



Term 1, Week 5  
Friday March 4 2016

### 👍 School Values 👍

**Respect**  
**Responsibility**  
**Excellence**

### 📖 Diary Dates 📖

#### Term 1

#### **Week 6**

Monday March 7 Friday March 11 -  
**Swimming week**  
Wednesday March 9 - **Whole**  
**School Assembly**  
**JP Uni student visit**

#### **Week 7**

Monday March 14 - **Public Holiday -**  
**Adelaide Cup**  
Tuesday March 15 - **School Photos**  
Wednesday March 16 - **Seaview**  
**High Expo R-7**  
Friday March 18 - **Day of Action**  
**Against Bullying**

**BE BRAVE**  
**PARTICIPATE TO**  
**PROGRESS**

### Leader's Report Before School Care

Our OSHC programme is being very well received and proving to be highly successful. Vacation Care is also ready to go these holidays and you are able to book on [www.extend.com.au](http://www.extend.com.au).

We are now trying to ascertain whether 'Before School Care' would be a service our school community would like. Please take the time to complete the survey on the link below.

The survey will close on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 5pm.

<http://tinyurl.com/BSCAscotPark>



Premier Jay Weatherill was extremely impressed with our school when he visited on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February. Photo L to R

Sam Offord – ex student and **duel Gymnastics Commonwealth Gold Medalist**

Jay Weatherill – Premier

Greg Cox – Principal

Anabel Digance – MP for Elder

### CURRICULUM

#### School Priorities

We continue to focus on providing quality education for all students in our school. Play is the Way methodologies will be further embedded into all classroom practice and Digital Technologies will be implemented with the beginning of a 4 year plan to upskill staff and students

We continue to have the priorities of Literacy and Numeracy improvement across the school. All students' progress will be tracked with a range of data to look at how teaching programmes then cater for individual needs and what intervention needs to occur.

#### Swimming

All students in Reception to Year 5 will attend swimming lessons next week at the Marion outdoor Swimming centre. Swimming is an important part of the children's Health and Physical Education curriculum. Please ensure that your child has returned their consent forms and has all the items they need for swimming.



## Chinese Assembly – Heather Smith xin nian kuaile – happy new year

Because our LOTE subject is Chinese, part of our study must include celebrations. Lunar New Year began on the 8<sup>th</sup> of February.



Miss Hannah's class danced the dragon while Miss Zollo's class provided drumming and cymbal patterns. Usually you see lion dance at Chinese New Year but we do not have lions so Wu Long our dragon helped us instead.



Mr Ly's class performed a New Year Rap to introduce the Fire Monkey - Hou. 2016 is the Year of the Monkey.



Miss Zollo's class performed some Chinese drumming based on a New Year rap.



Miss Hannah's class showing their dragon masks.

Dylan & Casia  
doing the  
announcing

We all sang zhu ni sheng ri kuaile (happy birthday) to people who had birthdays in the last 3 weeks.

## Extend After School Care at Ascot Park Primary School



**AUTUMN HOLIDAY  
PROGRAM BOOKINGS ARE  
OPEN!**

**Book by the deadline to take advantage of lower rates!**

NSW & SA booking deadline: Friday 1 April

We have heaps of fun activities planned these school holidays and can't wait for you to attend! Create a diorama of the Amazon jungle, mould an autumn leaf dish out of clay, and participate in lots of group games including a time challenge and secret agent maze! Join in on all this and more at Extend's Autumn Holiday Program.

**To check out what's on visit our website at [extend.com.au](http://extend.com.au) and book via the Parent Portal.**

### Weekly Recap

Over the past two weeks we have had an amazing time getting to know each individual as well as completing some great artwork which can be seen displayed on our walls. The children really enjoyed making fruit kebabs, creating some wonderful patterns, however the highlight for the past fortnight would definitely have to be our Mentos experiment, which sparked lots of great conversation!

*Jessica, Team Leader*

### Our Extend Superstar is...

**Christian** for always participating in the activities and ensuring he uses great team work skills.

### Next week's activities:

**Monday 7 March:**

Bird feeders

**Tuesday 8 March:**

Monster paper bag

**Wednesday 9 March:**

Treasure hunt

**Thursday 10 March**

Dot painting

**Friday 11 March:**

Lava lamps

**PARENT PORTAL: [extend.com.au](http://extend.com.au)**

## PLAY IS THE WAY

Over the last week I have had the opportunity to work with different classes in their early morning block. It has been a good chance for me to meet all students and has been fun to participate in our morning play is the way games. The play is the way motto we are focusing on this week is "Be Brave – Participate To Progress". In our games I have witnessed lots of examples of students trying to succeed even where it is has been hard. It has been excellent to see that even though they might make mistakes along the way, they are not defeated until they give up trying. We use language like, "It is better to do something than do nothing – if you try you risk failure. If you don't you ensure it." Students need the opportunity to try things and make mistakes so they know it is normal and a good way to get better and work things out.

At our assembly on Wednesday 9/3 at 2.30 we will be giving out awards for students across the school displaying this play is the way motto. We welcome parents to the assembly to attend and congratulate our successful students.

Sam Kennedy



## PCW CORNER

It has been fantastic to see all the old and new faces smiling around the schoolyard at recess and lunchtimes as children enjoy the fresh air and sunshine as they play in the breaks. It has been a great start to the year.

Inevitably there are the usual accidents that happen in the school-yard as children fall, trip over each other or have disagreements, misunderstandings and conflicts or simply just become sick. It is in these situations that the wonderful staff of Ascot Park Primary School show their care and compassion to the children. I have seen many a tear wiped, scrapes and bruises tended and illness and accidents given prompt and careful attention. Our school community is constantly changing and there are new needs to address as well as the old ones. It is good to see that in such an environment the same loving concern is being shown to each other. In the light of what is happening in other parts of the world, we can be very thankful that our children are able to go to school in relative peace and quiet and that problems are addressed as they occur.

Til next time

Karen Tromans

## COMMUNITY NEWS

A promotional poster for Mitchell Park Football Club. At the top, it says "MITCHELL PARK FOOTBALL CLUB" in large green letters, followed by "MORELAND AVENUE MITCHELL PARK" in red. Below that, it says "Family friendly club!" and "Come & have a kick". The main text reads "Register NOW at [www.mitchellparkfc.com](http://www.mitchellparkfc.com)". It also mentions "Positions available for 2016 in Auskick, and Under 8's through to Under 14's" and "Lowest fees and a supportive learning environment". There is a photo of a football field with players. Text on the field says "Top facilities" and "Free Sausage Sizzle Training starts March 9th Wednesday Nights 5:00pm". At the bottom, it says "For more information: ring the club on 8374 0995 or Junior Coordinator Mark Sansome on 0413 599 976 or visit us at: [www.mitchellparkfc.com](http://www.mitchellparkfc.com)". There are social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube. A large banner at the bottom says "PLAY FOOTBALL in 2016" with a SANFL logo and a football. At the very bottom, it says "WE ARE MITCHELL PARK" in large green letters.

## EASTER RAFFLE REQUEST FOR DONATIONS



After the amazing success of the Easter Raffle last year, we are once again asking for donations for this year – the more donations, the more prizes there will be!

It would be greatly appreciated if each family could bring in an Easter donation to make up the prize baskets.

A collection bag is in each classroom for donations.

Tickets can be bought for \$1.00 each from the front office or from your class teacher. If you wish to take a book home to sell, please let the front office know.

The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> March.