FROM MELISSA PROVOST-BOYLE:

ACTING PRINCIPAL

Principal Position Term 3

Jane Sedgman has accepted a permanent position as Assistant Regional Director, School Performance in Metropolitan Region.

I’ll continue in the role of Principal until the end of the year. Anita Heinrich will continue in the role of Deputy Principal Prep – Year 2.

Thank you for the messages of support, I’m very happy to continue in the role of Principal.

What a wonderful term of learning we’ve had. Report cards will be sent home, by email, on Thursday. Take a moment to reflect on how far your child has travelled with their learning this term and celebrate their successes.

Music on Sunday

Congratulations to all of the students who showcased their musical talents at Music on Sunday. What a wonderful turn out we had. I’m always amazed at the talent that we have in the school and the confidence the students demonstrate to perform in front of an audience. Thank you to Friends of Music for a great event.

Thank you to Donna Gurren for being the MC for the event - you did a great job! An event like this just doesn’t happen without hard work and preparation behind the scenes. Thank you to Margaret Howard, Debbie Daley, Lorraine Pecorelli, Rachael Doucet, Mark Boughen, Dorota Batkiewicz and Rick Pethick for working to make Music on Sunday a success.

The Brisbane City Cluster High Achievers Program

The High Achievers Program involves over 200 students in Years 6 and 7 from our Brisbane City Cluster. Eighteen students from Ascot State School participate in the program at Kelvin Grove State College.

Schools nominate very capable students who demonstrate a high level of knowledge and skills. Students participate in one program that interests them. Programs include: English, Maths, Science, ICT Games Development, Business, Drama and JumptART. Students meet at Kelvin Grove State College every Wednesday, for twelve weeks. The program began on 4 June and continues until 6 August, 2014. During this period of time, students work with teachers from Kelvin Grove State College on a variety of extension activities.

Independent Public School (IPS) Friday Forum

Our Friday Forum, 20 June, reviewed the formation of the School Council.

The following topics were discussed:

- Formation of the School Council
- Reviewed School Council Constitution
- Proposed timeline for the formation of the School Council
- Discussed the establishment of an Ascot State School Alumni
- Isabelle Phillips has been organised to provide training to parents and staff who express an interest in nominating for a position on the School Council. Training will be conducted 30 July.

Please note: There will not be an IPS meeting on Friday 27 June. Our next meeting will be in the first week back after the holidays, Friday, 18 July. This meeting will review feedback from parents and staff of the Draft Constitution.

Enjoy the holidays! School starts on Monday 14 July.

Regards

Melissa Provost-Boyle
Acting Principal

BOUQUETS

Thank you to Alayne and Paul for another round of successful Athletics Carnivals.

Thank you Friends of Music for supporting Music on Sunday.
FROM YOUR P&C

Don’t forget Building Fund donations close 27 June, 2014 - so that you can get the immediate benefit as the 2013/2104 financial wraps up. Thank you so much to those who have contributed to date – your tax receipts will be sent out shortly.

With the year half way through, it is a nice time to stop and reflect.

As we all know, a reflection in a mirror is an exact replica of what is in front of that mirror but when we reflect (about ourselves, our business, etc.), we are not talking about “what is”, but rather “what might be”, so in effect – what we did well and what we would do differently to get an improvement on the original result. It is a transformational process.

We learn by experience and by trial and error. We have the potential to learn from our mistakes. We’ve all heard phrases such as “that’ll teach you” or “you’ll learn the hard way”. They are common reprimands when experience shows us the error of our ways! Yet we say these things as if the experience in itself is enough to give you improved understanding. However, what gets us from experience to understanding is reflection. True, repetition and practice help us to learn but they do not substitute for the process of actively thinking about how we did, what we did well and what we could do better. With the aid of a simple prompt question such as, “What might I do better next time?” or “What could I do differently?” we have the potential to draw on the past and present and direct ourselves into a better future. It is this power to effect change that makes reflective practice so fundamental to the creation of the best person, best P&C, best school we can be.

So, please – email me and let me know what we did well, what we could do better and how we might do things better for next time.

To all P&C members and the general parent community, have a well-deserved break and enjoy a safe and happy holiday.

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

P&C MEETING TONIGHT
WEDNESDAY 25 JUNE
AT 7:30PM – STAFF ROOM (C BLOCK)

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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
Saturday 28/6/14-sunday 13/7/14 INCLUSIVE

Monday 14/7/14 Term 3 starts

P&C MEETING (SUB-COMMITTEE PLANNING)
WEDNESDAY 16 JULY
AT 7:30PM - STAFF ROOM (C BLOCK)

Agenda:
Welcome
Minutes of Previous Meeting
Matters arising from the Minutes
Correspondence
Matters arising from the Correspondence
Principal’s Report
Treasurer’s Report
Subcommittee Reports
General Business
New Memberships.

KEEP A WATCH ON OUR SCHOOL THESE HOLIDAYS

With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please call School Watch on

13 17 88

The School Watch program is a partnership between the Department of Education, Training and Employment, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools.

If you do see something suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter. Keep the number handy – 13 17 88 – and let’s work together to help create a safer school community.

IMPORTANT NOTICE - REPORT CARDS

Can you please add OneSchool.application@dete.qld.gov.au to your list of safe senders to ensure the emailing of your child’s report card isn’t sent to your “Junk” folder?
FROM MRS HADDEN: MIDDLE SCHOOL
YEARS 3

Another term draws to an end and it has been one of challenging learning, fun-filled activities and new experiences for our students. I congratulate our students for their efforts and enthusiasm.

Tomorrow reports will be distributed and I know that your child will be looking forward to sharing their report with you. A positive discussion about those achievements will be a great start to future success and confidence for your child.

Music on Sunday

Thank you to our amazing Music Department for the wonderful showcase of talent displayed last weekend and again on Monday.

I recall when I first came to Ascot State School being in awe of the performances I witnessed and quickly realising that the level of performance was matched by the dedication of the teachers, students and parents who are part of the program. Music is so much more than a tuneful voice and the ability to learn an instrument. The discipline and commitment needed to achieve at this level requires an ability to learn across other learning areas. Well done!

Athletics Carnivals

An exciting week for the sports-loving children of Ascot State School. Our Carnivals began with the Years 3-7 Carnival yesterday and the Prep–Year 2 Carnival today.

It has been wonderful to see the students so actively engaged in various levels of physical activity this week. The activities at the Athletics Carnivals focus on the skills developed during P.E. lessons this term. The format allows for maximum participation for all students and promotes the importance and benefits of physical activity for all.

I’d like to acknowledge the efforts of our P.E. Department, teachers, teacher aides, Glenn Kutzer and Glenn Appleyard for their work on the grounds and Year 7 senior leaders and parents for ensuring the Carnivals have been such a great success.

Thank you to our families for your on-going support of our school - have a fantastic, relaxing holiday with your family.

Sharyn Hadden, Deputy Principal

FROM MRS HEINRICH: EARLY YEARS
PREP-YEAR 2

What a fantastic term we have had. Report Cards will be emailed out on Thursday. I’ve read all their reports and students can be very proud of the effort they have put into, not only their learning, but how they interact in and out of the classroom. Well done!

Teachers at Ascot State School are continually engaging in professional development opportunities to improve their expertise in teaching. It’s important that we keep up to date with new research and continually deepen our knowledge and skills, providing opportunities to practice, research and reflect. Last week, teachers were involved in peer coaching, watching each other teach and providing feedback. Some staff participated in Book Club! They enthusiastically chatted about the ideas and techniques presented in ‘Teach Like a Champion’. This week, staff will engage in sessions including Problem Solving, Dimensions of Learning, Reading - looking at text features and active comprehension and observing best practices in action, just to name a few!

2A Maths- Cooking

This week I wanted to share some creative teaching in Year 2. Believe it or not, these pictures are of a Maths lesson! Food and cooking were used to explore maths concepts. What a lot of fun and it looks delicious too! Well done Mrs Barker, the fraction pizzas look particularly fun!

Prep E – Crazy Critters

Check out these amazing art works by Prep E. Mrs Anning and Mrs Herman inspired these students after their Lone Pine excursion. Congratulations to Summer R-B, Luca T, John G, Ellyssa H and Anika D. Beautiful work!

CONGRATULATIONS to PD for being this week’s STAR CLASS. They received this award for being responsible and respectful. They display respect to adults and each other, through listening and good manners. They help each other and follow their class rules, showing they are very responsible and caring.

Junior Assembly

Junior Assembly Schedule for Term 3 – Be sure to mark the dates in your calendar.

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I have thoroughly enjoyed this term at Ascot State School and thank everyone for their warmth, support and sense of community. We are very lucky to be part of such a wonderful school. I hope you all have a fantastic holiday, having fun in the winter sun or just relaxing at home.

Happy Holidays!

Anita Heinrich, Acting Deputy Principal

STUDENT SUCCESS AND WELLBEING: THE IMPORTANCE OF PROGRESS

Tomorrow your child/ren will receive their 2014 Semester 1 Report Card. I know you will enjoy celebrating your child’s learning and reading the comments from the teachers. This time is also a wonderful opportunity to talk with your child about their own individual learning progress. Students all start at different points at the beginning of the year and, while it is important to have information about how students perform in relation to year-level expectations, it is also paramount to note the distance travelled by each student.

All students at Ascot State School learn the value of “distance travelled” through their individual learning and social targets. Learning targets are instrumental in developing a lifelong love of learning as growth and success occurs every day.

Years 6 and 7 students also participate in Student Success and Wellbeing lessons. During this time, we explicitly teach the skills of Motivation and Engagement and encourage students to love challenges, be intrigued by mistakes, enjoy effort and keep on learning. Dr Andrew Martin, University of New South Wales, writes extensively on the “helpful thinking and behaviours” required for student success. His research guides the work I am privileged to undertake at Ascot State School. Dr Martin reinforced the important message of students’ self belief for learning, when he visited Ascot State School in Term 1.

Melbourne Educational Research Institute Director, John Hattie, identified six sources of relative influence on student learning and how much they account for. He states that parents and communities play an important role in student learning and the abilities, attitudes and aspirations of students themselves is critical.

This term, all Years 6 and 7 students have been studying A Growth Mindset to further their understanding of self belief for success. Mindset was discovered by Stanford University psychologist, Dr Carol Dweck, in decades of research on achievement and success. Dr Dweck states that the attitudes we hold have a profound influence on our lives. Teaching a growth mindset creates motivation and encourages us to see that everyone can grow and change through application and experience.

The lovely part of Mindset is that it can be applied to any age group. Dr Dweck has a number of youtube messages that may be of interest to you and your family. How lovely to begin your Mindset discussion now and ask your child, “What area of learning do you believe you have made the most growth and progress in this semester?”

I am delighted to continue this work with our Years 6 and 7 students and begin the journey with the Year 5 students who, next semester, will participate in 1 x 30 minute Student Success and Wellbeing lesson each week.

Deanne Clark, Student Success and Wellbeing
dclar70@eq.edu.au

MUSIC NEWS

“Music is a more potent instrument than any other for education. I would teach children music, physics and philosophy; but most importantly music, for the patterns in music and all the arts are the keys to learning.”

Plato.

The culture of music at Ascot State School is alive and well. For those lucky parents who attended Music on Sunday and saw their children perform as a soloist, in a band, ensemble or choir, I’m sure will agree that the music culture that first began in the 1920s, still exists today.

Congratulations to all student performers and to their parents for the support you give to our young musicians.

A very special thank you to the Friends of Music coordinated by Nicola W and to a very special lady, our Teacher Aide, Lorraine P whose work behind the scenes often goes unnoticed.

Our Instrumental Teachers, Rick P, Rachael D, Kylie M, Dan S, Mark B, Maggie M, and Christie D, are also to be congratulated on their tireless efforts teaching our young instrumental musicians.

As we look forward to the second half of the year you may notice on the school calendar the dates for the Music Concerts in November:

    Thursday, 6 November for our Choral Evening and
    Wednesday, 12 November for the Instrumental Evening.

The Brass Ensemble is visiting nursing homes on Wednesday, 17 September.

Saturday, 18 October is a gig for the Choir Children at the St Augustine’s Fete at 11.00am.

The Racecourse Road Christmas Carols will be held in the St Augustine’s grounds on Friday, 28 November.

Friends of Music are looking forward to the Film Nights next term:

    Friday 18 July - Years 1/2 Film Night and
    Friday 25 July - the Years 3/4 Film Night.
Please have a restful holiday and we look forward to more music making next term.

**Music Department**

**THE HEART OF ASCOT – FREE DRESS DAY**

Friday’s Free Dress Day will raise money for this year’s Year 7 and Year 6 Legacy Project. This project will see a number of improvements made to the Sculpture Garden in order to make it the “Heart” of Ascot State School.

If you come in “free dress”, please remember to bring in a gold coin donation.

While this is a great opportunity to show off your style, it’s important to follow these rules:

- No singlet tops
- No shirts with rude or offensive slogans
- No “short” shorts or skirts
- No thongs.

**The Student Council**

**P.E. NEWS**

The Athletics Carnivals will have been run, hopefully smoothly in glorious weather, by the time you receive this newsletter. I would like to thank Mr Kutzer for all his line marking, setting up of tents and sound system and all the other jobs he does in preparation for the Carnivals. I would also like to thank any parents who assisted on the day with setting up and the teachers and teacher aides for their work in the running of the Carnivals. These events run smoothly with the work of a team.

We hope the children enjoyed their Carnivals and that you all have a happy and relaxing winter break.

Paul Harris/Alayne Graham

**LOST PROPERTY**

In addition to the Lost Property area under A Block, smaller items are held at the Office. If you or your child has lost a small item, e.g. USB, memory card, umbrella, watch, key, glasses, GoCard or toy, please call to the office to claim before end of Term.

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**WAVELL STATE HIGH SCHOOL**

**WAVELL STATE HIGH SCHOOL**

Missed our Open Day?  
Don’t Worry!

Parents can organise a personalised tour of our school this term.  
Please phone to book a tour with Mr Peter Turner, Deputy Principal, on 3350 0333.

**SCHOOL COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER’S NEWS**

Last Sunday afternoon was very special. Thank you to the brilliant Music Department and the FoM for all their help. After two very exciting Athletics Carnivals, thank you to all who cheered and showed wonderful support.

Tonight at 7.30pm is the June P&C meeting. All welcome.

Friday is Free Dress Day. Please remember to send along a gold coin donation for the Student Council’s recipient of choice.

Term 3 resumes on Monday 14 July. Enjoy the holidays. Rest and recuperation is on the way.

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

**FoVAD**

The Ascot State School Art Room has been a hive of keen activity this week under the guidance of our Art Teacher, Ms Carla Adams, as our students work towards the 2014 Art Evening on Friday 5 September.
In the first photo, Laura, Chloe and Reagan are working on their abstract art. In the second photo, isobel from Prep is working on the year level art piece commissioned by the P&C. The third photo shows a detail of the same Prep year level piece ready for framing. Every child will have an art piece on display at the Art Evening.

Our wonderful sponsors for the Art Evening 2014 so far are: King and Company, Solicitors (Gold Sponsor); Boydell Property Agents and Sci-Fleet Toyota Lexus (Silver Sponsors); Sirianni’s IGA; The Village Travel; Monza Restaurant, Sea Grill Café and Restaurant and the Rossiter Family. There are still some great sponsorship opportunities available for businesses and families.

We are going well with our raffle prize donations (thank you everyone) and would be very pleased if we could obtain more. Please contact Rebecca at rebecca@gdm.net.au or Katrina at Katrina@kmir.com.au to speak to the office or your teacher if you would like to help FoVAD with donations or sponsorship.

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

FROM THE TUCKSHOP
Routine for Forgotten Lunches

The Tuckshop has a standard “Forgotten Lunch” that we provide to children who have forgotten to bring their lunch to school. If this occurs we send a note home with the child with the Forgotten Lunch cost and ask for payment to be made via flexischools.

On occasions we have children who state that they have eaten all the lunch that has been provided and they are still hungry. In cases like this, we provide the child with a sandwich.

Parents Please Note:

If for some reason you need to cancel your child’s Tuckshop once you have ordered it (because they are not attending school), please ring Kathryn at the Tuckshop on 3326 9326. Only ring flexischools as a last resort because it is actually the Tuckshop that cancels orders once they have been processed by the computer.

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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!
UNIFORM SHOP ROSTER

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Join in the excitement of the 12th annual **Somerset Rail Trail Fun Run** on Sunday 13 July 2014. This event, an initiative of Somerset Regional Council, is about enjoying the great outdoors with your family, friends or work colleagues and, most of all, having fun. The Somerset Rail Trail Fun Run will start in Fernvale, just a short drive from Brisbane, with participants taking in the breathtaking views of the Brisbane Valley and historic rail trail before finishing in Lowood to enjoy lots of activities, games, stalls and presentations. This year you have the opportunity to register and become an Everyday Hero for Diabetes Queensland and help raise funds for a great cause. So what are you waiting for? Register now at www.railtrailfunrun.com.au.

**Fancutt Tennis Centre** will continue the tennis program at the school courts on Reeve Street on Monday 3.00-3.30pm (Prep) and 3.30-4.15pm (Beginners), Tuesdays 3.15-4.00pm (Beginners), Wednesday 3.00-3.30pm (Prep), 3.30-4.15pm (Beginners) and 4.15-5.00pm (Players). Junior rackets on special at $30.00. School Holiday Tennis Programs will be held at Fancutt Tennis Centre, Lutwyche on Monday to Friday 30 June-4 July and 7-11 July for children up to 16 years. Program includes a Tennis Clinic 9.00-11.00am. (Beginners & Players taught separately). Daily Tournament for a Trophy from 12.00-3.00pm. Tiny Tennis is held 8.15-8.55am for 3-6 years. Friendly Hot Shots Tournaments (for trophies and prizes) are being held at Fancutts on Wednesday 13 August (Exhibition Holiday) from 9.00am-12.00pm for beginners and players separately and 12.30-3.30pm for players. These tournaments give children valuable match play. Trophy for winner, McDonald’s voucher and free Tennis Australia t-shirt is given to every player. Friendly Hot Shots Tournaments at Fancutts for trophies are on Saturdays 10.00am-12.00pm (Serving & Green ball) during school term. Wimbledon Tennis Open Day on Saturday 28 June from 10.00am-1.00pm. Super League fixtures are on Saturday afternoons and Sunday evenings for children and teenagers and Tuesday/Wednesday nights for adults; closes Sunday 1 June. Restring – a 24 hour service or possible emergency restring while you wait.

**Greater Brisbane Junior Tennis (GBJT)** conducts weekly Tennis Fixtures at the Queensland Tennis Centre, Tennyson and The University of Queensland for children up to 18 years of age. Grading day for new players is to be held on Sunday 27 July at the Queensland Tennis Centre, Tennyson from 3.00-5.00pm. Further information is available at www.gbjt.org.au or by phoning Peta on 3374 0516.