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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As a school community we are deeply saddened for the family of one of our past students who passed away unexpectedly over the weekend. Our thoughts are with the Cumming Family at this very difficult time. The school is working very closely with the family to support them through this sad time.

Guidance Officers have been available to support children and parents as needed at school. Attached is some information you may find useful in talking to your own children if needed. Please make contact with the school if you would like support or are concerned about your child so that the Guidance Officer may assist you.

Only ten sleeps to go till the Ascot Big Day Out. This is the Ascot State School P&C's major fundraiser for the year and all funds raised assist in improving the learning opportunities for all children at our school. Have you been online to purchase your ride pass and returned your raffle tickets to the front office? We are looking forward to a fun-filled day on Saturday 9 September.

One of the great assets at Ascot State School is the support of the parent community. Have you signed up to volunteer just an hour or two of your time at the Big Day Out? Most stalls are in desperate need of further volunteers. Please email your Class Parent Rep or Ange Buys if you are available to assist on the day.

This week we welcome Ms Chris Vanderwolf to 2A as Mr Marsh has leave for the remainder of this term. We also are very grateful to Ms Julie Chapman for remaining on 2C in Ms Fallon Cappler's absence. Unfortunately Ms Cappler is still unable to return to work due to her motor vehicle accident in the June/July holidays. The Year 2 team are doing a superb job of supporting Ms Chapman with the Year 2 curriculum implementation. Thank you!

School Vision and Focus

Opti-MINDS is one of our Learning Extension Programs offered to students at Ascot State School. The aim of Opti-MINDS is to enhance the potential of all participants by developing diverse skills, enterprise, time management and the discipline to work collaboratively within a challenging and demanding environment. At Ascot State School we acknowledge that thinking that is productive, purposeful and intentional is at the centre of effective learning. By applying a sequence of thinking skills, students develop an increasingly sophisticated understanding of the processes they can use whenever they encounter problems, unfamiliar information and new ideas. Our students develop capability in critical and creative thinking as they learn to generate and evaluate knowledge, clarify concepts and ideas, seek possibilities, consider alternatives and solve problems. These skills are essential for participation in Opti-MINDS as students thinking broadly and deeply using skills, behaviours and dispositions such as reason, logic, resourcefulness, imagination and innovation in all learning areas at school and in their lives beyond school.

Congratulations to our Ms Rachel Winter and Mr Nick Marsh and their two teams entered in this year's Opti-MINDS competition. Our Tomato Magic team received honours in the social science category and our Opti-mistic Thinkers won the Language Literature category and have progressed to the State Finals which will be held at the University of Queensland from 13 to 15 October. Well done and thank you to all students for giving your time and commitment to the team and to parents for driving students and props.

Have you booked your interview time yet to discuss your child's progress this year? The online booking system for Parent-Teacher Interviews is open. Parents are reminded that Parent-Teacher Interviews will occur next **Monday 4 September in the hall**. This is with the exception of 2A, 2C, 5B and 6A.

Please click on the link below to access our online booking system. Our online booking system closes this Wednesday 30 August at 3.00pm so please ensure you get online today.

<https://ascotss.sessionkeeper.com.au/>

School and Community Partnerships

Please ensure you make some time to volunteer at the Big Day Out.

Have a great week.

Regards

Gayle Coleman, Principal

PREP IN 2018

We are currently accepting enrolments for the 2018 school year. Enrolment packages can be collected from our office. On receipt of a completed enrolment form and supporting documentation we then book a Prep interview for you and your child. These interviews enable us to collect any additional information about your child that is not contained in the written documentation.

Transition days for the 2018 Preps are on Wednesday November 1 or Thursday November 2 from 9.30-10.45am. At this time students will transition to their classrooms with their teachers for the 2018 school year.

Any additional information can be obtained by contacting the Early Years Deputy Principal Roxanne Smith on rsmit310@eq.edu.au.

Roxanne Smith, (Prep-Year 2)

BOUQUETS



Thanks to Ms Melissa Allen and to the parents who assisted with driving students to Opti-MINDs. Thanks to our staff, Ms Rachel Winter and Mr Nick Marsh for working tirelessly with our teams. Thanks also to Ms Carly Butler, Mrs Lyn Tweed and Ms Melissa Gorman who participated as judges.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

We are required to update Religious Instruction information for all Ascot State School students. To enable this, forms have been sent home via the eldest in family.

Could you please complete the form and return to the child's teacher by Friday 1 September. We thank you for your co-operation.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEEK 8	EVENTS
Wednesday 30/8/17	8.15-9.30am: Uniform Shop 9.00am: Student Banking
Thursday 31/8/17	8.15-9.30am: Uniform Shop Chess Tournament
Friday 1/9/17	Father's Day Stall
Sunday 3/9/17	Father's Day
WEEK 9	EVENTS
Monday 4/9/17	8.15-9.30am: Uniform Shop 9.00am: Years 3-6 Assembly (Hosts Class 5/4) 10.30am: Prep-Year 2 Assembly (Hosts Class 2D) District Mathematics Competition (Albany Hills)
Tuesday 5/9/ 17-Friday 8/9/17	Northside Honours Music Camp (Everton Park SHS)
Tuesday 5/9/17	
Wednesday 6/9/17	8.15-9.30am: Uniform Shop 9.00am: Student Banking Debating (St Paul's)

PAYMENT PROCESS CHANGE

All Year Levels from Prep-Year 6 have now been email enabled so all future invoices will be emailed.

If you have received a note requesting payment and haven't received your invoice please check your Junk Mail Box in case your system has placed it there.

Please use BPOINT as it is the Department's and school's preferred Payment option. Click the link below for details.

Multiple RI Invoices

There was a system problem with the first batch of invoices that were generated for the RI Booklet for Semester 2 and all of these invoices had to be credited. We have then had to re-invoice the RI Booklets. If you haven't paid your RI invoice yet, please pay the invoice with the latest date, but if you have paid the first invoice it will not matter as we will correct it in our system. If you have any problems please email Donna Fredrickson on dfred3@eq.edu.au. Apologies for any confusion this glitch may have caused.

Donna Fredrickson, Business Manager

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following students who received an Award at Assembly on Monday:

PA	Riley R	3A	Mimi M
PB	Abigail B	3B	Archer B
PC	Amelie B	3C	Albie W
PD	Blair M	3D	Lila D
PE	Amelia W	3E	Lucy D
1A	Diya T	4A	Will N
1B		4B	Olivia S
1C	Avighna M	4C	Francesca L
1D	Lily K	4D	Zachary J
1E	Rory N	5/4	Shanae S
1F	Elliot L	5A	Ajax A
2A	Lennox E	5B	Arabella A
2B	Matisse L	5C	Samuel G
2C	Zachary V	6A	Thomas S, Imojen C
2D	Benjamin M	6B	Sophie L
2E	Eligh S	6C	Aniese U

GOLDEN TICKET AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who were great citizens in the playground and acknowledged on assembly:

Levi T (PD)	Mimi McG (3A)
Isabella R (1A)	Lachlan B (3C)
Henry McC (1D)	Oscar O'H (3E)
Lila M (2A)	Imogen Van M (4C)

P.E. NEWS

Met North Athletics

Congratulations to Ryan C, Pedro H, Ethan M, Oliver P, Hunta T, Isla F, Isabella H, Jemima M, Ruby P, Emma S and Grace T who competed for City District in the Met North Athletics Carnival last Tuesday and Wednesday against very stiff competition. Isabella H has made it through to the State Athletics and will compete in the 800m and 1500m races at these championships in October. There were some other outstanding performances with both Ryan C and Jemima M missing out on a place in the 800m race by 1 and 2 places respectively. All our students should be very proud of their efforts.

Summer Gala Days Term 4: October 7, 13, 20

Children have nominated and been assigned a sport, buses have been ordered and sports rolls have been created. Children have been notified of their Gala Sport and coach. Your child should have received an information/permission note which must be returned, along with payment, by Friday September 15 (last day of Term 3).

Alayne Graham, Prep-Year 2, Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, agrah27@eq.edu.au

Paul Harris, Years 3-6, Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, pharr17@eq.edu.au

MUSIC NEWS

Ms Doucet, our Brass and Percussion teacher has returned from leave and all lessons and rehearsals are back to normal this week.

All choir, brass, string and woodwind ensemble children who are performing at the Big Day Out on Saturday, 9 December will receive an information note this week. If your child misses out, please collect one from the Music Office.

The girl's chorus for My Fair Lady will rehearse this Friday at 1.15pm in the Music room. Children who wish to audition for solo parts should see Mrs Daley.

Mrs Dykes was very happy to see new faces at the Junior Band rehearsal last Friday and we look forward to seeing every beginner at future rehearsals. If your child is concerned that they might play wrong notes or cannot read fluently yet ... don't worry, everyone is learning at the moment.

If you have any concerns or questions please contact the Music Department.

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Christy Dykes, cadykes@me.com

FROM YOUR P&C

Calling for Project Proposals

If you have an idea for a project or think something should or could be improved in our school, now is your opportunity to have your say. At the August P&C meeting I called for projects to be submitted to me by 10 September 2017. Playground upgrades, new readers, new instruments, new pool lane ropes, etc., etc., etc. Your P&C raises money every year and each October, as a group of P&C members, we vote on what to spend this money on.



At our September meeting you will be asked to give a short presentation on what your idea is, why it is a good idea and

why, as a school, we need it. You will also be asked to provide costings to the P&C Management Committee.

So, if you have an idea, let me know now at pandcpresident@ascotss.eq.edu.au. Please include your name and contact details, as well as a brief overview of your idea.

Michael Spork, P&C President,
pandcpresident@ascotss.eq.edu.au

FATHER'S DAY STALL: 1 SEPTEMBER

Father's Day is fast approaching. This year our much-loved stall will be held Friday 1 September in the School Hall from 9am–12pm. Each gift is **\$10.00** with a selection of lovely gifts on offer.

All classes have been allotted a time and they will be escorted to the stall by their teacher. If at all possible, it is helpful and faster to manage if the children can bring the correct money in a named envelope.

Children can purchase more than one gift this year, for another special person in the children's life they wish to celebrate.

If you are interested in assisting with the stall, whether it is for the whole time or part of, please contact Karen at karengt@optusnet.com.au.

Click the link below for details of the Father's Day Stall or collect a flyer from the Office.

ABDO CAKES & PRESERVES STALL

Please help make the 2017 Cakes and Preserves Stall our best one yet. The cakes and preserves stall is traditionally supported by the entire school community, so if you love to bake or are prone to whipping up a batch of jam or chutney then we need your help. All packaging will be provided and will be available from the Games Court before school from the Monday 4 to Friday 8 September. Baking can be delivered to the Staff Room on Friday 8 September or delivered directly to the stall on the morning of the 9th. We will be open early. Thank you in advance for your generous support.

Cath H, cath.hudson@bigpond.com

PRELOVED ON PRINGLE VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

We need volunteers at the Ascot Big Day Out. Year 3 parents, please sign up on the sheets provided in the class rooms. Click the link below or collect a flyer from the Office.

FRIENDS OF MUSIC

Thank you to our Friends of Music parents, Music Seniors and staff who volunteered at the Year 4/5 Disco. We had a great turn out for our last disco of the year and our children loved the live performances. We were entertained by our Music Senior,

Emmerson; former student, Bryleigh and our very own FoM parent, Kate.

We are grateful that parents have supported FoM through our fundraising activities. With your support and that of our music patron, Amanda Butler of Butler & Co Estate Agents, necessary funds are raised to sustain the excellent and highly regarded music program offered at Ascot State School.



We are still on the lookout for next year's FoM convenor/s. Please get in contact to find out more.

To join FoM, please email FOM@ascotss.eq.edu.au.

Nathalie S, FoM Convenor

TUCKSHOP ROSTERS

Tuckshop - Group 1	
Monday 4/9/17	Miranda
Tuesday 5/9/17	Kim H
Wednesday 6/9/17	Alison L, Michelle A, Katie H
Thursday 7/9/17	Natasha J, Emma-Jane V, Carleen W
Friday 8/9/17	Kristin H, Cassandra T, Julie M

Home Bake - Group 1	
Monday 4/9/17	Andrea Y, Julianne D, Karen G-T
Tuesday 5/9/17	Louise A, Leanne N, Russell C
Wednesday 6/9/17	Alison L, Priyanka
Thursday 7/9/17	Kristin H
Friday 8/9/17	Angela B, Jodie A, Julie M

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Volunteers required

We are still looking for a couple of new Uniform Shop volunteers just once a month 8.15am to 9.30am. We would love for you to join our wonderful team! We look forward to hearing from you!

If you are interest in volunteering and able to start next term, please visit Jacqui in the Uniform Shop, email uniformshop@ascotss.eq.edu.au or phone 3862 2476 during our opening hours.

Our opening hours are:

Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 8.15-9.30am.

The Uniform Shop Team

UNIFORM SHOP ROSTER

Group 2	
Monday 4/9/17	Mel T
Wednesday 6/9/17	Renee S
Thursday	Kym P

SWIM CLUB

Don't Delay - Register Today.

(Membership is not limited to Ascot State School Children)



Canteen Convenor – PLEASE HELP!

We are seeking a Mum/Dad/Grandparent/Friend (or two) to run the canteen. Our previous convenors will be able to show you the ropes if you wish or you can put your own spin on it. The Swim Club Canteen/Bar has been a great little fundraiser for our school for generations. It would be a huge shame if it couldn't go ahead this season. Don't forget you will have volunteers to serve the counter; your role involves ordering, setting up and lock up. Job share is welcome.

Email Jodie or Charles - swimclub@ascotss.eq.edu.au

COMMUNITY NOTICES

National Karate Academies are extremely proud of the partnership with Ascot State School and we look forward to continuing to grow together. If you are interested in Joining National Karate Academies your first lesson is always free. Come and join us on Monday nights. If you or any member of your family or friends would like to experience a practical self-defence class ,please join us at St Margaret's Elton Hall (off Towers Street) for the week starting 28 August; 6.00pm for Juniors, 7.00pm for Seniors (over 13 year old). Mums and Dads can join in and enjoy a sport with the kids! Please contact Dai Sempai Hamish James on 0439 717 483 for any further details.

Get ready for Spring fun in French for kids and teens:

Art Workshop Discover the World of Matisse. 4-10 year olds. Saturday 9 September at 10.30am-12.30pm. Price: \$60 – up to 20% discount by 1/09/17.

Open Day Free Classes for Newcomers. 18 months- -11 years old. Saturday 9 September at 9.00-10.00 am. Price: Free.

Upcycle Workshop Create in French. 4-10 years olds. Monday 18, Tuesday 19 or Wednesday 20 September – 3 or 6 hours. Price: \$85 half day/\$150 full day – up to 20% discount by 12/09.

Story Time I'm hungry. 2 to 5 year olds. Friday 29 September at 10.30–11.30am. Price: \$8 for non-members and free for members.

Yoga in French. 3- -11 years old. Monday 23 October or Wednesday 25 October for five weeks. Price: \$75 for five 45 minute sessions.

Contact Alliance Francaise de Brisbane, 262 Montague Road, West End; telephone (07) 3844 4460; www.afbrisbane.com .