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THE Digest

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

With the commencement of week six we are half way through Term Two. This is a busy time for all staff and students as we are well underway with our Term Two learning programs. It is vital that at this busy time students attend school every day and are ready for learning.

Congratulations to the Senior Choir and the Year 4 girls for achieving a Gold at the Creative Generation of Voices last Friday. We will be advised by this Friday, 26 May, if our choir is successful. We have been advised that not all choirs who receive a GOLD will necessarily be invited to the next round. However, if we are successful, the finals will be **Tuesday May 30 from 5pm–8pm, Primary School Regional Finals, at the Old Museum Building**. I would suggest keeping this date free in case we make the finals. Sincere thanks to Ms Deb Daley and Ms Connie Lien for an excellent performance.



This Friday we also commence our Gala Days for students in Years 4 to 6. All students meet on Friday morning in the Years 4, 5 and 6 eating area and report to their COACH not their class

teachers. Students are reminded to be at school by 8.30am for an 8.45am departure. Please see the HPE section of the Digest for full details.

Through our sporting and musical representation, students at Ascot State School have the opportunity to demonstrate to the wider education community our expectations of being respectful, being responsible and being safe. I look forward to feedback from parents and other schools regarding the manner in which our Ascot students demonstrate good sportsmanship, respectful relationships with coaches or teachers from other schools and putting in your best effort in all your endeavours, regardless of whether they are in the classroom or on a playing field.

School Priority

Last week I attended a roundtable discussion with the Minister for Education and Training, the Honourable Simon Birmingham. Mr Birmingham discussed the Turnbull Government's commitment to deliver on Mr David Gonski AC's recommendations for fairer, needs-based schools funding from 2018 and what it means for our school. The commitment is for Commonwealth school funding to grow each year by more than \$1 billion, but this is subject to the passage of legislation.

Aligned with the additional funding will be a Review to Achieve Educational Excellence in Australian Schools led by Mr Gonski. The review, to be finalised by the end of 2017, will provide advice on how the extra Commonwealth funding should be invested to improve Australian schools' performance and grow student achievement.

At Ascot State School we currently receive additional funding from the Australian Government through the Students First initiative. This funding, termed Investing for Success, aims to support students, particularly those most in need, to achieve improved outcomes at all levels of schooling. Each school's agreement will outline how the additional funding will be invested in 2017 to improve student outcomes and school

performance. Schools will publish agreements on their websites so the community can see how this additional funding is planned to be used.

Click the link below for our 2017 Investing for Success agreement which has been endorsed by our School Council.

School and Community Partnerships

Thank you to those parents who attended our Parents as Partners Series last Friday in the STEAM room with Ms Kristine Atkins. STEAM is an integral part of our Years 3 to 6 curriculum and it was a wonderful opportunity to showcase the great collaboration and teamwork happening at Ascot State School.

Next Monday, 29 May, we will be holding our next Parents as Partners Series from 5.30 to 6.30 in the staffroom. Ascot State School is part of a small group of Brisbane schools involved in a Research Project titled *Feedback for Learning Project*. Feedback has been identified as one of the most powerful influences upon student achievement with an average effect size of 0.73 (Hattie, 2009). This project builds on research conducted by the Science of Learning Research Centre at the University of Queensland which has been investigating optimum conditions for feedback to be effective, and hence, improve student learning outcomes. I urge all parents to come along to this session which has been moved to a later time to allow for working parents to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

A reminder to all classes to get a group organised for the Trivia Night on Saturday 27 May at Ruggers.

Regards



Gayle Coleman, Principal

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following students who received an Award at Assembly on Monday:

PA	Hugo L	3A	Mimi M
PB	Zara A	3B	Hugo M
PC	Hamish M	3C	Lachlan B
PD	Ivy G	3D	Iman A
PE	Oliver T	3E	Tahlia B
1A	-	4A	Ariel M
1B	Greer C	4B	Kayla B
1C	Hudson T	4C	Imogen V
1D	Izzy N	4D	Caitlyn C
1E	Aahan A	5/4	Sienna R
1F	Stella M, Mia L	5A	Jemima M
2A	Azzurra V	5B	Tristan W

2B	Harry M	5C	Eloise R
2C	Elliot M	6A	Josephine F
2D	Estella M	6B	-
2E	Sophia M	6C	Christian P

GOLDEN TICKET AWARDS

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

Ashley J - PA	Charlotte S - 3C
Ivy G - PD	Isla Morison - 3C
Matthew G - 1A	Roan McN - 4C
Elton Lay - 1D	Michael D - 4B

BOUQUETS



To Friends of Music, Nathalie S, Ms Deb Daley, Ms Connie Lien, Ms Lorraine Pecorelli and other parents who escorted our students to the Old Museum for their performance last week.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEEK 6	Events
Thursday 25/5/17	8.15-9.30am: Uniform Shop
Friday 26/5/17	Gala Sports Day 1 Sorry Day Year 2 Film Night
Saturday 27/5/17	Trivia Night
WEEK 7	Events
Monday 29/5/16	8.15-9.30am: Uniform Shop 9.00am: Senior Assembly (host 3A) 10.30am: Junior Assembly 5.30-6.30pm: Parents as Partners Session - Feedback for Learning Project (Staff Room)
Tuesday 30/5/17	ICAS Science Competition 5.00pm-8.00pm: <i>Possible</i> Primary School Regional Finals (Old Museum Building)
Wednesday 31/5/17	8.15-9.30am: Uniform Shop 9.00am: Student Banking Dads Day Out Sausage Sizzle

PAYMENT PROCESS CHANGE – INCURSIONS, EXCURSIONS & CAMPS

The school will no longer issue Term Accounts. Instead events will be invoiced individually.

As the school is required to pay for events in advance, it is necessary to enforce a cut of date for payments. **NO LATE PAYMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

CANBERRA TRIP PAYMENT

Please note that **Friday 2 June** is the final date of FULL PAYMENT for the Canberra Trip. Any child without full payment before 3pm on this date will not be permitted to attend the camp and a refund of any deposits will be made.

STEAM NEWS

Nao Robots

Last week we had NAO – a HUMANIOD ROBOT visit us in the STEAM Room. Nao moves, recognises you, hears you and even talks to you! He is friendly, small and measures 58-cm tall. NAO assists with the development and progress of Science and Technology education.

We were shown how to program Nao, using Python programming. Nao showed us his moves whilst he performed Flash Dance and Gangnam Style.



Save the Date: Parent Talk – Cybersafety

Please mark in your calendars and save the date: **Wednesday 26 July - 6.30pm**. We have invited a team from Education Queensland's Cybersafety and Reputation Management to conduct a parent session around internet safety, social media and cybersafety. Topics covered will include: legal and real word consequence of online behaviours, social media trends and age restrictions, tips for creating safe online spaces for your child, key issues relating to online privacy, security and location services, responding to and reporting negative online content. This offers parents a fantastic opportunity to continue the cybersafety conversation at home. More information and an RSVP will be provided at a later date. We look forward to seeing as many parents and guardians as possible attend this worthwhile and informative session.

Students in Years 4-6 will also be involved in a student presentation during the same week.

App of the Week: Khan Academy



Have you tried Khan Academy? Khan Academy can be a useful tool to help students take control and be responsible for their own learning. It includes a wide range of educational videos on high level interest topics, including Maths, Science,

Engineering, Computing and History. Khan Academy is available as an app and via their website.

BrisMakerfest 2017 – 3 June

The Department of State Development, in partnership with State Library of Queensland, welcomes you to be part of the inaugural BrisMakerFest, to be held at **The Edge on Saturday, 3 June 2017**.

There will be lots to see and do at the BrisMakerFest. Whether it's learning about advanced manufacturing, robotics, science, technology, design and engineering or learning more about hackerspaces, there will be something of interest for everyone.

Entrance fees are as follows:

- \$10 all day
- \$5 half day (morning or afternoon ticket*)
- Children 5 to 12 years of age are free (for safety reasons, BrisMakerFest activities are not safe for children under 5 years of age).

* Morning entry is from 9.30am–12.45 pm. Afternoon entry is from 1.15 pm–4.45 pm.

Please note: you must pre-register for ALL people attending (including children aged 5 to 12 years).

Pre-registering for the BrisMakerFest is essential as numbers are limited. Further information about the program, workshops and registration can be found here:

<https://absolutevents.eventsair.com/QuickEventWebsitePortal/brismakerfest/info>

MUSIC NEWS

Congratulations to the Creative Generations Choir who achieved a Gold Certificate at the event last Friday. The choir looked magnificent in their uniforms and sang beautifully. Also thanks to our accompanist, Miss Lien, our Music teacher aide Ms Pecorelli and to the parents who attended on the morning.

The Year 5/6 Disco on Friday night was again very well organised by our Friends of Music group led by Nathalie S. Thank you to all the helpers. We are now looking forward to the Year 2 Film Night this Friday 26 May when "Minions" will be shown.

The Preps enjoyed a visit to the Queensland Symphony Orchestra's performance of The Happiness Box this morning. It was wonderful to see the children's faces as the orchestral instruments portrayed the story of a lizard, a monkey and a frog who embark on a magical journey.

The Music Department is looking forward to Music on Sunday on June 11 at 3.00pm. All bands, ensembles and choirs are

performing so please make sure you have the date marked in your diary. The Prep students are also learning a special song to perform at the beginning of the concert. A note will be sent home to the Preps and all music students with details for the afternoon. The assemblies on Monday 12 will also be conducted by the Music Department.

Upcoming Music Events

Year 2 Film Night	26/5	Year 2 Ascot SS students	6.00–8.00pm (Hall)
Year 1 Film Night	2/6	Year 1 Ascot SS students	6.00–8.00pm (Hall)
Northside Beginner Band Blitz	6/6	Beginner instrumental students	9.00–3.00pm (Old Museum)
Northside Junior String Camp	6/6, 7/6	Instrumental students in second of study	9.00–3.00pm (Stafford SS)
Northside Junior String Camp & Concert	8/6	Instrumental students in second of study	9.00-3.00pm (Old Museum)
Ascot Music on Sunday	11/6	All Choirs, Bands and Ensembles except Junior Band	3.00–5.00pm (Hall)
Music Assembly Senior Assembly	12/6	Senior Band/Senior, Boys Don't Sing and Intermediate Choirs	9.00–9.30am (Hall)
Music Assembly Junior Assembly	12/6	Junior Choir	10.30–11.00am (Hall)

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P.E. NEWS

Term 2 Calendar		
Week	Day/Date	Event
6	Friday May 26	Gala Sports Day 1 (Year 4 – 6)
7	Friday June 2	Gala Sports Day 2 (Year 4 – 6)
8	Tuesday June 6	Met North Cross Country
8	Friday June 9	Gala Sports Day 3 (Year 4 – 6)

Term 2 Calendar

9	Friday June 16	Gala Sports Day (wet weather date)
10	Tuesday June 20	Year 3–6 Athletics Carnival
10	Wednesday June 21	Prep-Year 2 Athletics Carnival

Gala Sports Days: Year 4–6, Weeks 6, 7 & 8

Gala sports days are days for children to develop skills in a particular sport over three weeks, participating in skills sessions and fixtures with other schools in the City District. They are much more about skill development and teamwork than they are about winning or losing. Students will travel by bus to venues, departing at approx. 8:45am and returning by 3pm. Students need to arrive at school by 8:30am on Gala Days and bring with them hats, sunscreen, food and water. By now all children should have returned their permission slip to the class teacher.

Equipment/Venues for each sport are detailed below:

Rugby League – (mouth guards) Brothers, Gibson Park, Stafford

Girls Soccer – (shin guards) Virginia United Soccer Club, Northgate

Boys Soccer – (shin guards) Brisbane Grammar School playing Fields, Northgate

Tag League – Norths Cricket Fields, Shaw Park, Woolloowin

Netball – Downey Park, Windsor

Hockey – (mouth guards/shin guards) Norths Hockey, Shaw Park, Woolloowin.

Prep/Year 1 Perceptual Motor Programme Parent Volunteers (Week 3-8)

Thank you to all those who have volunteered so far. Don't miss out on the fun - it's not too late to fill in the parent roster that will be at your child's classroom.

Tuesday (Year 1)		Thursday (Preps)	
Time	Class	Time	Class
9:30 – 10:00	1C	10:30 – 11:00	Prep C
10:00 – 10:30	1D	11:30 – 12:00	Prep E
10:30 – 11:00	1E	12:00 – 12:30	Prep D
11:30 – 12:00	1F	12:30 – 1:00	Prep A
12:00 – 12:30	1B	2:00 – 2:30	Prep B
12:30 – 1:00	1A		

Alayne Graham, Prep-Year 2, Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, agrah27@eq.edu.au

Paul Harris, Years 3-6, Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, pharr17@eq.edu.au

TRIVIA NIGHT: SATURDAY 27 MAY

Entry from 6.30pm

Brothers Rugby Club Room

Tickets \$50.00 available now on Flexischools.

Click on the link below for further information or collect a flyer from the Office:

FRIENDS OF MUSIC

Thank you to our Friends of Music parents, Music Seniors/Committee, Bio Box and staff who volunteered at the Year 5/6 Disco.

The Year 2 Film Night, proudly supported by Amanda Butler of Butler & Co Estate Agents, is on this Friday 26 May. Please refer to the flyer for more details.

The Year 1 Film Night is on 2 June (please refer to the flyer) followed by Music on Sunday on 11 June. We will be looking for parents to contribute baked goods to our stall. Please email FoM if you can assist.

Our Film Nights make up some of the social highlights of the year which the children really look forward to. Friends of Music events help 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

YEAR 1 FILM NIGHT: 2 JUNE

Movie: "The Secret Life of Pets"

Doors open: 5.30pm

Movie starts: 6.00pm

Pick-up time: 7.40pm

Admission \$12.00

Drinks, snacks and glow products will be for sale.

Click below for Year 1 Film Night Flyer or collect a copy from the Office.

YEAR 2 FILM NIGHT: 26 MAY

Movie: "Minions"

Doors open: 5.30pm

Movie starts: 6.00pm

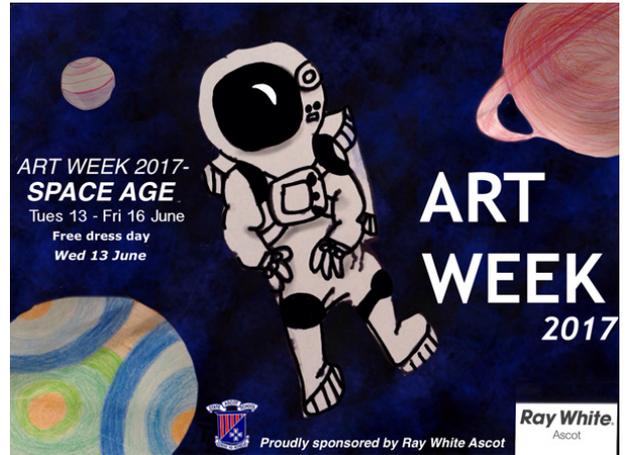
Pick-up time: 7.45pm

Admission \$12.00

Drinks, snacks and glow products will be for sale.

Click below for Year 2 Film Night Flyer or collect a copy from the Office.

FoVAD NEWS



Thank you to FoVAD's wonderful 2017 Art sponsors, **Ray White Ascot**. Without their support and help every year, Art Week would not be possible.

Volunteers

We need forty more volunteers please for lunch time spots during Art Week. It is great fun – you will love it, guaranteed.

It's quick and easy – **only 1 hour 12.50-1.50pm** - on any one of the four days, **Tuesday to Friday**. Your kids will be very excited to have you with them at lunch time during a day or two of Art Week 2017.

If you would like to put your name down now for a particular day or days between Tuesday 13 to Friday 16 June, please email fovad@ascotss.eq.edu.au with your name, year levels of your children and mobile phone number. FoVAD guarantees rostering on the day you are available and for the year level you have nominated (thank you to our wonderful Karen K for rostering Art Week for about the zillionth year in a row).

Donations

FoVAD requests donations of these materials in preparation for Art Week:

- clean cardboard paper towel rolls
- aluminium foil rolls.
- medium cardboard boxes (with a base about 50cm x 40cm or larger) – they are to form a base for a Sphero ball and paint art activity – celebrating the "A" in STEAM.

Please leave donations outside the Art Room in the big green tubs.

Year 5 and 6 students, parents will have received an email from your class teacher for each student to bring in **one empty large glass jar with a lid** to create your very own Nebula! Please put name and class on the bottom of the jar.

If you have more than one empty glass jar at home yearning to be artistically re-purposed, we would be grateful to receive more jars. If you can't get the Dolmio label off the side of the jar, don't worry. FoVAD's Nathalie S is extremely skilled at label removal.

Katrina M, FoVAD Convenor

TUCKSHOP ROSTERS

Tuckshop - Group 3		Home Bake - Group 3	
Monday 29/5/17	Angela B, Emily T	Monday 29/5/17	Deborah P, Michelle F, Kylie L
Tuesday 30/5/17	Catherine K, Alice I	Tuesday 30/5/17	Michelle McL, Brielle K
Wednesday 31/5/17	Renee B, Fiona McK	Wednesday 31/5/17	Nicole A, Jemma C
Thursday 1/6/17	Lisa C, Olivia G	Thursday 1/6/17	Madeleine L, Lorelle C
Friday 2/6/17	Natasha J, Tonja F, Dina C	Friday 2/6/17	Natalie MacG, Brooke G, Vicki D

UNIFORM SHOP

Gala Sports Day for all senior students - Starts this Friday.

Ascot knee length sports socks for those children playing **Rugby, AFL, Soccer or Hockey** are available in sizes 13-3, 2-8, 8-11 (adult size) at just \$12.00 a pair.

Just a reminder all students attending must wear the senior sports shirt (worn by Year 3-6) not the special Year 6 student designed sports shirt.



Girls and Boy Socks

We are fully stocked again in all sizes for both girls and boys socks.

Uniform Shop hours:

Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays 8.15-9.30am

Phone: 3862 2476

Email: uniformshop@ascotss.eq.edu.au

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

We look forward to assisting you.

Uniform Shop Team

UNIFORM SHOP ROSTER

Monday 29/5/17	Toni M
Wednesday 31/5/17	Karen K
Thursday 1/6/17	Anita G

SWIM CLUB

Ascot Swimming Club has broken up for the season; we had such a good time we're getting ready for next season which starts in Term 4.

We would love to have some new committee members join our existing team - it really isn't a lot of work. You can commit to as much or as little assistance as you would like. Job share is also an option.

Particular roles include:

- Canteen Convenor
- BBQ Coordinator
- IT Support
- Newsletter Writer
- Roster Coordinator
- Ascot Cup Event Planner
- Sponsorship Management.

We have fantastic sponsors. If you know of anyone who is interested in sponsoring us, have a chat to them and us - it's a great way to support our great club and to get noticed in the Ascot network.

If you would like to find out more about any of the above please email our friendly Swim Club Committee, swimclub@ascotss.eq.edu.au.

Charles E and Jodie C, Ascot Swimming Club

COMMUNITY NOTICES

National Karate Academies Miranda Kai System is proud to be operating the first QLD Dojo right here in Ascot. Miranda Kai system is a cross between tradition Karate and Practical self-defence, discipline, fitness, and most of all it is fun! Your first lesson is always free. Come and join us on Monday nights at the Ascot after school centre at 56 Barlow Street Clayfield; p.m. for Juniors (5+), p.m. for Seniors (13+). Mums and Dads can join in and enjoy a sport with the kids!