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THE Digest

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What's On

Monday, 15 May	Year 6 Canberra Trip Information Session	6pm	
Wednesday, 17 May	P&C Meeting	7pm	Staffroom
Thursday, 18 May	Year 2 Toohey State Forest Excursion		
Thursday, 18 May	Parents as Partners – Maths	8.50-10am	Staffroom
Friday, 19 May	Year 2 Toohey State Forest Excursion		
Friday, 19 May	Gala Sport Day (Year 5 & 6)	All Day	Various
Wednesday, 24 May	Prep Lone Pine Excursion (Prep C & D)		
Thursday, 25 May	Prep Lone Pine Excursion (Prep A & B)		
Friday, 26 May	Under 8's Day	9.20-10.50am	

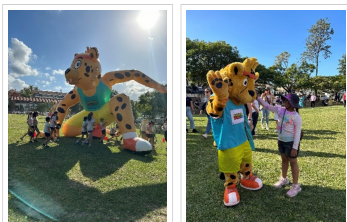
Friday, 26 May	Gala Sport Day (Year 5 & 6)	All Day	Various
Friday, 26 May	Year 3 Disco	4pm-5pm	Hall
Friday, 26 May	Year 4 Disco	5.30pm-6.30pm	Hall
Monday, 29 May	Reconciliation Week Assembly		Hall
Wednesday, 31 May	Choral Fanfare	11.30am	Brisbane SHS
Thursday, 1 June	Parents as Partners-Nature Play	8.50-10am	Staffroom
Sunday, 11 June	Music on Sunday		
Wednesday, 14 June	Year 3-6 Athletics Carnival	All Day	School Oval
Wednesday, 14 June	P&C Meeting	7pm	Staffroom
Thursday, 15 June	Prep – Year 2 Athletics Carnival		School Oval
Friday, 16 June	Year 1 & 2 Disco		Hall
Monday, 19 June	Certificates of Recognition		

Friday, 23 June	Free Dress Day	All Day	
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From the Principal

Dear Ascot Families

A sincere thanks to Rebecca, the Year 5 parent volunteers, sponsors and P&C for the organisation of the Colour Run. It was enjoyed by all students and I hope that it was just as successful as a fundraiser as it was a fun afternoon. To the staff who volunteered to be slimed – thank you.



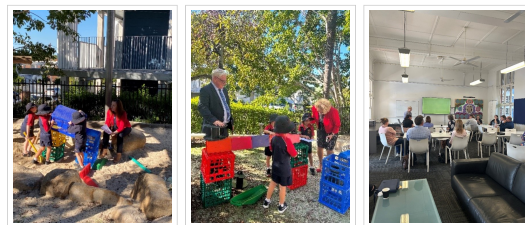
Primary Principal's Conference

Once a year the Queensland Association of State School Primary Principals host a conference which is attended by over 400 delegates. International speakers present their research and there are many opportunities to share best practice. This year the theme was *The Joyful Sandbox*, hence the visitors to the school with an interest in play. We were addressed by Beau Lotto, a neuroscientist and entrepreneur. His key message was about adapting to change because the only constant in life is change. He spoke about trading certainty for doubt that helps increase our capacity to adapt, lead and innovate. Dan Haesler, a culture champion, works with leaders in all fields as well as elite sporting personnel. His message was based on creating safe learning cultures where mistakes are a part of growth and ultimately lead to better outcomes. I enjoyed the presentation from Zoe Smith, a principal who spoke about inquiry through leadership lens.

We listen, we learn, we act – there is no particular order. Prioritising and understanding context also factors into the equation. For Ascot, we know that our work in intentional based learning, inquiry and investigation is the way forward in engaging students in their education.

Visitors to the School

Last week we had the principals from the City Collective visit our school. As a group of primary and high schools, we meet each month in a different school. It gives us an opportunity to visit each other's schools, share the great experiences and also coordinate the multitude of cluster events. At Ascot, we are deliberate in our use of Loose Parts and Nature Play as a space for children to relax, enjoy and also learn. The Preps were building bridges and our curious visitors were able to talk to the young learners about their experiences.



On Wednesday 10 May a tour was organised by the Primary Principal's Association for leaders to visit Eagleby South as well as Ascot for the purpose of viewing how Nature Play and Loose Parts looks in different schools. Schools endeavour to balance the traditional methods of instruction with student centred learning and investigations.

Positive Behaviour for Learning

The focus for the week is: I am responsible. I lead by demonstrating good sportsmanship. This is an important message as we have Gala Days and sports carnivals on the calendar. Being a good sport includes:

- Accepting umpire decisions
- Playing fairly and choosing fair teams
- Respecting and acknowledging the opposition
- Encouraging others
- Display positive winning/losing skills
- Uniform requirements for events

Communication

Communication is a tricky subject and what is too much for one is not enough for others. We endeavour to communicate in a timely way through the school's fortnightly newsletter, The Digest, the school calendar on the website and the fortnightly newsletter from the classrooms. These are points of truth. There are also emails sent to year levels or groups as per need eg. the choir or cross country team.

From the Deputy Principals

Under 8's Day

We will be celebrating Under 8's day on 26 May. This year's theme is Play - You, me and our communities. At Ascot we actively plan to incorporate play as a vehicle for learning and engagement. It will be wonderful to share in this day with our local community as we host some of our local Pre-Prep providers. A big thank you to Mrs Fiona Luhrs & Mrs Melissa Allen for organising this upcoming event.



ICAS Competition for 2023 - Years 3-6

What is ICAS?

ICAS is an online academic competition that is designed to assess students' higher order thinking and problem-solving skills. At Ascot, we offer families in Years 3-6 the opportunity to sit the competition in English and Maths. We also select students on the basis of their academic performance to sit the ICAS Science competition.

Each assessment celebrates students' accomplishments by providing opportunities for recognition and development. Every student who participates will receive a printed certificate and an online results report. Top performers will be eligible for medals.

Learn more about ICAS [here](https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas). (<https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas>)

How to participate in ICAS

Parents can elect to have their child/ren participate, and must sign up before 31 July. At this point, the payment portal closes, and no further entries can be taken. The cost of each competition is \$19.50.

If you wish for your child to participate in ICAS this year, please:

1. read about ICAS subjects and prices [here](https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas): ([com/products-icas](https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas))
2. read the terms and conditions [here](https://www.icasassessments.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/2023-ICAS-Assessments-Parents-PPS-TsCs_final.pdf): ([icasassessments.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/2023-ICAS-Assessments-Parents-PPS-TsCs_final.pdf](https://www.icasassessments.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/2023-ICAS-Assessments-Parents-PPS-TsCs_final.pdf))
3. go to Parent Portal to purchase tests [here](https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps): (shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps)
4. enter our school's access code – OPW993
5. enter your child's details, select the tests you would like to purchase, then proceed to payment.

Please note that the ICAS tests shown for selection are at the school's discretion.

After payment is made via the Parent Payment System, you will receive an order confirmation email, please keep this for your records.

ICAS sitting dates

To avoid clashes with before school music rehearsals, we sit ICAS on a Monday morning.

- English – Monday 14 August - 7:15am for a 7:30 start
- Mathematics – Monday 28 August - 7:15am for a 7:30 start

ICAS Results and Certificates

We will notify you when your child's ICAS results are ready. Once we have received your child's ICAS certificate, we will send it home with your child.

The back of the certificate shows ICAS results and the login details, "TAP ID and Pin", that you and your child need to enter the Results Portal orti.icasassessments.com/ortiStudent

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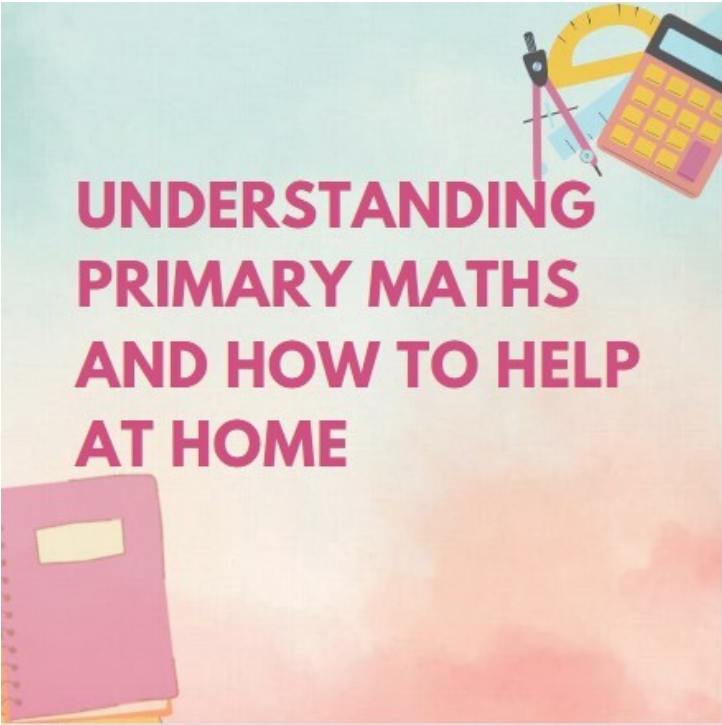
The following information is a privacy notification about how your child's data is kept private and secure.

Janison is aware of our responsibility to protect the identity of, and all information relating to, children, and students in general, from disclosure and consequently Janison does not:

- collect any personal information or data of children other than as required for the purposes of completion of the assessment, test or exam;
- transfer any personal information or data obtained during the delivery of assessments, tests or exams conducted in Australia to any jurisdiction outside of Australia other than with the specific consent of the person, or his or her parent or guardian;
- transfer any personal information or data obtained during the delivery of assessments, tests or exams conducted in other international regions out of the child's jurisdiction other than with the specific consent of the person, or his or her parent or guardian;
- share any personal information or data relating to children or students with any third parties (other than a third party whose services are necessary for servicing our products, e.g. print/distribution companies, medal engraving, etc.) except with the specific consent of the person, or his or her parent or guardian;
- use any personal information or data relating to children or students for marketing purposes.

Janison may retain personal information and data relevant to a child for their future purposes or for research purposes by Janison for the duration of the school life cycle of the child. However, if you or your child at any time wish to have their personal information or data removed from our systems, they or you may opt out by simply contacting our Privacy Officer at privacy@janison.com.

Regards
Simone & Cindy



Join our Head of Department Ms Atkins to find out more about the primary school maths curriculum – how we learn about maths at school, and how you can support that learning at home. This will include information about mathematical computation.

Thursday 18 May
8:50am
Staffroom

Office News

There are a number of works that we are organising or have recently completed. Please see the table below for what is being arranged and the progress of the works. Thank you to the P&C for their ongoing support, and our community who are active in achieving quality outcomes for the school.

Date	Job	Progress
May 22 nd	Replacement of upper Massey Street fencing	Contractor engaged
May 27 th	Tree pruning	Contractor engaged
Term 2	Replacing of bubblers	Contractor engaged
	Repair of playground fence	Quotes being sourced

	Tennis Courts being resurfaced	Money received from the Department's Regional Infrastructure Unit- quotes being sourced
	OSHC Air Conditioning	Half of the costing received from the Department's Regional Infrastructure Unit-quotes being sourced
	New Mixing Desk and Control Panel for Hall AV	Quotes being sourced
	Oval Upgrade- Aeration and Top Soil	Quotes being sourced
June/ July Holidays	External Painting of Hall	Contractor engaged
June/ July Holidays	Repainting of prep toilets, Year 1C classroom, music room and dance and drama room	Contractor engaged
	New Pool blanket	Quote being sourced
	Swimming Pool railing	Railing secured and quotes being sourced

Congratulations to our community for raising \$9630.00 towards the upgrade of the oval. If you would like to contribute to this project, we are seeking a voluntary financial contribution of between \$60 and \$90. Please see below for payment details.

The upgrade of the oval includes aerating the soil and top dressing the oval- this will relieve the current compaction of soil, reduce rainwater runoff and allow greener and thicker grass to grow. This in turn will create a softer and safer oval for students to play upon. We have started meeting with contractors to discuss our scope of works and obtain quotes. Every dollar makes a difference!

Payment Details:

Bank Commonwealth Bank
BSB 064-145
Account 00090092
Reference Student Initial and Surname, VFC e.g. NSmithVFC

I have issued a number of invoices this term

- Year 6 Deposit for camp
- Prep Student Resource Scheme
- Instrumental Music
- Year 6 semester 1 levy

- Year 4 Camp Deposit
- Year 4 Camp Invoice

Sondra will be contacting families for those with outstanding payments. If you are unsure as to whether you have any invoices outstanding, please feel free to contact us and we are more than happy to assist.

The semester invoices for years 1 to 5 will be generated later in the term.

If you need a payment plan or have questions about the invoice/s please do not hesitate to contact the office. We are happy to help with all enquiries.

Lost Property is fast becoming full- can you or your child/ren please check lost property if something has been misplaced, otherwise it either ends up in the rubbish bin or going to charity at the end of each term. Please remember to label your child's belongings, this makes it easier to return items to their owner. Thanks for your support with this.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Karen, Rhonda and Sondra

their support, our winners receive an ice block or home bake from the Tuckshop.

Prep A	Evan	2B	Dita
Prep B	Atticus	2B	Charlie
Prep B	Chloe	3D	Matilda
1A	Amelia	4B	Diego
1C	George	4B	Felix
1D	Evie	4C	Cami
1D	Ted	4D	Fergus
1D	Sivasri	5C	Ashton
1D	Nikhil	5C	Andrew
2A	Zakaea	5C	Benjamin

Library

Birthday Book Donations



Guidance

Students of the Week

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

Prep A	Victoria N	3A	Sebastien S
Prep B	Harvey D	3B	Thomas K
Prep D	Amir E	3C	Charles R
1A	Alessia E	3D	Jasper B
1B	Mark F	3/4	Isaac G
1B	Luke F	5A	Olivia V
1C	Byron D	5B	Brennan C
1D	Theo S	5C	Arli M
2A	Zakaea E	6B	Jackson H
2B	Axel M	6C	Jayden N
2C	Aarav K	PE (Yr3-6)	Natacha N
2D	Charlton D	Dance & Mia H	
PE (Prep-Yr2)	Lincoln R	Japanese	Katherine H
Japanese	Nikhil C		

Happy 5 th Birthday Daisy Rayward (Prep B)	Craft Roach – Rachel Burke
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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



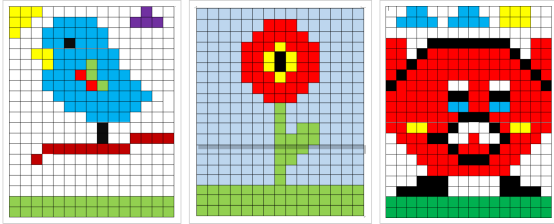
Kristine and Jenny
Library Staff

Year 6 Binary Code - Pixel Art

In Digital Technologies, Year 6 students are exploring how computers store and send digital images. Students have developed their understanding of binary numbers, including:

- why binary numbers are important in digital systems
- how to read and understand a binary number.

Students applied their knowledge about how binary is used to create their own pixel art. Check out some of the work from Ms Butler's 6B students!



Year 6 will now begin exploring using our school drones. They will be programming and flying these drones to perform various flight missions. We look forward to sharing this work over the coming weeks.

Year 3 Science - Biological Science

Last week, Year 3 were treated to a visit from Street Science.

Street Science captivated our young scientists, by engaging them in fun and meaningful hands-on workshops. Students were able to demonstrate, explore and explain scientific concepts such as:

- Properties of living things
- Sorting objects into living and non-living
- Viewing once-living and living things under a microscope
- States of matter and how they change
- How adding or removing heat can change object

In Term 4, during Education Week we will welcome Street Science back to Ascot to work with our P-4 students during our annual STEAM Week.

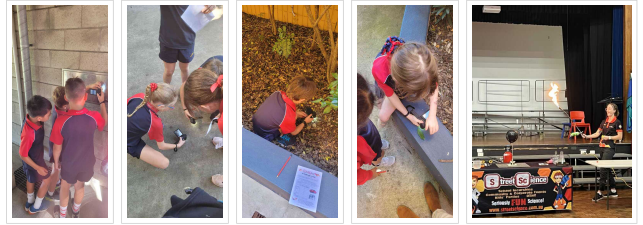
Thank you to 3A and 3C for sharing the below photos and a recount of their experience.

When Street Science came to our school, we learned about changing states of matter and classifying living and non-living things using Mrs Gren (movement, respiration, sensitivity, growth, reproduction, excretion and nutrition).

The mad microscopes helped us observe living and non-living things up close.

We used liquid nitrogen so we could learn more about states of matter. The scientist used a heat pen, so when she heated up some writing the ink disappeared. It was so much fun.

Written by Erika Y and Chloe E (3A)



During our recent Street Science incursion, we learned about liquid nitrogen. My favourite part was when the scientist popped a balloon and a green flame came out.

During our visit, we used hand-held digital microscopes to observe living and non-living specimens around our local environment.

(3C)

Kristine Atkins

Head of Department (STEAM)

Dance & Drama

Loose Parts Play

This week's focus in loose parts play has been modes of transport. Prep students were given images of transportation and were tasked in groups to design their own. From cars, motorbikes, rockets and even large ferries. Check out the amazing creations below.



Miss Bartlett

Physical Education

Sport Carnival Dates/ Gala Days -Term 2, 2023

TERM	WEEK	DATE	ACTIVITY/EVENT
2	5	May 19	Gala Day 2
	6	May 26	Gala Day 3
	7	June 2	Gala Day (wet weather alternative)
	9	June 14	Yr 3 – 6 Athletics Carnival

9	June 15	Prep – Yr 2 Athletics Carnival
10	June 21	Yr 3 – 6 Athletics (wet weather alternative)
10	June 22	Prep – Yr 2 Athletics Carnival (wet weather alternative)

District Cross Country (students born 2014 – 2011)

Forty of our students competed recently at the district cross country trial. Our 9 year old students don't progress to the next level of competition but have their first taste of what a district competition is like. Each race includes approx. 80 – 100 students from many schools in our district so the competition is strong. Our Ascot students looked great in their new Ascot singlets and competed to the best of their ability, with thirteen students finishing in the top 20 of their races. Special mention and congratulations to Victoria H (1st), Dorcen W (2nd), and Ava G (5th) who have been selected in the City District team to compete at the next level. Congratulations also to Claudia C who finished 3rd (9 yrs). We are proud of your effort and commitment.

Metropolitan North Sport Representatives

Congratulations to Carter K and Lincoln R on their selection in the Met North hockey team. This is a great achievement and we wish the boys all the best at the state championships.

Yr 5 – 6 Gala Sport Days (May 12,19,26)

We hope children enjoyed their first Gala day and showed great teamwork and sportsmanship. These behaviours have been the focus of our positive behaviours program this week. Please remind children to take hats, food, water and sunscreen and any required sports equipment with them to venues (shinguards for soccer, mouthguards for rugby league).

Ascot Wacry Competition

Our finalists were announced at assembly last Monday and tomorrow those finalists will say their wacries on stage. Students will go back to classrooms and over the week will vote for the winning wacries in each category – P-2, yr 3/ 4, yr 5 /6, to be announced at the following assembly.

Prep Perceptual Motor Program (wk 3–7)

Thank you to those parents who have volunteered in the past two weeks to help with PMP. The children love having you there and it's a great chance to see the children in action. If you are able to help in the next few weeks please let your child's teacher know. Class lessons on Tuesday are as follows: 9:00 Prep D, 9:30 Prep B, 10:00 Prep C, 10:30 Prep A .

Alayne Graham – P -Yr2 (Mon - Thurs) – agrah27@eq.edu.au

Daniel Ritchie – Yr3 - 6 (Mon - Fri) – djrit0@eq.edu.au

Music Department

Junior Band

Junior Bands are off to a good start!

Please make sure your child is there for a **7.45am start**.

It is imperative that all students attend all rehearsals. All our ensembles will be performing at **Music on Sunday on 11 June**.

Students will need their instrument, Tutor Book, and pencil.

Term 2 Planner and Timetables

Attached is the Rehearsal & Lessons schedule, weekly planner, and lesson timetables. Please remind your child of their lesson time each week.

Rehearsals

All ensembles are sounding wonderful in their rehearsals, and I am looking forward to a successful *Music on Sunday* concert.

Please note the start time of your ensemble on the Term 2 Schedule.

Band Blitz and Junior Strings Workshop

Select students have received an invitation for a *Band Blitz* or *Junior Strings* workshop. If your child is attending, please follow registration instructions on the memo. All paperwork is through the Music Resource Centre, not the school. Registrations close 22 May, and late registrations will not be accepted.

Music on Sunday

Music on Sunday is coming up on 11 June, with the concert commencing at 12.30pm. A more detailed memo will be sent home shortly.

P&C News

Fun Run

What an incredible Fun Run it has been! We embarked on this exhilarating journey with a common goal: reaching the 40K mark. Every step, every stride, and every ounce of effort contributed by each participant brought us closer to our target. We owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to all the volunteers who selflessly dedicated their time and energy to make this event a resounding success. A special shout-out goes to our extraordinary teachers who fearlessly embraced the sliming challenge, adding an extra splash of excitement to the festivities. A big thanks to Joel, our MC, for keeping the energy up throughout the event. And let's not forget the invigorating warm-up provided by Orangetheory, setting the pace for an unforgettable run. Last but certainly not least, we extend a heartfelt thank you to our incredible sponsors—ProBuilder, Place Ascot, and Environ—for their generous support, which made this event possible. Together, we have achieved something truly remarkable, and we couldn't have done it without each and every one of you. Let's celebrate the joy,

camaraderie, and the remarkable impact we have made as a united community!



Year 3 & 4 Disco Party is coming up soon! We still require volunteers to ensure a fantastic experience for our students. If you have some time to spare, please consider volunteering.

Also if you haven't purchased your tickets yet, please order through Flexi School to secure your child's spot at the disco party. It will be an evening filled with fun, music and laughter that your child won't want to miss!

Tuckshop Volunteers



We're looking for:

- A Tuckshop Helper to assist us from 9.30-11.30am once a month on a Friday
- Homebakers - This involves dropping off baked goods to the tuckshop one morning a month

This is an easy way to support our Tuckshop so if you're able to help or would like more details, please contact Julie Moore at jjmoore@iinet.net.au.

Uniform Shop

Lost property

Don't forget to name all items : FULL NAME and CLASS it will be easier to find them when they make their way back to the lost property (especially hats and jumpers)!

Uniform Shop Hours

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8.15am – 9.30am

Order online via Flexischools

www.flexischools.com.au

Email: uniformshop@ascotss.eq.edu.au

The Uniform Shop Team

Community Notices



Empowering Kids. Connecting Families. Promoting Positive Mental Health.

Term 2 Get GRIT Program

The Get GRIT Program empowers kids with the knowledge and skills to maintain a healthy mind and positive wellbeing. The program uses evidence-based practices to teach your child how to master the skills needed to thrive, both now and for the rest of their lives.

Get GRIT teaches children how to:

- Manage their emotions.
- Enjoy healthy and positive relationships.
- Develop a growth mindset.
- Be resilient.
- Persistent.
- Optimistic.
- Tackle life's challenges with grit and
- Reach their true potential.

We are now taking enrolments for Term 2

Dates: Sunday, 21st, 28th May, 4th, 11th, 18th June

Times: Lower Primary 9-11 am. Upper Primary 11-1 pm

Location: 23 Bowman Street, Hendra

To secure your child's position in the program please visit www.getgritprogram.com or call 0413245531

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