FROM MELISSA PROVOST-BOYLE:
ACTING PRINCIPAL

I’m delighted to welcome students, parents and staff to the 2015 school year after what I hope has been a relaxing and enjoyable holiday.

Students and staff have started the school year full of energy and enthusiasm.

I’d like to extend a warm welcome to new students and families joining the Ascot State School community. Welcome back to our existing families for another exciting year of learning.

I’ll continue in the role of Acting Principal for the first two weeks of school. Mrs Gayle Coleman will take up the Principal position on Monday 9 February, when she returns from her South American holiday. We look forward to welcoming Gayle to the school community.

We have opened the school year with 32 classes. As we know from previous years, changes can and do occur as the numbers change. The number of children enrolled and present on Day 8 determine the 2015 class compositions and staffing. If class changes are necessary we will make decisions in the best interests of the children.

Traditionally our Parent Information Evenings have been held in Week 2. This year we have scheduled the Parent Information Evenings in Week 3, so that Gayle can attend the evenings to meet parents.

I encourage all parents to attend the Parent Information Evenings to hear about the learning that will be covered throughout the year and the opportunities for you to get involved in your child’s learning and classroom.

Tuesday 10 February

6.00pm - Prep, Year 4 and 4/3
6.45pm - Year 2, Year 6 and 6/5

Wednesday 11 February

6.00pm - Year 1 and Year 5
6.45pm - Year 3.

2015 Bell Times

Prep

8.35am - Classrooms open (Prep only)
8.45am - First Session (Prep only)
11.00am - Morning Tea
11.30am - Second Session
1.00pm – Lunch
1.40pm - Third Session
2.45pm - Finish (Prep only).

Years 1-6

8.30am - Arrive at School (Students supervised in covered games area)
8.50am - Classrooms open (Years 1 - 6)
9.00am - First Session (Years 1 - 6)
11.00am - Morning Tea
11.30am - Second Session
1.00pm – Lunch
1.40pm - Third Session
3.00pm - Finish (Years 1 - 6)
3.20pm - Uncollected students to report to the Office.

Outside of School Hours Care

If you need to drop your child/ren off to school early, we encourage you to use the Outside of School Hours Care provided by Camp Australia. For further information about Camp Australia, please visit www.campaustralia.com.au or phone 1300 105 343.

Six of the best: the traits your child needs to succeed by Hilary Wilce

There is growing evidence that character traits such as resilience, persistence, optimism and courage actively contribute to improved academic grades. And there are six key qualities that parents can foster in their children that will help them do their very best in school. These are:

1. Joie de vivre

The ability to love and appreciate life might sound wishy-washy in the hard world of exam results, but love and security feed a host of qualities that great learners need. These include the ability to be open and receptive, to be willing and to feel connected.
Meanwhile, cultivating an attitude of appreciation means being able to enjoy the journey of learning, wonder at nature, relish a good story, feel good about achievements and enjoy the companionship of the classroom. All of which, in turn, feed confidence, excitement and curiosity back into the learning loop.

2. Resilience

For years, resilience has been known to be essential for great learning. Martin Seligman, the US psychology professor who has studied this extensively, has shown that it helps children think more flexibly and realistically, be more creative and ward off depression and anxiety.

Resilient children give things a try. They understand that learning has plenty of setbacks and that they can overcome them. Resilient children talk to themselves differently from non-resilient ones and don’t turn mistakes into catastrophes: (“I’ve failed my Maths test. It’s a disaster. I’ll never get Maths!”) Instead, they look at a wider, more positive picture: (“Ugh, that was a horrible test and I screwed up, but I didn’t do enough work. Next time I’ll do more revision and it’ll probably be a better paper as well.”)

3. Self-discipline

There are many famous pieces of research that show that children’s ability to control their impulses appears to lead to better health, wealth and mental happiness in later life. In school, self-discipline is central.

Great learners need to listen, absorb and think. They need to keep going through difficult patches, stick at hard tasks, manage their time well and keep mental focus. Children who bounce about the classroom shouting the first answer that comes into their heads will never be great learners.

Of course, a joyless, overly controlled child will never be one either. Balance matters. All children need to develop a functioning “internal locus of control”.

4. Honesty

Honesty matters for great learning because its opposites – deception and self-deception – hinder progress. Great learners don’t say, “I’m brilliant at Science” but, “I’m OK on photosynthesis, but not sure I’ve nailed atomic structure yet”. And this needs to start early.

The Prep student who speaks up and asks what a word means in a story, rather than pretending to know, is already on the way to being a skilful learner. Honesty allows children to build good links with teachers and mentors. It grows confidence, attracts goodwill and gives children an infallible compass with which to steer their learning.

5. Courage

Learning anything – piano, physics, tennis – is about approaching the unknown and stepping up to new challenges. Great learners are just as frightened of this as others, but can overcome their fear and find focus.

They are able to try, fail, and try again. They can also navigate school life skilfully. Children need moral courage to turn away from distractions and to be willing to be seen as “a geek” if they want to study, while developing courage also helps them to stand their ground through the temptations of the teenage years.

6. Kindness

Great learners are kind to themselves. They understand that learning is sometimes hard and not always possible to get right, but keep a “good” voice going in their heads to encourage themselves on.

A kind disposition also draws other people to them and bolsters their learning through the help and support of others, as well as allowing them to work productively in teams and groups. A kind disposition also feeds listening and empathy, which in turn foster deeper, more complex learning.

All these character qualities are great for learning – and also for life. Research shows that they help people build more confidence, face challenges better, earn more money, have more satisfying careers, build stronger relationships, and keep depression and anxiety at bay.

Our children badly need us to help them develop stronger, more flexible backbones, and all the qualities that contribute to a strong inner core can be actively fostered and encouraged by parents (parents and schools working together is even better). Just as muscles grow stronger with regular exercise, so character traits are strengthened by thoughtful encouragement and reinforcement.

The full article is available at:

Mrs Adams is our Art Teacher. Art lessons will start next week on Tuesday and Wednesday. Thank you to our P&C for funding and supporting the Art Teacher position.

New Staff

Welcome back to Narelle Orr and Sue Henschke. It’s great to have you back.
Welcome to Helen and Stephanie, it’s great to have you join the teaching team.

Stephanie Rowe – 1B   Helen Doneley – 5A

Monique Russel joins the staff as a Specialist Maths Teacher who will work with students and teachers.

Specialist Maths Teacher:
Monique Russell

Enjoy the first week.

Regards

Melissa Provost-Boyle
Acting Principal

BOUQUETS
Thank you to the P&C for the refurbishment of the Sculpture Garden. It looks fantastic.

FROM YOUR P&C
Welcome back to all returning parents and a special welcome to our new parents. I know many of you choose to buy a house in the catchment so your children can attend Ascot. But have you thought about what makes Ascot so special? Ascot State School is the school it is today because it has a strong leadership team, great teachers and a hard-working P&C (and School Council) that are all dedicated to improving student outcomes.

Ascot’s P&C works hard to raise money to: ensure our children are given chances to do extraordinary things; give our teachers amazing support and ensuring the school is well resourced with equipment and facilities. But we do so much more than raise money. We create a community – one we invite you to be part of.

On Sunday 8 March at 3.00pm, Boydell Property Agents is sponsoring our inaugural Family Picnic Day. The February heat should be behind us, so it will be a chance to bring along a picnic mat and food and enjoy some good old fashioned fun with egg and spoon races, tug-a-war and meet the other families in your year level. More details will come soon, but save this date.

The first P&C Meeting this year is on Wednesday 18 February at 7.30pm in the staff room. I would suggest you come along and see what it is that P&C does. We also need some new people to lead our sub-committees this year. FoVAD’s Beck and Katrina are stepping down and it is Julia’s last year at Tuckshop, so this would be a great year for someone to learn the ropes and work along Julia. At the end of the day, if we don’t have someone to put their hand up to help out, we can’t run those activities.

If you are interested in helping out or joining Ascot State School’s P&C, please email me at president@ascotsspandc.com.au.

Sarah Comiskey, P&C President

ELECTION BAKE STALL - 31 JANUARY
The school has a Bake Stall/Sausage Sizzle on election day. It is a great way to raise money outside the immediate school community. I would love someone to co-ordinate the roster and ultimately be responsible on the day. That doesn’t mean you have to be there all day. I already have someone to do set up. I also need a few people to help out for one hour slots on the day.

And of course, I need bakers. There will be containers and tags available from the Tuckshop all this week. You can drop off your baked goods (there is only very limited refrigerated space, so items that don’t require refrigeration are the easiest) to the Music practice room (under the hall) on Friday morning or else directly to the stall.

A big thank you to Chris and Tarnya D for donating a four burner BBQ to the P&C. It will be used on Saturday. And a big thank you to Jeff W for picking it up and delivering it to school.

Any questions or offers of assistance, please email me. Thanks

Sarah Comiskey, sarah@comiskeycorp.com.au

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FROM MRS HADDEN: MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS 3-7

Happy New Year and a very warm welcome to the 2015 school year. I am delighted to welcome new students and families to Ascot State School and to welcome returning students. I trust that 2015 will be a happy, productive and rewarding year for everybody associated with the middle school – students, teachers and families.

Please provide your child’s teacher with any information which may assist your child in settling into the new school year.

By setting goals and striving to achieve those goals, it is possible for all students to achieve great success in their schooling. I encourage every student to build on their achievements of last year. Discuss with your child the areas in which they would like to set goals. When the children set goals each term we encourage them to set an academic, personal and social goal.

Parent Information Evenings

Information Evenings with class teachers will take place during Week 3. I encourage every parent to attend the information evenings to meet class teachers and learn about your child’s educational program. The evenings provide parents with the opportunity to hear of the expectations of the school and an outline of the academic and extra-curricular program from your child’s class teacher.

The Leadership Process

Best wishes to all students striving to attain a leadership role. All Year 6 students are student leaders and are recognised as such by the school community. More details about the process will be published throughout the term and students will be kept well-informed as the process continues.

The presentation of all Captains and school leaders will take place at a whole-school assembly in Week 5.

Travel Safe

In the interest of safety for our students the following rules should be closely observed:

- Do not ask your child to place bags in the boot as it can be extremely dangerous with cars moving closely behind each other.
- Children should get into the passenger side of the vehicle.
- After 3.20pm any child/children who have not been picked up will wait outside the Administration block. Please inform the office if you are delayed beyond that time.

Bus Travel

- Children are to go directly to the bus when the 3.00pm bell rings.
- Please ensure your child has a bus pass or money ready to catch the bus.
- We thank you for observing these rules and for making travelling home from school safer for everyone.

Storms and 3.00pm

It seems that if a storm is to hit at any time during the day it will be at 3.00pm. If this happens children who are in pick-up zones will be either inside the hall or under the Prep building.

In the case of children meeting parents in other locations or walking home a decision will be made, in the interests of safety, to keep the children in a safe area within the school until the storm passes.

Please discuss these after-school arrangements with your child.

I look forward to meeting with parents and to sharing a year of positive achievements with your child. Working together, we will be a great team.

Sharyn Hadden, Deputy Principal

FROM ANGELA DAWSON: EARLY YEARS PREP- YEAR 2

I hope you all enjoyed your Christmas holiday and time with family and friends. The beginning of the year is an exciting time for all of us.

I will be the Acting Deputy Principal for the Prep–Year 2 area of the school for the first two weeks of this term. I am more than happy to discuss any concerns you may have and to share the successes your child/ren experience at school.

I’d like to extend a very warm welcome to the new families joining Ascot State School. Ascot has a strong sense of community. Parents are encouraged to volunteer to help out with the many classroom activities and to join our active P&C.

Welcome back to our existing parents. It’s great to have you on board for another exciting year.

The first week of school is always an exciting time for parents, teachers and most importantly students. The students of Ascot State School have had a wonderful start to 2015. It has been wonderful to see such happy, excited students, teachers and parents.
What can you do to help your child at school?

- Establish a consistent routine before and after school.
- Have a positive view of school. Stay in touch with teachers and where possible get involved with the school. Talk about school and what the children are learning.
- Encourage children to be resilient. Have high but realistic expectations for your child/ren.
- READ, READ, READ and more READING. Reading to your child every night assists children to build vocabulary and to develop their oral language and the language of books.

School Zones/2 Minute Parking Zones

Brisbane City Council will continue to maintain a presence and enforce illegal parking within school zones during the 2015 school year. As you know, parking spaces during pick up and set down times are at a premium. Subsequently, competition for these spaces leads to poor driver behaviour and potentially dangerous parking practices.

The primary purpose for parking enforcement around schools is to ensure child safety and it is not Council’s intention to make parking near schools an overly onerous task. Officers will engage with all drivers where it is safe to do so and advise the risks associated with illegal parking. Officers may issue parking fines in cases where dangerous parking practices are observed.

Our only priority in the 2 Minute Parking Zones is your child’s safety. Please support our staff to manage YOUR child’s safety.

Enjoy this first week of school.

Angela Dawson
Acting Deputy Principal Prep-2

P.E. NEWS

First of all, welcome to all our new families and students and welcome back to our existing families and students. We hope everyone has enjoyed a relaxing holiday and is ready to make a flying start in 2015 with many events coming up in the P.E. program in Term 1.

Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons begin for all classes in Term 1, except Prep classes who begin in Term 4, and the focus is on water safety and developing survival skills. All students are required to wear togs, sun shirts and caps and are expected to attend each lesson. A letter of explanation will need to be provided if they are unable to participate. We would ask for one parent per lesson to volunteer to be a spotter and in Year 1 classes we would also request parent helpers to be in the water to assist students.

District Swimming Carnival (Friday 13 February)

Following the 2014 school Swimming Carnival, 9–12 year old students who have met event qualifying times for District Carnival selection have been identified. If students were absent on the day, or are new to the school this year and would like to try for team selection, trials will be held in the first two weeks at lunch times. The team will then be named by the end of Week 2 and relevant forms sent home to be completed and returned.

P.E./Sports Noticeboard (near stairwell at bottom of D Block - Office)

We will post any information about P.E. and Sport (school and community) on this noticeboard throughout the year, including any information about when City District sporting trials are coming up. Please check this noticeboard regularly to make sure you don’t miss out on any sporting opportunities.

Community Sporting Notice

Greater Brisbane Junior Tennis – Weekly tennis fixtures at Qld Tennis Centre, Tennyson and UQ for Under 18s. Grading Sunday 8 February at Tennyson 3.00-5.00pm. More info at www.gbjt.org.au

We look forward to working with students and collaborating with parents in 2015.

Paul Harris/Alayne Graham

MUSIC NEWS

Choir rehearsals will all take place in the hall commencing Week 2

No audition required - everyone welcome!

Monday – Years 3–6 GIRLS Choir - 1.15–2.00pm
Tuesday – Junior Choir – Years 1 & 2 - 8.15-9.00am
Wednesday – Boys Don’t Sing Choir – Years 3–6 - 8.15-9.00am.

Band rehearsals will all take place in Ms Howard’s room

Tuesday - 7.30-9.00am – Senior Band
Wednesday - 7.30-9.00am – Intermediate Band
Wednesday - 8.00-9.00am - Brass Ensemble
(commencing Week 3)
Thursday - 7.30-9.00am Junior Band (not commencing until Term 3)
Friday - 7.30-9.00am – Senior Band.

Senior Band commencing Friday Week 1 30 January 2015
Intermediate Band commencing Week 3 Wednesday 11 February 2015.

Any new students in Years 4 to 6 interested in joining the Instrumental Music program, please email Margaret Howard (Head of Music) your expression of interest
mhowa12@eq.edu.au

An information session for all Year 3s for the private instrumental program will take place in Week 3.

Debbie Daley, Choir Teacher
BRAINSTORM PERFORMANCE – SAVING LIL & ARCHIE

Prep to Year 6 to attend
Date: Friday 20 February 2015
Venue: Assembly Hall
Cost: $5.00 per child.

As this performance will occur early in the school term before the Student Statements are prepared, if you would like your child to attend please send payment in an envelope to the class teacher before Wednesday 18 February 2015.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER’S NEWS

Welcome back to the fresh new 2015 school year.
It is shaping up to be an exciting, action packed year. Our second year as an IPS school. With a new school Principal commencing in Week 3, Mrs Gayle Coleman, and 800 Prep to Year 6 children all settling in.
A huge Big Day Out Fete year in Term 3 - September 12.
The inaugural Family Sunday Avo Picnic 3:00-5:00pm on the school oval in Week 6.
Swim Club is back in the pool. Thank you to Cameron McL and Tracy R for all your planning and co-ordination.
FoM is strong under the continued leadership of Nicola W. A stunning performance was enjoyed yesterday at the Hamilton Town Hall. Special thanks to Deb Daley for her co-ordination and conduction.
I look forward to meeting you all at the Class Parent Teacher Information Evenings in Week 3.
Settle in. The routine is back!!
First day jitters aside … Tears and Tissues in the Parent/Instrumental Room under the hall was a huge relief and comfort for many an unsettled dad/mum/carer. It was a joy to meet you yesterday.
Have a great week.

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

NEWS FROM THE P&C HEALTH AND WELLBEING COMMITTEE

Welcome back parents students and staff and a special welcome to the new Prep students and parents.

First Day (Week ) of school blues

For many students (and parents) the first day, week, and sometimes months of school can be a difficult transition. Experienced parents all know that this is just a phase and everything will work out fine. Whilst sometimes frustrating and concerning, relax knowing your child will eventually get used to the new environment as he or she learns to find security in knowing their new friends and teachers. Be confident that Ascot’s Prep staff are outstanding in dealing with your child and any fears your child may have. It’s important that you relax and demonstrate this confidence. When you get home make sure you talk with your child about all of the great experiences of the day – new friends, new games and activities and how happy you are that they have done so well.

New in 2015

Over the holidays enquiries were made with several outside organisations in an endeavour to increase the scope of physical activities that our students can experience during, before and after school.
Hopefully many of the following new activities will be enjoyed by our students this year:

Basketball; Hockey; Athletics Training; Strength and Stretching programs.

These programs are obviously an addition to the vast range of programs already available at our school and support the body of research that shows a strong link between physical activity and educational performances in children.
This year we would also like to think that all of the Year 6 students will have the opportunity to undertake and complete a CPR course through the Surf Life Saving Association.
A new initiative will be introducing a Cross Country event for the Year 3 to Year 6 age group, and also Ascot’s first Junior Tuff Mudda for the same age groups – stay tuned!

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

BOOK CLUB

As the brand new Book Club Co-Ordinator for the school, I will be looking for volunteers for processing and distribution of books this year. I need one person from each class (particularly the younger grades) to commit to two mornings (usually a Friday) per term for an hour or so to help out.

For those who are not familiar with Book Club, the children bring home a catalogue twice per term from Scholastic containing books, craft and other things. Ordering is now online for parents and all orders contribute to the school receiving free resources from Scholastic.
Please let me know at bookclub@ascotss.eq.edu.au if you are able to help out and I will be in touch about the probable dates for distribution of books this term. Thank you.

Kim Hodge

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 first Welcome Group catch-up is on Wednesday 28 January at 9.15am at White Jam Cafe in Hendra. Please get in touch with Peter or Rachel if you have any questions.

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

Dear Swim Club Family,

We hope everyone enjoyed their Christmas holidays and welcome back to Swim Club.

The start of a new year means Swim Club will be back in full swing this Friday night 30 January.

This Friday night we will be running trials for the Ascot Cup.

The Ascot Cup will be held at Ascot this year and it will be a 3 way meet against Ascot, Eagle Junction and Wilston.

The Ascot Cup will be held on the 28 February (not 14 February as previously advised).

The Cup will start at 1.30pm on 28 February with warm up and racing to start at 2.00pm.

This term with regards to the selections for the Cup, we will be selecting the top 2 fastest times from Friday night for each age group for each stroke. The relay teams will consist of the top 4 fastest times from each age group for each stroke.

The Freestyle relays will be the top 4 fastest times for the freestyle for each age group.

We ask that if your child/children do not wish to participate in the Ascot Cup this term to please email the Swim Club email address swimclub@ascotss.eq.edu.au so that we know who will be available and who will not.

Parent Roster for this Friday 30th Jan see below:

As you can see ALL positions are vacant. This is due to that we were unable to run the last Swim Club night of 2014 due to weather.

All families must complete 2 roster duties this term as per the agreement that you signed when registering for Swim Club and if your child/children are participating in the Ascot Cup and Club Championships you will also need to be available for roster duties as well.

Please contact Rose M on rose.04@me.com or 0417 707 995 to fill this roster for this week.

We need all of these position filled by Thursday at the latest. It will be first in first served for the positions.

Please do not contact the Presidents with regards to the rosters.

Parents on roster this week - PLEASE REPORT TO THE PRESIDENTS’ DESK ON ARRIVAL.

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PLEASE REMEMBER THAT IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT YOU ARE ON TIME FOR YOUR ROSTER DUTIES AS THIS HELPS US RUN ON TIME.
Cameron and I look forward to the up and coming season and to seeing you all on Friday night.

Kind regards

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

St Agatha’s Parish Sacramental Program—2015: Confirmation and First Holy Communion for children in Year 3 or older who have celebrated their First Penance/Reconciliation.

Enrolment Weekend: 7/8th February at any of the masses; Saturday 6.00pm; Sunday 7.00am, 9.00am & 5.30pm. Enrolment forms are available from the Parish office or on the table at front entry to Church. Parent’s Meeting: Wednesday, 11 February 7.00pm or Thursday, 12 February 7.00pm at St Agatha’s Church. (N.B. Parents need only attend 1 of these sessions.)

For further information call Jane Cameron at the Parish office: 3262 2859.

Leading children’s choir, Voices of Birralee, invites young singers to join their Clayfield program. Voices of Birralee is a non-profit organisation, nurturing a child’s love of singing in a fun and educational environment. Tuition is provided by professionals who are highly regarded and experienced in their field. A strong emphasis is placed on holistic education, building social and cognitive skills, emotional resilience, confidence and musical expertise. 2015 enrolments are now open for the following ensembles: Birralee Piccolos: Prep – Year 1 - Saturday 12:45-1:30pm, Birralee Kids: Years 2-4 - Saturday 1:30-2:30pm, Birralee Singers: Years 5-8 - Saturday 3:00-4:00pm. We run a yearly program with semester-by-semester enrolment options. Please visit our website www.birralee.org to enrol or for more information. We look forward to hearing from you!

Valleys Junior Rugby League Football Club: Sign On 8 February from 10.00am–2.00pm at Emerson Park, Bega Street, Grange. Under 6 to Under 18. Fees: U6 free, U7 $100.00 and all other age groups $200.00 (no weekly costs). Training Tuesday nights for U6 to U8 and all other age groups Tuesday and Thursday nights. Extra siblings only $150.00 (no weekly fees and includes Club polo shirt for new players and team photos). Take advantage of State Government $150.00 sports voucher before it runs out (available from late January). Contact Shahrara, Secretary, on 0413 850 601 for more information. Email diehard@valleysrugbyleague.com

Website: www.valleysdiehards.leaguenet.com.au

Play Hockey in 2015. St Andrews Ladies Hockey Club. Dedication – Perseverance – Loyalty – Friendship. If you are aged 5+, we would love you to join Brisbane’s oldest and most successful women’s hockey club. Come on your own or get together a group of friends! Qualified coaches. Grass training and games held locally at Downey Park. New Under 7 and Under 9 players receive a free hockey kit (hockey stick, shin pads and ball while stocks last). For fun, fitness and a lifelong sport – play hockey! Sign On: Saturday 7 February 10.00am to 12.00pm upstairs at BWHA (“Brisbane Women’s Hockey Association”) Club House, Melbourne Street, Windsor (Downey Park). To register or for further details visit www.standrewshockey.com.au or contact Simone, Registrar, 0402 351 527 or Michele, President, 0408 418 689.

2015 Netball Season at The Gap: Netball is the most popular team sport in Australia and The Gap Netball Club is the biggest in Queensland. The Club has teams for all abilities and ages from 8s to adults, with players living across the western suburbs of Brisbane from Albany Creek to Kenmore. Teams train on weekday afternoons and evenings at Hilder Road State School and play at Downey Park on Saturdays from March to August.

Further information and online registration are at http://www.thegapnetball.org

NetSetGO at the Gap: Netball is the most popular team sport in Australia and The Gap Netball Club is the biggest in Queensland. The Club is running NetSetGO at Hilder Road State School 3:30-4:30pm for 8 weeks from Monday 2 February, with a sausage sizzle after the last session on 23 March. NetSetGO is an introductory program for 5 to 10 year old girls and boys that teaches netball basics and develops general motor skills in a fun and safe way. The $90 fee covers insurance and a participant pack.

Further information and online registration are at http://www.thegapnetball.org

Fancutt Tennis Centre will continue the tennis program at the school courts at Reeve St on Mondays 3:00-3:30pm (Prep) 3:30-4.15pm (beginners), Tuesdays 3.15-4.00pm (Beginners), Wednesday afternoons 3.00-3.30pm (Prep), 3.30-4.15pm (Beginners), 4.15-5.00pm (Players). Junior rackets on special $30.00. Friendly Hot Shots Tournaments for trophies are on Saturdays 10.00am-12.00pm (Serving & Green Ball) during school terms at Fancutts Lutwyche for children wishing to have friendly match play without the inconvenience of extra travelling to other centres. Super League fixtures are on Saturday afternoons and Sunday evenings for children and teenagers and Tuesday/Wednesday nights for adults - a few vacancies. Adults social, fitness and music (ladies) is on Monday evenings 6.30- 7.30pm and Friday mornings 9.00- 10.00am. Restrings – a 24 hour service or possible emergency restrung while you wait. All enquiries, please contact Fancutts on 3857 2922 in office hours or email admin@fancutts.com.au.

Brisbane City Football is the local National Premiere League Football Club. In 2015 we will run a local in-house competition for 6-10 year olds and have teams participating in the northside U8-11 competitions. If your child just wants to have a kick around or is determined to play at the higher levels, Brisbane City has the right program, to develop their skills and enjoyment of the game. Register online at www.myfootball.com.au or come to the Clubhouse on Saturday 31 January and Sunday 1 February from 9.00am till 2.00pm or on Wednesday evening 4 February from 6.00pm till 9.00pm or go online at www.brisbanecityfc.com.au. Sandra, Club President, Brisbane City Football Club.
Junior Water Polo at All Halows! In Term 1, Rivercity Water Polo is once again running junior water polo training sessions at All Halows School. We will be running a 1 hour session at 3.00pm on Sundays from Feb 1 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! Rivercity is one of the largest clubs in Brisbane and Water Polo is a fantastic team sport, we invite all those with children born 2003 – 2006, Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 interested in learning the basics to contact brad@bubhub.com.au (0404 898 832) to find out how to register. $80.00 for the Term or $60.00 if returning from Term 4, 2014.

New Farm Soccer Kicks Off! New Farm United Soccer Club is looking forward to another great season in 2015, offering teams for boys and girls (including all-girl teams) of all abilities from age 5 to adults. For more information and to pre-register (compulsory), visit our website at www.newfarmsoccer.com.au. And then come along to complete your registration and meet our friendly volunteers at our official Sign-On Days (at our Clubhouse in New Farm Park near soccer fields): Sunday 1 February - 9am-2pm and Saturday 7 February - 9am-2pm. To keep in touch Like our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/NewFarmUnitedSoccerClub and sign up for our mailing list via our website.

Any questions please contact Helen on 0410 541997 or newsletter@newfarmsoccer.com.au.