



Term 1, Week 2
Monday 6 February 2017

👍 School Values 👍

Respect
Responsibility
Excellence

📖 Diary Dates 📖

TERM 1

Week 2

Wednesday 8th February -

Assembly - Chinese New Year

Week 3

Tuesday 14th February -

Acquaintance Night/AGM

Friday 17th February -

School Crossing Monitor Training

Week 4

Monday 20th February -

Pupil Free day

Please note, we have a number of students who are highly allergic to some food products. Please ensure you read your child's class newsletter for more information.



LEADERSHIP NEWS

Welcome to Ascot Park Primary School for 2017. We have had a fantastic start to the year beginning with 134 students, including 20 new Reception students and 22 other new students across Years 1 to 7. I hope you've had a chance to read the welcome letter that was sent home on the first day of school which introduced myself and also our teaching staff. I'd also like to welcome three pre-service teachers to our school, Ryan, Josh and Shavorn who will be working with us throughout this term and Term 2. We are very fortunate to have a number of school support staff and specialist sport staff who are much valued members of our team.

They are:

- Finance - Andrea May
- Front Office - Maria Leone
- SSOs - Louise Dono, Jo Shrapnel, Leanne Brooke, Jane Whitehead, Amber Thow, Alex Genikas, Megan Jane, Brenda Clifford
- Groundsperson - Paul Haskett
- OSHC Director - Sarah Marshall
- Canteen Manager - Janine Lambert
- Pastoral Care Worker - Liana Tripodi

Specialist Sport

- Gymnastics – Andrew Cordery
- Netball – Alice Johnswood
- Soccer – Nathan Fleetwood

All of our staff are committed in ensuring that every student is given the opportunity to achieve the best they can in their academic, physical, social and emotional development. Last week and this week teachers are working with students in developing classroom learning environments based on respectful relationships and working together as a community of learners. They have used our school values and our golden rule to develop behaviour agreements and have practised the things they've learned in *Play is the Way* activities and games.

Our Golden Rule
**Treat others as you would
like them to treat you.**



School Times

It is important that children attend school every day (unless they are sick, of course) and arrive to school on time every day. The beginning of the day is when teachers go through the schedule for the day and discuss any important issues or events so if a child is late they miss out on this essential information. *Even if your child is only 10 minutes late each day, over 13 years of schooling this equates to nearly half a year!* All classrooms are open at 8.50am except the Year 6/7 classroom which opens at 8.30am – this allows our middle school students to access the ‘retreat.’ Please remember, children must not be on school grounds before 8.30am unless they are attending a sports coaching session as there is no teacher on duty.

Dara School

At Ascot Park we are lucky to share our grounds with three other schools, Kilparrin, SASVI and our newest school Dara. Dara opened its doors on Tuesday and already our students are playing happily together. More information on Dara can be found on their website, www.daravillageschool.com.au

Positive Parent Participation

An extract from ‘INSIGHTS: Making the most of this school year’ by leading parenting educator, Michael Grose.....

Parental withdrawal from children’s education is a big problem these days as increasingly parents are worn out from working too hard or being involved in a variety of activities. But the message for parents is clear – become involved in as many aspects as practical in your child’s education. Their chances of success are better when kids see school as an extension of home rather than merely an institution for learning.

Positive parent participation demonstrates to children that you value learning and their school in particular. Children copy many of their parents’ views so your positive attitude to school and learning is catching. Make the most of the opportunities that schools offer to assist in the classroom eg hearing kids read, taking small groups in elective activities. Parent participation is much broader than helping out in the classroom. Hearing young learners read, helping with homework and making sure kids go off to school happy, healthy and with plenty of sleep are important aids to learning.

Michael makes some interesting points and at Ascot Park we are committed to working in partnerships with parents/carers and families to make every child’s school experience a positive and successful one. **Our AGM is coming up in Week 3 so if you’d like to nominate for Governing Council this year please complete the tear-off slip below and return to the Front Office.**

ACQUAINTANCE NIGHT / AGM
On behalf of the Ascot Park Primary School Governing Council I invite all parents/carers to our Acquaintance Night and Annual General Meeting on

Tuesday 14th February at 5.15pm

Classrooms will be open 5.15pm to 6pm followed by the AGM in the library 6-6.30pm. A BBQ from 6.30-7pm will be provided by the Lions Club of Edwardstown (sausages and veggie patties).

Hat Policy

All students must wear a school sunsmart hat for all outdoor activities in Term 1 and 4. Please see the Front Office staff if you need to purchase one.



Out of School Hours Care (OSHC)

We have been fortunate to be able to start up our OSHC service again which had a successful vacation care period. We currently have 21 families registered and if you’d like to book your child into either before or after school care, please contact our OSHC Director, Sarah Marshall on 0413 917 590.

- Before School Care: 7.00 - 8.30am
- After School Care: 3.10pm - 6.00pm

We have a Pupil Free Day on Monday 20th February. If you need our OSHC service, please book in by Monday 13th. We need at least 10 children for this to go ahead.

There are already many things planned for the year and a term overview is included with this newsletter. As a staff we are looking forward to an exciting, busy and fulfilling year of learning.

2017 GOVERNING COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM

Name:Phone No:

Child's name:Class.....

Please return this tear off strip to the Front Office by Friday 10 February



ASCOT PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
R-7 SPECIALIST PHYSICAL EDUCATION & SPORT SCHOOL



Specialist Sports Programs

This a reminder to ALL students enrolled in a specialist sports program for 2017.

Training starts as of MONDAY Week 2. All students who have returned enrolment forms are expected to attend all trainings. So don't forget training starts MONDAY WEEK 2!

On Monday, all students enrolled in either a Netball or Soccer program for 2017 are to meet in the Library at **9:10am** for their first Theory lesson with Alice Johnswood.

Students and parents should have received a welcome letter and training schedule at the end of last year. If you didn't received one, please email Hannah.long840@schools.sa.edu.au and I will send a copy electronically.

Please see attached timetable to know when your child training sessions are.

Please be aware the Development Soccer training sessions have changed to, Monday and Friday 8:30-9:30am with Nathan and Chris Fleetwood.

New to the school? Interested in our specialist sports programs?

There are some spots still available in our Beginner's gymnastics sessions and Development soccer and netball squads.

If you are interested in finding out more about our specialist sports programs. Contact the school and ask to speak to Hannah Long, or email Hannah.long840@schools.sa.edu.au.



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ALPHA GYMNASTICS

...start moving!

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
7-8:30am		GSC Program Gymnastics (Andrew)		GSC Program Gymnastics (Andrew)		
7:30-8:30am	Intermediate Netball (Alice)	Advanced Netball (Alice)	Advanced Soccer (Nathan)	Intermediate Netball (Alice)	Advanced Netball (Alice)	Advanced Soccer (Nathan)
8:30-9:30am	Development Soccer (Nathan)	Development Netball (Alice)	Intermediate Soccer (Nathan)	Development Netball (Alice)	Intermediate Soccer (Nathan)	Development Soccer (Chris)
				Beginners Gymnastics (Andrew)		
Theory Lessons (Library)	Theory - 9:10 - 10am All students Wk 2 and 9 Netball- Week 3,5,7		Theory -9:30- 10:30am Soccer - Week 4, 6, 8			

All students in Netball and Soccer Programs attend a joint theory lesson in week 2 and 9 in the library 9:10-10am.

All odd weeks - Netball students have theory on a Monday 9:10-10am

All even weeks - Soccer students have theory on a Wednesday 9:30- 10:30am.

ASCOT PARK PS CALENDAR 2017 TERM 1

WEEK		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
1 30 Jan	Life Raft Premier's Reading Challenge begins	10.30 Assembly Welcome/Introduction letter sent home			2.30pm Governing Council afternoon tea		
2 6 Feb	Life Raft			Assembly Chinese New Year			
3 13 Feb			Acquaintance Night / AGM			9.30 School Crossing Monitor Training	
4 20 Feb		Pupil Free Day	Governing Council TBC			Choir cluster excursion	
5 27 Feb				Assembly	Year 6/7 Aquatics		
6 6 March	Swimming Week						
7 13 Mar		Adelaide Cup	School photos		9am Principal's Tour	RAA Street Smart	
8 20 Mar			Harmony Day Governing Council TBC				
9 27 Mar				Assembly			
10 3 Apr	Parent-teacher interviews						
11 10 Apr					Early Dismissal 2.10pm	Good Friday	Easter Sat/Sun

This term planner was correct at the time of printing but may be subject to change. Please display on your pin-up board or fridge for quick reference.

School hours: 8:50am – 3.10pm

Student absences or enquiries: Ring the school on 8276 3055

OSHC: Before school care: 7-8.30am, After school care: 3.10-6pm, Vac Care/Pupil Free Days: 7am-6pm. **OSHC bookings:** Ring 0413 917 590 or email ascotoshc@gmail.com

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem much but

<i>If your child misses</i>	<i>That equals</i>	<i>Which is</i>	<i>and over 13 years of schooling that's</i>
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	nearly <u>1 ½ years</u>
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	over <u>2 ½ years</u>
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	over <u>5 years</u>
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	nearly <u>8 years</u>

How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won't affect my child?

<i>He/She is only missing just</i>	<i>That equals</i>	<i>Which is</i>	<i>and over 13 years of schooling that's</i>
10 mins per day	50 mins per week	nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	nearly <u>½ year</u>
20 mins per day	1hr 40 mins per week	over 2 ½ weeks per year	nearly <u>1 year</u>
30 mins per day	half a day per week	4 weeks per year	nearly <u>1 ½ years</u>
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	over <u>2 ½ years</u>

Every Day Counts

**If you want your child to be
successful at school then
YES, attendance does matter!**

