

# Ascot State School

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## THE Digest

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to our new students and families who have joined the Ascot State School community this term.

In last week's Digest I highlighted the new Departmental procedures for managing student attendance and, in particular, unexplained absences. Whilst we are waiting for a text messaging system to be released, we will be implementing the following procedures:

- Parents to notify the school by 9.00am each day of any absence.
- Office staff to advise classroom teachers twice daily of individual student absences.
- Absent reports delivered to members of the Leadership Team twice daily.
- Parents of any child with an unexplained absence will be contacted by the Deputy Principal.

This process will remain in place until we are able to implement the Departmental student attendance management system. The safety and wellbeing of each of our students is the highest priority for us at Ascot State School. I urge all parents to kindly advise the school of any absences.

## School and Community Partnerships

QParents is coming to Ascot State School. What is QParents? QParents has been created by the Department of Education and Training to provide parents of Queensland State School students with secure online access to their child's information. You may be able to access your child's report cards online, notify the school of your child's absences and monitor attendance and pay school invoices online with a credit card.

Of course, this system is not replacing current practices, but it is making it easier for parents to access individual student information for working parents. We have signed up for implementation this term and will advise parents when you may register for QParents. Click on the link below for further information on the QParents and stay tuned for further information in the Digest.

<https://qparents.qld.edu.au/>

Thank you to those parents/carers who have already completed the *School Opinion Survey*. The annual School Opinion Survey is conducted from 11 to 29 July 2016 each year. All families, school staff and a random sample of students will be invited to participate. We encourage all parents/carers to take this opportunity to have your say about what this school does well and how this school can improve. Access details for the *Parent/Caregiver Survey* were sent home with students last week.

I wish to advise that I will be on long service leave from Thursday 28 July and returning on Thursday 1 September. Please make welcome, Mr Mark Fisher, who is delighted to be returning to Ascot State School as Acting principal in my absence. Mr Fisher was Deputy Principal here in 2002 and 2003 and is looking forward to being back in the Ascot community.

**Great state. Great opportunity.**



## PARENT INFORMATION SESSION: 9.30-10.30AM, MONDAY 1 AUGUST (STAFF ROOM)



This term, the “Parents as Partners” Information Sessions will be held fortnightly, on Mondays from 9.30–10.30am in the staffroom. Join us for our first Parent Discussion on the Article:

<http://ww2.kqed.org/mindshift/2013/06/10/eight-ways-of-looking-at-intelligence/>

This session provides you with the opportunity to read the attached article before the session, highlight parts you found interesting and have a discussion with Deanne Clark and other parents regarding the article on Monday 1 August. This will be Ascot’s first “Article Club” and we look forward to welcoming you.

Regards

**Gayle Coleman, Principal**

## FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

### ICAS Digital Technology Results

This year 208 students from Ascot participated in the ICAS Digital Technologies assessment. Congratulations to this huge number of students who took part. Those students whose achievements were outstanding will be awarded their certificates of Distinction and High Distinction on Assembly on Monday in Week 3. All other certificates will be handed out by class teachers on Monday. We would particularly like to congratulate the following students who earned Distinctions and High Distinctions:

<b>Year 3 Distinction</b>	Shreena B, Lachlan B, Tom C, Olivia P, James R, Zara W, Stephen W
<b>Year 4 Distinction</b>	Stephanie C, Pascal K, Samuel G, Oliver T, Emmet B, Thomas S, William P
<b>Year 5 Distinction</b>	Emily C, Robert P
<b>Year 5 High Distinction</b>	Rahul K, Amira A
<b>Year 6 Distinction</b>	Lulu H, Mary C, Skye M

The next ICAS assessment is English to be held on Tuesday 2 August. Due to the Canberra Trip, Year 6 will complete this test on Monday 25 July.

The Australian Maths Competition takes place on Thursday 28 July.

It is a busy time for these assessments so my sincere thanks go to the classroom teachers for their administration.

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

## FROM THE HEADS OF CURRICULUM

### Parent Engagement in Children’s Learning

The Australian Government, Department of Education and Training website and app provides a wealth of information and resources for parents on schools and early childhood services. Visit the page, Parent Engagement in Children’s Learning for tips, advice and links to other wonderful sources. You can also download a fantastic app from the Australian Government, Learning Potential.

The link below takes you to a page outlining the 5 easy, yet powerful actions you can take to improve your child’s learning and help them do well at school. Enjoy!

<https://www.education.gov.au/what-can-i-do-help-my-child-do-well-school>

**Deanne Clark & Rochelle Burton, HoCs**

## BOUQUETS

To Nathalie S, Margaret Howard, Deb Daley, Melissa Allen and the parents helpers who supervised nearly 200 very excited Year 1 and 2 children for the movie night last Friday.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Events
<b>Wednesday 20/7/16-Friday 22/7/16</b>	Year 5 Camp (Mapleton)
<b>Wednesday 20/7/16</b>	7.30pm: P&C Meeting (Staff Room)
<b>Thursday 21/7/16</b>	8.15am: Uniform Shop
<b>Friday 22/7/16</b>	
<b>Sunday 24/7/16</b>	10.00am: Mr Rick Pethick’s Morning Tea (Hall)
<b>Monday 25/7/16</b>	8.15am: Uniform Shop 9.00am: Years 3-6 Assembly 10.30am: P-Year 2 Assembly
<b>Tuesday 26/7/16</b>	City District Track & Field
<b>Wednesday 27/7/16</b>	8.15am: Uniform Shop 9.00am: Student Banking Years 3 & 4 Mini Festival City District Track & Field

Date	Events
	7.00-8.00pm: School Council Meeting

## STUDENT LEARNING – STUDENT VOICE



## ASSEMBLY AWARDS

# Star Students

On Monday 25 July the following students will receive an award for *Giving Your Best Effort*. Dr Carol Dweck, Stanford University, reminds parents and educators that effort alone is not enough to unleash the goal of learning. Ascot students learn that Effort has many layers and includes accepting challenges, learning from mistakes, applying a great attitude and using a variety of strategies to improve learning. Well done boys and girls on *Giving Your Best Effort*.

<b>PA</b>	Jack L, Rory N	<b>3A</b>	Will N, Grace P
<b>PB</b>	Charlotte K, Matthew G	<b>3B</b>	Stella S, Oliver H
<b>PC</b>	Natalie S, Rupert H-S	<b>3C</b>	Taylor B, Ethan B
<b>PD</b>	Luca B, Archie H	<b>3D</b>	Sophie S, Liam J
<b>PE</b>	Sofia L, Harrison C	<b>3E</b>	Hugo M, Zachary N
<b>1A</b>	Jonathon A, Astrid S	<b>4A</b>	Isabella Z, Arabella A
<b>1B</b>	Abigail B, Hope C	<b>4B</b>	Niko V, Sam S
<b>1C</b>	Claudia S-S, Olan C	<b>4C</b>	Elsie J, Alex C
<b>1D</b>	Aston B, Maggie L	<b>4D</b>	Elaine C, Charlie C
<b>1E</b>	Darcy A, Luca F	<b>4E</b>	Lachlan McR, Annie P
<b>2A</b>	Max C, Mimi McG	<b>5A</b>	Alejandro R, Nina S
<b>2B</b>	Malia L, Hugo M	<b>5B</b>	Sienna S, Angus S
<b>2C</b>	Bea T, Riley W	<b>5C</b>	Beth S, Lilly H
<b>2D</b>	Johnny G, Emily F	<b>6/5</b>	Rudy D, Ruby P
<b>2E</b>	Emily C, Aurora L	<b>6A</b>	Lulu H, Johno R
		<b>6B</b>	Felix B, Paris P-B
		<b>6C</b>	Hiya D, Harry P

## Golden Ticket Awards

Congratulations to the following students who were great citizens in the playground and acknowledged on assembly last week:

**Nellie C** (Prep B)  
**Isabel S** (Prep B)  
**Olivia M** (2B)  
**Scarlet S** (5A)  
**Jake S** (6C)

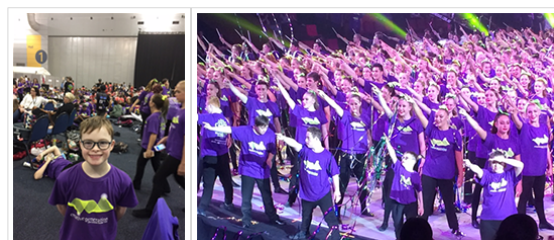
## Congratulations Jeremy Cooke

This year Creative Generation - State Schools Onstage (CGEN) celebrated its twelfth year as Queensland's largest youth performing arts event at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre with four performances on Friday 15 and Saturday 16 July. More than 1500 students from Prep to Year 12 represented state schools from across Queensland.

**The Ascot State School Community congratulates Jeremy Cooke** for his participation in this inspiring, professional and fantastic show. CGEN fosters the next generation of performers and provides opportunities for them to work with and learn from professional artists.

Performances featured more than 1500 students, including dancers, choristers, symphony orchestra members, a massed string orchestra, The James Morrison Creative Generation Big Band, drumline, drama performances, featured and backing vocalists, film and stage crew and Jeremy! It was fantastic.

In October this year the show will be televised on Network 10. Details will be added to our Ascot State School Facebook page in October. Well done Jeremy. You have inspired your teachers and friends!



## Deanne Clark, HOC Personalised Learning

## MUSIC NEWS

Everyone in the Music Department is looking forward to the Morning Tea on Sunday to honour the many years of voluntary service Rick Pethick has given to Instrumental Music at Ascot State School. Please read the attached invitation for details. Our Senior Band will be playing with past instrumental students and this part of the entertainment for Rick will be finished by 10.45am. Our wonderful FoM Co-Ordinator, Nathalie S, has been busy with preparations and if you are able to help set up on Saturday afternoon or dismantle on Sunday that would be greatly appreciated. I know we have some past Ascot State School families who are providing morning tea delicacies but it would be wonderful if some present families could bake a little something as well. We want to make this Sunday a very special day for Rick to remember.

Rehearsals for all bands and choirs have commenced last week. Beginners will start Junior Band soon. Each child will be informed when they are ready to start Junior Band. Please remember there are no auditions to join choirs at Ascot, but a commitment to attend rehearsals regularly and performances

is required. A Choir Commitment form has been sent home. Please sign and return to the letter box outside the Music Room.

If your child wishes to join choir just attend the appropriate rehearsal.

Senior Choir is girls from Years 3 to 6 on Monday at 1.15pm in the hall.

Junior Choir is Years 1 & 2 on Tuesday mornings at 8.15am in the hall.

Boys Don't Sing Choir is Friday mornings at 8.00am in the hall.

If you have any questions please contact the Music Department by phoning the school and ask to be put through to Music or email Margaret Howard or Debbie Daley.

**Margaret Howard, [mhowa12@eq.edu.au](mailto:mhowa12@eq.edu.au) and  
Debbie Daley, [ddale3@eq.edu.au](mailto:ddale3@eq.edu.au)**

## INVITATION TO MR RICK PETHICK'S MORNING TEA: SUNDAY 24 JULY

Margaret Howard will host a Morning Tea to celebrate and honour the many years of service Rick Pethick has given to Instrumental Music and the Senior Band at Ascot State School. The Morning Tea will be held in the school hall on Massey Street on Sunday, 24 July at 10.00am.

All present and past Ascot instrumentalists and their families are invited to attend. The Senior Band will perform and any past students who still play and would like to join the band are most welcome and should join the rehearsal commencing at 9.00am.

Please let Margaret Howard know if you are attending and or playing and which instrument you will play so we can have a chair and music ready for you.

If you know any other past band members please spread the word. We would like video footage of past bands playing so if you have anything we could show please let us know.

Rick is looking forward to seeing many "old" faces at the Morning Tea. He turned 89 recently and conducted his last Senior Band at Ascot's Graduation last December.

Margaret may be emailed or Ascot State School contact number is 3326 9333 and ask for the Music Department.

**Margaret Howard, [mhowa12@eq.edu.au](mailto:mhowa12@eq.edu.au) and  
Debbie Daley, [ddale3@eq.edu.au](mailto:ddale3@eq.edu.au)**

## P.E. NEWS

### City District Track and Field

Next Tuesday and Wednesday the Ascot Athletics Team will be competing in the City District Carnival at Bowden Park and we wish our team every success.

All team members should have returned their forms by now but if not you must have them returned by Friday at the latest.

A reminder that students need to arrive at Bowden Park at least 30 minutes prior to their event and if leaving once their event/s are completed, must inform the supervising teacher. If children are staying for the whole day/s children should be collected

following the final events: Tuesday's last event is scheduled for 2.20pm and relays complete Wednesday events at 2.10pm.

Children need to come to the carnival with a hat, sunscreen and sufficient food and water. They may also purchase items from the canteen.

The training program for this week is detailed below. Due to the short preparation time period we would ask that children attend these trainings.

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday			
8.30-9.00am	Discus	10/11/12 years	
11.00-11.25am	800m	9/10/11/12 years	Mr Harris
1.00-1.40pm	High Jump	10/11/12 years	Mr Harris
11.00-11.15am	Relays		
Tuesday			
1.00-1.30pm	Shot Put	9/10/11/12 years	Mrs Graham
Wednesday			
1.10-1.40am	Long Jump	9/10/11/12 years	Mrs Graham

**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)**

## 2017 ENROLMENTS

If you reside in the Ascot State School catchment area and wish to enrol your child to start at Ascot in 2017 (or intend to enrol the sibling of a current Ascot State School student to start in 2017) please collect, complete and return an enrolment form to the Office as soon as possible.

Please let your friends and neighbours know that **now** is the time to enrol children residing in our local catchment area to start at Ascot State School in 2017.

## FROM YOUR P&C

As President of the P&C I am automatically a member of the School Council. The Council is made up of the Principal, P&C President, two elected teachers, two elected parents and two appointed community members.

The role of the P&C remains unchanged. Ascot State School P&C supports the school in providing students with an educational experience that builds the foundations for enhanced learning and development. We support the school and staff as they engage in an agenda to ensure the best outcomes for students which include not just a focus on academic outcomes but also on the sporting, arts and social well-being of students. Here is a quick overview of the roles of the Principal, P&C and School Council:





		RESPONSIBILITIES			
		Governance	Advice	Operations	Fundraising
Entities	Principal	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
	School Council	Yes	Yes	No	No
	P&C	No	Yes	No	Yes

If you have any questions or would like to offer any suggestions, please email me at any time.

**Sarah Comiskey, P&C President,**  
*pandcpresident@ascotss.eq.edu.au*

**REMINDER: P&C MEETING TONIGHT  
 WEDNESDAY 20 JULY 2016 AT 7.30PM (HALL)**

## FRIENDS OF MUSIC

Excited Year 1 and 2 pyjama-clad students filled the school hall last Friday to watch Alvin and the Chipmunks. The 170 strong crowd enjoyed the movie and their glow products so much that they broke into dance as the credits rolled. The Film Nights are always popular and can only be put on thanks to the wonderful staff, parent volunteers, Music Seniors and to our sponsor Amanda Butler - McGrath Estate Agents.

To celebrate the years of service Mr Rick Pethick has dedicated to our school, we are looking for bakers to contribute to his morning tea this Sunday. Please use the contact details below if you can help.

The Year 1 Disco is just around the corner on Friday the 5 August. The Discos are one of the social highlights of the year which the children really look forward to. A new range of glow products will be on offer.

Friends of Music events like these raise valuable funds that support the excellent and highly regarded Music program offered at Ascot State School. To find out more about volunteering, please email FOM@ascotss.eq.edu.au.

**Nathalie S, FoM Convenor**

## FoVAD NEWS

### Art in Class

Our Artist in Residence, Anuska De Luca, has been working with Year 5 children on one point perspective pastels. Four beautiful examples are illustrated:



Meantime Class 3C have been enjoying expanding their artistry and having fun with their Picasso inspired collages:



### Art Evening - Friday 9 September

Please save the date for FoVAD's Art Evening on Friday 9 September. This is an all-school P&C event. If you would like to be on FoVAD's pre-prep roster of helpers for the two weeks beforehand (easy stuff, no elastic I promise to all the pre-prep Art Week helpers!) or help on the night with set-up, on the door, food and drink sales and/or helping with the art auction, please email fovad@ascotss.eq.edu.au and let us know what your availability is and what you are interested in helping with.

This is FoVAD's big night of nights, is a major fund raiser for the school and only happens every two years, so please don't miss it! Art Evening is for all the family and our wider school community: parents, teachers, staff, carers, extended family, friends, community members and, of course, all our wonderful, artistic students. The work of every child will be featured and they are all very proud of their individual work and class pieces so please plan to come along, enjoy the art and have a great night.

**Katrina M, FoVAD Convenor**

## FROM THE TUCKSHOP

### EKKA Meal Deal

The Ekka Meal Deal will be on Tuesday 9 August and the cut off for orders will be on Monday 8 August. This Meal Deal is for lunch only and children will be required to either order morning tea separately or bring in from home. Because of the work involved in supplying a special Meal Deal there will be no other Tuckshop items available for lunch on this day.

**Kathryn, Yolanda and the Tuckshop Committee**

## TUCKSHOP ROSTERS

Tuckshop - Group 3		Home Bake - Group 3	
<b>Monday 25/7/16</b>	Karen G-T, Margot B	<b>Monday 25/7/16</b>	Deborah P, Michelle F, Kylie L
<b>Tuesday 26/7/16</b>	Renee B, Julie R	<b>Tuesday 26/7/16</b>	Michelle McL, Karen G-T, Brielle K
<b>Wednesday 27/7/16</b>	Jemma C	<b>Wednesday 27/7/16</b>	Nicole A, Jemma C

Tuckshop - Group 3		Home Bake - Group 3	
<b>Thursday</b> 28/7/16	Miranda, Olivia G	<b>Thursday</b> 28/7/16	Brigid T, Hilary L, Madeleine L, Lorelle C
<b>Friday</b> 29/7/16	Natasha J, Tonya F	<b>Friday</b> 29/7/16	Natalie MacG, Brooke G, Vicki D, Kimberley S

## UNIFORM SHOP

We continue to take orders for the new V-neck jumper, open to children in Years 4, 5 and 6. The \$55.00 poly-cotton jumper comes in sizes 10, 12, 14 and 16, with samples in these sizes available for fitting in the Uniform Shop. Some sizes are close to being sold out but will become available again next year. **The pre-ordered jumpers will be distributed this week.** If you have not received yours please contact the Uniform Shop at your earliest convenience, either in person, by phone (3326 9333 during opening hours) or emailing us at [uniformshop@ascotss.eq.edu.au](mailto:uniformshop@ascotss.eq.edu.au).



Girls red tights are also available in the Uniform Shop in sizes 5-6, 7-8, 9-10 & 11-14. Worth considering for girls going on the Year 6 trip to Canberra coming up in Week 4!

Items available in the Uniform Shop and on Flexischools.

Our trading hours are Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 8.15-9.30am.

We look forward to assisting you!

**Uniform Shop Team**

## UNIFORM SHOP ROSTER

Group 2	
<b>Monday</b> 25/7/16	Rachelle L
<b>Wednesday</b> 27/7/16	Julie B (Swap)
<b>Thursday</b> 28/7/16	Shelley W

## FROM HEALTH AND WELLBEING

### The A to Z of Things To Do at Ascot State School

Are you always looking for something extra for your child to be involved in or even yourself? Through the Ascot Community Education there are activities that literally go from A to Z! Starting with Acceleration Sprint training through to Zumba. To find out more go to the Community Education



Calendar which shows the dates, times and contacts for all of the great activities on offer.

### Saturday 23 July 2016 - Huxtable Park, Chermside.

The first event is the 800m starting at 2.00pm.

For more information check the website



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

For the Cliff Youngs in the community, don't forget to register for the **Brisbane Marathon Festival** which is being held on 7 August. This is the 25th year of the event and registrations can be done online below. 19 Days to go!

<http://www.brisbanemarathon.com>

**Girls Touch Rugby:** Brothers Rugby Club is again offering Girls Touch Rugby. Registrations are now open and you can nominate a new team, register individually or join an existing team. For more information visit:



<http://www.brothersrugby.com/brothers-touch.asp>

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

## FROM THE COMMONWEALTH BANK

### Rewarding regular savers with spectacular prizes

A representative of the Commonwealth Bank will attend and address our School Assemblies next week to introduce students to this new competition.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Kalinga Dash Fun Run:** Sunday 14 August, Kalinga Park, Clayfield: 7.5km, 4.2km and 2km Kids Dash. Rides, food and stalls. Great prizes on offer - both cash and products. Register now! [www.kalingadash.com.au](http://www.kalingadash.com.au).

**Kalinga Collectables Fair:** enjoy a second chance at a childhood on Sunday 31 July at the Scout Den at Kalinga Park (bottom of Bertha Street, Woolloowin). There will be masses of vintage and modern toys - including Star Wars, Transformers, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles and He-Man action figures, retro t-shirts, statues, comics and trading cards. There'll even be a sausage sizzle, hot/cold drinks and tea/coffee - something for everyone!