

# Ascot State School

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## THE Digest

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## What's On

## From the Principal

A final farewell to all students, staff and parents of Ascot State School. I am proud to say that throughout the pandemic and more recently the floods, we have continued to deliver a world-class education to our students. This term truly has been like no other. I've been amazed at the resilience, perseverance and commitment to continue learning during these uncertain times. Our Ascot children continue to show up, smile and catch-up on their learning. You should be very proud of your young ones.

I thank all members of the community for your support during my seven years as Principal. Our school vision, 'happy students learning together to grow and succeed' expresses our commitment to ensuring every child is welcome, learning, achieving and succeeding. I'm extremely proud to be leaving the school as a place that continues to offer a broad range of exceptional programs to cater for the diverse interests of our Ascot students. There is something for everyone.

Please make welcome incoming Principal, Michelle D'Netto. Michelle was delighted to meet our School Captains, staff and students over the past week and is very much looking forward to leading the Ascot Team and working with the Ascot community. I wish her well.

In other staffing news, farewell to our Physical Education teacher, Mr Paul Harris. He is a much-loved member of the Ascot community and has taught thousands of children in his

years at Ascot. I wish Paul all the best in his retirement. I'm delighted to announce that Mr Daniel Ritchie joins our teaching team in Term 2. Mr Ritchie is currently a middle school teacher at Brisbane Grammar School and comes with a wealth of experience in cricket, basketball and athletics as well as being a Rugby Australia Level 3 Rugby Union Coach and a World Rugby Coach Educator. In particular, Mr Ritchie is very interested in leadership and wellbeing of students and athletes. Please make him welcome next term.

I wish all students a safe and happy vacation.

Warm regards

Gayle

## From Our New Principal

Dear Ascot Staff, Students and Community

My brief visit on Wednesday was a lovely way to begin my work with you. I am excited to be joining the Ascot community and consider this a real privilege. I will be a newcomer and the novice but I am a learner and will quickly grasp the Ascot way.

The highlight of my visit was talking to the four student leaders. How proud you must be of having such articulate and responsible young people and I am certain that they are reflective of all the Ascot students. I cannot wait to visit the classrooms and playgrounds and hear what students have to say. I have high expectations of what we can achieve together.

I have been the substantive Principal of Runcorn State School since 2016. In 2019-20 I had a long acting period at Bulimba and Yeronga. I have also had the opportunity of short acting periods at Coorparoo and Ironside. In 2015, I was an internal reviewer with the School Improvement Unit. I visited schools

across this vast state and from each school I learnt something small but valuable. Our schools are varied but we all belong to the same system and all put the students front and centre in the work we do and the decisions we make.

I look forward to joining you after the school holidays and gradually sharing stories.

Have a restful holiday and a happy Easter.

Michelle D'Netto

## From the Deputy Principals

### Farewell Gayle

We would like to publicly acknowledge Gayle's leadership of Ascot over the past seven years. We have appreciated the energy and enthusiasm that she has brought to the principalship, and we have enjoyed working alongside her. Gayle, we wish you all the best in this next chapter.

### Nature play

The holidays are upon us, and early Autumn weather provides a great atmosphere for fresh air, sunshine and outside play. Many of our kids are showing us at lunch time how much they love creating play spaces in and amongst our natural environment. If this is something that your child loves doing, or you would like to see them playing more in this way, check out the links below. Hopefully you will see some holiday adventures you might like to try in and around Brisbane.

These three websites provide you with an overview of some great parks and play areas geared towards nature play.

<https://www.brisbanekids.com.au/nature-play-playgrounds-in-brisbane/>

<https://natureplayqld.org.au/places-to-go>

<https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/things-to-see-and-do/things-to-do-blog/brisbanes-best-new-parks-and-playgrounds>

The Nature Play Queensland website is a comprehensive source of information and ideas. We encourage you to check out this page on their website that talks about learning and playing with sticks, dirt, pebbles and leaves. There are lots of other fact sheets for all age groups on this page as well.

"In all things of nature there is something of the marvellous." - Aristotle

Have a great break. We look forward to seeing you next term.

## Junior Workshops at QACI

### Junior Workshops for Year 5 and 6 students at QACI.

Queensland Academies Creative Industries (QACI) is excited to announce their new Junior Workshops for students currently in Year 5 and Year 6. Bookings are now open!

Junior Workshops do not require any prior knowledge or experience. Designed using a cooperative approach these hands-on workshops provide opportunities for lateral, collaborative, and creative thinking in fun and engaging ways with our world-class educators.

The workshops will take place at QACI, 61 Musk Avenue Kelvin Grove on Tuesday 10 May, 4:30pm - 6pm and Wednesday 11 May 4:30pm - 6pm.

Workshops are \$10.00, including afternoon tea and cover a range of subject offerings including film, design, theatre, music, maths, science, visual arts, dance, business, psychology, global politics, english and languages.

Follow this link for a full list of available workshops on offer: <https://qaci.eq.edu.au/calendar-and-news/special-events>

## Parents as Partners Sessions

Welcome back

Due to COVID it has been a while since we have run any of our Parents as Partners sessions.

It is with great excitement that we welcome you back and hope to provide useful and practical sessions.

Please RSVP at least 2 days prior to the session so that we can be prepared.

### Upcoming Events

#### Supporting your child with Phonics

29 April 2022 9am-10am Staffroom

Delivered by our HOD-C Lyn Tweed

This year we have introduced a new way of teaching phonics which we envisage will enhance students reading and writing. We are offering this session so that parents are familiar with the program and are confident to assist students at home.

#### Supporting your child's speech language needs

26 May 2022 9-10am Staffroom

Delivered by our Speech-Language Pathologist Bethany McCabe.

Find out about the role of a Speech-Language Pathologist within the school setting. You will also find out how to support your students communication development at home.

#### Fear-less Triple P

15 June 9.15-10.45am Hall

Delivered by our Guidance Officer, Jen Fenaughty

Want to learn more about anxiety and how to help your child or teenager reduce worry and develop confidence and coping skills?

Don't miss out - book your free seat now at <https://www.tripleparenting.net.au/qld-uken/find-help/check-our-calendar/2022-06-15/fearless-seminar//110753/>

## Certificates of Recognition Term 1

PA	Ari S	3B	Bastien B
PB	Edward D	3C	Arthur C
PC	Juniper H	3D	George B
PD	Zacharia N	3E	Hudson H
PE	Levi M	4A	Lincoln R
1A	Charlotte D	4B	Ruby C
1B	Harry H	4C	Jake V
1C	Savannah M	4D	Brennan C
1D	Thomas P	4/5	Jonathan Y
2A	George A	5A	Laila J
2B	Olive K	5B	London R
2C	Abigail L	6A	Olivia K
2D	Easton M	6B	Milla O
2E	Finn T	6C	Elke H
3A	Louis D		

## Students of the Week

PA	Georgia Y	1D	Liam M
PB	Levi B	2A	Thomas S
PC	Harper G	2B	Alex N
PE	Edward F	2C	Mia H
1A	Axel M	2D	Finn W
1B	Heidi L		
1C	Rupert V		

## Golden Tickets

PA	Luna X	2E	Ali N
PC	Zara C	2E	Angus H

## Physical Education News

### Sport Carnival Dates/ Gala Days – Term 2, 2022

TERM	WEEK	DATE	ACTIVITY/EVENT
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2	2	29 April	City District Cross Country
	6	27 May	Gala Day 1
	7	3 June	Gala Day 2
	8	10 June	Gala Day 3
	9	15 June	Yr 3 – 6 Athletics Carnival
	9	16 June	Prep – Yr 2 Athletics Carnival
	10	22 June	Yr 3 – 6 Athletics (wet weather alternative)
	10	23 June	Prep – Yr 2 Athletics Carnival (wet weather alternative)

### Term 2 City District Sporting Trials (open to 11/ 12 yrs – exceptional 10 yr olds)

SPORT	NOMINATION BY SCHOOL	TRIAL DATE
Rugby Union	22 April	6 May
Tennis	9 May	23 May
Rugby (Girls) League	19 May	2 June

Congratulations to Sophia on her selection into the City District football team and to Tom, Sam, Xavier and Hugo on their selection in the touch sides. We wish these students the best of luck when they compete in their regional carnivals.

### Cross Country Results/Ascot Team Selection

It was a warm day for our cross country but a pleasure to watch the effort and tenacity of our students as they completed their courses. Children aged 9 to 12 yrs who meet the qualification standard will be invited to compete, as part of the Ascot team at Grammar sporting fields, Northgate on Friday 29 April (term 2, week 2). Students will travel by private transport and receive their paperwork in week one next term to complete and return to the school. The standard at district level (approx. 30 schools) is high so we would encourage students to continue their training over the holidays. The house points and age champions are detailed below and we would like to congratulate Ryan house on taking out the points trophy and all the children who competed on the day.

2022 CROSS COUNTRY HOUSE POINTS
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	RYAN	HENDERSON	MEIBUSCH	LILLEY
P – Yr 2	201	220	287	216
3 - 6	518	330	255	290
OVERALL POINTS	719	550	542	506

PREP – 2 CROSS COUNTRY PLACEGETTERS			
EVENT	1ST	2ND	3RD
YR 2 BOYS	Jasper B	Timmy M	Eddie D
YR 2 GIRLS	Matilda B	Harriet H	Zara H
YR 1 BOYS	Harper G	Rupert V	Rocky W
YR 1 GIRLS	Ava B	Aliz T	Angelica D
PREP BOYS	Bernie B	Will D	Jordan C
PREP GIRLS	Lucinda R	Juniper H	Evie S

2022 YR 3 – 6 PLACEGETTERS			
EVENT	1ST	2ND	3RD
Boys Born 2014	Claudia C	Charlotte P	Aurelia C
Girls Born 2014	Malo N	George K	Bastien B
Boys Born 2013	Dorcen W	Boyd B	Spencer T
Girls Born 2013	Ava G	Lara K	Lillian W
Boys Born 2012	Oliver W	Lachlan C	Oliver D
Girls Born 2012	Victoria H	Zara P	Olivia S
Boys Born 2011	Tom D	Sam D	Oliver C
Girls Born 2011	Chloe D	Portia B	Sienna J
Boys Born 2010	Xavier C	Wiley M	Oscar P
Girls Born 2010	Sophia P	Zara B	Daphne A

## Farewell Mr Harris

On Friday we farwelled Mr Harris after 27 years at Ascot State School. Paul has seen many principals, teachers and students come and go in his time and has loved his role teaching children. He will be missed by staff and students alike and

we wish him and Morelle all the best in their next life chapter. Farewell and Best Wishes from the Ascot Community.

## Welcome Mr Ritchie

As we farewell Mr Harris , we welcome Mr Ritchie as he begins his time leading the year 3 – 6 P.E./ Sports program at Ascot. Mr Ritchie comes with a wealth of experience and we look forward to the innovations he brings to the program.

Finally we wish all students and families a lovely Easter break after what has been one of the more interesting (challenging) terms. Hopefully all smooth sailing for the remainder of our school year.

## Music Department

Music cultivates deeper thinking and attentiveness.

The Senior Band, Ascot Chorale and Ascot Singers will perform at the school Anzac Service on Friday, 22 April. Band set up is from 7.00am and any adults who can help set up would be most welcome. Choir children arrive with classes and stay at the steps with Mrs Daley.

- Choirs, Senior Band and String Ensemble commence Week 1, Term 2.
- Intermediate Band will not commence until Week 3 on Thursday, 5 May.
- Show Band will have a rehearsal on Thursday, 28 April to make up for missed Monday rehearsals.
- Beginners will commence Junior Band in Week 3 with a workshop from 7.45am to 10am. Junior Red Band on Wednesday, 4 May and Junior Blue Band on Friday, 6 May.
- New choir members are welcome in Term 2.

Rehearsals for choir are:

Ascot Piccolos (Prep & Year 1) – Monday 8.15am – Hall

Ascot Singers (Years 2 & 3) - Tuesday 7.45am – Music Room

Ascot Chorale (Years 4,5,6) - Friday 7.45am – Hall

Our new Year 3 brass teacher, Steven Port, doesn't have his own official email yet so please direct his enquiries to [musicadmin@ascotss.eq.edu.au](mailto:musicadmin@ascotss.eq.edu.au)

If your child participates in the music program please consider supporting our Friends of Music and the Arts group by emailing Lauren Daley, our new coordinator for 2022, [FOM@ascotss.eq.edu.au](mailto:FOM@ascotss.eq.edu.au)

Performance dates for 2022

Date	Event	Groups attending



22 April	School ANZAC Assembly-9am	Senior Band/ Ascot Chorale/ Ascot Singers
18 May	Fanfare Competition	Senior Band/ Show Band
10 June	Qld. Day in Song-St Laurence's Performing Arts Centre – Ticketed event in the evening	Ascot Chorale
12 June	Music on Sunday-3pm	All choirs/ bands/ ensembles
13 June	Music Assembly-2.15pm	Senior Band/ Ascot Chorale
26 October	Musicfest Competition	Senior Band/ Show Band
9 November	Choral Evening 6.30pm Musical (Years 4/5/6)	All Choirs
17 November	Instrumental Evening-6.30pm	All Bands and Ensembles
25 November	Racecourse Road Community Carols-6pm	All Choirs

Please direct music enquiries to the music coordinator  
[musicadmin@ascotss.eq.edu.au](mailto:musicadmin@ascotss.eq.edu.au)

Debbie Daley - Classroom Music/Ascot Singers Choir/Ascot  
Chorale [ddale3@eq.edu.au](mailto:ddale3@eq.edu.au)

Rachael Doucet - Years 4,5,6 Brass/Senior Band  
[rdouc1@eq.edu.au](mailto:rdouc1@eq.edu.au)

Kylie Moorhouse - Years 4,5,6 Woodwind/Percussion/  
Intermediate Band/Show Band [kmoor31@eq.edu.au](mailto:kmoor31@eq.edu.au)

Mark Boughen - Strings/String Ensemble  
[mboug8@eq.edu.au](mailto:mboug8@eq.edu.au)

Christy Dykes - Year 3 Woodwind/Junior Band ( Blue )  
[cdyke14@eq.edu.au](mailto:cdyke14@eq.edu.au)

Steven Port - Year 3 Brass/Junior Band ( Red )

Lois Pagano-Prep/Year 1 Piccolos Choir  
[loispagano17@gmail.com](mailto:loispagano17@gmail.com)

As many of you know we have just purchased nearly \$18,000 of decodable home readers to enhance our synthetic phonics program. Decodable readers are an essential part of a synthetic phonics program where students can use the sounds that they have learnt to decode the words within the text. Decodable books support the phonic concepts and high frequency words that have explicitly taught in class.

We are excited to get these new books in your hands in Term 2.

I would like to give a huge shout out to many of our Teaching Assistants who have taken them home to cover and label in their own time, as well as a number of parents who gave up their Thursday morning to give us a hand. Special thanks to Mel and Shane P, Emma W, Violetta T, Cathi T, Anne H, Leanne N, Elle U and Jenny Z who achieved covering approximately 240 books in the morning.

If you would like to lend a hand early next term, I'd love to hear from you. Please email [ltwee3@eq.edu.au](mailto:ltwee3@eq.edu.au)

Have a lovely holiday.

Lyn Tweed HOD-C

## School Photos

## Swim Club

### WINTER SWIMMING – POOL HEATED TO A TOASTY 30 DEG

The amazing team of Instructors from the Belinda Cadzow Swim School will be offering:

**NEW DURING SCHOOL HOURS CLASSES** for all the Pre-Prep aged children.

In addition to our **Before and After School programme** (Monday to Friday 6.30-8.30am + 3.15-6.00pm), and our highly popular **Saturday lessons** (Private lessons for ALL AGES 6.30am -12.30pm) we are very pleased to announce that many of our specialized instructors will be available to take lessons **during school hours**. This is your opportunity for your child to experience our well-renowned private lessons conveniently scheduled around school drop off and pick up times!

Monday – Friday 9.00- 11.30 +  
2.30-3.15 pm

#### ADULT SWIMMING

Matty will once again be offering **Adult Squad sessions** on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 5.30-6.30am. (\$10.00/Session) **ALL LEVELS WELCOME!**

Lap swimming also available at specified times each day. \$5/ Swim.

For more information or to place a booking, please email us at [bcswim@outlook.com](mailto:bcswim@outlook.com)

## Extra Curricular Program-Term 2 2022

## New Home Readers

## Community Notices

### Advertising in the Digest

This newsletter has a sponsorship section which provides a great opportunity for local businesses to engage with our parent community. If you would like to be part of this, please contact Schoolzine on 1300 795 503.