FROM MELISSA PROVOST-BOYLE: ACTING PRINCIPAL

Tonight our School Council will meet for the first time. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to establishing the Ascot School Council.

To the Year 7 Debating Team 1 for their convincing win last Wednesday night; they won by 5 points! The girls have been a very successful team, over a three year period they only lost one debate.

Unfortunately, Team 2 won through the other team forfeiting. I know how much work goes into preparing for the debate; it’s disappointing when you don’t get to see all of that hard work pay off.

Our Year 6 Teams have also done us proud, winning all of their debates.

World Teachers’ Day will be celebrated this Friday, 31 October. It’s a chance to acknowledge our teachers and say thank you.

Every day, in classrooms around the state, Queensland teachers are making a difference educating and inspiring youngQueenslanders.

Celebrated in more than 100 countries world-wide, World Teachers’ Day was established by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in 1994 to celebrate the role of teachers in society.

The day is a wonderful opportunity to draw public attention to the important role of teachers in our local communities.

Thank you to our wonderful dedicated teaching staff, enjoy World Teachers’ Day.

Ascot Mothers’, Past and Present, Lunch was a huge success. Fifty-five mothers enjoyed the beautiful surroundings of Portside to catch up and have a lovely afternoon. I really enjoyed seeing so many present mothers and catching up with some of the past mothers. Thank you to Amanda and Deborah for organising the event.

Cyber Safety is an important consideration in keeping our young children and teenagers safe whilst online. Ready access to mobile devices, such as iPods, iPads and smartphones means that our children are more connected than ever before. As parents it’s our responsibility to be aware and across Cyber Safety issues. It’s recommended that ALL parents should visit the following websites on Cyber Safety:

My-kids-and-media
http://www.thinkuknow.org.au/

Please take the time to visit the social networking sites that your child is accessing, you may be surprised/shocked at the information they’re sharing on line. For parents of young children, start getting across social media now.
Day for Daniel will be acknowledged on Friday. Please support this worthy cause by wearing red.

Enjoy your week.

Regards

Melissa Provost-Boyle
Acting Principal

BOUQUETS
Thank you Amanda and Deborah for organising the Ascot Mother’s, Past and Present, Lunch. It was lovely.

FROM YOUR P&C
As you all now know, the position of Principal of Ascot State School is now vacant. I would firstly like to take this opportunity to thank Jane Sedgman for her many years of service to this school. I have known Jane for eight years and was lucky to get to work with her through my various roles on the P&C over the last five years. I respected and liked Jane both as a Principal and person and am sad to see her go. She was passionate about Ascot and her students and the school prospered under her administration.

Ascot is seen as a leading school in Queensland. This is just not because of its results. This year there was a segment on the Today show showing parents who don’t live in the catchment area, camping overnight at the school to be first in line to get on Ascot’s waiting list. Why? It is because Ascot State School has a strong leadership team, great teachers and hard-working parents and all three groups work together for the common goal of delivering quality education to students. We all know the old adage “a fish rots from the head down”. That is, if an organisation fails, it is the leadership that is the root cause. The opposite is true at Ascot. It has been strong leadership and vision that has made Ascot one of the leading schools in Queensland.

Jane and her team expected their teachers to work hard and get results and they in turn lead by example. Jane led by example to show her staff that hard work is being done on every level. She was committed to the students and I believe she had the respect of her team. I think Jane, Sharyn and Melissa have a reputation of working hard, being fair and being approachable. They are big shoes to fill and I wish Jane luck in her role as Assistant Regional Director in the Metropolitan Regional Office.

But Jane’s departure now means a big change. I for one, think it is a very exciting opportunity for Ascot. In 2020 the school will be 100 years old. We have a few chapters in our book, so as one chapter closes we get to see what the next one holds.

In summary, a new Principal will be selected by the end of this term. As both President of the P&C and a member of the School Council, I have been asked to be one of three people tasked with this very important job. It is a very big responsibility – as I am selecting a Principal for our school community – staff, parents and students. I am your representative and feel the burden of this important decision.

Communication is the most important strategy in achieving successful change and I would like to hear from you. What is it that you think our new Principal should bring to our school? What is it that you want (or don’t want) in a new Principal?

Please email me your thoughts by close of business tomorrow as I am meeting with the panel on Friday to confirm the process and timelines.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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G20 PUBLIC HOLIDAY – 14 NOVEMBER

Parents and families are reminded that Friday 14 November 2014 has been declared a public holiday to ease the impact on the city and help minimise any potential disruptions and our school will be closed on this day.

FROM MRS HADDEN: MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS 3-7

This week has a number of significant events in which we, as a school, participate.

**Day for Daniel – Friday 31 October**

On Friday we remember Daniel Morcombe and join with his family and the nation to promote and raise awareness about child safety. This amazing family have worked tirelessly to promote their message and each year the foundation gains more momentum.

This Friday, all students are asked to dress in RED and donate a gold coin to the Daniel Morcombe Foundation.

Please help us to support this very worthy cause.
Vale Harold Sutcliffe

Last week Harold Sutcliffe, a very well-respected former Principal at Ascot for many years, passed away. Many of you would remember Harold as a strong supporter of our school. He attended all of our Graduation ceremonies and as a member of Hamilton Rotary ensured an acknowledgement of our children who demonstrated citizenship, each year. Past and present school staff and students paid their respects at his funeral earlier this week.

World Teachers’ Day

On Friday we celebrate World Teachers’ Day which acknowledges the dedication and hard work of our teachers. Teaching is indeed a “work of the heart” and I know you will join me in wishing our teachers a positive day starting with a delicious breakfast provided by our equally awesome parents. What a team!!

Graduation

The Years 7/6 Graduation Ceremony will take place on Wednesday 10 December. Year 7/6 parents will receive further information in the coming weeks. The Graduation Disco plans are well under way and the parents are working hard to ensure a great night for the children. The organising committee is working like a well-oiled machine. It is such a significant event for the children and a milestone to remember. This hard-working Committee would welcome any offers of assistance.

Bursaries

As the end of the year approaches we also begin to prepare for our bursaries. We have very rich data from assessments, year level testing and Moderation as well as external testing such as Naplan. This applies to our English, Mathematics and Dux winners whilst all other awards remain unchanged. These awards recognise the hard work and consistency of our students throughout the year and are a fair and equitable approach.

2015 and your child

Please advise your child’s teacher, or the office, if your child will not be attending Ascot State School next year. We need to have a clear indication of our student numbers for 2015 in order to determine our staffing requirements and consequently plan our classes for 2015.

Student of the Week: Years 3-7

Next week’s assembly will be presented by 3B and 3D.

The student of the week award is for demonstrating the qualities of a good friend. Well done to the following friendly, caring students.

| 3A | Sophie W          | 5/4 | Jude S  |
|    | Ethan H          |     | Marielle S |
| 3B | Lilly H          | 5A  | Robbie F |
|    | Claudia H        |     | Kalif L  |
|    |                  |     | Cody S   |
| 3C | Bridie J         | 5B  | Rosie T  |
|    | Amira A          |     | Sofia B  |
| 3D | Patrick B        | 5C  | Oliver E |
|    | Thomas K         |     | Amelia W |
| 3E | Scarlet S        | 7/6A| Natalie K|
|    | Ned W            |     | Phoebe B |
| 4A | Parker B         | 7/6B| Evan V   |
|    | Joel G           |     | Walter N |
| 4B | Katie B          | 7/6C| Harrison H-H |
|    | Sophie P         |     | Irelaan S|
| 4C | Mitchell DG-E    | 7/6D| Gus O    |
|    | Esther Q         |     | Charlotte T|
| 4D | Ellie McG        | 7/6E| Maddy W  |
|    | Harrison F       |     | Aimee B  |

Ascot’s Got Talent Nomination Form

Each year the children look forward to this exciting event and it’s back for 2014!

Any students wishing to enter this year’s talent quest need to fill in the nomination form below and return it to Miss Kaias (4A Upper G Block) in a sealed envelope along with the $1.00 entry fee (per act). Nominations close Friday 31 October. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to see Miss Kaias (4A).

Name of act: ____________________________________________________________

Students involved (name and class): ______________________________________

Type of act (e.g. singing/dancing/playing a musical instrument, etc.): ______

PLEASE MAKE SURE THE $1.00 ENTRY FEE IS ENCLOSED WITH THIS
NOMINATION.
PLEASE NOTE: ACTS HAVE A MAXIMUM OF 5 MINUTES PERFORMANCE TIME.

Have a great week and try to stay cool!

Sharyn Hadden, Deputy Principal
FROM MRS HEINRICH: EARLY YEARS
PREP-YEAR 2

Just over a week ago I had the privilege of attending the Queensland Academies – Creative Industry Campus (QACI) and seeing the culmination of three years of creative process. The Queensland Academy for Creative Industries is a State High School for senior students.

QACI students study their preferred creative arts subjects (Music, Theatre, Film, Visual Arts and Design Technology) embedded within the International Baccalaureate Diploma.

Ascot State School is a Partnership School with QACI. Our Years 5-7 students are involved in the “Young Scholars” Program and selected students participate in two weekly on-line courses with the Academy.

Here are some of the works that grabbed my attention. We also viewed a drama, music and tech lesson. It was very inspiring!

**Vietnamese Diaspora, 2014**

**White Origami Boats – Scattered origami boats inspired by Sadako’s 1000 Paper Cranes. This represents a new state of mind and new beginnings.**

**Book Art**

CONGRATULATIONS to 1E for being this week’s STAR CLASS. They received this award for ‘Being Responsible’. Last week, 1E had about seven teachers come to observe one of their Maths lessons. They demonstrated responsible behaviour through following their teacher’s instructions, listening attentively and being able to stay focussed, even with the disruption. Well done 1E!

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Check out our Galaxy so far!

**Student of the Week: Prep-Year 2**

*Congratulations to the following children for “Doing Your Best” - Week 5:*

- **Prep A**
  - Harper C
  - Harrison E
  - Year 1D
  - Bonnie S
  - Edward E

- **Prep B**
  - Evana M
  - Year 1E
  - Joel D
  - Poppy H

- **Prep C**
  - Sebastien M
  - Lucy D
  - Year 2A
  - Charlie C
  - Emerson M

- **Prep D**
  - Azzurra V
  - Harrison M
  - Year 2B
  - Liliana H
  - Fergus P

- **Prep E**
  - Saige S
  - Aidan W
  - Year 2C
  - Jemima M
  - Lachlan J

- **Year 1A**
  - Millicent Q
  - Simeon J
  - Year 2D
  - Grayson C
  - Lily D

- **Year 1B**
  - William B
  - Eli P
  - Year 2E
  - Olivia G
  - Mitchell L

- **Year 1C**
  - Jake S
  - Alice C
  - Year 2F
  - Grace T
  - Isabella Z

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**Junior Assembly**

Junior Assembly Schedule for Term 4 – Be sure to mark the dates in your calendar.

| Term 4 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| Week 5 - 3/11   | Prep E - Doing your best |
| Week 6 - 10/11  | Prep C - Setting and achieving goals |
| Week 7 - 17/11  | No assembly |
| Week 8 - 24/11  | No assembly |
| Week 9 - 1/12   | 2B - Completing all work |
| Week 10 - 8/12  | No assembly |
Community

National Recycling Week from 10-16th November 2014: this week offers a great opportunity for students to understand the effect of their actions on the environment and learn about the benefits of recycling. There are a lot of ideas and information at http://recyclingweek.planetark.org/.

Have a great week!

Anita Heinrich, Acting Deputy Principal

MUSIC NEWS

Congratulations to Miss Moorhouse and the Intermediate Band on their Silver Award performance at Musicfest on Monday at Iona College.

A reminder to all our Music families that our Instrumental Music Evening is on 12 November and all Bands and Ensembles will be performing. The Choral Evening with the Choirs and our musical presentation of “Pyjama Game” will be held on 20 November. Both evenings will commence at 6.30pm.

A reminder to all Music families that Music photos will be taken Thursday 6 November. Children are to wear their full winter uniform and bring their instruments for the photos. They may change into their summer uniform after the photos.

We wish our Senior Band Conductor, Rick Pethick, well as he recovers from a broken hip. He has been in hospital and will commence his rehab soon.

Debbie Daley

P.E. NEWS

Swimathon

Swimathon will be conducted this week in your child’s swimming lesson so please ensure they bring their swimming gear. Prep-Year 3 swim across widths of the pool for a time between five and ten minutes and Years 4–7 swim lengths of the pool.

Met North Aquathlon/Triathlon Trials for 2015 Teams

Selection trials for 11/12 (born 2004/2003) and 13/14 (born 2002/2001) age divisions will take place on Sunday 9 November at Lake Kawana for selection in teams to compete in Hervey Bay, Thurs 19 February–Saturday 21 February 2015. Entry fees apply. If you are interested in trialling, please see Mrs Graham/Mr Harris for the information sheet.

Paul Harris/Alayne Graham

SPECIAL GROUPS PHOTOS – 6 NOVEMBER

Thursday 6 November special groups such as Year 6 and Year 7, Student Council, Debating, District Athletics, Swim Teams, Opti-Minds and musical groups will be photographed. Children should wear their formal uniform and bring their summer uniform to change into after the photo. Children should also bring their musical instruments for the photographs.

Sharyn Hadden

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS – DAY FOR DANIEL 31 OCTOBER

The Student Council is proud to be supporting the tenth Day for Daniel this Friday 31 October. Friday is a National Day of Action to raise awareness of child safety, protection and harm prevention. Recognise, React and Report are the key messages of the foundation.

We would like to honour the memory of Daniel Morcombe by asking you to wear something red on Friday, which will be a Free Dress Day. We ask you to make a gold coin donation, which will go to the Daniel Morcombe Foundation to continue their important work.

We look forward to a sea of red on Friday at Ascot in support of this worthy cause.

Student Council

SCHOOL COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER’S NEWS

This week our Swimathon laps will commence in the school pool. This is a timely fundraiser for our school. Samantha D established this very efficient events process in 2007 and Stella De J has co-ordinated it over the past four years raising $100,000 for the P&C coffers for our school’s improvements.

We are looking for another parent to shadow volunteer this year to learn the process moving forward next year as this will be Stella’s last year in the school. Please contact me if this appeals to you. I will put you in touch with Stella.

The Global Early Act group are participating in the Kidpreneur $50 Business Challenge. They have designed and made products to sell all week on the Games Court, so send in a gold coin with your child/ren to shop and support EarlyAct’s donation to Oxfam.

Tonight is the Tuckshop Christmas Dinner at Monza Italian restaurant on Alexandra Road opposite Oriel Park. Kathryn S and Julia C always organise a fun night to celebrate the many volunteers/home bakers to show our appreciation. Have a great night ladies and gents.

Last Friday saw a wonderful gathering of past and present Mums celebrating their friendships forged at this wonderful primary school. Special thanks to Amanda B and Deb S for organizing the fourth annual event. Congratulations to Danielle K who won the lucky door prize - an overnight stay at The Marriott Surfers Paradise, co-ordinated with thanks to Julie W and Sarah C.
This Friday we celebrate World Teacher’s Day with a staff breakfast hosted by a team of Year 2 parents and sponsored by the P&C. Another thank you to Stella De J for heading up this year’s breakfast. Thank you ... thank you ... thank you for your support.

This Friday is also national wear red “Day for Daniel” (Morcombe). Please send a gold coin donation, as well as allowing your child to wear something RED (e.g. ribbons, shirt or shorts).

Have a great week.

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

NEWS FROM THE P&C HEALTH AND WELLBEING COMMITTEE: CPR COURSE

Nineteen people (students and parents) took part in a P&C sponsored CPR course last Tuesday, run by Surf Life Saving Qld. Our presenter was a lifeguard named Anthony who taught us how to perform CPR in certain situations. Did you know that if you are performing CPR on a pregnant woman you have to roll her onto her right side so that the baby is not sitting on its air cord?

Anthony also demonstrated how to use a defibrillator; a machine that stops the heart if it is beating at an unusual rhythm in order for it to then be re-started at a normal pace. We learned about the DRSABCD of CPR protocol and the 30:2 ratio of chest compressions to breaths. Following the theoretical part of the evening we paired up and tested our newly acquired skills on a variety of rescue dummies, including infants, teens and adults. Zara C

Thanks to Pat G for organising the course. It is recommended that you renew your CPR skills every twelve months, so hopefully we will see even more parents and senior students next year.

Sarah Comiskey, P&C President

INSTRUMENTAL EVENING – 12 NOVEMBER

Friends of Music presents
Ascot Instrumental Evening

Date: Wednesday 12 November 2014
Time: 6.30pm – 8.30pm
Doors open: 6.00pm
Place: Ascot School Hall
Admission: Adult $5 – Child no charge
Drinks & light refreshments will be available to purchase

& other instrumental performances

Any queries please contact: FOM@ascotss.eq.edu.au

WELCOME GROUP

Have you recently enrolled your child at our school? Have you recently moved into the local area? Are you interested in meeting other school parents and families? You may be interested in joining our school’s Welcome Group. Our Welcome Group has been set up primarily as an opportunity for new parents to our school to meet other school families, although anyone who is interested in making new friends is welcome to attend; everyone is welcome!

Our Welcome Group meets from 9:15-11.00am every Wednesday during school term at White Jam Cafe, Hendra. Our coffee catch ups are a great opportunity to chat to other parents and to share information about local family services (medical, kinder and child care) and children’s activities (music, sport, etc.). Hope that you can join us.

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

Uniform Shop would like to let you know that our new swimming bags and sports bags are now in stock.

Also, to parents/carers of current Prep students, please note that your child will require a chair bag for Year One and our Prep girls can transition into the summer school dress next year.

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SWIM CLUB

Dear Swim Club Family,

Another great night was had at Swim Club on Friday night. It is so great to see all of our wonderful families and the watching the kids swim.

A reminder to everyone that this Friday night will be Halloween at Swim Club. We will be doing a fashion parade at 5.45pm and awarding prizes to the top ten costumes. Parents you may also come along dressed up and join in the fun.

We will commence racing at 6.00pm with the 12.5 metre races.

See below the parents who are roster for this week Friday 31 October:

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

Please remember that it is extremely important that you are on time for your roster duties as this helps us run on time.

We would like to thank all of the families who have worked so hard in the last few weeks at Swim Club doing your roster duties.

A reminder to parents that you must do two rosters this term, so if you have not yet done any roster duty, please contact Rose M on rose.04@me.com or on 0417 707 995. Roster duty is part of the agreement that you sign when you register for Swim Club.

If you are unable to do your roster this week, please contact Rose M on the above email or phone number as soon as possible so that she may find a replacement for you.

Please do not contact the Presidents with relation to the rosters as this is all handled by Rose only.

Race order for this week will be:

12.5 METRES FREESTYLE, 100 METRES BREASTSTROKE, 25 METRES FREESTYLE, 50 METRES FREESTYLE, 25 METRES BREASTSTROKE, 50 METRES BREASTSTROKE, 25 METRES BACKSTROKE, 50 METRES BACKSTROKE, 25 METRES BUTTERFLY, 50 METRES BUTTERFLY.
We would like to thank our sponsors Ray White Ascot and Dune Outdoor Luxuries for their ongoing sponsorship of our club.

Cameron and I look forward to seeing you all at Swim Club on Friday night.

Kind regards

*Tracy Roberts & Cameron McLeod, Ascot Swim Club Presidents*

swimclub@ascotss.eq.edu.au, 0403 387 676, 0417 628 032

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**G20 cultural celebrations**

Make the most of Brisbane’s historic G20 Leaders Summit by taking part in the free G20 cultural celebrations in Brisbane on 24 October to 16 November, with a diverse program of free music, dance, circus performances and visual art events.