



Ascot State School

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THE Digest

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What's On

Monday, 20 March	NAPLAN Year 3 & Year 5		Classrooms
Tuesday, 21 March	Whole School Assembly-Harmony Day	9am	Covered games court
Wednesday, 22 March	Cross Country (Whole School)		School oval
Thursday, 23 March	NAPLAN Year 3 & Year 5		Classrooms
Monday, 27 March	Certificates of Recognition (Prep – Year 2)	9am	Hall
Monday, 27 March	Certificates of Recognition (Year 3 – 6)	2.15pm	Hall
Monday, 27 March	Let's Chat Year 6		
Friday, 31 March	Free Dress Day	All day	

From the Principal

Dear Ascot Families

Next week, we celebrate Harmony Day. There will be a special whole school assembly on Tuesday 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 including playground, moving around the school, eating times and before and after school. There is no place for 'put downs' in this school.



I would like to thank Brooke from the P&C, Ms Coogan and Ms Atkins for organising the International Women's day breakfast on Friday 10 March. The speaker was Michelle Mitchell and her focus was on helping children to be more resilient. Her tips were well received by the audience. Thank you to the parents who attended.

<https://michellemitchell.org/we-werent-prepared-for-this-to-escalate-so-quickly/>

Parents as Partners

We will continue with our Parent as Partners series next term. Put these dates into your calendar and let the office know if you will be attending. All workshops will be in the staffroom at 8.50AM and are approximately one hour.

Japanese	4 May	Ms Jones
Hands-on Maths	18 May	Ms Atkins
Natures Play	23 May	Ms Keong

Mobile Phones and Smart watches at school

Ascot State School has a Mobile Phone and Electronic Device Policy which requires all children to have a permission note signed by parents in order to have a mobile phone / device at school.

Permission is sought from the Principal or delegate for the phone/device to be at school. There are very strict guidelines which apply to this permission. Failure to abide by the guidelines will result in permission being withdrawn. Permission forms are available at the office and provided for your information in the appendix in the parent handbook, which is on the school website.

Arrival and Departure

At all times, Ascot State School children are expected to show respect, be responsible and be safe whilst arriving and departing from the school premises.

Parents are advised that students should not arrive at school before 8:30am as playground equipment is out-of-bounds during this time and students left at school unsupervised by parents are the parents' responsibility. The school provides before school care from 7.00am daily at our Camp Australia Outside School Hours Care facility located on Barlow Street, Ascot.

Students who arrive at school from 8:30am are permitted in three areas to engage in physical activity or quiet reading. These areas include the oval, the covered games courts and the library. Students are supervised by school staff at this time. At 8:50am the start bell commences and children should then make their way to their classrooms and be ready to begin work by 9.00am.

After school, students move to their respective pick-up areas. No students are permitted to remain in the school grounds after 3:20pm without adult supervision. If your child is attending an after school club, they must go directly to the venue after class.

Students going to our outside hours school care facility in Barlow St assemble under I Block. Camp Australia supervisors collect Prep students from their waiting areas. Parents who have work or other commitments and require supervision for their children outside of school hours can contact Camp Australia at www.campaustralia.com.au

Students using buses are to go as quickly as possible to their respective bus stops on Anthony or Massey Streets.

Students riding bicycles to school must leave their bikes in the bike cage on the oval. Bikes need to be chained for security.

In the event of storms at 3:00pm, children will be kept on the covered games court (Pringle Street) or in the Hall (Massey Street) until it is safe to be outside.

From the Deputy Principals

Term 1 Chess Success

Last Thursday our avid chess players went to Nundah State School to compete in the Term 1 Chess Tournament.

Across seven rounds we had 34 wins, two draws and 27 losses. Our contingent achieved four merit awards, Vivaash placed individual 2nd in B division and our A division team of Isaac, Andrew, Vivaan and Charlie came in second place overall, which is fantastic!

Many thanks to Ms Jackson for supporting our team on the day.



Religious instruction

Queensland state schools embrace a multitude of cultural, religious and non-religious beliefs. Under the *Education (General Provisions) Act 2006*, schools are to provide Religious Instruction (RI) if approached by a faith group seeking to provide RI and students of that faith attend the school.

RI informs students about the beliefs and values of a particular religion. It is delivered by volunteers of a faith group using instructional materials approved by that faith group. RI is required to be consistent with legislation and Department of Education policies and procedures.

All RI instructors must hold a blue card and participate in compulsory Student Protection and Code of Conduct training. RI instructors are only entitled to deliver the RI program outlined below. A school staff member will be present during the delivery of RI.

Participation in RI is not compulsory. Any student (except Prep students) may participate in RI if a parent has provided written instructions to the school.

Students are allocated to RI based on information provided by parents on the completed [Application for student enrolment](#) unless other written instructions have been provided to the school.

Note: *This consent remains in effect unless the parent informs the school otherwise in writing.*

A description of the RI available is provided below.

Christian Religious Instruction

Participating faith groups: Glory City Church, North East Baptist Church, Bridgeman Downs Community Church, Brisbane North Oasis Church and Centrepont Church.

Authorised program: Connect (CEP)

'The CEP curriculum seeks to broaden each student's education by helping them develop their understanding and knowledge of biblical principles, to build skills which will enhance their overall learning ability and to form an understanding of values and attitudes of faith, culture and the world today.'

Aims and goals:

The aim of Christian RI is to inform students about the basic beliefs of the Christian faith from a non-denominational perspective.

Lesson structure: 30 minutes once per week

For further information, including module and/or lesson descriptors visit:

<https://cepconnect.com.au/curriculum>

Parents of students participating in these programs will be advised if a faith group requires funds to cover the expense of materials used in RI.

Regards

Simone and Cindy

Go to www.advancedlife.com.au and enter this code: FJ5 24Y ZNB

- 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

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

https://ascotss.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/3066/2023_school_photos_flyer.pdf

Waste Free Wednesday

Waste Free Wednesday is an initiative by the Environmental Club to encourage Ascot State School students to reduce their single use plastics in their lunch. This occasion is important as single use plastics are extremely harmful to the environment. It will take place every Wednesday. We would like all our Ascot families could support us in this initiative. Some examples of a **Waste Free** lunch boxes are:



By Bayley and Sam
(Environmental Leaders of 2023)
If you could support us in this project that would be amazing. Thank you!

School Photos

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

- Wednesday 26 April – class photos
- Thursday 27 April – class photos
- Friday 28 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.

Please place your order online before the day of photography

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 7

Prep A	Hayden D	3A	Austen J
Prep B	Atticus B	3B	Fraser C
Prep C	Iva V	3C	Pippa T
Prep D	Emilia B	3D	Alexander S
1A	Charlotte H	3/4	Boyd B
1B	Ava A	4A	Asher C
1C	Olivia B	4B	Louis D
1D	Maddie J	4C	Pippa C
1D	Zara P	4D	Amayah K
2A	Bjorn F	5B	Anissa C
2B	Jeremiah B	5C	Holly S

2C	Fraser L	6A	Sarah F
2D	Achilles C	6B	Grace B
PE (Prep-Year 2)	Lachlan V	6C	Chloe W
Dance & Drama	Aliz T	Japanese	Anissa C
Japanese	Duke P		

Week 8

Prep B	Charlotte L	3C	Zara F
Prep C	Isla G	3D	Miles K
1A	Bear D	3/4	Abigail L
1B	Edward W	4A	Mila O
1C	Harper G	4B	Sophia B
1D	Jules P	4C	Omar M
2B	Leah M	4D	Harvey C
2C	Savannah M	5A	Lucinda C
2D	Hugo H	6A	Portia
PE (Prep-Year 2)	Lachlan V	6B	Hayden W
PE (Prep-Year 2)	Roman A	6C	Elke M
3A	Finn T	Japanese	Gabriella C

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 A	Victoria	3C	Angus
Prep B	Sophia	4A	Max
Prep D	Mariia	4B	Archer
1D	Maverick	4B	Olive
2C	Oliver	4B	Harper
2C	Paloma	4D	Charlie
2D	Oliver	5B	Airlie
2D	Hugo		

ANZAC Day

Ascot State School warmly invite our families and community members to our ANZAC Day commemorative service being held in Term 2 on the school oval. All classes will be in attendance. Families are also welcome to lay a wreath during the service.



ANZAC DAY 2023

Ascot State School invites

all

Parents, carers and families

to attend our

ANZAC Day Commemorative Service

Monday 24 April

Ascot State School Oval

9:00am for a 9:15am start

Please join us for morning tea following the Service

Library

Birthday Book Donations



Happy 9 th Birthday Lucinda C (5A)	Friday Barnes Girl Detective – R.A. Spratt
Happy 6 th Birthday Maverick R (1D)	Come Together – Things Every Aussie Kid Should Know about the First Peoples – Isaiah Firebrace

Please consider donating a book of your choosing to our Ascot State School library to celebrate your child's birthday throughout the year. We personalise each donation with a

bookplate on the inside front cover with your child's name and birthday details.

We have a growing collection of birthday donation books and children really do enjoy borrowing their special book.



Book Recommendations

If you are after additional reading material for home, the following lists may be helpful. These are the Premier's Reading Challenge books from previous years. The lists include a range of interests, levels and authors across all age groups.

Early childhood	Prep – Year 1	Years 2–3	Years 4–5	Years 6–7	Years 8–9
2022 book list (PDF, 261KB)	2022 book list (PDF, 250KB)	2022 book list (PDF, 238KB)	2022 book list (PDF, 308KB)	2022 book list (PDF, 255KB)	2022 book list (PDF, 242KB)
2021 book list (PDF, 350KB)	2021 book list (PDF, 393KB)	2021 book list (PDF, 352KB)	2021 book list (PDF, 374KB)	2021 book list (PDF, 357KB)	2021 book list (PDF, 338KB)
2020 book list (PDF, 345KB)	2020 book list (PDF, 663KB)	2020 book list (PDF, 413KB)	2020 book list (PDF, 364KB)	2020 book list (PDF, 457KB)	2020 book list (PDF, 367KB)

<https://readingchallenge.education.qld.gov.au/resources/book-lists>

I also recommend bookmarking the following websites. These offer reading suggestions, blogs and resources that parents may find useful.

1. Children's Books Daily
<https://childrensbooksdaily.com/> (you may also join the Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/276634156006126/>)
2. Your Kids Next Read <https://www.facebook.com/groups/276634156006126/>

Kristine and Jenny

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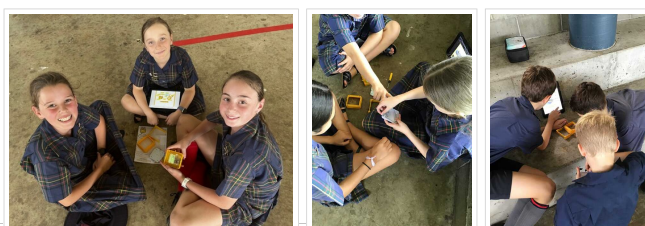
Solar Buddy Program

This term, our Year 6 cohort have been learning about the transfer of electricity and have made informed decisions based on renewable energy sources. During this time, and thanks to the support of Rotary Hamilton and our Student Council, we were able to assemble over 24 Solar Buddy packs. The Solar Buddy initiative is a self-sustaining charity that focuses on achieving United Nations Sustainability goal #7 – Affordable and Clean Energy for All. These solar buddy packs will now be sent to a developing country and passed on to adults and kids who are in need of light.

SolarBuddy Foundation is a wonderful opportunity for Ascot State School to give back to those in need and to also participate in real-life activities that is related to our Science curriculum.

Thank you to Ms Butler for her coordination of this program and to the rest of the Year 6 team including Mr Marsh, Ms Newton and students for the support of this wonderful initiative.

By Chloe Worthley 6C



Physical Education

Sport Carnival Dates/Events – Term 1

TERM	WEEK	DATE	ACTIVITY/EVENT
1	9	22	Cross Country (P – 2 / Yr 3 – 6)
		March	
	10	29	Cross Country (wet weather alternative)
		March	

City District Representative Sport Selection

Congratulations to Zara P, Emiliana A and Alexis D on their selection in the City District football team.

Cross Country (Wednesday 22 March)

Training for cross country will continue in the mornings (8:10 – 8:30, Mon – Thurs) and Thursday afternoons 3:10 – 4:00pm until Tuesday March 21. It has been great to see the number of children attending training sessions. The programs for yr 3 – 6 and prep – 2 are detailed below.

P- Yr 2 Cross Country

Students will wear house colour shirts with sport shorts and sandshoes. Hats must be worn to the oval but can be left in house tents for their event. Please be aware times are approximate.

Yr 2 – 3 laps of the oval

Yr 1 – 2 laps of the oval

Preps – 2 laps of the oval

TIME	EVENT	HOUSE SUPERVISORS	COURSE SUPERVISORS	JUDGES
11:55	Yr 2 Girls	Prep Teachers	Yr 2 Teachers (spread - oval circumference)	Yr 1 Teachers/ Aides
12:05	Yr 2 Boys			
12:20	Yr 1 Girls	Yr 2 Teachers	Yr 1 Teachers (spread - oval circumference)	Prep Teachers/ Aides
12:30	Yr 1 Boys			
12:45	Prep Girls	Yr 1 Teachers	Prep Teachers (spread - oval circumference)	Yr 2 Teachers/ Aides
12:55	Prep Boys			
1:10	Results/ Trophy Presentation/Tent & Equipment pack up			

(11/12yrs) – Will consist of 1.5 laps of oval/ 3 laps around the school/finishing with $\frac{3}{4}$ of a final lap of the oval.

Order of Event

(**Please note these times are approximate starting times**)

9.10am	Boys Born 2011 (12yrs)	3km
9.15am	Girls Born 2011 (12yrs)	3km
9.30am	Boys Born 2012 (11yrs)	3km
9.40am	Girls Born 2012 (11yrs)	3km
9.50am	Boys Born 2013 (10yrs)	2km
10am	Girls Born 2013 (10yrs)	2km
10.10am	Boys Born 2014 (9yrs)	1km
10.20am	Girls Born 2014 (9yrs)	1km
10.30am	Boys Born 2015 (8yrs)	1km
10.40am	Girls Born 2015 (8yrs)	1km
11am – 11.45am	Lunch Break	

N.B Parents we would be grateful for assistance with putting up the house tents in the morning from 7.30am

Alayne Graham – P - 2 (Mon - Thurs) – agrah27@eq.edu.au

Daniel Ritchie – 3 - 6 (Mon - Fri) – djrit0@eq.edu.au

Year 3 – 6 Inter house Cross Country

Marshall in House Tents: 9.00am

Location: School oval and boundary of school (footpath)

Uniform: Inter house coloured shirt (Yellow/Green/Blue/Red)

Age Groups: 8/9 years - 1.5km 10 years- 2km 11/12 years – 3km

Boys and girls will all be participating and competing in the inter house school cross country. The children will move to the oval and sit in their house tents waiting to be marshalled in their age group race. They will run in their inter house coloured sport shirt with appropriate running shoes. The top five runners in the 9/10/11/12year age group will be selected to represent Ascot State School at the City District Cross Country on Wednesday 3rd May at Brisbane Boys Grammar Fields at Northgate.

Course:

(8/9yrs) - Will consist of 1.5 laps of the oval/ 1 lap around the block of the school on the footpath/ finishing with $\frac{3}{4}$ of a final lap of the oval.

(10yrs) - Will consist of 1.5 laps of oval/ 2 laps around the school/ finishing with $\frac{3}{4}$ of a final lap of the oval.

Music Department

Music email

Please add musicadmin@ascotss.eq.edu.au to your email contacts. Many accounts such as gmail put this address into the junk folder so please check.

Harmony Day

Chorale is performing at our Harmony Day assembly, Tuesday 21 March from 9.15am on the games court. Students are wearing either orange or their cultural dress.

Rehearsals

Choir is well and truly under way and we are sounding great! Please find the timetable below.

Please note that singing starts at 7.45 for Chorale and Ascot Singers. If your child is able to come a few minutes earlier to help set up, that would be greatly appreciated.

Please note that Chorale is now rehearsing in the Music Room.
Please leave bags in the Hall.

Choir	Day	Time	Location	Creative Team
Ascot Chorale	Monday	7.45am	Music Room	Bridget Anese Karen Long
Ascot Singers	Tuesday	7.45am	Hall	Bridget Anese Karen Long
Piccolos	Friday	8.15am	Hall	Lois Pagano

Instrumental Music

Please note that Band and Strings rehearsals commence at 7.45am.

A position on bass guitar for a year 3 student has become available for this year. If your child is interested for trying out for this instrument, they can see Miss Anese in the music room this week.

Junior Band

Junior Band will commence on the first week of May, either Wednesday (Red band) or Friday (Blue band). Any students who are in years 4-6 will rehearse on Wednesday. We are in the process of dividing the students into each band and will communicate this shortly.

Treasurer Anthony Davis

Sub-Committees Chairs

Tuckshop Julie Moore
Uniform Shop Anne Blondel
FOMA Lauren Daley
Swim Club Alex Houston
Grants Alison Zappala

We want to reiterate our thanks and gratitude to all volunteers and contributors who helped make 2022 a great success including outgoing executive members Brooke Dunlop, Lauren Daley and Emily Wood.

We strongly encourage each of you to join the P&C, get involved and help us make the School an even better place for our children and the community in 2023 and beyond.

Don't forget!

- Movie and Markets night is selling fast, secure your ticket
- Movie night raffle now on sale
- Grade one parents we need you! Can you help in the lead up or on the day of our Movies & Markets night?
- Water Bottle Fundraising – Order through Flexischools – CLOSES 31 MARCH

P&C News

AGM meeting

We, the P&C, held our Annual General Meeting on Wednesday evening, where we discussed and reviewed the activities and achievements of the past year, appointed new committee members, and endorsed our governance framework.

We had good member attendance and were delighted to see many new faces. We were also very fortunate to welcome three notable guests – Mr Stephen Bates MP, Mr Tim Nicholls MP and Cr David McLachlan. Having all levels of Government in attendance reinforces the esteem with which the School is held – as an important pillar of our community.

The AGM saw a new P&C Executive Committee elected, together with the appointment of Sub-Committee Chairs.

It is with great pleasure that we announce the P&C Executive Positions for 2023 as follows:

Executive

President Murray Davis
Vice-President Anthony Chaytors
Vice-President Samara McRae
Secretary Bianca Harris

Tuckshop-We're Hiring

Part Time Tuckshop Assistant Position Available



We are looking for a friendly team player to join our wonderful team of Tuckshop Convenors on a part time basis 1-2 days per week. This would be a paid role and ideally we're looking for someone who would be available on Tuesdays/Wednesdays (however we are flexible) and there would also be occasional other days that may be required throughout the year to cover other team members absences and sports carnivals etc. The ideal candidate would need to be reliable, organised, tidy, a self starter and love working in a collaborative team environment with volunteers from our school community. The successful candidate would need to complete a health and hygiene course online (if they don't already possess that qualification) and would need to have a Blue Card if they don't have a child

currently attending the school. If this sounds like the role for you or if you would like to find out more information, please contact Julie Moore on jjmoore@iinet.net.au or (M) 0405 102 777.

Thanks so much and please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any queries on (M) 0405 102 777.

Tuckshop



Tuckshop News

This is the final week for Sushi orders however they will be back on the menu in Term 2!

Unfortunately due to the retirement of our current Sushi supplier, there won't be any Sushi available for the last two weeks of Term however the great news is that we're finalising the plans with a new provider and Sushi will be back on the Tuckshop Menu from the start of Term 2!

Brisbane State High School Year 7, 2024, Academic Selective Entry

Brisbane State High School | Year 7, 2024, Academic Selective Entry Test Day


Brisbane State High School is a public school that is committed to providing opportunity for students. For students who are out-of-catchment, this opportunity comes in the form of selective entry places. We proudly uphold the best of public education values; opportunities to excel regardless of personal circumstance. We believe that partnerships across the whole state school sector provide a network of support and bring richness to the school experience. Selective entry opportunities allow students from a range of disciplines to further develop and grow these talents at our state high school.

Enrolment opportunities are now available for current Year 6 students for Year 7, 2024, Academic Selective Entry.

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Applications close at 4:00pm on Friday 10 March 2023. Please refer to the flyer below for further details.


Community Notices



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MONDAY 3.15 - 4.00PM
SCHOOL HALL
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LESSON

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