School Values

Respect
Responsibility
Excellence

Diary Dates

Term 3
Week 3
Friday August 8 - Science Alive
Week 4
Friday August 15 - Assembly
Week 5
Book Week August 18 - 22
Science Week August 18 - 22
Week 6
Monday August 25 - Maritime Museum Year 5/6 class
Wednesday August 27 - City South Athletics & Active Elders Bowl Challenge

The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.

Dr. Seuss

Leader’s Report

Lateness and Absence

Paul Taylor and myself have looked at the data from semester one and as a result have sent 28 letters home to parents whose children have been absent a lot and / or chronically late. This is nearly a quarter of our student population and quite unacceptable. Students who miss this amount of time are disadvantaged both educationally and socially. It is also interesting to note that a number of these students did not achieve good grades in their report!

Head Lice

We have had a couple of cases recently which will happen in all schools. It may well be a time to check your child’s hair and treat if necessary. Call the school if you are unsure of how to treat or need help with chemical treatment.

Reminder

The yard is staffed after 8.30 each morning and then from 3.10 to 3.30 each afternoon. Students are allowed on play equipment at the Eastern end of the school whilst the yard is staffed. No student is to be on any other equipment during these times.

SSO Thanks

This week is SSO week, where we take time to think about all the crucial work completed by SSO’s across the state. We would just like to publicly acknowledge the great work our SSO staff do for both the children and staff at Ascot Park Primary School. Much of their efforts go un-noticed but they are so crucial in the operation of our school.

Many Thanks on behalf of the school community!
Family Maths Challenge

Talk about the Maths Challenge as a family and see how you all solve the problems. Record how you do the challenge and then bring it into school (with name and class) and post it into the Maths Box in the office by Friday. We will acknowledge students’ and family efforts in the next newsletter.

Challenge #6 - WORDS

Write the following numbers as words:

4081
18064
4066761

#5 Answer – How many triangles?

How did your family go with solving last time’s problem?

There are 44 triangles.

Performing Arts – Heather Smith

In week 1 we revised how music is created and written. Juniors used keyboard maps to plot their music on the keyboards. They knew the music well on glockenspiel and were very surprised at how easily they could play their songs on the keyboards. They played ‘Stepping Up’ & ‘Rain Is Falling’.

Older students created ostinatos (riffs). They also improvised melodies on C pentatonic scale. When the melody was played with the ostinato we ended up with harmony - and very pleasing pieces of music.

In week 2 we began our unit on Indigenous Stories so that we can eventually create another mural for the school. Students took parts of the story, created sound effects and performed them. We recorded the pictures of the story with sound effects and ended up with a very pleasing film. We were very proud of what we did.
Ticket Order for Choir Concert at Festival Theatre

**Sunday September 14, 2.30-4.30pm**

Front Office by **Wednesday 20th August.**

Ascot Park Primary Choir 2014

Student’s Name: _____________________

Adult Name: ________________________

Phone Contact: ______________________

Number of Tickets: _______________@ $30.00

Total Cost: ________________________

Cheque: _________ Cash: ____________

Card No: ___________________________

Please return by Wednesday 20th August to the Front Office.

Payment must be made before the tickets can be ordered.

If you want buy your tickets individually over the counter through a Bass outlet the price will be $32.00. All ticket charges include service fees and GST.

Personal cheques need to be made out to Ascot Park Primary.

Regards
Pam Barritt

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Canteen News!

Ascot Park Primary School Canteen is now open for afternoon recess on Thursdays & Fridays.

The canteen is open

**Monday 9:00am – 12:00pm**

**Thursday & Friday 9:00am – 1:30pm**

**POTATO WAFFLES**

only 30c each

**AVAILABLE MONDAYS from the School Canteen.**

Warm Potato Waffles, just the thing for these cold wintery days!

*Mashed Potato formed into a waffle shape*

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**CPS CORNER**

Poor ol’ Oscar has died. Oscar was a beautiful blue Siamese fighting fish who swam around in my son’s fishtank. My family had never been involved with fish in this way before - we grew up catching and eating them! My son’s fiancée gave him the fish and so our experience began. A couple of years down the track and my son left home saying that he would come for the fish when he had bought a house. I did not think much of it until the water turned brown and I could hardly see the fish anymore. By this stage my son was in Europe and fairly unreachable. On getting him, he mumbled some instructions to get me through until he returned. So I zealously cleaned the tank and got rid of every bit of nasty bacteria. I was so proud of my efforts!! In went the new water and in went Oscar. All went well until I got distracted and then one day found dear little

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**Canteen Volunteers Wanted.**

No experience necessary!

Are you looking for a way to help and support the school? Volunteering in the canteen not only helps the school, but is a fun way of getting to know other parents/carers.

If you are able to help out, please let myself or the front office know.

Kym
Canteen Manager
Oscar at the bottom of the tank - and certainly no longer blue! What to do?!? Of course - zealously clean the tank again and replace the fish! Easy!

"You did what!?" said the pet shop man. No, I did not know the proper way to clean a tank and no, I did not know about the GOOD bacteria that must be left in the tank to ensure the survival, and no, I cannot just put a new fish in the tank straightaway and no, I really do not know anything about keeping a fish at all!! Sob! Sob!

My son and I have forgiven each other our failings and our relationship is intact. We have learnt lessons and life may one day return to the tank. On the other side of the family - the dog is just wondering what the fuss is all about!

These are the kind of stories that keep families together. What is yours?

The recent Schools Ministry Conference brought together Christian Pastoral Support Workers from about 300 schools scattered throughout South Australia. It is always good to get together with other people who share a common interest - in this case, the care and support for the school children and their school communities. There were guest speakers - including Brenton Ragless who raced in after reading the news on Channel 9, and formal and informal sessions for exchanging information and gathering resources. It was so wonderful to meet so many people who are involved with helping children and to be amongst great ideas and resources to help in every situation. The chaplaincy program is under constant review and it is currently waiting on funding to be released for its continuation next year.

Til next time
Karen Tromans CPSW

Cybersafety solutions
KEePiNg SaFe iN cYbErSpAcE
An informative, entertaining and enlightening session for parents and carers will cover the positive benefits of technology as well as what parents need to be aware of:

- Popular sites for kids- What are they? (social networking sites such as Facebook, Instagram, kids games such as Club Penguin & Minecraft, Twitter and the dangers of online games such as World of Warcraft, Apps such as KiK and SnapChat.
- What do kids do online? Where do they go? The difference between an 'online friend' and a 'stranger'.
- Online Grooming – What is it and when/how does it occur?
- Misuse of mobile telephones, email, skype, blogs, webcam etc. including legal consequences and the possible criminal charges. (What is cyber bullying and harassment?)
- ‘Sexting’ – the taking and sending of explicit images...what are the REAL consequences. (Happens in Primary too)
- Potential dangers and safety tips – how to assist the children in your care to stay safe online. Parental controls and restriction passcodes. Learn to take control.
- Learn the lingo....be able to converse with your children in the language of cyberspace.
- Be confident in setting rules and boundaries around the internet use in the home. No underage accounts.
- The session will conclude with time for questions and Susan provides a range of useful handouts and information about where to go to access further up to date.

When: Wednesday 27 August 2014
Where: Australian Education Union Building. 163a Greenhill Rd Parkside
Cost: There is no charge to attend the conference and lunch will be provided

For more information and to register telephone 1800 724 640 or email: info@saaspc.org.au