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## What's On

Monday, 18 March	No Assembly today		
Monday, 18 March	NAPLAN Testing Year 3 & 5		Classrooms
Tuesday, 19 March	NAPLAN Testing Year 3 & 5		Classrooms
Wednesday, 20 March	Cross Country Year 3 – Year 6	9-11am	School oval
Wednesday, 20 March	P&C AGM	TBA	Staffroom
Thursday, 21 March	Harmony Day Assembly	9.15am	Covered Games Court
Saturday, 23 March	P&C Trivia Night	TBA	TBA
Monday, 25 March	Certificates of Recognition Prep-Year 2	9am	Hall
Monday, 25 March	Certificates of Recognition Year 3 – 6	2.15pm	Hall

Tuesday, 26 March	Year 3 Planetarium Excursion	All day	
Tuesday, 26 March	Year 6 Let's Chat Incursion	Morning	Classrooms
Tuesday, 26 March	Cross Country Prep – Year 2	9-11am	School Oval
Thursday, 28 March	Student Council Free Dress Day	All day	
Thursday, 28 March	Last Day of Term 1		

## From the Principal

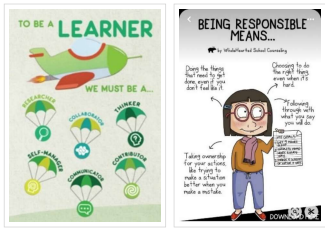
Dear Parents and Families

We are rapidly coming to the end of Term 1. I have been very impressed with the students and their engagement with their learning. This week, teachers have met with the Head of Department to plan units of work for next term. The planning is embedded in the mandated curriculum that balances content knowledge and information with the general capabilities (skills and processes). These capabilities are the dispositions to learning.

We talk about students being researchers, thinker, collaborators, communicators, contributors and self-managers. When talking to your child/ren about their day at school, ask them if they were contributors or researchers or any of the assets. Using the language across school and home is important.

Positive Behaviour for Learning

The focus this week is on being responsible and being a learner. You can see the connections between our curriculum and PBL. These lessons are taught explicitly each week and discussed at assembly.



Parents as Partners

On Tuesday 12 March we held an information session for parents from Years 4-6 and it was called Let’s Chat. The content from the session is aligned to the Health and Physical Education curriculum. Thank you to parents who were able to attend.

Next term, we will offer:

PLD and Home reading	16 May	8.50AM
Learner Assets	26 June	8.50AM

Harmony Day

Next week, we celebrate Harmony Day. There will be a special whole school assembly on Thursday at 9.15AM. The theme is ‘Everyone Belongs’. We celebrate diversity and inclusion. Students will be working in their classrooms on tasks that unpack the theme further. Our success comes when these discussions and activities are put into practice at all times. Students are invited to wear clothes signifying their cultural heritage or orange.



From the Deputy Principals

Harmony Week

Each year, Ascot celebrates diversity and belonging through our participation in Harmony Week. An initiative of the Australian Government, Harmony Week is the celebration that recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds. It’s about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

At Ascot, this serves as an excellent reminder of the important work that all classes undertook at the start of the year, where we focused on what it means to belong, and the role that we can all take in making sure that our peers are included. One of the ways that we do this is to sit in a horseshoe shape, instead of a circle. This is a practical way to make sure that there is

room for anyone who wishes to join the group. This idea comes from American writer Glennon Doyle.

We will come together for a whole school assembly to acknowledge the work that we have all been doing, and all members of our community are welcome to attend.

Harmony Week Assembly

Thursday 21 March

9:15 on the covered games court

On this day, we ask everyone to wear orange, or their cultural attire.



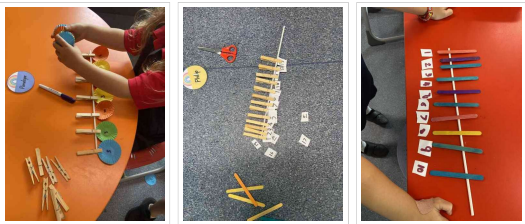
Serious about Maths and seriously fun

Hands-on mathematics inquiry involves actively engaging students in exploring mathematical concepts through manipulation, experimentation, and discovery. This approach encourages students to become active participants in their learning.

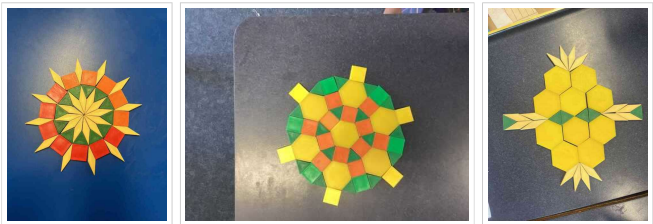
One of the primary benefits of hands-on mathematics inquiry is its ability to promote deeper understanding. When students actively manipulate objects and experiment with mathematical concepts, they develop a stronger grasp of the underlying principles.

At Ascot we have a particular focus this year on strengthening mathematical reasoning as well as increasing the opportunities for students to use hands on materials to explore concepts and demonstrate their understanding.

Here are some creative examples from Prep D students who were given loose parts materials to create their own number lines. The task demonstrates students number and numeral knowledge as well as their skills with sequencing numbers to 10 and beyond. What’s more they had a serious amount of fun doing it.



Year 6 have been learning about tessellations, and worked on many hands on examples in groups, before creating their own.



Office News

I am sad to announce that Sondra will be leaving us next Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March. We will miss Sondra dearly but wish her all the best in her new job. Congratulations Sondra on the next chapter of your career with Education Queensland.

There have been a few issues regarding our facilities this week.

The pool is currently not working and we are awaiting repairs. Please be assured I will keep you updated on the progress of works.

There is a leak in one of the pipes under the hall (fencing is around the hole on Massey Street) and we are waiting on an engineer's report.

There has been a leak coming through the hall roof which has affected our instrumental room. The instrumental room is currently not in use, and will not be for the foreseeable future. The leak has been repaired but we need to ensure everything is dry and safe for students, staff and community use.

Due to the above issues, progress on our internal hall refurbishment has slowed. I will source quotes for those jobs once we know how/when the hall issues will be repaired.

Please see the table below for works that have been completed.

Date	Job	Progress
January 2024	Clean, repair and fire retard Hall stage curtains	Works Completed
March 2024	Tree work on Pringle Street and behind G Block	Works Completed

We have started invoicing for 2024:

Prep Student Resource Scheme

Year 6 invoices

Instrumental Music

Semester 1 invoices will come out later in term 2.

With the support of the School Council and P&C the school has implemented a debt management plan. Statements went home last week with outstanding invoices on them. Please contact the office if you need a payment plan, as any outstanding debts will eventually be passed onto Central Office for them to follow up.

We are always happy to help, so please get in touch should you have any questions or concerns.

Have a lovely weekend.

Karen, Sondra and Susan

## ANZAC Assembly

## School Photos

School photos will be taken in Term 2, Week 1.

- Wednesday 17 April – class photos
- Thursday 18 April – class photos
- Friday 19 April – sibling photos (9:00 – 11:00)

Uniform expectations:

- Students are to wear their formal uniform with clean, black shoes. This includes classes that have PE on their scheduled day.
- Please assist your child/ren to ensure that they are wearing a pair of long socks that are the same length when pulled up.
- Year 6 students must wear their tie.
- Coloured hairs ties are to be navy blue or red.

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- Payment can be made using Visa, Mastercard, PayPal or Latitude Pay
- If you have any queries concerning school photographs and ordering, please contact advancedlife directly: [advancedlife.com.au/contact](http://advancedlife.com.au/contact)

Further information about ordering can be found on the advanced life flyer below.

## P&C News

It was wonderful to see all of the support for the P&C BBQ and Bake Stall at the school yesterday for Council Election day. It was a roaring success and we are very grateful to all of the volunteers who helped out on the day or baked delicious goods for us to sell along with the whole community who turned up in support!

We also wanted to say a huge thanks to the following businesses for their generous contributions to making our BBQ and Easter Raffle such a success:

- IGA Marketplace Ascot
- New England Lamb
- Department of Home and Gifts
- Noosa Gift Co.

We would also like to send our best wishes to all of the students sitting their NAPLAN exams and encourage them to aim for every success as they live the Ascot motto - Strive to Achieve.



With only one week to go, we wanted to let you know about some of the amazing items we'll be having up for auction at Trivia Night! With awesome holidays, items and experiences up for grabs, it's time to get your bidding hand ready and remember, all funds raised go straight back into our childrens' school.

- Beach Booze Trolley - This is not your ordinary booze trolley - We're talking exclusive top shelf spirits, champagnes and wines. Also includes a wooden boxed DR3 magnum of red wine (which isn't available in stores). Valued at over \$1000.
- 5 nights accommodation at Mantra Crown Towers Resort, Surfers Paradise in a 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom ocean view apartment on a high floor. Valued at \$2500.
- A one hour Go Boat experience for up to 8 people departing from Breaky Creek. No boat license is required, just pack a picnic and enjoy a cruise up the river.
- Thursday Night Date night at Wooden Horse Restaurant in Clayfield - Enjoy a night out for two with a chef's selection of bites, your choice of mains and a bottle of wine.

Looking forward to seeing you all there in your 'H' costumes!



Come and join the P&C!

At the AGM this Wednesday, 20th March, all Executive positions will be declared vacant and nominations for the 2024 Executive Committee will be tabled for election so please click on the following link to join up:

<https://forms.gle/nVvb2ig6vMTWWhi7>

We encourage all parents to get involved – as they say, many hands make light work!

We look forward to seeing you at the AGM!



To help our PE staff, we're looking for people to volunteer to help out at the upcoming Cross Countries with setting up the team tents and manning check points on the course etc. There's a range of time slots available and we'll make sure you won't miss seeing your own child's race.

Any help you can give would be greatly appreciated so please sign up on the following link:  
[volunteersignup.org/MRT4Q](http://volunteersignup.org/MRT4Q)

Alternatively new jumpers are in stock and available for \$45.  
Also, don't forget Term 2 means a change of uniform for girls Years 1 - 6 (formal tunic with white blouse, belt & red socks or tights).



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## Tuckshop



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## Uniform Shop



## Japanese

### SECOND HAND JUMPER SALE - WEEKS 9 & 10!!!

As the cool weather starts all children will need school jumpers. Second hand jumpers will be available until the end of Term 1 for the bargain price of \$7.50.

## YEAR 6 BENTO LUNCH

Thursday 21st March  
11AM

## 六年生の弁当ランチ

3月21日 (木)  
午前11時



Parents and carers of Year 6 students,

We would like to remind you that Thursday Week 9 (21<sup>st</sup> March) will be the day of our Japanese Bento lunch. Consider packing only a small lunch/ light snack for your student as the meal will be quite substantial. We will provide chopsticks so students can practice their chopstick skills. However, you may like to also pack a fork if your student is not feeling confident.

Please email Jones Sensei ([mmjon0@eq.edu.au](mailto:mmjon0@eq.edu.au)) with any questions.

## Students of the Week

These students impressed their teachers with their approach to learning in a variety of ways over the past weeks. Congratulations!

### Week 5

Prep A	Henry	1C	Max
Prep B	Michelle	1D	Hayden
Prep C	Lisa	2A	Sienna
Prep D	Amay	2C	Elle
Prep E	Jayan	2D	Alex
1A	Bento	PE (Prep-Yr2)	Charlotte
1B	Charlotte	Japanese	William

### Week 6

3A	Julia	5A	Henry
3B	Paloma	5B	Olivia
3C	Bronte	5C	Adelita
3D	Harper	6A	Amy

4A	Charlotte	6A	Isaac
4B	Miles	6C	Andrew
4C	Harry	Japanese	Ethan
4D	Hugo	Japanese	Amelie

### Week 7

Prep A	Josh	Japanese	James
Prep B	Harry	3A	Sofia
Prep C	Evan	3B	Aarav
Prep D	Jimmy	3C	Sophia
Prep E	Zali	3D	Liam
1A	Jorgie	4A	Easton
1B	Alex	4C	Andre
1C	Daisy	4D	Harriet
1D	Iva	5A	Sophia
2A	Zac	5C	Arthur
2B	Olivia	6A	Hayden
2C	Conor	6B	Kaiden
2D	Elliot	6C	Ben
PE (Prep-Year 2)	Olive	Japanese	Martin

### Week 8

Prep B	Ollie	3B	Rocky
Prep C	Maggie	3C	Fraser
Prep D	Sharvil	3D	Matilda
Prep E	Amaaya	4A	Matilda
1A	Jack	4B	Austen
1B	Abigail	4B	Archie
1D	Lachlan	4C	Mia
2A	Ryan	4D	Dylan
2B	Amelia	5A	Cameron
2C	Lulu	5C	Hunter
2D	Harper	6A	Madhuram
PE (Prep-Year 2)	Henry	6B	Vyom
PE (Prep-Year 2)	Philip	Japanese	Niamh
3A	Leo	Japanese	Temyla

## Boarding Passes to Success

Congratulations to these students who are mastering our school expectations and earned a **Boarding Pass** that put them into our weekly draw at Assembly. With thanks to the P & C for their support, our winners receive an ice block or home bake from the Tuckshop.

Prep B	Nye	3B	Matilda
Prep C	Lisa	3B	Ruby

Prep C	Yuvraaz	3D	Liam
Prep C	Winston	3D	Ally
Prep E	June	4C	Hannah
1B	Maeve	4C	Angus
1D	Hayden	4C	Martin
2B	Lula	4D	Harrison
2D	Charlotte	4D	Lauren
3A	Eira	5C	River
3B	Camilla	6B	Oliver
3B	Isabella		

Library

### Happy Birthday



Happy 10 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Lucinda C (6C)	The Land of Roar – Jenny McLachlan
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Thank You



We would like to thank two wonderful people who contribute so much to our library.

Di Fraser (mother of Loren Busse) has been volunteering in our library for many years now. Without any hesitation, Di covers most of our new books, so they are ready for borrowing by our students.

We would also like to thank Alicia Jonkers, who volunteers in our library every Tuesday. Alicia has a wealth of knoweldge in library management and is certainly a friendly face to have in the library each week.

Thank you Di and Alicia for your generosity, kindness and support of our Ascot readers.

### Before School Library Borrowing

Please know the library is open before school from 8.30am. If you would like to come along and read a book with your child during this time or help your children select new library books you are all very welcome.

Kristine, Jen and Darren

Library Staff

Inquiry

*How can inquiry nurture skills and dispositions for lifelong learning?*

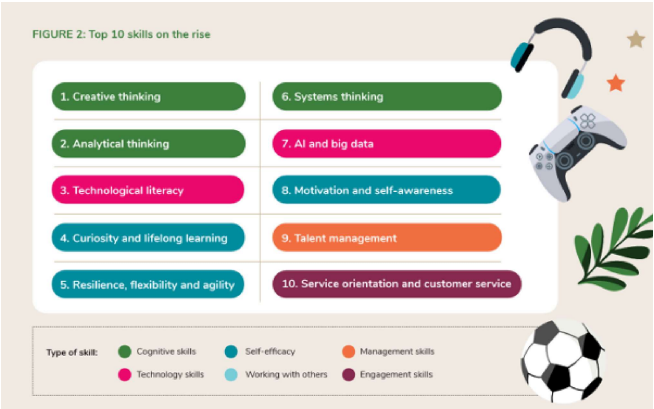
This is a question that was posed to our staff at a recent staff meeting.

I recently attended, with our Year 6 teaching team, the ‘Future Anything Activate’ workshop for teachers. Our learning partner Nicole Dyson, hosted this workshop and we look forward to working with Nicole and her Future Anything team later in the year, when our Year 6 students engage with their entrepreneurial market day project. Please see last year’s [video](#) if you have not had a chance to look at the engagement of our students with this project.

[https://www.youtube.com/embed/FkP13PP\\_jJc?showinf o=1&rel=0](https://www.youtube.com/embed/FkP13PP_jJc?showinf o=1&rel=0)

At this workshop, we had the pleasure in listening to Jan Owen, CEO of the Foundation for Young Australians. Jan spoke about the importance of ensuring young Australians have the skills and experience for the jobs of the future. Employers want to know that young people have a raft of capabilities that they value, with capabilities such as creative thinking and analytical

thinking vital for current and emerging roles. These are the top 10 skills on the rise:



Source: World Economic Forum, Future of Jobs Report 2023.17 Note: The skills judged to be increasing in importance most rapidly between 2023 and 2027. Source: World Economic Forum, Future of Jobs Report 2023.

These skills are taught at Ascot through the Australian Curriculum General Capabilities.



Our students also use the language of the ‘Learning Assets’. These ‘assets’ describe the broad skills that are commonly required by the inquirer and learning in general: a researcher, a collaborator, a thinker, a self-manager, a communicator and a contributor.

As a **collaborator**, students are engaging in skills such as turn taking, sharing, compromising, negotiating and encouraging others.

As a **self-manger**, students are developing skills such as persistence, risk taking, being focussed, planning and organising their work.

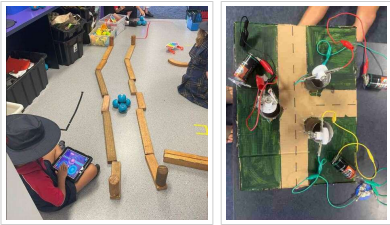
As a **communicator**, students are consciously considering skills such as using eye contact, being aware of their body language, audience, volume, tone and engaging with others.

When **thinking**, students are asking questions, innovating, evaluating, reflecting, making connections, predicting and empathising with others.

**Researching** is an important skill. Students are required to be able to understand primary and secondary sources, know the difference between fact and opinion, determine trustworthy sources, skim and scan text in order to find, sort and organise information and to engage with child friendly search browsers.

Many of our students use the language of ‘learning assets’ to set and reflect on their own learning goals.

We continue to focus our attention to the ‘how’ and ‘why’ we learn – across the curriculum, in school and beyond, alongside the content or product of learning.



Kristine Atkins  
Head of Department

## Physical Education

### Sport Carnival Dates/ Gala Days – Term 1

TERM	WEEK	DATE	ACTIVITY/EVENT
	9	20 March	Cross Country (Yr3 – 6)
	10	26 March	Cross Country (P-Yr2)
	10	27 March	Cross Country ( Yr 3 – 6 wet weather alternative)

### Sport Representatives

Well done to all the students who have registered and attended trials this term. Congratulations and best wishes to the following students who have recently performed at these trials and been selected into City District teams :

City District Hockey – Carter K, Lincoln R, Edward D

City District League – Timmy M

Metropolitan North Golf – Brennan C

All students who have been selected in City District or Metropolitan North teams this term will receive certificates recognising their achievements at Monday Assembly in week 10 if parents would like to attend.

### Cross Country

On carnival day children will wear house coloured shirts with shorts, hats and sunscreen. All children who are asthmatic must carry a puffer with them on the course. Year 3 – 6 students will run between 9 and 11am with students of the same year of birth eg born 2014 = turn 10 in 2024. The top 5 students ( 9 – 12 years) will be selected to represent Ascot at the City District Cross Country trials at the Grammar playing fields, Northgate on 24 April.

**8/9yrs (born 2015/16)** - Will consist of 1.5 laps of the oval, out bottom gate/ 1 lap around the top half of the school on the footpath/ finishing with a 3/ 4 lap of the oval.

**10yrs (born 2014)** - Will consist of 1.5 laps of oval, out bottom gate/ 2 laps around the top half of school/ finishing with a 3 /4 lap of the oval.

11/12yrs (born 2012/13) – Will consist of 1.5 laps of oval out bottom gate/ 3 laps around the top half of the school/finishing with 3/ 4 laps of the oval.

### Yr 3 – 6 Order of Events/ Approximate Times

9.10	Boys Born 2012	(12yrs)	2km
9.15	Girls Born 2012	(12yrs)	2km
9.30	Boys Born 2013	(11yrs)	2 km
9.40	Girls Born 2013	(11yrs)	2km
9.50	Boys Born 2014	(10yrs)	1.5km
10.00	Girls Born 2014	(10yrs)	1.5 km
10.10	Boys Born 2015	(9yrs)	1km
10.20	Girls Born 2015	(9yrs)	1km
10.30	Boys Born 2016	(8yrs)	1km
10.40	Girls Born 2016	(8yrs)	1km

### P – Yr 2 Order of Events/Approximate Times (26 March)

9:10	Yr 2 Girls
9:20	Yr 2 Boys
9:35	Yr 1 Girls
9:45	Yr 1 Boys
9:55	Prep Girls
10:10	Prep Boys

### Sport Development (preparation for Gala Days)

This term year 5 and 6 students have been involved in sport development sessions on Thursday afternoons to help prepare them for Gala Days in term 2. Also this term a Friends of Sport Parent group has formed to assist with sporting endeavours during the school year. So far parents with sporting expertise have helped run the sport development sessions with year 5 and parents have put their hand up to help set up/ pull down house tents for cross country and to act as supervisors on the cross country course. We are very grateful for this support and keen to develop sporting opportunities at Ascot. So if you feel this is an area you would like to support students please touch base with the wonderful parents in this group.

Playgroup

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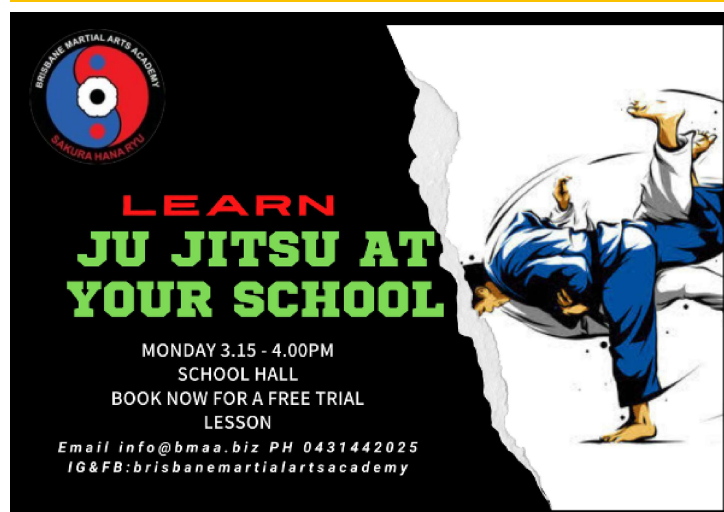
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