Friday the 5 June at 12.00pm in the Staff Room. Please come and join us to find out more.

In the mean-time, please feel free to contact me directly on the email below should you have any questions.

Michael Spork, P&C Vice-President
Email: michael@blueskyengagement.com.au

FROM THE TUCKSHOP

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

Well the date has been set we are having our Biggest Morning Tea on Wednesday 17 June from 9.00-10.30am. The prizes for the raffle have started to come in and a few names for our home-baked goodies on the day. This is a whole school event. Bring along Mum, Dad, friends, relations, etc. A gold coin donation for Morning Tea and raffle tickets will be sold for our great prizes on the day. I hope to be able to put a list of prizes in the Newsletter by the end of May. Looking forward to the big day.

Dads Day Out Sausage on Wednesday 3 June 2015

On Wednesday 3 June we are having a Dads Day Out Sausage Sizzle for lunch. The Dads Day Out Sausage Sizzle is an opportunity for the fathers and/or grandfathers to help out at Tuckshop by cooking a Sausage Sizzle for the children. Dads are required from 12.00-1.30pm to cook and distribute sausages, drinks and ice creams. If you can help out on this day please let Kathryn know on 3326 9326 or email Tuckshop@ascotss.equ.edu.au. We currently only have one parent that has volunteered and we need at least three more, otherwise this Tuckshop lunchtime event will have to be cancelled.

“I am still hungry/Mum has not packed me enough food.”

These are words we hear on a daily basis at the Tuckshop. When this occurs we give the child in question a sandwich (Vegemite, jam or honey), a piece of fruit and a home bake. We then give the child a note to take home so that Mum/Dad can pay for it via flexischools. If you receive one of these notes please endeavour to pay within the week. The Tuckshop currently has several hundreds of dollars of outstanding accounts. So please, check with your children:

1. to ensure you are packing them enough food, and
2. if they have a note from the Tuckshop (if they tell you that they did not have enough to eat).

Kathryn, Yolanda and the Tuckshop Committee

TUCKSHOP ROSTERS

Tuckshop - Group 2		Home Bake - Group 2	
Monday 25/5/15	Catherine McL, Trudy C	Monday 25/5/15	Ruanne N, Steph P
Tuesday 26/5/15	Louise A, Melanie B	Tuesday 26/5/15	Jodie R
Wednesday 27/5/15	Vanessa H, Bella B-H	Wednesday 27/5/15	Natasha S, Kim H
Thursday 28/5/15	Mary J, Kerry D, Susie C, Shellie L	Thursday 28/5/15	Anna Q, Bianca F, Fiona B
Friday 29/5/15	Carolyn H, Liz Kelly	Friday 29/5/15	Leta D, Nikki T

UNIFORM SHOP ROSTER

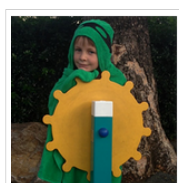
Group 3	
Monday 25/5/15	Rachel L
Wednesday 27/5/15	Vanessa H
Thursday 28/5/15	Kelly MacN

NEWS FROM THE P&C HEALTH AND WELLBEING COMMITTEE

Upcoming Health and Wellbeing Project:

Photo Competition

This is our term 2 project with the competition running from June 9 to June 19.



The competition is titled *My School and I – A Snapshot*. The competition is designed to give the kids a chance to use either one of the iPads purchased by the P&C or they can use a family camera of any type, to take and create an image of the school that they think captures their favourite memories. Look out for more information in the upcoming Digests.

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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 NOTICES

Blue Light Disco: Friday 22 May 6.00-8.00pm at Eagle Farm Racecourse (entry via Lancaster Road). \$5.00 entry. Primary school aged children only. Join us for our end of year celebrations & prize draws. Fully supervised by police and blue light volunteers