Leader’s Report

Welcome back for the 2014 school year. I trust everyone had a good break and students are ready to work hard and do their best to succeed.

We extend a special welcome to our new staff member, Mr Kipp Jones. Kipp will be teaching PE to all classes and working in Ms Zollo’s and Pam Barritt’s class one day each week.

Welcome also to the many new families who have joined our school. We wish our new students and their families a happy start to their involvement with the Ascot Park community.

We are once again holding a Family Barbecue Night on Tuesday the 11th of February starting at 5:15pm in classrooms until 6pm. The AGM will follow where we will look at school directions, in particular literacy and numeracy and encourage parents to participate. We value parent involvement and opinions. This will be followed by a BBQ at 6.45pm where families have the opportunity to meet teachers in a relaxed setting, and your children can introduce you to the many school staff they are involved with throughout their school day. We hope to see you there.

Contact Details

Please ensure we have your correct contact details and that we are able to make contact with someone if need be during the day. There have been too many occasions when we have needed to contact parents and have not been able to.

Thanks in anticipation.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will be commencing again in Week 3 Wednesday February 12. Hope to see you all there!

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“Gymaestrada 2013”
During Term 4 last year some of the year 5,6,7 students recreated their gym display for an event called ‘Gymaestrada’. They performed at the SAGA gym on a Thursday evening at the opening ceremony. Jing Ya and Maddison wrote this recount of their experience at the event. We had planned to publish this in a Newsletter last year but sometimes plans don’t quite work out (who was that forgetful teacher?). So here is their work, of which they are both very proud:

We were very nervous with our hearts thumping and with butterflies in our stomach. We wished our parents were standing beside us. It was the night of Gymaestrada. We were going to perform a dazzling gym routine for the Gym’s 60th Anniversary in front of a roaring crowd waiting to see us.
We felt faint; our blood was rushing through our veins. When we were ready we gathered our equipment and walked silently on to the stage. Everyone was watching us; the spotlights were shining brilliantly in different colours. When the music started our hearts were pounding faster than ever. It ran so smoothly. We punched gracefully in the air. We couldn’t wait. We were all a bit worried if we messed up.
We all followed the orders of Maddison. She did brilliantly. The hoops were spinning around and around then followed by the plates. Later Maddison ordered the ball to be up. People rolled and spun and twisted and turned, some weaved ribbons gracefully in the air, making a colourful swirl or rainbow.
Then it was the mini tramps turn to shine. We flipped and sprung and did graceful somersaults in the air. Next was the tumble lines. As Maddison called out the order, we rolled across the carpet with elegance and courage, the timing was perfect and our legs were straight. As the tumble line finished we did the wall. We climbed up on to the legs of our partners. We looked just like a big strong tower. We raised our arms in the air with pride signing for the audience to clap for us.
We formed our ‘V’ position when we finished and we bowed ever so slightly to thank the audience for their attention. As the music finished there was applause as loud as thunder and a great sigh of relief. We finished the celebration with a late night supper and a can of soda and balloons. We went home and had a great night of sleep, dreaming of our achievements.
By Maddison and Jing Ya

Welcome back to school for 2014
I hope you all enjoyed the summer break. The school year has begun and with it a fresh enthusiasm for learning. 2014 is panning out to be an interesting year with events happening that will be incorporated into our curriculum which I will be supporting in Resource-Based-Learning library lessons. We will be trialing the new Geography Curriculum, integrating it with History and other SOSE subjects. The Premier’s Reading Challenge is a great place to begin. We encourage all students to participate as it increases literacy skills and encourages them to enjoy reading.
I ask that you help your children, our students, by encouraging them to read in various ways at home. Have a great year!
Lara Potter

HELP YOUR CHILD BECOME A SUCCESSFUL READER

THE THREE P’S
PAUSE, PROMPT, PRAISE

PAUSE
Before responding give your child time to work it out for themselves

PROMPT
Encourage your child to look at the pictures.
Ask: What makes sense?
What would sound right?
What does it start with?
If the word makes sense
• Allow your child to continue reading
If the word doesn’t make sense
• Encourage your child to have another go
• Tell the child the word

PRAISE
Encourage and praise your child for their efforts. Support and encourage through praise will greatly assist your child’s development.
Try comments like
• I like the way you...
• That’s what good readers do
• That’s really great

Make reading and enjoyable time
A huge welcome to everyone old and new as Ascot Park Primary School launches into the new school year. I hope that you are all feeling refreshed and ready for new routines. The staff have been busy over the last week preparing for their new students. A very special welcome is extended to the new reception children and their families. It is hoped that you will settle in quickly and easily. We hope to see happy children enjoying their learning and parents and carers meeting new friends and acquaintances with whom they can share the community life of the school. There are lots of ways to join in and have fun while you work together for the good of the group.

The title of my role in the school is Christian Pastoral Support Worker. I am known by the students as "Miss Karen". I care about and am concerned for the welfare and well-being of each student, staff member and family member associated with this school. I care about the relationships and interactions between people, valuing everything that works towards a safe, harmonious, stable and thriving community for the sake of our children's education. You will see me around the school on Tuesdays and Thursdays (8.30am – 4.15pm) and for Breakfast Club. Please say hello and have a chat, and if I can support you or your children in any way don’t hesitate to ask. I can help with ideas, resources and referrals and can be a good listener. You may always leave a message for me at reception, in my box in the courtyard or with staff. I hope to visit all the classes over the next couple of weeks in order to introduce myself to the new students.

I hope that you all have had some good things happen to you over the holidays and have done some things to make other people happy. There will also have been some sad and difficult experiences for some. We think in particular for those who are suffering from the effects of the bushfires started in the recent week of plus forty temperatures. May the community support you and may you find comfort and help in the ongoing aftermath of the fires. I hope that this community support is what is celebrated on Australia Day - that is, that all who live, work and play on Australian soil do so in a manner that works towards a healthy society. It was amazing to see the make-up of the groups that took part in the Australia Day parade in the city on Sunday evening. It was almost like a snapshot of Ascot Park Primary School!

Enjoy the start of term 1!

Karen Tromans

MILO in2CRICKET Program

MILO in2CRICKET is the national grass root program for cricket in Australia, with the aim of introducing kids in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to the great Australian game. It provides children with an opportunity to learn new skills and meet new friends in a fun, safe and interactive environment.

Please find below a list of all MILO in2CRICKET Centres in the North East area:

- Adelaide Oval i2C Centre, starting Friday 7th of February at 5:30pm
- Adelaide CC, Glandore Oval, Starting Friday 14th of February at 4:00pm
- Brighton CC, Brighton Oval, Starting Friday 7th of February at 6:00pm
- Flagstaff Hill PS, Flagstaff Hill PS Oval, Starting Sunday 2nd of February at 9:00am
- Glenelg CC, Gliderol Stadium, Starting Friday 14th of February at 4:00pm
- Reynella CC, Reynella Oval, Starting 8th of February at 9:00am
- Sheidow Park CC, Sheidow Park Primary School, Starting Sunday 2nd February at 12:00pm
- Coromandelel CC, Hewett Sports Reserve, Starting Thursday 30th January at 4:30pm

Cricket this season will be a very popular sport with all the excitement from winning back the Ashes from England, the high energy KFC T20 Big Bash League and much more cricket fun! By registering and paying for the Program not only will you enjoy some great cricket fun this Ashes Summer but every registered child receives an in2CRICKET Participant Pack including bat, ball, t-shirt, bucket hat, backpack, drink bottle and other goodies! They will look just like their Aussie Cricket heroes!

To find out more details about your nearest Centre and to register for a Term 1 Program, log on to www.in2cricket.com.au and type in your post code.