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FROM GAYLE COLEMAN: THE PRINCIPAL

This week we enjoyed an entertaining assembly by both Prep D and 3A. The students in 3A reminded us of the importance of bucket filling. As we near the end of the term, may I remind all parents to ensure you maintain routines at home for children so they get a good night's sleep. Also remind children to bring their water bottles and to fill them up during the day.

Leadership Team for 2016

I have finalised our workforce plan for 2016 and I would like you to join me in congratulating the following staff to leadership roles: Mrs Roxanne Smith – Deputy Principal; Mrs Deanne Clark – Head of Curriculum Personalised Learning and Mrs Rochelle Burton – Head of Curriculum Teaching and Learning. Together with Mrs Sharyn Hadden and myself we will be leading Ascot State School as we implement our four year strategic plan. Please make them welcome.

Staffing Changes

As we near the end of the year, we will be farewelling some highly talented Ascot State School teachers. We will be holding a whole school assembly on Monday 7 December at 9.00am in the covered games court. This will be an opportunity for the whole school community to farewell the following teachers: Mrs Stephanie Rowe will be moving to Sydney to live with her husband; Mrs Ms Bronte Tansley has accepted a position at the Gold Coast closer to her family; Ms Kristina Kaias is moving back to Melbourne closer to her family and Ms Sophia Barker is moving to the United Kingdom to work. Mrs Narelle Orr is taking leave for 2016 and Mrs Lorraine Clacher is taking leave for semester one. I know many parents will want to join us for this opportunity to formally thank these staff members for their valuable contribution to our school community and the education of our children.

Christmas Appeal

This year we have are asking our Ascot State School families to donate to families less fortunate. Our chosen charity is the Salvation Army Toy Appeal. The Salvation Army will set about collecting approximately 500,000 toys to give to families in need. This is just one of the ways the Salvos help provide children with a better and brighter Christmas. The Salvos'

Christmas Toy Appeal is a fun way for our students to embrace the Spirit of Christmas, practise generosity and share a sign of hope with other Australian children who are less fortunate. Please consider helping by donating new toys or other gifts to the Appeal by dropping them in the boxes provided outside the entrance to the main office each morning before 9.00am.

Every Day Counts

We would like to remind parents of the importance of attending school every day. For students to gain the most from their schooling they should be attending school every day. If your child misses one day per fortnight it equals 20 days per year. This equals 4 weeks of school and over 13 years of schooling your child misses nearly 1½ years of school. Our statistics for the last week are:

Prep	93%
Year 1	94%
Year 2	95%
Year 3	93%
Year 4	94%
Year 5	90%
Year 6	86%

Have a great week.

Regards

Gayle Coleman, Principal

BOUQUETS

Special bouquets to Mrs Kylie Wells, the Prep and Year 1 teachers and teacher aides who have been very busy preparing for our Prep orientation sessions on Tuesday and Thursday this week. A special bouquet to the Year 1 parents for organising the scrumptious morning tea.



FROM YOUR P&C

Only three weeks to go until another school year will be behind us. But while we are getting ready for Swim Carnivals and Graduation, we are also looking ahead, by ordering the new book lists for 2016 and welcoming the incoming Prep families. It is a busy time of year!

Last week we thanked 32 volunteers who attend the P&C November Dinner who have gone "above and beyond". We farewelled three particularly amazing volunteers, namely Julia C, Jenny F and Cath McL who between them have donated their time and efforts to the school for 42 years!!!! It was a fun night and I'd like to thank Matt and Ash from Ruggers who donated bubbles and nibbles to help celebrate our fabulous volunteers.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the school's administration for their unwavering support of the P&C. A special mention to our Music teachers, Deb Daley and Margaret Howard, who support the P&C by regularly attending our meetings too.

Last year I was writing about 2014 being a year of transition – the closing of a chapter as we farewelled Jane Sedgman after 15 years at Ascot. Gayle Coleman, Sharyn Hadden and Kylie Wells have ensured that in 2015, the new chapter that we started in Ascot's history has been one filled with optimism and positivity. We have again had changes this year, but I hope the school community shares my excitement about what 2016 holds for our school. Change impacts everybody and it also impacts people differently.

"Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything." George Bernard Shaw

Sarah Comiskey, P&C President,
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 23/ 11/15-Friday 27/11/15	Ascot's Got Talent continues All student library books due back to Library this week
Thursday 26/11/ 15-Friday 27/11/15	4A, 4B and 4/3 Underwater World Camp
Thursday 26/11/15	8.15am: Uniform Shop 9.30-11.00am: Prep Orientation Session (Group 2) in Hall Year 5 Leadership Afternoon Years 2 & 3 Coding Club (Computer Lab) 1.15am: Thinker's Club (Art Room)
Friday 27/ 11/15	Final day for Swimathon monies PD Post Office visit NO Swim Club Straight after school-6.00pm: P&C Prep 2016 Welcome BBQ on Oval. (Incoming Prep students arrive at 4.00pm.)

	6.00-7.00pm: Choirs performing at St. Augustine's (Racecourse Road)
Monday 30/ 11/15-Friday 4/12/15	Ascot's Got Talent continues Student library books are now overdue (please return to Library immediately)
Monday 30/ 11/15	8.15am: Uniform Shop 9.00am: Year 4 Camp Assembly 10.30am: PB Assembly Swimathon winners announced at assemblies 1.00pm: Years 4 & 5 Coding Club (Computer Lab)
Tuesday 1/ 12/15	Years 3-6 (Senior) Swim Carnival
Wednesday 2/12/15	8.15am: Uniform Shop 9.00am: Student Banking Years 4-6 Footsteps Dance
Thursday 3/ 12/15	Prep-Year 2 (Junior) Swim Carnival Bursary Photos 1.15pm: Thinker's Club (Art Room) 1.15pm: Years 2 & 3 Coding Club (Computer Lab)

STUDENT FREE DAY – MONDAY 25 JANUARY 2016

The Minister and Cabinet have decided Monday 25 January 2016 will be an additional flexible student free day. This decision was made in response to community concerns as well as those of teachers.

For students, the 2016 school year will start on Wednesday 27 January 2016.

GIFTS TO TEACHERS

As we move into the Christmas period I know that many parents wish to give teacher's a gift to thank them for the year. We wanted to draw your attention to the EQ's policy on receiving gifts and benefits. In particular, employees must refuse any offer of cash or any items which are readily converted into cash – such as a lottery ticket or "scratchie", shares or a gift voucher. All gifts that have a value of more than \$150.00 must be recorded in DETE's gift registry.

FROM SHARYN HADDEN: DEPUTY PRINCIPAL YEARS 3-6

The year is flying by at the speed of light and here we are again with all those exciting events just around the corner.

Underwater World - the travellers return!

Welcome back to our first group of Year 4 students who had their first overnight excursion to Underwater World this week. A good time was had by all - the children were beautifully behaved and had a great time.

Thank you to our teachers and those wonderful parents who joined them for providing this experience and taking such excellent care of their students.

The second group leave tomorrow and I'm sure they will have an equally fun time.

Assembly

Year 4 present their camp experience at the final Middle School assembly for the year next week. Thank you Year 4 and teachers. What a fun way to finish our assemblies!

Student of the Week: Years 3-7



The award for the week is for "**Being a Good Sport**", a skill that children need to work on and develop in order to gain the most benefit from team pursuits and activities.

Our awards are purposely selected each year to demonstrate the importance we place on not only academic, musical and sporting achievements, but on the development of personal and social attributes of each child.

Well done to the recipients of this week's awards and congratulation to all the children who have worked hard throughout the year to achieve their goals.

3A	Roman T	4D	Harmony T Alexander M
3B	Alastair J Mitchell L	5A	Aleah H James K
3C	Lachlan G Emerson P	5B	Talia D Rory P
3D	Dre T Alex M	5C	Chayse S Caitlin K
3E	Ed K Dugald W	6/5	Lochy R Annabel L
4/3	Maggie W Emmerson P	6A	Amelia W Jack M
4A	Olivia M Jordan E	6B	Harry R Gabriel S
4B	Sam H Georgia B	6C	Alex E Halle S
4C	Thomas S Ned W		

Year 6 Graduation

The Year 6 Graduation Ceremony will be held in the hall on Wednesday 9 December. Please note: **all students in Years 4-6 are required to wear their formal uniform.** Students and parents of graduating students are required to be seated in the hall by 8.55am ready for a prompt 9.00am start.

Bursary Recipients

On **Wednesday 2 December** those students receiving bursaries will be informed and their parents notified by letter. On **Thursday 3 December** photos of Bursary winners will be taken at **9.00am**. Bursary recipients should be in full school uniform for their photographs with Mrs Coleman. Formal uniform is to be worn. The children can then change into their summer uniform. Advance Life Photography will give the children details regarding orders.

Swimming Carnivals

Thank you to Mrs Graham and Mr Harris for organising our Swimming Carnivals. The children love those days and we appreciate the parents and grandparents who brave the heat to cheer the swimmers and participate in the day. Parents, remember to bring hats, sunscreen and an umbrella to the carnivals.

Have a great week!

Sharyn Hadden, Deputy Principal

FROM KYLIE WELLS: ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL PREP-YEAR 2

Welcome to another fabulous Ascot week!

Last Thursday our lovely Year 1 students had a very exciting visit from our local Windsor Fire Team. The children enjoyed learning about the equipment, how to be safe in a fire and call emergency services.



Yesterday saw the first of our 2016 Prep Orientation sessions. The format has changed a little this year and has been very successful in ensuring children and parents feel welcome, informed and a part of our lovely school community. Thank you to our Year 6 student leaders, our teachers, teacher aides and our generous community support; it is second to none and very much appreciated. Thank you also to our beautiful Year 1 parents who generously provide morning tea for our 2016 Prep families on both days.

Now we look forward to our Prep Welcome BBQ on Friday straight after school until 6.00pm for current students with enrolling students arriving at 4.00-6.00pm. We can't wait to see you there.

It is almost time for Prep-Year 2 Swimming Carnival. Thank you to our parents who have changed their schedule to support our children in the pool after the timetable changed for Prep Orientation. The children are bursting and ready to compete on the Thursday 3 December. Save your cheering voice and be ready for this very exciting event!

Our book lists have finally arrived in your emails! I apologise for the delay and thank you for your patience.

To order your books online follow the link and instructions www.kookaburra.com.au/login if you are unable to order online please call to the office and collect a booklist form.

1. Enter username: ASCOT003 and password: studentpack (lowercase).
2. Select Student Packs.
3. Select your student's 2016 year level.
4. Add the quantity next to products required by your child, in the "Quantity box".
5. When you are satisfied with your selection, click on "Add selected items to cart".
6. If you have another child to shop for, select their 2016 year level from the drop down and add items to your cart.
7. When you've finished shopping for your child/ren, click on the cart icon in the header to go to the cart and complete your order.
8. Once you are satisfied with your order, click on "Continue to Checkout" at the bottom of this page.
9. Select Delivery Method and complete your details as required. **If you require Home delivery, please ensure someone will be available to receive the goods at time of delivery.**
10. Please note: If you supply an email address you will be emailed a copy of your order as a receipt once received.
11. Your order has now been placed with Kookaburra. If you have any queries, please contact Kookaburra Customer Service Team customer.service@kookaburra.com.au.

	Adelaide M		Stephen W
Year 1A	Matias H Harper C	Year 2C	Sam R Ava F
Year 1B	Joshua H Amelie B	Year 2D	Isabelle M
Year 1C	Christian N Eloise H	Year 2E	Piper L Carmen D

Growth mindset quote of the day ...

"Education is not the filling of a pail but the lighting of a fire."

William Butler Yeats

Have a wonderful week!

Kylie Wells, Acting Deputy Principal

FROM THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

This week, our Tangalooma EcoMarine Ambassadors will be fortunate to spend a day at Tangalooma Resort. They will be guests of the rangers and will be involved in activities such as gathering data and feeding the dolphins. A wonderful opportunity for our students.

See below, a thank you from the Hon Dr Steven Miles MP following his visit to our school recently:



Hon Dr Steven Miles MP
Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection and
Minister for National Parks and the Great Barrier Reef

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*To the amazing year Gers at Ascot SS -
Thanks so much for inviting me to
your class last week.
I had a great time.
Keep asking questions!
Steven*

Junior Assembly

How fabulous was our lovely Prep D on assembly this week! Brimming with confidence and sharing an important message about always doing your best. Congratulations on your last assembly presentation as Preppies. It has been a wonderful year and it is a pleasure that we get to share it with you.

Student of the Week: Prep-Year 2



On Monday a very excited Prep B will be hosting our Junior School Assembly (and I may have seen a delightful sneak peek). This week we celebrate our children who have been **"Completing All Work"**.

Congratulations to the following children:

Prep B	Lily F Matilda R	Year 1D	Lauren J Matilda H
Prep C	Jet S Maggie L	Year 1E	Hamish M Chloe W
Prep D	Abigail B Taiga M	Year 2A	David B
Prep E	Hamish R	Year 2B	Grace B

Lorraine Clacher and Lachlan Sayer

MUSIC NEWS

The Choirs are performing at the Racecourse Road Community Christmas Carols this Friday night from 6.00-7.00pm in the grounds of St Augustine's on Racecourse Road. All families from Ascot are welcome to attend. If it rains the Carols will be held in the church.

There will be a sausage sizzle commencing at 5.00pm. Carol sheets are provided free of charge and candles will be on sale for \$2.00 each.

The Choir children have been given a note with details for the evening. They should wear their full school uniform with either a Christmas decoration pinned to their uniform or Christmas hats or girls may wear tinsel in their hair.

If any families would like to donate a gift for the Anglican Women's Hostel gifts may be given that suit women between the ages of 16 to 25 years or children up to the age of 4 years. Whilst acknowledging that a great deal of pleasure is derived by the giver by the careful wrapping of gifts, St Augustine's requests that the wrapping paper be provided separately.

We look forward to seeing you at the carols.

Margaret Howard, Debbie Daley

P.E. NEWS

YEARS 3-6 (SENIOR) SWIMMING CARNIVAL -TUESDAY 1 DECEMBER 2015 TIME 8.45AM - ASSEMBLE AT POOL

All strokes are open to those who have nominated. There will be as many heats as necessary to cover nominations. Heats 1-2 comprise the fastest swimmers (Age Champion Events).

Nomination Process: Children nominate in their respective event in class swimming lessons prior to the Carnival, e.g. 50m Free/or 25m Free (they cannot swim both events on the day).

Children will need to wear their sports house t-shirt, togs, house coloured cap, towel, rashie and water bottle.

Year 3 swimmers will swim in the morning session (9.00-11.00am).

Year 6 swimmers will begin their Carnival after Morning Tea (11.30am-2.45pm).

Children will swim in their year of birth, e.g. 8 years - 2007, 9 years - 2006, 10 years - 2005, 11 years - 2004, 12 years - 2003.

List of Events:

50m Freestyle	8, 9, 10 years
25m Freestyle	8, 9, 10 years
50m Breaststroke	8, 9, 10 years
25m Breaststroke	8, 9, 10 years
50m Backstroke	8, 9, 10 years
25m Backstroke	8, 9, 10 years
25m Year 3 Freestyle Relay	Boys
25m Year 3 Freestyle Relay	Girls
50m Freestyle	11, 12 years
25m Freestyle	11, 12 years
25m Year 4 Freestyle Relay	Boys

25m Year 4 Freestyle Relay	Girls
50m Breaststroke	11, 12 years
25m Breaststroke	11, 12 years
25m Year 5 Freestyle Relay	Boys
Year 5 Freestyle Relay	Girls
50m Backstroke	11, 12 years
25m Backstroke	11, 12 years
50m Butterfly	8, 9, 10
50m Butterfly	11, 12 years
25m Year 6 Freestyle Relay	Boys
25m Year 6 Freestyle Relay	Girls

PREP – YEAR 2 (JUNIOR) SWIMMING CARNIVAL - THURSDAY 3 DECEMBER 9.00AM-1.00PM

For all events listed below, boys will compete first followed by girls.

Prep (9.00–9.40am)	Prep students will swim in one half-length race performing either freestyle, rocket or kick with a board.
Year One (9.50–11.00am)	
1.	25 m freestyle
2.	2. ½ length freestyle
3.	3. ½ length kickboard
4.	4. 25m backstroke
5.	5. ½ length backstroke
6.	6. ½ length kickboard on back
Year Two (11:30 – 1:00)	
1.	25m freestyle
2.	½ length freestyle
3.	½ length kickboard
4.	25m backstroke
5.	½ length backstroke
6.	½ length kickboard on back
7.	25m breaststroke (time permitting)
8.	25m freestyle relay (time permitting)

Swimming Pool Hygiene

In the interests of everyone who swims in our school pool we are reviewing and revising our pool hygiene practices. We will be reminding students of the importance of washing their hands

with soap after toileting and from now on all children will walk through the showers before they enter the pool.

Also if children have been unwell, particularly with diarrhoea or vomiting, they should not swim for at least 3–5 days. After researching healthy pool practices, guidelines also state that no infant nappies should be changed in the pool surroundings. Our pool levels are tested every day and in conjunction with these good pool hygiene practices we can all work together to keep our pool pristine and prevent transfer of illness.

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Paul Harris (Tues, Thurs, Fri) – pharr17@eq.edu.au



It's game on with Summer Reading at Brisbane City Council libraries!

Council's Summer Reading program kicks off from 12 December 2015 to 24 January 2016.

Summer Reading returns these school holidays with Jack and Emily, who encourage children to enjoy the experience of reading by collecting stickers to complete their Summer Reading pocket book. Participants can collect stickers for their pocket book each time they attend a Summer Reading library event or finish reading a book. Children who have collected 10 stickers in their pocket book will receive an exciting **prize** as a reward!

Summer Reading offers terrific **free** events and activities, including:

Hamilton Library

December: Christmas craft activities and story times.

Thursday 7 January: "Don't let the pigeon loose in the library" stories, activities for 5-8 years.

Thursday 14 January: "Ready! Set! Write" with Pat Flynn, writing workshop for 10-14.

Don't miss out on the fun! Visit your local library this summer and get reading.

For more information about the Summer Reading program, pick up a copy of What's On in Libraries (available late November), phone Council on (07) 3403 8888 or visit the website

<http://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/libraries>

SCHOOL COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER'S NEWS

Every week is enormously eventful as we head towards the Christmas holidays.

Our adventurous Year 4 children have the joy of an excursion to Sunshine Coast Underwater World overnight camp. We look forward to hearing all about their trips at an assembly in the coming weeks.

Year 1 parents are generously hosting Welcome Morning Teas in our Hall for the 2016 Prep orientation visits yesterday and tomorrow from 9.30-11.00am.

We had the pleasure of our special Monday morning assemblies for 3A and Prep D students this week. It is a wonderful way to see the confidence transformation that has taken place in our students. For their parents who are able to join us at these assemblies, a chance to make plans for school holidays and touch base with your children's school companions families in an informal morning tea setting.

Special thanks to Miss Kristine Kaias who has co-ordinated the Ascots' Got Talent timetable for our Tuesday and Thursday lunch time performances in the hall until the end of the year.

This Friday afternoon is the Prep BBQ gathering on the oval straight after school until 6.00pm (for current Preps). Incoming Prep students will arrive at 4.00-6.00pm. A special thank you to our local Ascot Post Office owners and school parents, Jo and Jane, who have provided sponsorship for this event.

At 6.00pm our school's Choirs will be performing at St. Augustine's Church on Racecourse Road. Our school families can join the season's festivities from 5.15pm.

A special shout out to the Year 6 Graduation Committee - Emma G, Nadia H, Nat S, Leta D, Sandy P and Jo K - who have been planning a very special Graduation Disco for Wednesday 9 December from 6.15pm in Week 10. To our Year 5 families who will host the morning tea/lunch (11.00am-1.00pm) on that day for the graduating children's families - Cath Mc L and Louise K - thank you for all that you are planning.

To our dedicated Wednesday weekly bankers - Natalie M, Cath Mc L, Sophie S and Amanda H - it is a vital role that you play in our school children's lives. Teaching the power of saving - a very important concept in today's environment.

To our Scholastic Book Club volunteers who have supported this year's co-ordinator -Kim H. Kim has handled the role with quiet determination and graciously allowed our school library's resources to be bolstered by our school's collective four terms worth of consumption. Fantastic effort!

Our Tuckshop and Uniform Shop run weekly under the support of many volunteers. I hope that you realize how important you are to our school. Thank you!

Have a great week.

**Leanne Buckle, SCLO, 0403 576 688,
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SWIMATHON 2015

Please support our P&C Swimathon for 2015! The funds raised in the 2014 Swimathon made it possible to refurbish the swimming pool this year. A huge thank you to the students and Ascot State School Community.

Key Dates:

27 November	Final day to return money raised
30 November	Winning classes announced

FoVAD NEWS



The Photography Workshop by professional photographer, Maree Coster, on Thursday last week was attended by 25 students (and a few keen parents!) Everyone enjoyed learning how to hold their cameras and iPads to get the best results. The students are now familiar with the Rule of Thirds; the importance of experimentation; how to use backgrounds; set up horizons and crop effectively. We are very grateful to Maree Coster for the gift of her time and talent to our school.

Katrina Murphy, FoVAD

FROM THE TUCKSHOP

End of Term

The Tuckshop will be closing for business on Thursday 10 December. We will be open for Morning Tea only on this day. With this in mind, the Tuckshop will be scaling down items in the Tuckshop ready for its stocktake on the 10th. So, from this week onwards you may find that items are deleted from the Flexischools menu as we run out of stock. These deleted items will be reinstated to the menu in the New Year.

The Tuckshop Committee would like to take the opportunity to thank all our Tuckshop and Home Bake Mums and Dads who have helped out at Tuckshop this year. Your help is invaluable and without you we could not run as successfully as we do. Thank you.

Kathryn, Yolanda and the Tuckshop Committee

TUCKSHOP ROSTERS

Tuckshop - Group 1		Home Bake - Group 1	
Monday 30/11/15	Miranda M, Kath G	Monday 30/11/15	Andrea Y, Julianne D
Tuesday 1/ 12/15	Kim H	Tuesday 1/ 12/15	Leanne N
Wednesday 2/12/15	Amanda B, Skye McG	Wednesday 2/12/15	Julia R, Alison S
Thursday 3/12/15	Leigh C, Natasha J	Thursday 3/12/15	Kristin H, Louise K, Liz K

Tuckshop - Group 1		Home Bake - Group 1	
Friday 4/12/15	Kristin H, Cindy J	Friday 4/12/15	Louise M

FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP

With less than three weeks of school left this year, it is time to start thinking about 2016. To parents/carers of current Prep students, please note that your child will require a chair bag for Year 1 (not available on the book list) and our Prep girls can transition into the summer school dress next year. Children going into Year 3 in 2016 have the option to wear the Sport's Uniform on Fridays and Year 6 2016 students require a school tie.

Also, with our Swimming Carnivals coming up, now is a great time to come and purchase a House rashie (\$40.00) and/or school towel (\$30.00). All are available on Flexischools or come and see us in Uniform Shop.

The Uniform Shop Committee

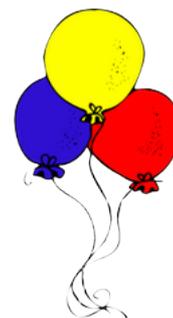
UNIFORM SHOP ROSTER

Group 2	
Monday 30/11/15	Rachelle L
Wednesday 2/11/15	Karen K
Thursday 3/11/15	Paula W

NEWS FROM THE P&C HEALTH AND WELLBEING COMMITTEE

Prep End of Year BBQ

This Friday we celebrate with this year's Prep families and welcome in next year's prep families. Starting straight after school there will be jumping castles, BBQ drinks and snacks available as well as members of the P&C showcasing committees such as FoVAD and The Uniform Shop. If you have a child in Prep or have a child entering prep next year please come along and make the event a great start to 2016. Once again, a big thanks to Joe and Jane from our LOCAL POST OFFICE for your generous support and sponsorship.



School Holiday Activities:

Looking to keep your children fit over the holidays whilst burning off all their extra energy. Why not enrol in an Acceleration Speed Camp or an Acceleration Strength



Camp. Camps run from Dec 14 to Jan 22. Visit www.accelerationsp.com to enrol.

Totally Technique will also be running programs during January so keep a watch out on their website for notifications of the programs in the weeks commencing January 11 and January 18.

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

SWIM CLUB NEWS

THERE WAS NO SWIM CLUB THIS FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER.

We will see everyone next week on Friday 4 December.

Ascot Swim Club Committee,
swimclub@ascotss.eq.edu.au

CAMP AUSTRALIA HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Camp Australia will run a holiday program during December 2015/January 2016. Children must bring their own lunch and refreshments (no nut products please), wet weather gear, art smock and suitable clothing for an active and sun smart day. An afternoon snack will be provided.

Please click below to view the program, visit <http://www.campastralia.com.au/holidayfun> or collect a program from the school Office.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Shake & Stir's December Holiday Workshop 2015: Kick start your holidays with a cracker shake & stir Primary Holiday Workshop! Over 3 days – students will unwrap various performing arts styles exploring improvisation script work, theatre sports and musical theatre facilitated by an experienced shake & Stir team. With a strong emphasis on co-operation, creative thinking (and Christmas cheer) we aim to ignite the imagination and improve self-confidence in an energetic, inclusive and supportive environment. Places are limited – so give us a (jingle) bell on 07 3358 6025 or head to shakeandstir.com.au to enrol.

Valleys Junior Rugby League Football Club: 2016 season sign on special. U6-U8 play for free in 2016. U9 and above who register and pay online by 31/12/15 pay only \$150. Extra Siblings only \$150 (from 01/01/2016 \$200 fees will apply to U9 and above). . Telephone Megan, Club Registrar, Emerson Park, Bega Street Grange on 0433 483 357 for more information or email the club at diehards@valleysrugbyleague.com.

Junior Water Polo at All Hallows' School: In Term 1, 2016 River City Water Polo Club is once again running junior water polo/ Flippa Ball training sessions at All Hallows' School. Flippa Ball is non-contact water polo for children aged 12 years and under. The program is designed to help players new to the game of water polo establish the confidence and basic skills required to play the game in a fun but safe and controlled environment. Flippa Ball is a modified version of Water Polo with some rule changes. We will be running a one-hour session at 1:00pm on Sundays from 31 January 2016 for eight weeks. The sessions are open to all strong swimmers so let your friends know. All

equipment will be supplied and the fee includes membership, car parking, pool entry, training and Australian Water Polo (AWPI) registration and insurance. If you can swim well and have ball skills, then this is the game for you! River City is one of the largest clubs in Brisbane and Water Polo is a fantastic team sport. We invite all those with children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 interested in learning the basics to contact brad@bubhub.com.au or mobile 0404 898 832 to find out how to register. The fee is \$100.00 for the term.