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FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

The countdown is on to the ABDO. Please visit their website for updates and encourage all family and friends to come along on Saturday 12 September. If you have sold your raffle tickets, please return them with the money to the office. If you have any unsold tickets, please also return them to the office.

Student Success

Congratulations to our Opti-Minds Teams who competed in the Opti-Minds Challenge at Kedron Park SHS on Sunday. Many thanks to our wonderful students from Years 4, 5 and 6 for their enthusiasm, creativity and team work.

Reading - Every Child, Every Day

This year the theme for Book Week is "Books Light up our World". When was the last time you read a great book? More importantly, when was the last time you enjoyed reading a story to your child? Children love reading and develop a love of reading by developing a positive disposition to reading through interactions with books both in the home and school environment.

Literacy teaching and learning begins in the early years and continues throughout the years of schooling. From upper primary, the focus shifts from developing and consolidating foundational literacy skills to developing more sophisticated literacy skills. In reading, this means shifting from learning to read, to reading to learn.

Please click on the link below to find out more about events and resources for Book Week 2015.

<http://cbca.org.au/index.htm>

Speech Pathology Week

This week is also Speech Pathology Week which links very nicely with Book Week. At Ascot State School we have a Speech Pathologist who works alongside classroom teachers to support any students with identified speech delays/problems. This is vital for later success in Reading.



Did you know that learning to speak is a crucial part of a child's development and progress made in the first three years of life is crucial to all learning but in particular to learning literacy? Even though children vary in their development of speech and language, there are certain "milestones" that can be identified as a rough guide to normal development. Typically, these skills must be reached at certain ages before more complex skills can be learned. These milestones help Speech Pathologists determine whether a child may need extra help to learn to speak or use language.

Parents who are worried about whether their child has met these milestones may need to seek help from a speech pathologist. A Speech Pathologist has been professionally trained to assess, advise, diagnose and work with children who have difficulty listening, talking and using their language in social situations. Speech Pathologists work in a variety of settings including, community health centres, hospitals, child care settings, and private practice. Research has shown that getting help for literacy problems early can prevent those problems becoming more severe.

Research has found that some of the essential skills that children need to be able to learn to read and write are:

- An understanding that the words we say are made up of sounds and to be able to hear these sounds, e.g. cat has three sounds c-a-t. This is known as phonological awareness.
- An understanding that letters represent sounds and that these sounds are the sounds we use in English. Children need to be able to remember the sound of each letter quickly and easily. This is known as phonics.
- Knowledge that written words can be understood, and that writing them in a particular order can make different meanings.

Keep Ascot Beautiful Week

This week our Environment Captains are also busy keeping Ascot beautiful. We are once again reminding all students to be responsible by putting their own litter in the bins provided.

Remember this Friday is dress as your favourite character. Who will your child be coming as?

Thanks for your ongoing support as we count down to ABDO.

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	91%
Year 1	88%
Year 2	99%
Year 3	91%
Year 4	92%
Year 5	95%
Year 6	90%

Regards

Gayle Coleman, Principal; Sharyn Hadden, Deputy Principal; Kylie Wells, Acting Deputy Principal

BOUQUETS

To our amazing Ascot teachers: Angela Dawson, Lorraine Clacher, Nick Marsh, Rysia Pritchard, Phoebe McDonald and Sophia Barker for all the extra hours in preparing our students for the Opti-Minds Challenge. Your efforts are much appreciated!

FROM YOUR P&C

Week 7 and only 17 sleeps until the Ascot Big Day Out (ABDO). The next few weeks are going to be busy, busy, busy, so keep reading the ADBO newsletters and the Digest to keep in the loop.

I would like to thank Michael and his team of volunteers who are co-ordinating this year's event. It is a big event with a lot of work behind the scenes that is done not only to raise funds, but to enhance our school community. It will be a fun day!

The ABDO is a great fundraiser for the school and we need to raise funds to cover the shortfall in government funding so as to provide our children with the education and opportunities that they deserve. Next month at our September meeting, P&C members will vote to decide how this money is spent. Quite simply, the more money we raise, the more projects we can do.

From the Vision Night we had many projects put forward, including: the continued funding of our Art teacher, a Science/Maths/IT Lab, air-conditioning the classrooms, revamping the toilets and many more. Unfortunately, we can't fund all these wonderful projects, so some tough decisions need to be made.

I am currently looking at some other fundraising activities for next year, so if you have an interest in this area, I would love to hear from you.

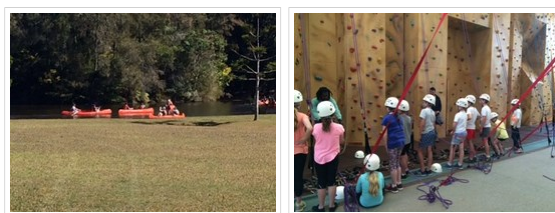
If you have any suggestions, please email me at pandcprresident@ascotss.eq.edu.au.

Sarah Comiskey, President

FROM SHARYN HADDEN: DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

YEARS 3-6

The Year 5 students and their teachers had a wonderful time at camp last week and were all very impressed with our new venue. I visited the camp and had an opportunity to see the fun in person. Mapleton is a fantastic venue with great facilities, exciting activities and the food was also given the thumbs up! Many thanks to our wonderful teachers for the time and planning that goes into this highly valued event.



The Queensland Academies in partnership with Inspiring Australia and QUT ran a Café Scientifique at The Cube, QUT to celebrate National Science Week. This was an opportunity for young aspiring scientists from the Queensland Academies and partners to pitch their research ideas with the community through an interactive cafe. Students from the Queensland Academies community were selected to present a 5 minute TED style presentation about their significant science ideas. Each speaker was followed by a Q&A session with the influential members of the panel, including the evenings Keynote Speaker, Queensland Chief Scientist, Dr Geoff Garrett.

Mary C a Year 5 student from our school presented her research project which asked "What measurement of water has the most successful growth (in mm) on sunflower seeds over a time period of 7 days?" Congratulations to Mary who presented with outstanding confidence and knowledge.

Thank to Angela Dawson who manages our partnership with the Academies to such a high standard.

Next week our Year 6 students will join their teachers, Kerri Mills and I on the epic Canberra trip. This is the first time that Year 6 children have undertaken the trip as a group and I know they will have an amazing adventure which will always provide lots of laughs and fond memories.



Have a great week!

Sharyn Hadden, Deputy Principal

FROM KYLIE WELLS: ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

PREP-YEAR 2

What a lovely Ascot week!

Our Prep 2016 interviews are well underway. I would like to take the opportunity to say thank you to **Officeworks Windsor** for the kind donations for our "Welcome to Prep" show bags. The children have loved them and it turns out the show bags have been such a success that they have been the stars of many "Show and Tell" sessions at various Kindys. We appreciate your generosity Officeworks!!!

Book Week is always a **very** exciting week. Book Week is a great opportunity to introduce children to new authors, illustrators and encourage the joy of books and reading. At Ascot we have been reading and voting for our favourite nominated book over the last week, including my personal favourite "Pig the Pug". This week, during lunch times in our Library, our lovely Mrs Stafford and her team will be hosting a variety of activities before culminating in a fabulous Dress Up day on Friday! It is so exciting and we can hardly wait to see everyone in costume!

On Wednesday our Year 2 students have their excursion to Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary. The children are super excited and I look forward to sharing some of their experiences with you next week. Thank you to all our parents who are joining us as experiences like this could not happen without your support.

Today's growth mindset quote of the day ...

"Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new."

Albert Einstein

Have an awesome week!

Kylie Wells, Acting Deputy Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

BOOK WEEK: 24/8/15-28/8/15 KEEP ASCOT BEAUTIFUL WEEK: 24/8/15-28/8/15 SPEECH PATHOLOGY WEEK: 23/8/15-29/8/15	
Thursday 27/8/15	8.00-8.45am Robotics Club (Year 5) (Computer Lab) 8.15am Uniform Shop 1.15-1.40pm Years 2 & 3 Coding Club (Computer Lab) Year 3 Ngutanalui A&TSI Centre Years 5 & 6 Street Science 1.00-1.40pm Opti-Minds (in 6/5) 1.15-1.40pm Years 2 & 3 Coding Club (Computer Lab) STEM Year 6 What a Load of Rubbish – Year 4 Years 5/6 Street Science MN Track &Field
Friday 28/8/15	Premier's Reading Challenge ends Book Week Dress-up Day

	Year 2 Disco (Hall)
NATIONAL LITERACY & NUMERACY WEEK: 29/8/15-4/9/15 YEAR 6 CANBERRA TRIP: MONDAY 31/8/15-FRIDAY 4/9/15	
Monday 31/8/15	8.15am Uniform Shop 2015/2016 Swim Club Registrations open (Flexischools) 9.00am Year 5 Camp Assembly 10.30am PA Assembly
Wednesday 2/9/15	7.45-8.30am Debating Meeting (in 6/5) 8.15am Uniform Shop 9.00am Student Banking 1.00-1.40pm Robotics Club Year 4 (Computer Lab) Footsteps Dance (Prep, Years 1 & 2)

ASSEMBLIES

Senior Assembly

Well done to our student leaders for presenting a fine assembly which highlighted the many ways that children can display honesty.

It was also a chance for the school to see our highly successful and entertaining Opti - Minds perform after their competition on Sunday. Both teams were very successful placing 1st and 2nd. Great work girls and boys!

Next week's assembly will be presented by our Year 5 students and will highlight the adventures enjoyed at camp.



Student of the Week: Years 3-7

The award is for "Group Behaviour" and that the ability to function well in a group can't be underestimated. Well done to the following co-operative children.

Year 3A	Mayank M Isla F	Year 4D	Stephanie M Georgina McC
Year 3B	Portia C Harrison C	Year 5A	Matt T Jessica T
Year 3C	Miles F Sienna K	Year 5B	Charli C McG Ellie McG
Year 3D	Ethan L Lucy D	Year 5C	Daniel A Amaia P
Year 3E	Anastasia C Ines M	Year 6/5	Quianna N Daniella F
Year 4/3	Will T Carmen A	Year 6A	Cody S Lachie T
Year 4A	Camden M Rupert S	Year 6B	Freya B Tahlia Z

Year 4B	Bridie J Shane S	Year 6C	Kioa P Darcy H
Year 4C	Lily J Jack O'T		

Sharyn Hadden, Deputy Principal

Junior Assembly

Thank you so much Prep C for your exciting presentation and important message. Your retell of "How the Birds got their Colours" was entertaining and very respectful. You demonstrated enormous confidence, joy and professionalism as you hosted your assembly. Great work Prep C!



Student of the Week: Prep-Year 2

This week we celebrate children that demonstrate "Creativity". Creativity fuels our ability to problem-solve, innovate and explore new and unfamiliar areas. Congratulations to the following children

Prep A	Eamon C Kristi C	Year 1D	Leo M Harrison C
Prep B	Matisse L Sarah G	Year 1E	Lucy D Emily F
Prep C	Kristoffer D Claudia S	Year 2A	Jaimee J Lucas M
Prep D	Violet B Bryn C	Year 2B	Alexander H Stella S
Prep E	Lara N Kya T	Year 2C	Maddie B Archie B
Year 1A	Finn M Talia B	Year 2D	Sienna H Ben M
Year 1B	Isabel W Levi C	Year 2E	Millicent Q Will N
Year 1C	Ethan A Sinalei T		

We are all looking forward to **Prep A** hosting our assembly on Monday!

Kylie Wells, Acting Deputy Principal

2015 PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The Premier's Reading Challenge reading period **ends on 28 August, 2015**. Your child's completed reading record **MUST** also be returned to the class teacher on **28 August 2015**.



ASCOT BOOK WEEK DRESS-UP DAY:

FRIDAY 28 AUGUST!



Staff and students are invited to dress-up as their favourite book character (or anything book or Library related). We encourage everyone to dress-up for the day to help us celebrate books and a love of reading!

Our Library is celebrating Book Week from Monday 24-Friday 28th August and we have a special week planned for our students.

The library is a hub of activity during Children's Book Week as students participate in Book Week lessons, lunch-time activities and story sharing. Books in our Library are lighting our world with the help of fairy lights and lanterns. Classes have read the six short-listed Early Childhood books over the past two weeks and have voted for their favourite book. Who will win "Ascot's Book of the Year"?

Jacki Stafford, Teacher-Librarian/eLearning Manager

FROM MONIQUE RUSSELL

Reading builds knowledge. Knowledge in many areas – including mathematics. There are many excellent books with a mathematical theme recommended for homes and school libraries for children to both increase interest and disposition and to increase understanding of mathematical concepts. Below are some that are appropriate for early years, middle years and the budding professional mathematician with advanced understanding.

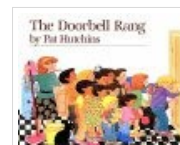
EARLY READERS

Each Orange Had 8 Slices: A Counting Book by Paul Giganti, Jr. and Donald Crews. I credit this book with helping my son learn to think about numbers creatively and solve multiplication problems.

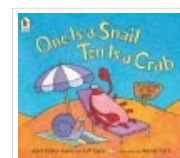


Each Orange Had 8 Slices is a counting book with a new scene and thought-provoking questions on each page. Here is an example: "On my way to school I saw 3 kids. Each kid rode a tricycle. Each tricycle had 3 wheels. How many little kids were there? How many tricycles were there? How many wheels were there in all?" Ages 4+ (counting, addition, multiplication).

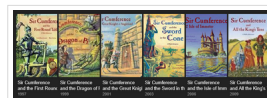
The Doorbell Rang by Pat Hutchins. In *The Doorbell Rang*, a plate of chocolate chip cookies must be divided among an increasing number of guests. This book leads naturally to discussions of dividing up things encountered in real life (e.g. a set of toy cars among three kids). Ages 4+ (division).



One Is a Snail Ten Is a Crab by April Pulley Sayre, Jeff Sayre, and Randy Cecil. I love this book! It is both amusing and educational to think about counting in terms of animals with various numbers of feet e.g. "5 is a dog [with 4 feet] and a snail



[with 1 foot].” *One Is a Snail Ten Is a Crab* is valuable for teaching kids addition and multiplication. While the book’s final pages depict challenging math problems, this book can be enjoyed by young children who are just learning to count to ten. Ages 4+ (counting, addition, multiplication).



Only One by Marc Harshman and Barbara Garrison. *Only One* is a calming bedtime book that introduces kids to various units. (e.g. Twelve eggs equals one dozen. Ten cents equals one dime.) Barbara Garrison’s folk art illustrations are lovely. *More Than One* by Miriam Schlein and Donald Crews is another fine book that introduces kids to the same concept, with different examples. Ages 4+ (units).



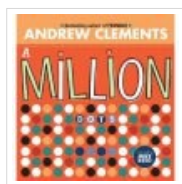
Fraction Action by Loreen Leedy. A very accessible introduction to fractions, presented in five parts. In *Fraction Action*, teacher Miss Prime teaches her kids about fractions. On day one, she asks her kids to visualize dividing whole objects into halves, thirds, and fourths. On day two, she teaches kids about dividing sets of objects into halves, thirds, and fourths. On days three and four, Miss Prime shares two stories: one about dividing fruit equally among four friends and another about subtracting fractions from a dollar. On day five, the kids quiz Miss Prime. Ages 5+ (fractions).



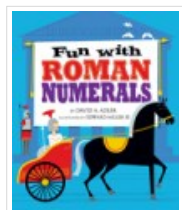
Lemonade for Sale by Stuart Murphy and Tricia Tusa. In *Lemonade for Sale*, a group of friends sell lemonade to earn money to fix their clubhouse. The friends create a bar graph to monitor their sales. The bar graph does not interrupt the story. Tricia Tusa’s illustrations are full of energy. Ages 5+ (graphing).



A Million Dots by Andrew Clements and Mike Reed. Kids are often fascinated by very large numbers that seem too large to comprehend. *A Million Dots* gives kids a sense of how big a million really is. Highlights include Andrew Clement’s humor and Mike Reed’s graphic illustrations. For kids who may be intimidated by the fact-heavy *A Million Dots*, try *How Much is a Million?* by David Schwartz and Steven Kellogg. Ages 6+ (very large numbers).



Fun with Roman Numerals by David Adler and Edward Miller III. Learning about roman numerals is like learning to decipher a secret code. Once kids have been introduced to roman numerals, they will spot them everywhere. Ages 6+ (roman numerals)



MIDDLE YEARS READERS

The ‘Sir Cumference’ series is an excellent choice for the middle school reader. It uses narrative to apply properties of measurement, number and geometry to aid students in both interest in these areas and for understanding.

UPPER SCHOOL READERS

(AND BUDDING PROFESSIONAL MATHEMATICIANS!)

1. **The Man Who Loved Only Numbers :** an original biography of the genius Paul Erdős, who was arguably the most prolific mathematician of the last century, renowned for being just as much of an eccentric as a math whiz. This book won its author a 1999 Aventis Prize for Science Books and you can watch a lecture that the author, Paul Hoffman, gave about the subject. As you can expect for such a unique mathematician, this book is filled with anecdotes and fascinating facts.
2. **Godel, Escher, Bach: An Eternal Golden Braid :** this book is one of the most famous bestsellers in the world, and should have a spot in any technically minded person’s library. I would argue that it is a particularly good read for programmers.
3. **Mathematics for the Nonmathematician:** history and methodologies of mathematics are well covered in this very inexpensive title. It combines two aspects which are difficult to match: it’s a page-turner like many math popular titles, while being instructional as well as an effective introductory text to basic mathematics for students and amateur mathematicians alike.
4. **God Created the Integers: The Mathematical Breakthroughs That Changed History:** the historic introduction to some of the greatest mathematicians who’ve ever walked the face of the earth is worth the cover price alone. But this book is so much more than that, covering a wide range of mathematical topics which have been developed throughout history, in an accessible but rigorous way. It is admittedly more challenging than your average popular math title, but if you already have some mathematical basics mastered and are willing to work through it, you’ll gain a lot of insight about the nature of mathematics and the discoveries made by the giants of math from this excellent book.
5. **Fermat’s Last Theorem:** if you are interested in learning more about the history and fascinating tales which surround one of the most well known theorems, this book will provide you with a marvelous and entertaining way to spend a Sunday afternoon. My wife who is not a mathematician, simply loved this book for its rich story telling and coverage of a topic with substantial historical significance.
6. **The Code Book:** The Science of Secrecy from Ancient Egypt to Quantum Cryptography : another intriguing title, by the same author of Fermat’s Last Theorem above. This book will get you excited about the topic of encryption and its history, from the time of Caesar right up to the future direction which

encryption is taking in today's technology based world.

7. **To Infinity and Beyond :** What's infinity? What is its impact on mathematics and what are its cultural implications that it holds? These questions are clearly answered in this book which provides a beautiful exposition that is accessible to anyone. Read this book and chances are you'll feel a sense of enlightenment as you soak up the words of this amazing writer. I would particularly recommend it as a gift for teenagers in high school, as a way of getting them interested in mathematics. This book will provide them with an essay on the reasons behind the study of Calculus and the practical implications within the areas of Art and Astronomy as well.
8. **Prime Obsession: Bernhard Riemann and the Greatest Unsolved Problem in Mathematics:** unsolved number theory problems are a huge fascination for many mathematicians and hobbyists. It's a fun field full of challenges and discoveries just waiting to spring forth. 'Prime Obsession' focuses on the Riemann's Hypothesis, the most important unsolved problem in Mathematics. A reviewer on Amazon does an excellent job at describing the beauty of this book, quoting him: *"Prime Obsession is a delight: a book about a hypothesis on the distribution of prime numbers that reads like a gripping mystery. Most fiction isn't this vivid, moving, and well written, and this is no fiction. It is history, biography, philosophy, and, yes, mathematics brought to life with wit and wonder. You have to read this extraordinary book. This is the story of the Reimann Hypothesis, the greatest unsolved problem in mathematics today"*.

Monique Russell

FROM ANGELA DAWSON

Ideas for Writing at Home

Writing is a part of every learning area at school and is vital for many aspects of everyday life. It's crucial to encourage your child's writing skills as much as possible right from the early years through to upper primary.

Tips and ideas

- Spend quality time each day talking with your child. Ideas come from shared and personal stories
- Read to your child - not just stories but a wide range of fiction and non-fiction texts - and discuss the ways that authors use words to shape their ideas
- Be a writing model for your child and encourage him/her to write alongside you
- Create real opportunities for your child to write, such as letters, posters or invitations
- Have a variety of writing materials readily available
- Talk to your child about his/her writing and read it through together

- Praise your child for having a go
- Don't dwell on mistakes, focus on the progress made
- If your child brings a spelling list home to learn, try to make the practice fun by playing games that encourage careful listening to the sounds in words and looking for letter patterns. Your child may enjoy singing or reciting spellings, or writing them out and colouring letter patterns
- Talk about the reason for learning spelling. It's not about the test but for using in writing
- Most importantly, remember that writing can be difficult, so be available, supply help if asked and encourage progress.

Opti-Minds

Congratulations to our two Opti-Minds teams who both performed exceptionally well at Kedron State High on the weekend. Our Language Literature Team came first and will be attending the State Finals at the University of Queensland on 17 and 18 October. Our Social Science Team received Honours or second place. Thanks to the students who worked hard for the last six weeks to solve a tricky long term problem. Thanks to Mrs Clacher, Mrs Pritchard, Mr Marsh, Miss McDonald, Miss Barker and Mrs Mathewson.



Have a great week.

Angela Dawson

P.E. NEWS

Sports Trials

Well done to all the boys who trialled for the City District Cricket team last week and congratulations to Gus D for being selected in the team. We look forward to telling you in the next newsletter how our Ascot athletes perform at the Met. North Athletics this week.

Skill Development

Below you will find detailed the physical skills we are focusing on developing with each year level if you would like to follow up during family fun time:

- Prep/Year 1 - developing their ball skills (throwing, catching, bouncing, rolling, dribbling – hand/foot) with medium sized balls and a variety of other equipment
- Years 2/3 – soccer skills (dribbling, kicking, trapping, throw ins, shadowing, finding space)
- Year 4 – striking skills with cricket bats as well as bowling, throwing, catching and fielding skills required in the game of cricket
- Years 5/6 – striking skills with tee-ball/softball bats as well as throwing, catching (gloves) and fielding skills required in games of tee-ball and softball.

Step a Thon (last week to register)

Step a Thon is a national campaign for primary school children to teach them every step counts. Between 31 August and 6 September children count steps and raise money for health research. With the money raised the Murdoch Children's Research Institute is working towards funding prevention and treatments for childhood illness.

Did you know?

- Obesity is on the rise in Australia
- One in ten children suffer from food allergies
- Heart disease is the cause of one-third of childhood deaths
- Every week three Australian children die from cancer.

If you would like to be part of the solution with these health issues register to be involved with this year's Step a Thon. Just google 'step a thon' and all the information will be available. The first 25,000 children to register receive a very cool looking pedometer to count steps so get in early and start stepping.

Alayne Graham (Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri) –
agrah27@eq.edu.au

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

SCHOOL COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER'S NEWS

Special thanks to all associated with the wonderful FoM Prep disco last Friday Night. The children had a brilliant time!

Week 7, and what a huge week it will be!

Please remember:

- to sell those ABDO raffle tickets ... and go online to the ABDO web page created by Campbell C AND bid on the beautiful FoVAD art auction items.
- Friday is also a "Bring In Day" for ABDO, so see flyer below for details of what your child is being asked to donate. Friday's Bring in Day includes a request for some general prizes, e.g. stickers and the like.

Plus, if you are a baker or creator of great chutneys and/or jams, please email Cath who is running the Bake Stall for the ABDO. Her email is cath.hudson@bigpond.com.

Have a great week.

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

FATHER'S DAY STALL: FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 8.00AM-1.00PM (HALL)

Come along and choose something great for Dad.
All Gifts - \$10.00.

YEAR 2 DISCO: FRIDAY 28 AUGUST

Doors open: 5.00pm

Disco starts: 5.30pm

Disco finishes: 7.00pm

Place: Ascot State School Hall

Admission: \$12.00 on entry

YEARS 4/5 DISCO: FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER

Doors open: 6.00pm

Disco starts: 6.30pm

Disco finishes: 8.00pm

Place: Ascot State School Hall

Admission: \$12.00 on entry

PLEASE READ: COMMONWEALTH BANK SCHOOL BANKING UPDATE

Concerns have been raised regarding the "Cosmic Light Beam Torch" reward item due to the inclusion of four button batteries that can be accessed by unscrewing the back of the torch.

Whilst this reward has been independently tested and deemed to meet relevant product standards, the Commonwealth Bank have made the decision to proactively withdraw this item from the School Banking Rewards Program.

Parents/Guardians are requested to dispose of any Cosmic Light Beam Torches their child may have already received as part of the Rewards Program. Students who have previously received a "Cosmic Light Beam Torch" are welcome to redeem an alternative reward item.

Commonwealth Bank

FoVAD NEWS

Our Grand Prize *Overall Winner* for the 2015 Ascot State School Photographic Competition was Molly R from 6/5. This week we feature two of Molly's beautifully moody, even mysterious, photographic images of our school. Congratulations Molly on your achievement, we are very proud of you. You can see Molly's winning entry and all the entries on the screen in the school admin area.



FoVAD Art Week Big Day Out Auction

“Fantail” (framed 52cm x 52cm) from Art Week’s “Earth” theme is by Years 5 and 6. Each delicate leaf in varying sizes was designed and handcrafted by the Year 5 and 6 students using soft pastels. “Fantail” is now an international Twitter phenomenon! The image was tweeted by FoVAD a week or so ago, and it has now been re-tweeted and “favourited” thirty times so far by art fans across the world, including in Eindhoven, Netherlands, Turkey, USA, UK, Spain, Sweden, Caracas, Alicante and Germany. How wonderful that the artistic talent of our Years 5 and 6 students is recognised in this manner!

Even better, this original art piece can still be yours. Come and view “Fantail” in the school admin area and then place your bid in on the Ascot State School Big Day Out on-line Auction at <http://ascotbigdayout.com.au/product-category/auctions/>.



FoVAD would like to express our sincere thanks to the wonderful Kate R for her time, talent and enthusiastic support in photographing all of the twenty student art pieces for the ABDO website. Kate’s photos capture the artwork so beautifully.

Katrina M, FoVAD



1. Vintage On Pringle

A message from The Box Troll.

Second Hand Goods Collection timetable:

Thursday 27: 8:30-9:30am and 2:30-4pm
Sunday 30: 3-4pm

Where: at the storage PODS at the bottom of the oval

Remember that we are still collecting plastic grocery bags and dry cleaner hangers to display all the beautiful clothing.

We still need donations to make this the Best Second Hand Stall EVER!

Books, DVD’s, Video Games, Puzzles, Board Games, toys, clothing, Jewellery, Shoes, Table and bed linen, Bathroom, Homewares and Baby Gear.

Larger items like bikes and furniture, can be delivered directly to the Games Court on Friday 11 September.

I need volunteers to help receive and sort donations, so if you have a few minutes come down and lend a hand. I am grateful for even a few minutes of your time.

Have a great week! See you at the PODS!

2. iPad mini - Cosmetic hampers - FoVAD artwork – Mantra & Marriott accommodation packages - restaurant vouchers - Dyson vacuum – Fridge - Chiropractic services - personal training - guest speaking engagements - the ABDO raffle and auction list is HUGE!

An enormous thank you to our very generous supporters for their donations to this year’s ABDO.

With already over **\$35,000** worth of raffle and auction prizes more donations are received daily!

Make sure you check out the amazing **list of prizes and sponsors** at www.ascotbigdayout.com.au and don’t forget to register to bid for the BIG ticket items <http://ascotbigdayout.com.au/register/>.

Remember online auctions close 5.00pm Friday 11 September and pick up your raffle ticket books available from administration (only \$5 each of 5 for \$20!).

Don’t miss out on your chance to win ... only a few weeks until the big draw!

Friday 28 August Bring in Day

Michael Spork

TUCKSHOP ROSTERS

Tuckshop - Group 4		Home Bake - Group 4	
Monday 31/8/15	Anita G, Tina M	Monday 31/8/15	Barbara C, Jacqui B
Tuesday 1/9/15	Jenny F, Carleen W	Tuesday 1/9/15	Louise A
Wednesday 2/9/15	Mina J, Alison S, Bella B - H	Wednesday 2/9/15	Georgina S, Anna J, Michelle A
Thursday 3/9/15	Leta D, Margaret B, Natalia S	Thursday 3/9/15	Julie C, Amanda H, Margaret B
Friday 4/9/15	Bronwyn McL, Belinda W	Friday 4/9/15	Donna G, Loretta G

UNIFORM SHOP ROSTER

Group 3	
Monday 31/8/15	Rachel L
Wednesday 2/9/15	Vanessa H
Thursday 3/9/15	Kelly MacN

WELCOME GROUP

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

Our next Welcome Group catch-up is on **Wednesday 2 September at 9.15am at White Jam Cafe in Hendra.**

Please get in touch with Nicola if you would like any further information.

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

SWIM CLUB NEWS FLASH

Only 2 weeks to go until Swim club Registrations open on Flexishools.

Registrations are limited so don't miss out.

Committee positions are still vacant so please email swimclub@ascotss.eq.edu.au to registrar your interest in joining the new Committee.

Hamish C & Anthony F, Swim Club Presidents

VACANCY – SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISOR

A **casual** position exists for a School Crossing Supervisor at Ascot State School. Some pre-employment conditions apply. Roster as per business needs in all weather conditions, 1.5 hours per day on a rostered basis. Pay Rate \$27.49 per hour.

Applications are available from the School Administration.

Applications close: **18 September 2015**

LOST PROPERTY

Ewan B from Year 3E has lost his orange scooter. It was last seen in the bike enclosure last week. Please call the office if you have any information.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Play Softball over summer and have a massive dose of fun. Want to keep fit and active and play sport over the summer months, meet new friends and have fun, fun, fun? We're all about enjoying ourselves. **Wilston Grange Softball Club** is now recruiting for the summer season. We have Under 13 Mixed teams, an Under 15 Girls' team, an Under 15 Boys' team and Open Women's C1 and B2 teams. If you've never played softball before it doesn't matter, as we'll get you up to speed quickly. Plus Softball is relatively cheap compared to other sports. We play on Saturdays at Downey Park, Windsor, commencing in October 2015 through to March 2016 with a four week break over Christmas. Training is on Wednesday nights at Keith Beavis Oval, Windsor Park, Blackmore Street, Windsor. So come down and have a try out at our first training session on Wednesday 2 September (5.00pm for Juniors up to Under 15 and 6.00 pm for Seniors) and meet our family

friendly Committee and some of your potential team mates. See if Softball is for you and remember, we cater for all ages and abilities. Everyone is important and receives the coaching and encouragement they deserve. For more information please contact Julie-ann Williams, Club President, by mobile 0419 604 001 or email wgsc74@gmail.com.

Fun, creative and unique school holiday workshops: **The Aboriginal Centre for the Performing Arts is running DeadlyArts** – indigenous culture workshops for primary school aged children this September holidays at its fabulous Kangaroo Point studios. Deadly Arts brings Aboriginal culture to life, with qualified trainers teaching children indigenous dance, totems, craft, storytelling and music! DeadlyArts opens children's minds to a world of holiday dreamtime. Let your child learn first-hand about the inspiring and age-old culture of Australia's first people. Contact ACPA on 33924420 for further information and bookings, or email admin@acpa.net.au.