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FROM GAYLE COLEMAN: PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to Term 2 and a special welcome to our new families to the school this term.

Student Success

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Cross Country events at the end of last term and congratulations to Ryan house for winning the Senior Carnival. After adding the Junior Carnival points, Lilley house was the overall winner with a combined total of 681, only 2 points ahead of Ryan.

Congratulations to our Age Champions:

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PREP-YEAR 2			
2 Boys	Jackson D	Tom C	Oliver P
2 Girls	Zara W	Emma W	Gemma N
1 Boys	Archer	Harrison	Jonny
1 Girls	Sofia A	Anaka	Sinalei
Prep Boys	Ned C	Gus	Diesel
Prep Girls	Bella C	Claudia S	Adelaide M

Parent Teacher Interviews

Please ensure you register with our online booking system for your Parent Teacher Interviews. These will be held next week from Monday 27 April to Friday 1 May (except for Year 1 Mrs Thomas and Year 3 Mr Richard Bamlett who are both on leave). This is an opportunity to review student progress, celebrate your child's success and identify areas for improvement for this term. Please see the email from your Parent Rep or see the information appearing in the Digest for details.

Go Blue for Autism

Many thanks to all of our families who supported our Wear Blue for Autism Day on Thursday 2 April. This day is celebrated around the world as we raise awareness and funds to support children and their families with autism. If you are interested in finding out more about autism, please visit the Autism Queensland website at

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

Play is the Way

A special thank you to the Ascot State School P&C who supported seven staff members in Term 1 to attend professional learning on Play is the Way. Play is the Way is a practical methodology for teaching social and emotional learning using guided play, classroom activities and an empowering language. This term, these teachers will be sharing

their learning with other staff members through demonstration lessons. This term our Student Success Coach, Mrs Deanne Clark, will be working with a taskforce to develop an Ascot State School Wellbeing Program. The Wellbeing Program will be for Prep-Year 6 and will further develop the work begun in Wellbeing Success and replace the old Social Skills Program.

At Ascot State School, we want our students to be self-motivated with a growth mindset. But resilience and developing a growth mindset isn't a trait. It is a process that is developed when we praise the students. Praise the Effort. Praise the Process. This has the most impact on our students' academic learning. For further information on Play is the Way click on the link

<https://playistheway.com.au/>

Finally a special congratulations to Ms Stephanie Rowe who got married in the Easter holidays. Congratulations to Mr Bamlett and his wife who welcomed their son to the world in the holidays.

I look forward to seeing parents at our P&C Meeting tonight.

Regards



Gayle Coleman
Principal

BOUQUETS

A special bouquet to all of the parents, grandparents and friends who supported our Prep Easter Hat Parade at the end of last term. A special thank you to Mrs Fiona Luhrs, the Prep Teachers and Glenn Kutzer for our delightful program of events.

INFORMATION ABOUT PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS & BOOKING AN INTERVIEW TIME

Online Parent-Teacher Interview Booking System:

We have scheduled Parent-Teacher Interviews so you can meet with your child's teacher. These meetings enable meaningful discussion between teacher and parent to assist in the development of the child socially, emotionally and academically.

Interviews have been scheduled in Week 2 of Term 2, from Monday 27 April to Friday 1 May, 2015.

To make an online booking please use the link below:

<https://ascotss.sessionkeeper.com.au/>

The online booking system is open from 3pm Monday 20 April to 3pm Friday 24 April.

Session times are in 15 minute blocks. To give teachers time to prepare for each interview, bookings will close at 3pm this Friday 24 April and remain closed throughout the interview week. Changes and cancellations must be made prior to the close date.

Later changes can only be made through direct contact with the class teacher via email as the booking system will remain closed.

***** Please note: Important information for parents of 1D and 3E**

1D (Madonna Thomas) Parent-Teacher Interviews have been scheduled one week later in Week 3 of Term 2, Monday 4 May to Friday 8 May. Bookings still need to be made now (this week) while the online booking system is open.

3E (Richard Bamlett) has no interviews scheduled at this time. 3E parents will be given further information about interviews when Mr Bamlett returns from leave in Week 3.

Please direct any questions to your class teacher.

Jacki Stafford, eLearning Manager

FROM YOUR P&C

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope the holidays were restful and energy levels are once again high. As always, we have a busy schedule of events for this term. It starts tonight with our April P&C Meeting. We look forward to welcoming all new members at 7.30pm in the Staff Room.

I would like to especially mention the Michael Calder Memorial Golf Day Classic on 21 May at the Nudgee Golf Course. I know many dads like to play golf, but many of them don't receive the Digest, so please mention this event and simply go onto flexischools.com.au to register your team of four. There is a 9 hole or 18 hole competition and a lunch afterwards for non-golfers like myself! This isn't a fundraiser, but a social event for parents and friends of the school and a chance for us to remember and celebrate a much loved member of our school community.

We also have Art Week coming up and thanks again to Ray White Ascot for sponsoring this event. Please let Karen know if you'd like to help out during the lunchtime activities karenkose@hotmail.com.

Our year level lunches are once again happening. If you have any questions, please contact Leanne leannebuckle11@gmail.com.

If you have further questions, please email me at pandcpresident@ascotss.eq.edu.au.

Sarah Comiskey, P&C President

P&C MEETING: WEDNESDAY 22 APRIL AT 7:30PM (STAFF ROOM)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 22 April	6.30-8.00pm High Achievers Parent Information Evening (KGSC) 7.30-8.30pm P&C Meeting (Staff Room)
Thursday	8.15-9.30am Uniform Shop

23 April	1.15pm Thinkers' Club (Art Room)
Friday	8.15-9.30am Uniform Shop
24 April	9.30AM ANZAC Day Ceremony (Oval)
Saturday	ANZAC DAY
25 April	7.00am ANZAC Service (Kalinga Park)
Monday	8.15-9.30am Uniform Shop
27 April	9.00am 6C Assembly (P&C Presentation to Sports Recipients) 10.30am 2C Assembly 1.45-2.45 Year 4 Geology Insursion
Tuesday	1.00pm Year 5 Debating (4A Classroom)
28 April	
Wednesday	8.15-9.30am Uniform Shop
29 April	9.30am Parents' Prep Writing Workshop (Staff Room) 7.45am Debating Year 6 (6/5 Classroom) 1.45-3.15pm High Achievers Talent Program (KGSC) 9.00am Student Banking 9.15am Welcome Group (White Jam Café)

FROM MRS HADDEN: MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS 3-6

Welcome to Term 2! The break was a good opportunity for our students to refresh in readiness for another challenging and fun-filled term at school.

This term the weather will continue to be unpredictable and with cooler weather approaching there are some things to consider. Please label your child's uniform, particularly jackets as these are often removed as the day warms up and cannot be returned to their owner without a name tag. The expense of re-buying uniforms can be avoided by a simple label. Please continue to support our uniform policy by ensuring that your child adheres carefully to the correct uniform. Our uniform is a source of pride for our students and the wider school community.

ANZAC Service

The Student Council will attend an ANZAC Service in the city with schools from across Brisbane tomorrow. Our student leaders represent our school with pride and respectful behaviour.



Our school ANZAC Service will be held on **Friday 24 April at 9.30am** on the school oval and will be attended by all students. In the event of inclement weather the service will be held in the hall and will be attended by students from Years 2 to 6. Children should wear their formal uniform and school hat. All members of the Ascot State School community are invited to attend.

ANZAC badges are for sale for \$2.00 throughout this week. The money raised will be donated to the Clayfield/Toombul RSL and the not-for-profit charity, the Walking Wounded. This group supports the well-being and rehabilitation of returning Australian soldiers.

Our Student Councillors will also attend a service at **Kalinga Park at 7.00am on ANZAC Day**. All members of the school community are welcome to attend.

NAPLAN

This term our Years 3 and 5 children will sit for the NAPLAN tests in the areas of English and Maths. All students have been completing a range of learning activities which will ensure they are very well prepared to sit for the tests. It is also important to provide students with a level of confidence that assures them that they are capable and ready to complete all challenges. Today Melissa Boyle and I presented a parent session to discuss the NAPLAN process and to ensure our students and their parent felt confident and at ease going into these test.

ASSEMBLIES

The assemblies for Years 3-6 will resume in Week 2. It is always a pleasure to hear of our student's outside-school activities and achievements. We love to share in their interests and will gladly acknowledge and celebrate at our assemblies. Let us know of any news which we can share.

ANZAC DAY: SATURDAY 25 APRIL 2015

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning,

We will remember them.



COMMUNITY EDUCATION

At Ascot State School our parent and community are extensively involved in a range of extra-curricular programs that support our students learning. These are programs are beyond the scope of our Australian Curriculum but offer students other avenues for their learning. Please click to see the Term 2 extracurricular program for further information and to make a booking.

CHANGES TO PARENT & COMMUNITY TERM 2 OVERVIEW

Please note:

- There is no Maths Workshop on Tuesday 5 May.
- A "Hands on Maths" Workshop will be held on Wednesday 20 May in the Staff Room.
- Tuesdays: 1.00pm Year 5 Debating (4A Classroom).
- Wednesdays: 7.45am Year 6 Debating (6/5 Classroom).

The following dates and awards are for Term 2.

Week 1 20 April	No Assembly		
Week 2 27 April	Be Proactive I am Responsible.	6C Team Work	Being a Responsible Student
Week 3 4 May	Be Proactive I take Initiative. I do the right thing without being asked.	4C Completing tasks efficiently	Displaying Thoughtfulness
Week 4 11 May	Be Proactive I choose my actions. Choose wisely and have an amazing day!	4AB Finish what you start	Using my Initiative
Week 5 18 May	Be Proactive I choose my attitudes and mood. Choose wisely and have an amazing day!	6A Observing timeframes	Making Positive Choices
Week 6 25 May	Begin With the End in Mind I am an important part of my class and school.	4D Persevere	Choosing the Right Mindset
Week 7 1 June	Begin With the End in Mind I look for ways to be a good citizen.	3E Working well in teams	Helpful Behaviours at all times
Week 8 8 June	Queen's Birthday Holiday – No Assembly		
Week 9 15 June	Begin With the End in Mind I set priorities and follow my plans.	3A Restrain Impulsivity	Setting Goals
Week 10 22 June	Begin With the End in Mind I spend time on things that are important to me.	MUSIC Working with others	Working and caring for others

3A	Arabella A Grayson C	4C	Lucy W Robert P
3B	Max B Isabella C	4D	Mitchell W Zara P
3C	Micah C Sienna K	5A	Aleah H James K
3D	Grace T Alex M	5B	Ned B Joelly B
3E	Will H Samuel R	5C	Archer C Jemima S
4/3	Zoe B Kara N	6/5	Gilbert C Mary C
4A	Katelyn H Keira T	6A	Ashton B Tara F
4B	Jack A Greta C	6B	Darcy D Lucy H
		6C	Zahra A Kioa P

Have a great week.

Kind regards,

Sharyn Hadden, Deputy Principal

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

Welcome back to Term 2. It's great to see how excited the children are to be back at school; full of enthusiasm for another term of learning.

To the Prep Parents and Grandparents who joined us on Thursday 2 April for the Easter Hat Parade - what a great way to finish off the term. The Prep students have well and truly settled into their new school. Once again, thank you to our hardworking Prep Teachers and Teacher Aides for the work that went into making the Easter Hat Parade the success that it was.

It's now time to begin to plan for our next intake of Prep Students in 2016. A 2016 Prep Enrolment Session for interested parents will be held on Tuesday 26 May 2015 at 9.30am in the Hall.

NAPLAN Parent Information Session was held this morning in the staff room. The Powerpoint and a parenting tip sheet looking at Helping Your Child Get Ready for NAPLAN can be located on our school website.

Student of the Week: Years 3-7



Congratulations to the following team players who understand the importance of co-operating with their peers and teachers and working with others to achieve results. The power of teamwork is a lifelong lesson. Well done girls and boys!

Date Claimers for Term 2:

- **Prep Writing Information session for Parents**
Wednesday 29 April, 9.30am in the staffroom.
Growing Up Writing: The Power of Writing in Prep brochure will be sent home to all parents on Wednesday afternoon.
- **Year 1 and 2 Writing Information session for Parents** Wednesday 6 May, 9.30am in the staffroom.
Growing Up Writing: Inspiring Young Writers brochure will be sent home to all parents after the session.
- **2015 Prep Enrolment Session** Tuesday 26 May at 9.30am in the Hall.

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



Student of the Week: Prep-Year 2

Next week's student of the week award is for "Completing All Work". Congratulations to:

Prep A	Ryder D Maryann B	Year 1D	Charlotte S Johnny G
Prep B	Bella C Lila M	Year 1E	Emily F Lola M
Prep C	Ellie S Elliot M	Year 2A	Shanae S Eli P
Prep D	Violet B Alex J	Year 2B	Gemma N Stephen W
Prep E	Eryn B Angus P	Year 2C	Ava F Caitlin C
Year 1A	Evana M Matias H	Year 2D	Isabelle M Jackson D
Year 1B	Samantha P Luca T	Year 2E	Harry C Aayan K
Year 1C	Oliver L Macey T		

Junior Assembly Schedule for Term 2: Be sure to mark the dates in your calendar.

Date	Wellbeing Focus	Class	Assembly Focus
27 April	Be Proactive I am Responsible I pack my bag for school. I know what books / requirements I need each day.	2C	Completing all work

Date	Wellbeing Focus	Class	Assembly Focus
4 May	Be Proactive I take Initiative. I do the right thing without being asked. What could that be this week?	2A	Using Brave Talk
11 May	Be Proactive I choose my actions. Choose wisely and have an amazing day!	1E	Friendly behaviour
18 May	Be Proactive I choose my attitudes and mood. Choose wisely and have an amazing day!	1B	Doing your best
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
22 June	Begin With the End in Mind I spend time on things that are important to me. Family and holidays are important, just like school.	Prep E	Caring for others

Enjoy the first week back!

Melissa Provost-Boyle, Deputy Principal

FROM ANGELA DAWSON

Learning Targets

This week all students will have set new Learning Targets for the first 5 weeks of this Term. Learning targets are the behaviours, knowledge or understandings that students identify as important to their own learning. They can encourage students to become active participants in the learning process, empowering them to become independent learners, and motivating them to achieve their full potential. Students who set their own learning targets with their teacher have more confidence to take on more challenging tasks, regardless of their ability. Their motivation to improve and master a task is improved and their self-esteem remains strong, even in the case of failure.

All students should bring these targets home this week so please discuss these them with your child. Targets are set in Number, Reading, Writing, Spelling and social or work habits.

Habits of Mind

Dimensions of Learning (DoL) incorporates the best of what we know about the learning process. It is a program that places students at the centre of what we do and promotes lifelong learning. It is a program that provides the best in instructional strategies, a structure for planning curriculum and assessment and has a focus on systemic reform. DoL encompasses the outcomes approach to education as well as supporting the development of information literacy skills.

A key component of the Dimensions of Learning is **Habits of Mind**. The most efficient learners have developed powerful habits of mind to enable them to think effectively. Students develop positive habits of mind to ensure they are creative, critical and self-directed learners.

At Ascot State School, we have allocated four habits of mind to each year level. This week, teachers have introduced a new habit of mind and are teaching strategies to develop these habits. Instruction to foster habits of mind includes the reinforcement of long-term goals such as valuing accuracy, responding to feedback, planning effectively, and using resources. You may hear your child make comments such as we are “think outside the square”, “be accurate and seek accuracy” or “plan appropriately”. We often incorporate Habits of Mind into our weekly assembly. Please have a chat with your child this week about their new Habit of Mind.

High Achievers' Program

A reminder to parents of students attending the High Achievers' Program that the Parent Information Session is **tonight** from 6:30 to 8:00pm at Kelvin Grove State College Hall. The Program begins for students next week on Wednesday 29 April from 1:45 to 3:15pm.

Thinkers' Club

Thinkers' Club will continue for Year 3 and Year 4 until Week 5 of this Term. From Week 6, thinkers from Year 1 and Year 2 will be invited to join me on Thursdays from 1:15-1:40pm.

Have a great week.

Angela Dawson

SPEAKING MATHEMATICALLY

The comedian Adam Spence recently authored a book titled, “The Big Book of Numbers”. In his introduction he states, “I love numbers. I have for as long as I can remember. I explain it to people by saying that numbers are the musical notes upon which the symphony of the universe is played, or that they are the jigsaw pieces of the puzzle of life, but more than anything, I think they are simply beautiful.”

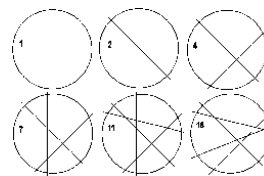
When we talk to our children about Mathematics, it is probably often in the context of a task, or homework, or tables or test results. But Mathematics is more than that. Mathematics is also about conjecture, patterns, hypotheses, contradiction, proofs, theorems and creative thinking. How do we bring that to reality for our children? One way can be to talk with them about interesting facts with numbers. Below are a couple you may like to use to start these more ‘interesting’ mathematical discussions with your children:

12 – Twelve is known as a ‘dozen’. Dozen comes from the Latin word duodecim, duo meaning two and decim meaning ten.

69 – The furthest flight by a paper plane is 69.14 metres achieved by Joe Ayoob and aircraft designer John M Collins in California in February 2012.

36 – If you roll two 6 sided dice they can each come up any of 6 possible ways. So there are 36 possible rolls. But there aren't 36 possible totals that you can get. This is because different rolls can give the same total.

29 – Seven cuts through a pizza can create up to 29 pieces.



Zero cuts = 1 piece. One cut = 2 pieces. Two cuts = 4 pieces, etc. This is referred to as ‘The Lazy Caterers Sequence’.

2 – Two is the bases of the binary system, a form of mathematics which only uses 0's and 1's. It is the basis of the technology that drives computers.

And finally, here are four riddles that can be solved by calculating the solution and inverting the calculator upside down to read the answer!

- The more you take away the bigger it gets. What is it?
 463×8
- If Sally eats five sausages and four bars of chocolate and then drinks eight cans of lemonade, what does she become?
 257×3
- What was the first thing that the British Prime Minister said when he met the US President?
 $1\ 289 \times 6$ then divide by 10 000
- And what did he say back?
 5×802 and then take away 4000 and then add 4

Monique Russell

P.E. NEWS

Welcome back to Term 2 and we hope you enjoyed a relaxing break.

Senior Cross Country

We were very lucky to complete our Senior Cross Country at the end of last term given the hot and wet weather conditions and we were very impressed with the spirit and effort shown by the students in completing the event. A big thank you to the teaching staff, Dr David Slaughter (first aid officer), Pat Gerry (initiator and chief set up volunteer) and all the other parent helpers who made this day a big success. The results were as follows:

CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS			
House	Junior Points	Senior Points	Combined Total
Lilley	273	408	681
Ryan	258	421	679
Meibusch	233	397	630
Henderson	252	323	575

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Children who have qualified for the Ascot team to compete at the City District trial on May 5 at Grammar playing fields have been notified and will be required to continue training leading up to the event. **School training sessions will be held each morning tea from 11:00–11:20am** and the children can eat their morning tea afterwards.

AFL Trials

Good luck to our AFL players who will be playing in the City District team on Thursday and Friday, following this event's postponement from the end of Term 1 due to wet weather.

Term 2 City District Trials

Sports trials coming up this term are set down for the following dates but please be reminded that these dates sometimes change. If you are skilled in these sports please let Mrs Graham/ Mr Harris know of your interest to trial.

Tennis – Friday May 8

Rugby Union – Thursday May 28

Girl's Softball – Thursday June 18

MetNorth Golf – Monday May 18.

Perceptual Motor Program (Prep/Year 1)

The perceptual motor program will start in Week 3 and continue 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 3 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	10-10:30	10:30-11	11:30-12
YEAR ONE	1A	1E	1C	1B	1D
PREP	Prep A	Prep B	Prep C	Prep D	Prep E

City District/MetNorth Sporting Representatives

All students who have been selected in City District or MetNorth sporting teams in Term 1 will be recognised on assembly in Week 2 and parents are welcome to come and watch the presentations.

Alayne Graham (agrah27@eq.edu.au)
 - **Mondays/Tuesdays/Wednesdays/Thursdays**

Paul Harris (pharr17@eq.edu.au)
 - **Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays**

FROM THE ASCOT STATE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Beginning this term, we will be introducing Ascot students and families to **General Waste and the Garbage Gang!**



Our team wants to lead a united effort to clean up Ascot of its waste. For a long time those popper straw wrappers and various other items of litter have been gradually taking over our school. We are going to attack our litter problem head on and deliver a clear message to Ascot State School that:

IT IS NOT COOL TO LITTER OUR SCHOOL!!!

Stay tuned for further updates from our team in the Digest, on assemblies and in the playground and eating areas.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER'S NEWS

I hope you are all feeling rested and raring to go.

Week 2 sees our Parent Teacher Interviews. Follow the procedure outlined in order to book your time slot with your child's teacher. It is always worthwhile to have a progress 'one on one' with them.

Week 3 is Art Week. FoVAD - Friends of Visual Arts and Design are an incredible group of volunteers who facilitate the art movement in our school. Art is universal. Creativity is an awesome means of communication. Special thanks to the stunning Katrina Murphy for her dedication to this group of dynamic volunteers. To Carla Adams, our Art Teacher funded by the school's P&C, we adore what you do with our children. You inspire and lead by your superb program. Age appropriate creations that are so stunning.

Note: - winter uniforms during Terms 2 and 3.

Our moving school tribute ANZAC Day service is at 9.30am this Friday. Sharyn Hadden and Lisa MacPherson work with our school leaders to co-ordinate and create a fitting service. Dignitaries are invited and of course you are all welcome to share in the morning with a light morning tea afterwards.

Please remember to RSVP for the Year 2 Year Level Lunch via flexischools by Monday 27 April. It is held at Ruggers on Friday May 1 (Week 2) from 11.30am-2.45pm. Awesome food and fun connections shared with your fellow Year 2 families. Cost is \$40 per head.

Next Monday the Senior Assembly is presented by 6C and the Junior Assembly by 2C. Reminder to those families to bring along morning tea plates to share after your child's class presentation. Tea/coffee will be on tap in the Instrumental Room (under the hall). Please join us.

Week 2: Can I ask for Year 6 parents interested in being the heart and soul of this year's Graduation Committee to meet

in the Staff Room on Wednesday 29 April at 9.00am. Thanking you in anticipation of your time.

Whilst I have your attention, thank you to all the amazing parents and carers super volunteers who keep our school going. You know who you are.

Tonight it is P&C time again in the Staff Room at 7.3 pm. All welcome.

I hope you have a great week. Welcome back to Term 2.

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

FROM THE TUCKSHOP

Term 2 Tuckshop

The Prep classes can now order from the online flexischools menu Mondays-Thursday with a modified menu.

We still have a few vacancies on our roster, so if you can help out at any time between 8.00am-1.30pm please pop in and see Kathryn or Yolanda or give them a call on 3326 9326.

Kathryn, Yolanda and the Tuckshop Committee

TUCKSHOP ROSTERS

Tuckshop - Group 2		Home Bake - Group 2	
Monday 27/4/15	Catherine McL, Trudy C	Monday 27/4/15	Ruanne N, Steph P
Tuesday 28/4/15	Louise A, Melanie B	Tuesday 28/4/15	Jodie R
Wednesday 29/4/15	Vanessa H, Bella B-H	Wednesday 29/4/15	Natasha S, Kim H
Thursday 30/4/15	Mary J, Kerry D, Susie C	Thursday 30/4/15	Anna Q, Bianca F, Fiona B
Friday 1/5/15	Carolyn H, Liz Kelly	Friday 1/5/15	Leta D, Nikki T

UNIFORM SHOP ROSTER

Group 3	
Monday 27/4/15	Rachel L
Wednesday 29/4/15	Vanessa H
Thursday 30/4/15	Kelly MacN

MOTHER'S DAY STALL

This year the Mother's Day stall will be held on Friday 8 May in the school hall from 8.30-11.00am (morning tea). This is a lovely opportunity for the children to purchase a gift for the special people in their lives for Mother's Day. It is a great initiative that is proudly supported by the P&C, allowing our children the independence and personal satisfaction of buying a very special gift. The process is always well considered and always made with love. This event has been a favourite event on the school calendar for many years now and a real joy to be part of.

There are so many beautiful gifts this year that the children will have difficulty deciding on one!

All gifts are priced at \$10.00, which is terrific value for money given the quality and range that we have been able to secure. There will be additional gifts available for children wishing to purchase something special for other extended family members.

All classes will be rostered to attend the Mother's Day Stall throughout the morning session; however teachers, parents and children looking for additional gifts are more than welcome to purchase gifts throughout morning tea. It is particularly helpful, especially for younger children to have the correct money in a clearly named and sealed envelope.

If you would like to be part of this special morning and help out on the day, please come along between 8.30-11.00am. You do not have to commit to the entire time. The more helping hands the better. Morning tea will be provided for the special helpers. Please email Kylie dandktimms@gmail.com if you can assist. It will be greatly appreciated and you will love the smiles on the children's faces - guaranteed!

NEWS FROM THE P&C HEALTH AND WELLBEING COMMITTEE

Welcome back everyone.

Reminder of Before School Activities: Positions remain available for most of the activities listed below. These provide you and your children great variety to your collective experience at Ascot State School. Apart from expanding your child's experiences it often allows your children to meet other students from different classes and year groups who are also like-minded in their choice of activities:

Swimming Lessons with **Totally Technique** in the School Pool:
<http://www.totallytechnique.com.au/>

Ascot Accelerators (Running and fitness program):

http://www.accelerationesp.com/ascot_state_school

Fun French Classes:

<http://www.afbrisbane.com/>

Go Cricket: Phone Greg 0417 614 509

Go Soccer: Phone Greg 0417 614 509

Meditation Course – **Mindful Kids Meditation:**
www.themindfuljourney.com.au or phone 0403 222 380

TRYathlon: Sanitarium and Weetbix are holding 2 kids TRYathlon events in SEQ this year. On Sunday May 17 it will

be held at the Sleeman Sports Complex at Chandler and on Sunday May 24 another event is being held on the Sunshine Coast at the Kawana Aquatic Centre and Stockland Park.

Queensland Running is holding its weekly Saturday Cross Country events this weekend (ANZAC Day) at ANZAC Park Toowong and on Saturday May 2 at Pine Rivers Park, Strathpine. For more information and registration go to

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

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

WELCOME GROUP

Have you recently enrolled your child at our school and would like to meet other parents? You may be interested in joining our school's Welcome Group. Our Welcome Group has been set up primarily as an opportunity for new parents to our school to meet other school families, although anyone who is interested in making new friends is welcome to attend!

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

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

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Kedron State High School (Academic Traditional Disciplined, Diverse): You are invited to the 2015 Kedron Expo on Thursday 21 May at 3.30-7.30pm in the Indoor Sports Centre. Park Road, Woolloowin, phone 3630 3333, <http://www.kedronshs.eq.edu.au/>.

Aussie Hoops at Ascot State School. Introduction to Basketball for boys and girls Years 3 and up only held at the Ascot State School undercover court. Starts Thursday 7th May - Week 3 of Term 2 and runs for 6 weeks on Thursdays 3:15pm-4:15pm. Cost \$80.00 per participant. All players receive a basketball, singlet and bag. Must register online at <https://reg.sportingpulse.com/v6/MapFinder/mapfinder.cgi?r=13&sr=40&type=3&stt=pc&aID=15578> for more information call Lucian on 0419 724 392.

Downey Park Netball - NETSETGO 2015

NetSetGo is a play based netball skills program aimed for 5 – 7 year olds. (born 2008, 2009, 2010). Emphasis is on the acquisition of the basic motor skills, in a fun environment of games and activities. The program promotes participation and skill development. Dates: Saturdays - May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; June 13, 20, 2015. Time: 8.00-9.00am. Cost: \$95 includes insurance, ball and t-shirt. Downey Park Netball Courts, Green Tce, Windsor (inside fenced complex). Further information on our website <http://www.downeypark.qld.netball.com.au/>

St Mark's Anglican Church, cnr. Bonney Avenue and Bellevue Terrace, **Clayfield Ladies Market Bonanza: 2 May 9.00am-1.00pm.** Come along and check out a range of amazing products and bargains from a huge range of local small businesses. 5.00 entry cost includes a Devonshire Tea. Special offers and discounts, workshops, big raffle prizes. A

great day out with friends. For stall holder information please contact anglicanclayfield@gmail.com .

Mater Little Miracles 5 km Walk – South Bank: Mater Little Miracles 5 km walk is Brisbane’s favourite family day out! Get ready for a day of games, face-painting, prizes, a petting zoo, jumping castle, food and good, clean family fun. And we’re so excited to announce that appearing for the first time ever is Peppa Pig. The kids also get to meet everyone’s favourite Latina backpacker—Dora the Explorer. Sign up today to make sure you and your family don’t miss out on Brisbane’s number one family day out! Sign up at www.materlittlemiracles.org.au . Mater Little Miracles 5 km is so much fun for everyone—but it’s also more than that. It’s a walk for our babies and children. By taking part in this fantastic event, you are helping make little miracles happen for the 10 000 babies and their families who are treated at Mater each year. This year, your 5 km walk could take you all the way to the South Pacific. Sign up by 18 May and you’ll automatically go in the draw to win a family holiday to Fiji*. Join us at the Cultural Forecourt in the heart of the beautiful South Bank parklands where you can enjoy the spectacular scenery, art installations and activities. Registration is only \$35 for a family of five, \$20 per individual or \$15 per participant for a team. We look forward to seeing you on 31 May at South Bank.