Issue 33 – Wednesday 22 October 2014

FROM MELISSA PROVOST-BOYLE: ACTING PRINCIPAL

Thank you to our teaching staff for providing Parent Teacher Interviews last week. Interviews are highly valued by Parents, Teachers and Administrators.

I hope parents and students enjoyed Monday’s Student Free Day. Our teaching staff attended a City Cluster Conference held at Windsor State School. The focus of the conference was on supporting student achievement through strong pedagogy. John Joseph provided the key note address on “Development of the Brain, Pedagogy and Learning Styles” and “Assessment with the Brain in Mind”.

The Student Free Day was a wonderful opportunity for teachers to access high quality professional development to improve student outcomes.

Great Results Guarantee 2015

In 2015 the Queensland Government is investing $183 million in Great Results Guarantee funding for state schools. Here at Ascot State School, our estimated 2015 allocation is $215 000 to continue the great work we started this year to improve our student’s performance. www.education.qld.gov.au/resultsguarantee

Hot Weather Water

The hot weather is upon us; please ensure that you send children to school with a full water bottle each day. Don’t forget to pack an ice brick in the children’s lunch boxes.

It’s also a good idea to apply sunscreen before leaving home.

All the best to our Year 7 Debating Team for their final debate tonight.

Have a great week.

Regards

Melissa Provost-Boyle
Acting Principal

BOUQUETS

Thank you to the organisers of the Ascot Mothers (Past and Present) Lunch; I know it will be a great success.

FROM YOUR P&C

Today’s report is about one word – thanks. The business year is over for the P&C and our next meeting will be about fun and fellowship. It is also the time to acknowledge and thank those who have made our year so successful.

On a personal note, I would like to acknowledge and thank my P&C Executive team. Thanks to our Treasurer, Cath McL., for her tireless work collecting money at our events. To my two Vice-Presidents, Toni M and Michael S, your support and work on sponsorship, ABDO and next year’s Golf Day will ensure another successful year for the P&C in 2015. To my secretary, Stella DeJ, thanks for organising the Swimathon and doing the Minutes.

Plus I would like to thank the Sub-Committee heads for the work that they do. Katrina M and Beck McW ensured our Art Evening was the best year and Art Week was a highlight for many children. Cameron McL and Tracy R work hard so that over 200 children get their first go at competitive swimming in a friendly and social setting. Pat G has worked hard to establish the Health & Wellbeing Committee and this culminates in a CPR course being run this week. Julia C is almost part of the furniture at Tuckshop and her support as Queen of Flexischools is brilliant. Thanks to Kate R who has ensured a seamless transition at Uniform Shop; with over 800 children at the school, it is a big job. Thanks to Nicola who allows our kids to enjoy Discos and Film Nights – always a highlight for the children during the course of the year. Plus the parents get to see the culmination of practice at our upcoming Music Evenings. And lastly, to Marion W – a lifetime member of our P&C for her tireless contributions to the school’s Physical Environment. The new garden along Massey Street has brightened up a once ugly corner.
Leanne Buckle is taking nominations so if you have someone in your class that reads every day, oversees the swim lessons and helps with Book Club then please email Leanne and let her know about this person. Without our P&C members and volunteers, this school would not be what it is today. Don’t forget, if you have any names, please email Leanne leannebuckle11@gmail.com.

Sarah Comiskey, P&C President
Email: president@ascotsspandc.com.au

UPCOMING EVENTS

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G20 PUBLIC HOLIDAY – 14 NOVEMBER

Parents and families are reminded that Friday 14 November 2014 has been declared a public holiday to ease the impact on the city and help minimise any potential disruptions, and our school will be closed on this day.

FROM MRS HADDEN: MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS 3-7

Student Free Day

On Monday, teachers from across the City Cluster of schools attended a conference where the focus was on “Supporting Student Achievement through Strong Pedagogy”.

The conference was a great opportunity for teachers to hear John Joseph who is an educationalist with a worldwide clientele. John reinforced many of our beliefs about the power of positive learning experiences and the ability of the brain to think, learn and develop when challenged with interesting experiences.

Here are a few points made by John on the all-important topic of student motivation.

Student motivation tends to rise when one or more of the following conditions are present:

1. The learning is personally interesting to the student (I’m fascinated by it all).
2. The learning solves a perceived want or need (I really need to know or be able to do this).
3. The instructional practices are challenging and/or enjoyable (I enjoy reading, debates, simulations ...).
4. There is an opportunity to develop mastery (you can coach me and I can improve performance).
5. Teacher feedback can be used for revision and to gain better grades (If I don’t get it, I can seek help).

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Student of the Week: Years 3-7

Next week’s assembly will be presented by 7/6A and will be a tribute to Education in Queensland and the historic change which will take place in 2015 when our Years 6 and 7 students both begin High School.

The award is for “Working Consistently on Tasks”. Congratulations to the following hard-working children.

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HIGH DISTINCTION

FROM MRS HEINRICH: EARLY YEARS

What did you do this weekend?

You might wonder what our teachers get up to on the weekend other than catching up on sleep! Here’s a sneak peak of the dedication of Ascot State School teachers. Fourteen teachers gave up their Saturday morning to listen to an expert, Dr. Taffy Raphael, a researcher and author of QAR: Question Answer Relationships.

QAR is a framework used to teach students the relationship between questions and answers. It clarifies how students can approach the task of reading texts and answering questions and focuses on the strategies required to generate challenging questions. It helps them realize the need to consider both information in the text and information from their own background knowledge.

Some Key Points – QAR:

- Shows the relationship between questions and answers.
- Categorises different question types.
- Assists students to analyse, comprehend and respond to a variety of texts.
- Helps students realise that the text does not always have all the answers.
- An explicit instructional model with developmental progression.
- A shared language in talking about strategies and in context, improving questioning practices.
- A means for organizing quality comprehension strategy instruction.

Sharyn Hadden, Deputy Principal

ASCOT’S GOT TALENT NOMINATION FORM

Each year the children look forward to this exciting event and it’s back for 2014!

Any students wishing to enter this year’s talent quest need to fill in the nomination form below and return it to Miss Kajas (4A Upper G Block) in a sealed envelope along with the $1.00 entry fee (per act). Nominations close Friday 31 October. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to see Miss Kajas (4A).
Footsteps Dance
Each Wednesday, children in Years 1–3 have been bopping and boogying to Funky Town and other great dancing songs. The lessons are well structured and are paced so children can keep up and enjoy their moves! The instructor gives very clear instructions that are broken into small enough chunks for children to follow and yet at the same time challenging.

Student of the Week P-2
Congratulations to the following children for Playing Fair:
Week 4.

Prep A  Daniella C  Year 1D  George W  Connor H
Prep B  Matias H  Ruby H  Year 1E  Zack R  Omero M
Prep C  Tahlia B  Zoe Rowan  Year 2A  Penny B  Elaine C
Prep D  Mikayla F  Charlie F  Year 2B  Sienna R  Ines M
Prep E  Johnny G  Luca T  Year 2C  Spencer W  Daisy Q
Year 1A  Destiny T  Milly C  Year 2D  William H  Finn M
Year 1B  Charlie L  Nicholas Z  Year 2E  Zara D  Hamish C
Year 1C  Hunter D  Isabella W  Year 2F  Alexander C  Roman T

Junior Assembly:
Junior Assembly Schedule for Term 4. Be sure to mark the dates in your calendar.

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Community

- National Recycling Week 10-16 November 2014. This week offers a great opportunity for students to understand the effect of their actions on the environment and learn about the benefits of recycling.
- My personal goal this year has been to part with the many clothes and items around the house in an environmentally friendly way. I’ve been giving away free items (instead of disposing), selling at markets or on-line, donating to charities, finding a different use for items, repairing instead of disposing and basically following the old rule that ‘One Man’s trash is another Man’s treasure’ or in this case, Woman’s! There are a lot of ideas and information at http://recyclingweek.planetark.org/

Have a great week!

Anita Heinrich, Acting Deputy Principal

STUDENTS ACTIVATING SUCCESS

Ascot students in Years 6 and 7 use the work of Dr Andrew Martin, UNSW, to further their understanding and growth of learning. Our students discuss their own education; what it means to learn; the value of helpful thinking and behaviour and how to use their passions and strengths to participate and grow their learning and mindset. Dr Martin states that students’ self-belief is the key for engagement and motivation in learning.

This term we are pleased to share with you the knowledge that our Years 7/6 students have about Student Learning.

This week and next, we hear the wise words of Student Voice from Ms Atkin’s class:

Success isn’t determined by the mark you get. It’s about how much effort you put in, and whether or not you are proud of what you’ve achieved.

Paris

You have to think you can succeed before you succeed. If you fail, get back up and battle the challenge until the gate behind it opens. Never give in to the dark side of your brain. Wait for the end product that you want before you stop.

Isobel

Growth mindset will help my learning. If you fail, come back stronger.

Patrick

Believe in yourself. Be respectful and kind.

Sarah

Even if you fail you should keep trying. You always need to keep going. To be a great learner you need to keep focussed and have a growth mindset.

Ruby
Always keep a positive mindset because when your mind is open there are so many new opportunities.

Rebecca

Success begins with “I can …”.

Dayle

Anything small can end up big if you don’t give up.

Campbell

If you keep putting up your hand in class, you get a stronger mind.

James

When you fall down, lift yourself back up and keep powering on.

Charlotte

Kindness is the key to success.

Emily

You don’t have to be smart, you just have to be persistent.

Hannah

Warm regards

The 7/6 Class Teachers, Students and Deanne Clark

P.E. NEWS

Swimming

It is great to see most of our students in the correct clothing for swimming lessons and that the majority of children are participating in each lesson. Swimming is such an important skill to develop considering our geography, climate and lifestyle. Thanks to those parents who support the swimming program by volunteering their time. Your help is much appreciated.

Reminder: One more week to Swimathon, so good luck to you all in your efforts.

Interschool Gala Sports Days (Years 5–7) – 24 October

This week is the last Gala Sports Day, weather permitting. We hope the children have enjoyed their fixtures against other schools and that they have gained confidence and skills from participating in these days.

Participation in team sports provides many benefits for children. In an interesting article titled, “Spoil Sports”, p.4 in the Sunday Mail this weekend, a study by Sports Medicine Australia has found a correlation between children dropping out of organised sport and an increase in mental health problems. Dr. Judith Locke, Olg. child expert and Psychologist, is concerned by these findings and believes children playing some type of team sport is highly beneficial. As one parent interviewed for the article said, “They learn resilience, social skills, compromise, all kinds of life skills – never mind the physical benefits”. Food for thought.

Sporting Opportunities

(Please check the noticeboard for sporting opportunities.)

1. Cricket – Toombul and District Cricket Club (5–10 years), starting Friday 17 October (6:00–7:15)

2. Touch Football – Brothers Rugby Union Summer Touch Football Program (7–13 years), starting Friday 10 Oct 10 (6:00–8:00).


Paul Harris/Alayne Graham

TOTALLY TECHNIQUE - SWIMMING


Savina Hodges

QACI OPEN DAY – SATURDAY 25 OCTOBER

SCHOOL COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER’S NEWS

Next Monday 7/6A and 1A class assemblies are scheduled. Don’t forget to send along a plate of finger food to share after their performance.

The Past and Present Mums of our School Lunch is this Friday for all those who have RSVPed. Enjoy the get together.

Please note that the school’s Choral Music Evening has been moved from 6 November to 20 November. There are so many wonderful volunteers who contribute to our school. Please take the time to nominate a deserving recipient. Read through the criteria in this week’s Digest. I look forward to hearing from you.

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

OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER AWARD NOMINATIONS

As the year draws to a close it is time to recognise those extra-ordinary volunteers we have around our school. Please take the time to consider and recognize the contribution made by volunteers at our fabulous school.

Whilst all volunteers are greatly appreciated for their time and efforts, we as a school would like to recognise those individuals, families or groups who continually give above and beyond the scope of a volunteer. The Outstanding Volunteer Award is an award for an Ascot State School volunteer who has added “above the norm” value to our school through their involvement with a Class, Teacher, Sub-Committee or the school as a whole.
Award Criteria: Nominees must meet at least one of the following criteria in order to be considered for this award:

- Individual contribution that resulted in significant fundraising dollars to the school
- Combined contribution from a particular partnership e.g. husband and wife, that was integral to the success of a particular event at the school
- Significant participation in more than one school activity, event or sub-committee
- Significant and continual participation in a school activity, event or sub-committee, i.e. year after year.

Award Nominations: Nominations can come from teaching staff, school parents, the P&C Executive or the volunteer themselves.

Award Process: Nominations must be received by the P&C Executive by Friday 7th November for their consideration. Nominations must be in writing and provide the following:

- Nominator’s name and contact phone number for clarification
- Nominee’s name
- List specific tasks undertaken by nominee including what makes this volunteer stand out from other volunteers.

Please forward to Leanne Buckle, leannebuckle11@gmail.com.

WELCOME GROUP

Have you recently enrolled your child at our school? Have you recently moved into the local area? Are you interested in meeting other school parents and families? 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; everyone is welcome!

Our Welcome Group meets from 9:15-11.00am every Wednesday during school term at White Jam Cafe, Hendra. Our coffee catch ups are a great opportunity to chat to other parents and to share information about local family services (medical, kinder and child care) and children’s activities (music, sport, etc.).Hope that you can join us.

Rachel & Peter, Welcome Group Co-ordinators
Email: welcome@ascotss.eq.edu.au

FROM THE TUCKSHOP

Ascot State School Tuckshop and Home bake Dinner

Well it is that time again! With all the hard work you have done in the Tuckshop and Baking in your Kitchen at home, it is now time to kick your heels up and come to the Tuckshop Dinner.

Date: 29 October
Where: Monza Italian Restaurant, Ascot
Time: 6.30pm
RSVP: 33269326 or Tuckshop@ascotss.eu.edu.au by 28 October.

Meal: Fixed Menu featuring pizza, salads & pasta
Cost $40.00 (which can be paid to Kathryn at the Tuckshop prior to the event)

The restaurant is BYO Wine only.
Fantastic raffle prizes and a great time to be had.

Kathryn, Yolanda and the Tuckshop Committee

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UNIFORM SHOP ROSTER

Pre loved Uniforms:

If your child has grown out of or is leaving the school and you no longer have any use for your uniforms please consider donating them to Uniform Shop. They will be sold as "pre loved" with all money raised going towards our school. All donations will be gratefully received.

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SWIM CLUB

Dear Swim Club Family,

Another great turn out to Swim Club on Friday night. We had a few hiccups along the way, but thank you all for being patient.

We have noticed that some of our swimmers are swimming 25 meters and 50 meters of the same stroke. Swimmers may only swim either a 25 metre or a 50 metre race.

All swimmers must follow the ruling of progression times. I have listed the progression times below.

**Progression Times**

- **25 meters to progress to 50 metres**
  - Freestyle - 25 seconds
  - Breaststroke - seconds
  - Backstroke - 27 seconds
  - Butterfly - 25 seconds.

- **50 meters to progress to 100 metres**
  - Freestyle - 45 seconds
  - Breaststroke - 55 seconds
  - Backstroke - 55 seconds
  - Butterfly - 50 seconds.

Can you please ensure that your child is swimming the correct distance for the times that they are doing?

A great big thank you to all of our parents who were on roster last week.

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If for any reason you are unable to make your roster, please contact Rose M on rose.04@me.com.au or 0417 707 995 by Thursday afternoon at the latest so that we may find a replacement for you. **PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE PRESIDENTS WITH RELATION TO THE ROSTERS.**

Friday 31 October is Halloween. We will be running Swim Club on this night and we will be having a Halloween theme. Come to the pool dressed in your Halloween costumes and parents, feel free to come to Swim Club all dressed up as well.

We would like to say a big thank you to our sponsors Ray White Ascot and Dune Outdoor Luxuries for the sponsorship of the Swim Club.

Cameron and I look forward to seeing you all on Friday night for another great night at Swim Club.

*Kind regards*

*Tracy R & Cameron McL, Ascot Swim Club Presidents*

*0403 387 676/0417 628 032, swimclub@ascotss.eq.edu.au*

COMMUNITY NOTICES

**G20 cultural celebrations:** Make the most of Brisbane’s historic G20 Leaders Summit by taking part in the free G20 cultural celebrations in Brisbane on 24 October to 16 November, with a diverse program of free music, dance, circus performances and visual art events.

**Go Sports:** Teach your child a new sport or just improve skills. Join us for all the fun! Soccer and Netball commencing 21 October 7.55-8.40am; Cricket commencing 27 October 7.55-8.40am. Contact Greg Martin on 0417 614 509.